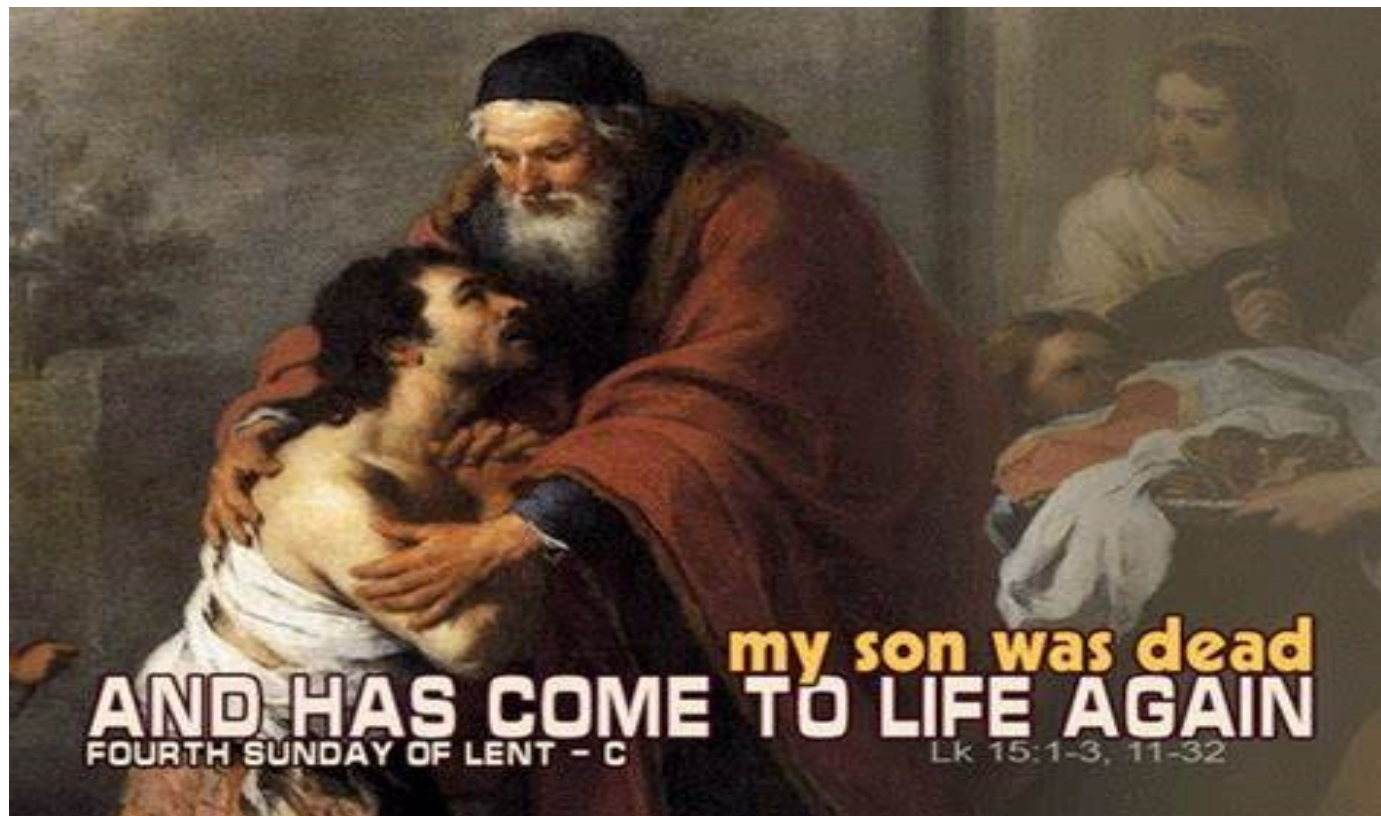


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March 27, 2022

Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, Pastor
Rev. Kevin O. Holland, Asst. Pastor
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Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:15 pm
Thursday before 1st Friday: 4 pm
And by Appointment

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.

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.

Music Ministry

Stephen Toney, Director / Organist
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Faith Formation

139 Church St. - Phone: 781-1042
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School Advancement Office - 834-7812

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Jessica Fritz, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Parish Care and Concern Prayer Chain

For those needing prayers, please call 781-3085 or 834-3844.

