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Baptism: Please call the office

Marriage: Please call the office. Diocesan Common Policy requires at six months advance notification before any plans are made to allow time for evaluation and sacramental preparation.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please notify the parish if a family member or parishioner is hospitalized, recovering at home, or in a nursing home. Visitation, Communion, and/or the Anointing of the Sick will be made available to them.

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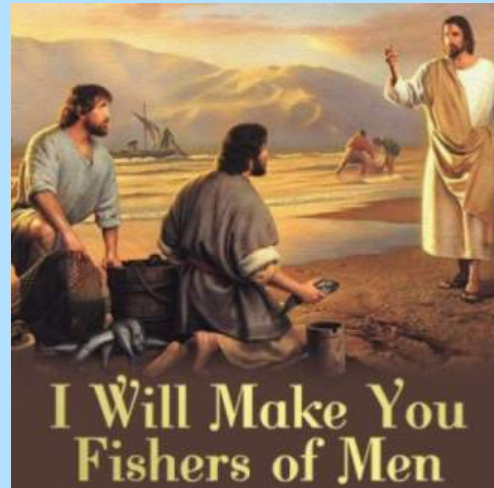
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January 21st, 2024

A Message From The

PASTOR

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To my Parish Families and all visitors with us this weekend,

BUSINESS MANAGER RESIGNATION

Marcia Ochs recently resigned as Business Manager after 12 years. I want to thank her publicly for helping me when I arrived as Pastor in 2021, and more recently, helping with the partnership of our three parishes. We wish her well as she moves forward!

BUSINESS MANAGER TRANSITION

Our parishes are in communication with our accountant who is helping us with in this transition along with some parishioners that have offered their time. We will be posting a job profile soon. Please say a prayer that this transition goes smoothly.

ONE PASTORAL COUNCIL

The three parishes of St. Joseph, St. Mary, and St. Michael recently began one pastoral council. The current members are:

- Fr. Mike Polinek (Pastor), Fr. Cory Pius (Parochial Vicar), Deacon Mike Dittman (Permanent Deacon), Danette Karls, Roger Bauer, Linda McCloskey, Adam Hartle, Tami Kline, Jill Gilbert, Lissie Letot, Becky Vickers, Emily Weaver, Desiree Beck, Jess Eisenman.

What does the work of a pastoral council involve? (from the Diocese of Erie, Office of Divine Worship)

- Keeping, as the primary focus of the parish, the **seven essential elements of parish life**: evangelization, worship, Word, community, service, stewardship, and leadership.
- Prioritizing, and determining the importance and urgency of each element to create goals and a vision for the parish.
- Evaluating & adjusting responses to the parish vision.
- Connecting the mission of the church with the parish goals.

PALMS

In preparation for Lent, we are collecting old blessed palms. You can drop them off to any of our churches. We will burn them and use the ashes for Ash Wednesday (February 14).

Have a great week!

Fr. Mike

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Liturgy Schedule January 27th – January 28th

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Theresa Seitz

Euch Min: Mary Caye Stecki

Altar Server: NONE

Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Sam Smerkar, Todd Beichner, Mike Beichner

Rosary: Karen Wolbert

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Jim Bauer

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Brody & Bentley Hartle

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Ron Songer

Euch Min: Dan & Linda Siegel

Altar Server: Cash & Liv Gilmore

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Donna Jones

Euch Min: Pete Judy, Lori Callihan

Altar Server: Kinsley Freeman, Karlie Griebel

Ushers: Bill Callihan, Tom Wolbert, Dick Schill, Bill Hartle

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Alisha Smerkar

Euch Min: Mark Beichner, Jill Smerkar

Altar Server: Joey & Brooklyn Spence

Ushers: Bernie, Brad, Mark, & Josh Beichner

Rosary: Maggie Montana

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph's: Misc Counter

St. Michael's: Susan & Terry Moore

St. Mary's: Shawn & Tami Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Joseph's: Ted & Clara Wolbert, Polly & Punkie by Gib & Darlene Wolbert

St. Michael's: Fr. William Rice by Virginia Beichner

Next Week's Readings

January 28th

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



Monday, January 22nd

7:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m. (St. Mary's) Deceased Members of the Grace Blymiller & Katy McCanna Families by Kerry Wolbert

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:30 a.m. (St. Mike's) Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m. (St. Mike's) John Cyphert by Troy & Peg Wolbert

Wednesday, January 24th

7:30 a.m. (St. Joe's) Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m. (St. Joe's) Genevieve Lizon by Ann & Tim Huebert

Thursday, January 25th

7:30 a.m. (St. Mike's) Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m. (St. Mike's) Robert Hoover by Patti English

6:00 p.m. (St. Ann's) Father's Day Remembrance

Friday, January 26th

7:30 a.m. (St. Joe's) Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m. (St. Joe's) Monica Callihan by The Shot Gun Friday Hunters

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27th

3:00 p.m. (St. Mike's) Confessions

4:00 p.m. (St. Mike's) Ed Stecki by Mary Caye Stecki

5:00 p.m. (St. Mary's) Confessions

6:00 p.m. (St. Mary's) John Bauer by Rene Grumbaugh

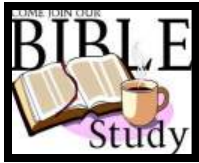
Sunday, January 28th

8:00 a.m. (St. Mary's) The Joel Schettler Family by The Stan Rathfon Memorial K of C

9:30 a.m. (St. Joe's) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. (St. Mike's) Rosary

11:00 a.m. (St. Mike's) Elizabeth Montana by Delores Kapp



Monday Night Bible Study—The Chosen: Monday Night Bible Study will be starting on Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Hall. We will continue watching THE CHOSEN beginning with Season 2 Episode 7 and then look at the scriptures related to that episode and faith sharing. The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus and his followers. It is awesome! No preparation necessary. New members are welcome! We will catch you up! Bring your Bibles! Contact Patti Bauer at 814-744-8076 to register.



