

FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR MAGRAW



Today is the Feast of Christ the King, there will be Eucharistic Adoration after the 11:00AM Liturgy until 4:00PM at which time Vespers will begin. Please refer to the schedule below for a time when your family can spend some time in prayer. These are just suggested times, if "your time" is inconvenient, choose a time that fits your schedule. We have much to be thankful to the Lord ~ take time to give thanks!!

<u>Time of Adoration</u>	<u>Last Name Begins</u>
Noon – 1:00PM	A,B,C,D,E
1:00 – 2:00PM	F,G,H,I,J,K,L
2:00 – 3:00PM	M,N,O,P,Q,R

Remember we are hosting the Annual Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00PM. Bring a non-perishable item for our Parish Food Pantry. There will be a nursery for families with small children set up in the cafeteria staffed by confirmation students. A reception will follow, which will provide a nice opportunity to share fellowship with our neighbors after we worship together.

Begin Thanksgiving Day by attending Mass at 9:00AM as a family. During the offertory of the Mass we invite parishioners to bring bagged items of non-perishable food and other items to the sanctuary. These items are used in our Parish Food Pantry.

There is an insert in today's bulletin from the parish staff and priests expressing our gratitude to our parishioners who do so much throughout the year. Your efforts are appreciated even though we don't always say "THANKS."

May God Bless You ~ *Monsignor Magraw*

SECOND COLLECTION today for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Thirty four million people live in poverty. Today we respond to their need by supporting this annual collection which helps people break the cycle of poverty by supporting self help projects of poor and low income people working together to improve their lives and their communities. Help break the cycle of poverty in America by giving generously.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE "When you feed or give a drink or clothing to the least, you did it for me." Today Jesus teaches us that parenting is sacramental. God is present in our everyday acts of feeding, clothing and embracing.

PARISH COOKBOOKS are available after Mass today in the lobby of Church and also at the Parish Office. Price of the cookbooks is \$10...they make nice Christmas gifts!

WOMEN OF BLESSED SACRAMENT Many thanks to Laurie Buzas for all her help and sharing of her talents of wreath making at our last meeting. I am sure our homes will look a littler merrier this holiday season! There will be no December meeting. Thinking about joining our group...next meeting is Thursday, January 9th. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

PTC BREAKFAST WITH SANTA will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 9AM in the school cafeteria. A breakfast buffet will be served by Calamari's. Cost is \$4.50 per person. Please call Carla at 864-9674 for tickets before December 1st.

PTC CRAFT FAIR will be held Sunday, December 8th from 10AM-4PM in Geiger Hall. Unique crafters, Chinese Auction, bake sale & refreshments. Admission is free!



Giving Thanks

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord: On this national holiday let us pause to reflect on the meaning of our Day of Thanksgiving and on its beginning. Remind us that our Pilgrim forefathers paused at this time to reflect on Your care and Your mercy that had brought them safely to this unknown land. They had sacrificed much, and weathered a hazardous sea voyage to find freedom to worship You, their God. They were grateful to find some friendly Indians who shared their food with them, but they knew that You, their Lord and Creator, were their constant guardian – the one who had sustained them and brought them safely to these shores. Oh Lord, help us each to pause and count our blessings at all times in our lives, a bird's song, the kindness and care of others. Help us to see that in times of plenty or meagerness, we each have something for which we can give thanks. Help us to remember to pass Your love on to others, and so be Your blessing to someone else. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

A TIME TO GIVE THANKS The Erie Diocesan Cemeteries will host a special Mass at 11:00AM on Thanksgiving morning in the Mausoleum Chapel at Calvary Cemetery, 3325 West Lake Rd. Monsignor Tom Snyderwine will be the celebrant at this Mass. Please join us as we remember our beloved deceased at this time.

THE UPPER ROOM, a daytime homeless shelter, will be sponsoring their annual "Blizzard of Blankets" for Erie's poor and homeless. The collection will be held at the Perry Square Gazebo at 6th and State St. on November 23rd from 10-3. Wanted are used blankets in good, clean condition (no afghans or bedspreads).



PARENTS DAY OUT! The youth group of Blessed Sacrament will offer babysitting for parents on Saturday, December 14th from 8:00AM – 3:00PM in the Basement Meeting Room. Activities, games and snacks will be provided. Donations are accepted but not required. All proceeds will go toward our participation in the Journey to Emmaus Festival this summer. So why not do some Christmas shopping, go out to breakfast or just stay at home, relax and enjoy the "quiet"!!

THANKS! A great big thank you to everyone who helped out with the diaper drive. It was a big success. Blessed Sacrament was one of only a few parishes who helped out this year. The people at Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services extend their thank you and as always you came through when someone was in need.

2003 CALENDARS A 13-month Catholic appointment calendar for your home is available today in the lobby of Church. Please only one per family. Our thanks to Mark Kloecker of Kloecker Funeral Home for his sponsorship of the calendar.