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**Mass Intentions
for the**

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

- Monday, March 28th**
7:00 AM + Dorothy Meyer
2:00 PM L&D Jerome Cheattle Family
- Tuesday, March 29th**
7:00 AM + Janice Fleming Bulger
- Wednesday, March 30th**
7:00 AM + Bill Starner
- Thursday, March 31st**
7:00 AM + Charles Haberberger
5:00 PM *Evening Prayer & Benediction*
- Friday, April 1st**
7:00 AM + William, Lena & Paul McCluskey
- Saturday, April 2nd**
7:00 AM + Ermont & Buzz Herzing

**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

- 5:15 PM - Sat. Vigil - + Catherine Rossi
- 7:30 AM L&D Simbeck & Hoffman Families
- 10:00 AM L&D People of the Parish



THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of
March 27th burns in memory of
Don & Craig Schneider

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness. However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.
--- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday's Gospel, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

4th Sunday of Lent - Cycle C

Gospel Summary:

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

Questions of the Week:



When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply? Which character in the Prodigal Son parable do you most resonate with, and why? Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Remember to pray for all the faithful departed. In particular, please pray for Thomas Stauffer, who died recently... *Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...Eternal Rest...*

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2nd & 3rd


Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
5:15 PM Marcus Gahr	Terry Pontzer, Mary Steele, Suzanne Wortman	Ann Caskey
7:30 AM Nico Assalone	Mary Ellen Frank, Sue Shaffer, Diane Shuttleworth	Doug Bauer
10:00 AM Troy Kaveney	Mary Lynn Carnovale, Terri Lanzel, Amy Rupprecht	Mike Lanzel

Please Note: Minister schedules can be found in Church if you didn't receive a copy by email

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held at the 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Mass. If your child is under the age of 8, consider, having them participate in this special Children's Liturgy.



BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

 Apr. 19 St. Leo Church, Ridgway 814-772-3135
 May 19 St. Mary's Church 814-781-1019
 Please call the Church you wish to attend to pre-register.

VOCATION CALENDAR Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

- 28th Brian, Ann
- 29th Kathy Meyer, Cathy Olson, Vivian Schlimm
- 30th Hunter Samick, Tom Stauffer, Violet Vollmer
- 31st Kathy & Jim Herzing, Irene Gregory
- 1st Dave & Char Gerber
- 2nd Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer
- 3rd Laura & Madalyn Ehrensberger, Delores Frey

SPRING WALNUT ROLL SALE

A Walnut Roll Sale will be held here at QW the weekend of April 9 & 10. Order forms will be available in church, or you can order by calling the Parish Office at 814-834-4701 before April 5th. These are those same delicious 'Solic' Walnut Rolls. Don't miss out!! If you would like to volunteer to help, call Sue at 814-781-6499.



A MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

A Mother-Daughter Tea will be held on April 23rd from 12-3 pm at St. Boniface Parish Social Hall. Give your daughter the gift of faith and confidence as she becomes a young woman. For girls ages 10+ and their moms. Cost \$15 per family. To register or ask questions call Jacob at 814-824-1216.



SEEKING A LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

St. Leo School is seeking a long-term substitute teacher for 1st grade with full-time duties to commence immediately and will end no later than Thursday, June 2, 2022. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter of interest to Principal Lynne Kucenski at kucenski@eccss.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRISON MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed for Bible Faith Sharing Ministry at Elk County Jail. Are you looking for a way to share your faith with others who need encouragement and support? Elk County Jail Ministry is accepting volunteers to help with Bible faith sharing with the inmates at the Elk County Jail on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Father Justin Pino, pastor of St. Leo's Parish in Ridgway, will conduct a training session on Thursday, April 28 at St. Leo's. This ministry, started by St. Mark's Parish in Emporium in 2001, invites volunteers from both Elk and Cameron counties. Interested persons are asked to call Father Justin at 814-772-3135.



The Chosen is a multi-season TV series about the life of Jesus and His followers. It is the highest crowdfunded TV show of all time. We are bringing the second series to YOU! We are viewing an episode a week and discussing what we watched.

All are welcome, including children.

Adults should accompany anyone under the age of 14.

Being held at: Queen of the World Church

This Thursday, March 31st and April 7th, 7:00 pm

No RSVP necessary. Come and see what **The Chosen** is about!