St. Michael's Parish is looking for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy during the 11 AM Mass! Children's Liturgy takes place in the Heritage Room (basement) of the church and lasts from the start of the Liturgy upstairs to the beginning of the Offertory hymn. Children are taught the Sunday Gospel reading, with small crafts or activities that help explain and support the reading for younger minds. We have been doing Children's Liturgy for five years, and it has proven to be very successful for the young people of our parish! If you are someone who enjoys working with children and would be interested in teaching them about Jesus, the Gospel, and our Catholic faith, please contact Emily Weaver at 814-673-1623 or e.hoover18@gmail.com. Please help us in continuing this wonderful program for our children!

Beginning quilting classes to begin at St. Joseph Hall on January 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and will continue for 4 weeks. Anyone who is interested in making a Trip Around the World quilt, please contact Teresa Carroll at 814-226-4227. This quilt is a great design for beginners.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A New Year's Resolution for your marriage ... Gift time to one another. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a faith-based enrichment for any married couple, to refocus on why you got together in the first place. The next is February 9-11, 2024., Grove City, PA. For more information, go to www.WWME.org for more information.



North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: Distribution dates are Friday, January 26th; Friday, February 23rd; and Friday, March 29th and distribution time is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. Items needed for the Food Pantry for January and February 2024 are: cake mix, boxed potatoes, canned meat, canned soup, egg noodles, canned beef stew, muffin or quick bread mix, jello or pudding, liquid laundry soap, dish soap, and baby wipes. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. For more information, contact 914-927-8517.



Are you looking for more in your spiritual life? If so, you are invited to join our parish faith-sharing group. Everyone is welcome. We will meet in the St. Joseph rectory living room after the Friday Masses from January 19th through March 8th. You can come to one session or all, and sharing is optional. We will focus on the Beatitudes and getting ready for Lent. For questions, please call Linda McCloskey at 814-226-6075. God Bless!



Please support Next Step, our local pregnancy resource center during their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Next Step has served the Clarion area for 35 years. They are donor funded, and provide education and re-sourced, as well as life-affirming crisis pregnancy care and post-abortive care. This is a great way to love our neighbors, moms, and families in our own community! Bottles will be available in our churches from January 20th to February 4th. Just put your donation in the bottle and return it to the box. Thank you for your generosity!

Needing a bit more luck in the new year? Come enjoy a pork and sauerkraut dinner hosted by the St. Joseph Rosary Society on Saturday, February 3rd from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for kids (10 and under), and Pre-k aged children and younger eat free. The dinner will be held in St. Joseph Social Hall. We hope to see you there!

St. Hubert Knights of Columbus News: Family of the Month is the William Wolbert Family; 50/50 winner was Randy Andring; Gun Raffle winners were 1st Rose Crow, 2nd J.R. Frederick, and 3rd Tim Wagner. Next meeting will be Monday, February 12th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22



Diocese of Erie Financial Misconduct Hotline: We encourage diocesan employees, volunteers, vendors, and parishioners to report suspected financial irregularities at any level of the diocese. The hotline is a simple, risk-free, guaranteed secure way to support the diocese's commitment to ethics and responsible conduct. Call 844-239-0560 or to make a report online, visit: www.ErieRCD.EthicsPoint.com

St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Mary/St. Ann Finance Council and Pastoral Council Members. Feel free to reach out to them with any questions or concerns.

St. Michael Finance Council: Eric Schmader (Moderator), Jeff Barron, Bernie Beichner, Jen Detar, Sandy Ochs, Cathy Zacherl

St. Joseph Finance Council: Al Lander (Moderator), Bill Hartle, Mark Lauer, Mary Jane Steiner, Mary Jude Trice, Julie Hockman

Pastoral Council: Danette Karls (Moderator), Roger Bauer, Desiree Beck, Jess Eisenman, Linda McCloskey, Emily Weaver, Becky Vickers

St. Mary/St. Ann Finance Council: Henry Karg (Moderator), Randy Andring, Milly Cussins, Michael Schreengost, Ron Songer, Darlene Flick

Pastoral Council: Adam Hartle (President), Tami Kline, Marina Yeager, Jill Gilbert, Dave Thimons, Lissie Letot, George Karg Jr., Walt Karg. Appointed members: Jan Thimons and Rod Hartle

Weekly Collection

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Joseph's
January 6th & January 7th

Sunday Collection: \$ ***Numbers will be in at a later date***
Loose Collection: \$

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Michael's
January 6th & January 7th

Sunday Collection: \$ ***Numbers will be in at a later date***
Loose Collection: \$

Special Thanks to all who sacrifice to support St. Mary's
January 6th & January 7th

Sunday Collection: \$ ***Numbers will be in at a later date***
Loose Collection: \$

2023 CSA

St. Joseph Assessment to the Diocese: \$29,356
Parishioners pledged: \$42,296
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$35,961
Paid to Diocese of Erie: \$25,000

St. Michael Assessment to the Diocese: \$35,589
Parishioners Pledged: \$42,809
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$38,214
Paid to Diocese of Erie: \$25,000

St. Mary Assessment to the Diocese: \$23,529
Parishioners pledged: \$34,940
Parishioners Paid to Date: \$30,780



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