Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F., Pastor

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 4:00

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain
For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

Music Ministry
Stephen Toney, Director / Organist - Phone: 389-4507
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation
139 Church St
Phone: 781-1042

Elk County Catholic School System
Sam MacDonald, President
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School / Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812
Susan Jansen, Director
Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

For Director of Admission
Call: 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 4th & 5th

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SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 30th
7:00 AM + Orpha Wisneski

Tuesday, July 31st
7:00 AM Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, August 1st
7:00 AM + Joseph, Sara & Alberta Hoffman

Thursday, August 2nd
7:00 AM + Edward Sorg
6:30 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, August 3rd
7:00 AM + Leo Gabor (Anniversary) and Gabor & Savel Families

Saturday, August 4th
7:00 AM + Ann Young
1:30 PM Wedding: Kody Taylor & Kayla Leuschel

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Mary Jane Wickett
7:30 AM + Marcella, Wilfred & Robert Schauer
10:00 AM L&D Members of the Parish

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of July 29th burns in memory of Onorio (Smokey) & Dolores Lorenzini

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Gospel Summary:

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles - the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ. In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples. First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance. In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitancies, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption. Just as we are.

Question of the Week:

When has a generous gift from someone offered me hope?
What loving gift can I share with someone this week?
The public is welcome to participate in free tours of St. Peter Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, on Aug. 4-5. The tours will begin following the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and after the 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Refreshments will be provided. The special weekend tour schedule commemorates the 125th anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral, located at W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie. The people of the diocese are invited to learn about the history of the cathedral, which was designed shortly after the Civil War. Bishop Tobias Mullen and people from all over the diocese worked tirelessly to raise the funds to build it. Most people in the area were poor Irish, German and Italian immigrants who, despite their own hardships, came together to create a worship space for future generations. That legacy continues with a current restoration effort designed to preserve the building for the next 125 years. For more info - 814-450-7932.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ROME

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Text @DLIFE to 81010 to receive alerts and notifications of ministry events. Visit disciples.life to view upcoming Disciples Life Faith Formation events. Visit the newly designed website for registration: www.disciples.life.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR ADULTS
Are you ready to fall more deeply in love with Jesus and His Church? Do you wish you had more tools to help your children and others grow in their faith? Then prayerfully consider taking the ‘Catechesis of the Good Shepherd’ Level 1 Formation Course over two weeks this summer. The course is a retreat style, anyone can participate. Adult formation for the level 1 atrium of 3-6 year old (pre-K thru K) will be held Aug. 13-17 and 2 days TBD. Being held at St. Mary’s Parish Center. Call 781-1042 or Elena at 834-5149.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY IN ST. MARYS
The Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat Program is offering a DME Retreat Aug. 10-12 in St. Marys. DME is a three day retreat program with a different focus each day. The weekend includes talks, exposure to different types of prayer, Mass, community, and much more. The weekend runs from 10 am on Friday to 5 pm on Sunday. For more info or questions, call Kim at 781-1019 or email: kkcherin@gmail.com

ECCSS ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS
Elk County Catholic School System is currently accepting new preschool through grade 12 students for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year! ECCSS is comprised of five schools: St. Marys Catholic Elementary, St. Marys Catholic Middle, Elk County Catholic High, St. Boniface Catholic and St. Leo Catholic. If you have any questions or concerns, visit the website at: eccss.org or call for more information. To inquire about enrollment or to set up a school tour, please contact Mr. Sam MacDonald (macdonalds@eccss.org) or 834-7812.

ST. LEO’S SUMMER FESTIVAL
Will be held August 18-19th at the Ridgway Fireman’s Lot. Sat., Aug. 18th booths open at 5 pm, the band PF Flyer will perform from 6 to 9:30 pm. Sunday, Aug. 19th the Polka Band Friday Nites will play 10-12:30 with a Polka Mass at 11 am on the lot, also on Sunday there will be a car show, Bobby Calla as “Elvis” from 1-3 and Sammy Slicker from 4-7 pm. Games, food, legal beverage booth, craft vendors, chance to win $7,500 in cash prizes and kids play land. Something for everyone. For more info, call 772-6487 or go online to: www.stleofestival.com

DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES
The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the US, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to an on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inserviceing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. Check out: http://eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm to see what the Erie Diocese is doing to create safe environments.
Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel of John, is the latest edition of the “Good News” to be included in the Bible, written late in the first century. The destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem have already taken place. The separation of Christianity from Judaism is complete. There is tremendous persecution of the Church, but, the Church has already survived some of the worst terror it would face, and it’s beginning to look like we’ll be around for the long haul. The portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of John is quite different than the other three Gospels. Their stories are so similar, they became known as the Synoptic Gospels (literally, they “look similar”). The essential elements in John are even more punctuated. The human elements displayed by Jesus are gut-wrenching (this is the only Gospel that tells us that Jesus cried - at the death of His friend). The divine power of Jesus is more prominently expressed than in the others, too - He is given the very title “I AM,” used directly and indirectly to describe Him. The author takes for granted that the reader knows Jesus and knows His story well. He leaves out much that we of course would be aware of, such as the Last Supper and parables. What was formerly important to Jesus, The Kingdom of Heaven, has now become centered on the person of Jesus. Christianity, informed by this Gospel, will now be as much about a personal relationship with Jesus as it is about following His teaching or example. It includes philosophical concepts like “Word” and “Truth” for us to ponder more deeply than perhaps we would have previously done. I share this with you because our Sunday Gospels are based on a three-year cycle, one each for Matthew, Mark and Luke. We only hear from John’s Gospel on occasional Sundays, through important ones. We are blessed with the Fourth gospel in the Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons every year. But, because the Gospel of Mark is so brief, it permits us to break into another opportunity to hear from John. Beginning this weekend, we hear how Jesus takes care of God’s people in His compassion with the feeding of the multitude. This, then, becomes the opportunity for Jesus to offer an extensive teaching on the Eucharist. For the next several weeks, we will be immersed in the 6th Chapter of John’s gospel. May it remind us of the Eucharist’s power and importance in our lives. Maybe we’ll hear something we’ve never heard before, or in some new way, so that we can be more deeply drawn into the mystery of our Lord’s love and Presence. Let us thank our brothers and sisters centuries ago who believed so strongly and wanted us to share in the Eternal Life offered us through Jesus, the Word made flesh. - - - fr jeff

Thank you to our Social Committee for providing the treats last weekend - ice cream at the Saturday evening Mass, coffee and donuts in the morning. And thanks to so many of you who stayed and enjoyed the treats as well as some social time with our parish family. It was nice to see you gather, stay, and enjoy one another’s company.

GIVEN THE CHANCE TO WATCH
When we had our Mission Co-Op speaker, Fr. Joseph, with us a couple of weeks ago, it gave me the opportunity to see portions of Mass from where many of you sit, in the last several pews. I was saddened to see them emptying out long before Mass was over, while the final hymn was still being sung and the priest was still in Church. Please stay until Mass is complete, and please participate with your all. There may be the occasional need to go somewhere in timely fashion, or the rare person who needs an extra moment to get going. But, there are hundreds of us and lots of ears. I see that not as a reason to go sooner, but as a reason to take your time and let it flow, especially after we just spent the last hour in prayer. As a parish family, we can do this better. Thank you.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
For the next several weeks our Sunday Gospel will come from the Gospel of St. John, the 6th Chapter. It begins with today’s story of the feeding of the multitude and continues with the Lord offering a most significant teaching. Perhaps you can enjoy some summer Scripture reading in the 6th Chapter of St. John’s Gospel to reflect further upon the liturgy and its connection to your spiritual life. It works either way: look up the reading and pray over the Gospel in preparation for your Sunday Mass, or, take up your Bible in the week following the liturgy and go back over the reading to let it speak to you again.

FIRST FRIDAY
This Friday, August 3rd, is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Confessions will take place Thursday at 4 pm. We also have Adoration throughout the day Thursday until Closing Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 pm.
Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound Friday morning, or perhaps, on other days during the week. If someone needs to be added to the list, please call the rectory, 834-4701, by Tuesday.

HOME VISITS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!
Are you looking for a very fulfilling ministry? We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit the homebound on Sundays. If you are open to this ministry, please call the parish office - 834-4701 to let us know you would like to help.

The Queen of the World Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 12 at the Methodist Church Pavilion on So. Michael Road. The Parish Family Life Committee will provide the meat and those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of church. Put this on your calendar and be sure to attend.