AREA HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, 03/27: 12:00 noon - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Monday thru Saturday: 8:00 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.
- **Tuesday, 03/29: 6:30 pm - That Man is You** program in Ridgway K of C Bldg. Any questions, 814-772-4111.
- **Wednesday, 03/30: 4:00 pm - Bowls of Love**, a free meal is served at First United Methodist Church until 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- **Wednesday, 03/30: 6:00 pm - Rosary prayed at Sacred Heart Church**, for the Poor Souls and the Seminarians.
- **Thursday, 03/31: 4:30 pm - Rosary prayed** at QW for peace and the return of God to our country!
- **Friday, 04/01: 7:00 am - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church until 4:00 pm.
- **Friday, 04/01: 12 Noon - Fish Fry** at St. Joseph Church, Force until 6:30 pm or sold out. Fish / Shrimp eat-in and take-out dinners. Call 814-787-4151, #6 for take outs.
- **Friday, 04/01: 4:00 pm - Fish Fry** at St. Boniface Church until 6:30 pm. This is an all you "care" to eat dinner with traditional Lenten favorites and some new specialty items! All are welcome.
- **Friday, 04/01: 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross** at Sacred Heart Church.
- **Sunday, 04/03: 12:00 noon - Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church until 8 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross this Friday, April 2 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church for everyone in the community.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Sunday, March 28th**
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday, March 28th**
 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday, March 29th**
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday, March 30th**
 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday, March 31st**
 Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday, April 1st**
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday, April 2nd**
 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday, April 3rd**
 Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



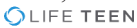
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Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone No. _____
 Email _____

Please check one:



- I am new in the parish & wish to register
- Change of Address Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes Interested in a Parish Ministry

FAITH FORMATION - LIFE TEEN - YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Mary Lynn Carnovale, Secretary/Administrative Assistant
 Kathy Cheadle, Elementary Coordinator
 Samantha Nedzinski, Middle School Coordinator
 Nick Heise, Life Teen, Confirmation Coordinator,
 and Youth Ministry 

For more info, 814-781-1042 or sminterparishff@gmail.com

FOLLOW ROOTED YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meets on the 1st and last Wednesdays of the month at the iCafe/
 CYMA building from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. All Middle School stu-
 dents are welcome to come and see what youth group is all about.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

- ◆ Elementary Level Grades 1-5: The next class will be held Wednesday, March 30th, 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
- ◆ Middle School Grades 6, 7 & 8 and Life Teen (Grades 9 & 10) - Class this week, 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- ◆ QW Confirmation - No class this week, March 27th.

All Classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center, 325 Church Street.

ECCHS PRESENTS 'THE LITTLE MERMAID'

Elk County Catholic High School's production of Disney's The Little Mermaid will be presented Thursday, April 7th through Saturday, April 9th at 7 pm and Sunday, April 10th at 2 pm in the ECCHS Auditorium. Admission is Adults/\$8 - Students/\$5.

FAMILY HONOR

Family Honor will be presenting **Real Love & Real Life**, a chastity program series at St. Mary's Church Parish Center on Mondays, March 28, and April 4th. **Real Love & Real Life** is for parents with your 7th or 8th grade son or daughter. This Family Honor program includes communicating effectively in families; respecting the gift of our sexuality and the incredible power we have to give life; discusses other topics all teens are facing, such as peer pressure, dating and avoiding risky behaviors. This is an incredible opportunity to spend time with your teen and open the door to communication on some really important issues. To register or to find out more about this program, call Laurey Kraus, 781-6746.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. We provide counseling assistance for individuals and family members of those who have been the victims of child sexual abuse. Counseling assistance can be obtained by contacting Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.*



PARISH BUDGET

July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022.....\$957,306

Parish Budget to Date.....\$539,647

OFFERTORY INCOME for weekend of March 12/13, 2022

Regular Envelope\$8,298
 Loose\$2,147
 Children.....\$0
 School Support\$292
 Utilities & Maintenance.....\$98
 Memorials.....\$100
 Ash Wednesday.....\$80

Total Received.....\$11,015

DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE

None

Thank you !



PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE — The annual five-week '40 Days for Life' Campaign seeks to end abortion through prayer, fasting and outreach and also coincides with Lent in many areas of the world, underscoring the need for "spiritual revival" in pro-life work, said Steven Bozza of the archdiocesan Office for Life and Family. The campaign, which mirrors the 40 days of Lent, has taken on new significance as the Supreme Court is set to rule in June on the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, which could overturn Roe v. Wade and redirect the abortion issue to the state level for legislation. Even if the court revokes the 1973 Roe decision – since which more than 61 million abortions (an average of 2,000 per day) have taken place in the U.S. – Bozza said he doesn't think "anybody is taking anything for granted." Please join in the 40 Days for Life campaign with your prayers.