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT Rite of Acceptance is today at the 9:00AM Mass. Please keep our juniors in your prayers as they formally declare themselves candidates for Confirmation.



The Feast of Christ the King

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE PRIESTS AND STAFF OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

***The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday 11/29 and will re-open on Monday, December 2. ☺ ***

PARISH FAMILY ST. VINCENT

Mary Reinsel, Anne & Victor Wojecki, Kelly Rafferty
Margaret McLaughlin, Margaret Cratty, Christine Herron

HAMOT

Patrolman Dan Rossman, Mary Ellen Yatzor, Patricia Baughman

METRO

Mary Iamuzzella

SLOAN KETTERING, NEW YORK CITY

Corey Wandless

Baptized into the Christian Community
through the waters of Baptism:

MARIA ELIZABETH PIECUCH

Daughter of Marius and Gerri [Bruno] Piecuch

RCIA News Last weekend our parish celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for those seeking initiation in to the Catholic Church. Christina Van Meale was accepted as a Catechumen (one seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Tammy Cassa and Angela Sutula were welcomed as candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church and Michelle Barr was welcomed as a candidate for Confirmation and Eucharist. Please remember our catechumen and candidates in your prayers and welcome them into the Blessed Sacrament Family.



GIVING TREE TIME AGAIN Please take a tag from the tree, purchase a gift, wrap it and return it with the tag securely attached to the Parish Office no later than noon on Sunday, December 15th. Our families consist of moms, dads, children and the elderly. This has been a successful Blessed Sacrament tradition for years because of your generosity. Thanks for all your support.

SPECIAL ENVELOPE In your October/November envelope packet there is a pink envelope marked "Memorials & Altar Decorations for Christmas." These envelopes need to be returned by December 8th in order to be included in the Christmas Flower list which will be inserted in the December 22nd bulletin.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for Richard Grumblatt from his Family.

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday, Nov 25 – Donna Reusch, Eleanor Reisenweber
Tuesday, Nov 26 – Ann Anysz, Shirley Kiehlmeier
Wednesday, Nov 27 – Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink
Thursday, Nov 28 –
Friday, Nov 29 – Helen Felice, John Ungvarsky, Julia Parana
Saturday, Nov 30 – Gerry Ward
Sunday, Dec 1 – Sally McCallion

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 or any readings from the Appendix to the *Lectionary* (for Thanksgiving Day)

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2b-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

CURSILLO Have you thought about making a Cursillo? Maybe someone has asked you and you're pretty unsure about it? Do you think maybe it's not for you? Or maybe you want to make one and just don't know how to go about it? For anyone considering making a Cursillo or for people who want to learn more about Cursillo, feel free to call Randy or Jeanne Crays at 835-9416. We would be happy to fill you in on the experience, or you could talk with any one of the 140 or so people in the Parish that have experienced the Cursillo weekend. We look forward to your call. DeColores!



Monday, November 25 – Weekday

7:00 +Carol Turek / Ben Markiewicz Family [Birthday]

8:00 +Ann DeDionisio / Alex & Patrick Marini

Tuesday, November 26 – Weekday

7:00 +David Snyderwine / Jerry & Denise Sobrowski

8:00 +Gary Vereb / Family [Anniversary]

Wednesday, November 27 – Weekday

7:00 +Terri Kohler / Bernetta & Pam Marchini [Wedd Anniv]

8:00 +John Whaling / Family [Anniversary]

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving

9:00 +Dr. Fred F. Bove / Family [Anniversary]

Friday, November 29 – Weekday

7:00 +All Souls / People of the Parish

8:00 +Helen Zink / Family [Birthday]

Saturday, November 30 – Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5:15 +Ann Czarkowski / Family

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

7:30 *People of the Parish

9:00 +Mass of Thanksgiving / George & Columbia Vlahos

11:00 +Maria Giuseppa Cipicchio / Family [Anniversary]

7:30 +Vito Tullio, Sr. / Bette Tullio Freeman &

Lucille Tullio Eberlein

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT - NOV 17

Weekly Need:	\$ 11,400.00
Adult Offering:	\$ 7,846.60 – 670 envelopes
Loose Collection:	\$ 512.00
Youth Offering:	<u>\$ 91.29</u> – 93 envelopes
Total:	\$ 8,449.89

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

“Celebrating Yesterday, Creating Tomorrow”

\$750,000 Parish Target Goal

\$526,720.74 Pledged to Date

\$159,946.53 Paid to Date

688 Pledges

Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

With everyone's help, we can make it.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

During this past week some of our children noted on their Church envelopes ways they shared their time and talents: "We helped our Mom and Dad, helped my Dad rake leaves, I helped build my uncle's garage while he is in the hospital, I helped my bother with his Thanksgiving project, I helped Grandma clean her house, I helped take out the garbage." We thank them for sharing their time, talent, and treasures by using their Church envelopes.