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Dear Parishioner,

We “turn a corner” a bit this weekend in regard to our Lenten season. This happens in a most subtle way. Until now, the daily Mass readings have been encouraging us to look inward. We have been focusing on our Lenten and spiritual journey: prayer, fasting, works of sacrifice and charity. We seek the Sacrament of Penance, responding to the call to conversion and renewal. In so doing, we follow the earliest traditions of the Church, which saw this season as a chance to help people know “*purification and enlightenment*” as they learned the way of Christ Jesus. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, were undergoing this process. Those already baptized also thought it would also be good to experience the Lord’s forgiveness, mercy, and grace. With half of Lent under our belt, the focus now changes. We look more deeply into the source of our faith, our lives, and our Lent. The Scriptures help us seek answers to the questions, “*Who is Jesus?*” “*Who is this Messiah?*” “*How much more deeply can we submit to the mystery that He is the Son of God, our Savior, our Lord and our Brother?*” the technical word for this is that the balance of Lent is more “*Christocentric,*” literally, centered on Christ rather than on ourselves. As it should be! Whether it is at Mass, in your daily prayer, in your continuing Lenten practices -- join the Church, past and present, in reflecting on this simple question, “*How can I be sure to allow Jesus to be more at the center of my life?*” That will soon push us into Holy Week and the great “*Three Days*” of our Easter celebration. We wouldn’t want to miss Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Vigil of Easter with Jesus at the center of our lives. The Church uses the Gospel of John as the best example of the “*Christocentric*” approach to this season. These Gospels are not easy...they are wordy, technical, and even antagonistic. But, as they say, the destination is worth the journey. We are in the wilderness. But we are never alone. Soon enough, we will arrive - at Easter. Soon enough, we will also arrive before the One who will know whether we made Him the “center” of our lives. --- fr jeff

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

This Thursday, March 31	4 pm
This Saturday, April 2	4:15 pm
Saturday, April 9	4:15 pm

PENANCE SERVICES WITH SEVERAL CONFESSORS

Monday, April 4	St. Boniface	6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 6	Queen of the World	6:30 pm
Sunday, April 10	St. Joseph, Force	2:00 pm
Tuesday, April 12	Sacred Heart	6:30 pm

BAPTISM FONT

As you can see, the Baptism Font has made its way to us. Our workers continue the prep work - all that needs to be done to hook up the water and electricity. It will then be finished both inside and outside. We look forward to its use for Easter! As of Easter, Holy Water will be used and available at Church!

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Fr. Eric, for your words of affirmation and challenge, leading us through our Lenten Mission week. It was a time of grace and blessing.

Thank to all who came to participate, to join us in prayer and reflection. It was good to gather as a parish family for this special opportunity, and to welcome and host other from our community.

Thanks to all our Social Team for preparing our receptions. This is a first in a long time, being able to gather just to be with one another in faith, encouragement, and support.

Thanks to John Paul Bauer for livestreaming the evening sessions.

Let us carry forth this experience as we move more deeply into Lent and prepare for the celebrations of Easter.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - FEED THE HUNGRY

This weekend there are baskets at the doorway for our next special Lenten offering. We “feed the hungry” by contributing to the local Backpack program. The St. Marys Area School District, in conjunction with Second Harvest Food Bank, takes care of many children in our area through this program, making sure they have meals on weekends and holidays. Place your donation in a special envelope to use the regular collection. You may also put loose cast in the baskets around church. If you did not come prepared, please bring your donation to the rectory by tomorrow (Monday) to be passed along. If writing a check, please make it out to “Queen of the World” and mark “Backpack” on the memo line. Thank you.

CHANGES IN PROTOCOLS

Eucharistic Ministers are no longer required to wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion. They are to sanitize prior to distribution, and be vaccinated. We will continue to keep our St. Jude section of church available for those who need / would like social distancing. Anyone needing / wishing to wear a mask is welcome to do so. We will sanitize on weekends and occasionally during the week, depending on the use of the space. Sanitizing wipes and sprays are always available in the Server’s sacristy and on stands around church for those who would like to use them.

2022 CSA

Number of Pledges	187
Amount Pledged	\$63,122
Assessment	\$98,804
Average amount per pledge to date:	\$338

Thank you to those who have pledged so far. We will be sending our follow up letter this week - please help us save mailing costs by returning your pledges this weekend.

PRE CANA

Next Sunday, April 3, our parish hosts Pre Cana for several couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please keep our Pre Cana team and the couples spending the day with us in your prayers. Next weekend, welcome them and help them find their way around campus.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council meets this Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.