

**Please say a prayer for the following
Erie Diocesan priests on their appointed day.**

- Sept. 23 Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki
- Sept. 24 Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer
- Sept. 25 Rev. Msgr. David A. Rubino
- Sept. 26 Rev. Alexander D. Amico
- Sept. 27 Rev. Philip M. Oriole
- Sept. 28 Rev. Brian E. Vossler
- Sept. 29 Rev. Msgr. H. Desmond McGee



Fellowship every Sunday

Everyone is welcome to visit and grab a donut in the Social Hall every Sunday after Mass. To contribute to the fellowship effort, please talk to Carrie Kolesar after Sunday Mass or call 814-758-1020; or email Carrie at carrie.kolesar@gmail.com

Prayer for Peace in Our Family

Lord Jesus, be with my family. Grant us Your peace and harmony, an end to conflict and division. Gift us with compassion to better understand each other, wisdom and love to assist each other, and trust and patience to live peacefully together. Grant that through the intercession of your mother, Mary, and St. Joseph, our family may become a holy family accepting each other, working together in unity, selflessly dedicated to one another and to You. **Amen.**



A Family Perspective - 9/23/18

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.



The FRUIT of
Righteousness
is sown
in peace for
those who
cultivate
PEACE. James

Readings For The Next Week

- Sat. September 22: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 / Lk 8:4-15
- Sun. September 23: Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / 9:30-37
- Mon. September 24: Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18
- Tues. September 25: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21
- Wed. September 26: Prv 30:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6
- Thurs. September 27: Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9
- Fri. September 28: Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22
- Sat. September 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
- Sun. September 30: Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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St. Michael Parish Vision Statement

As a faith community we believe and profess that "God so loved the world that he gave us his only son" (Jn.3:16). In that giving, God invites us to be one with the Trinity.

In response to the divine invitation the parish of St. Michael the Archangel gives praise and thanks, and obeys the word spoken by "the word made flesh":

- "Do this in memory of me" (Lk. 22:19). We celebrate the sacraments to encounter the Lord Jesus, especially the Eucharist, in which many become one and become increasingly the Body of Christ in this world.
- "Go teach all nations and baptize them...." (Mt. 28:19). We commit ourselves to live the gospel. In doing so we proclaim, teach, and model a way of life for all in this rural community.
- "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn.13:34). Convinced of the beauty and dignity of the human family, we minister to the needs of both our faith community and the wider community.



SUNDAY MASSES:

- SATURDAY:..... 5:00 PM
- SUNDAY: 9:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

- HOLY DAY:..... 8:30 AM
AND 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

- THURSDAY:..... 12:00 PM
- FRIDAY: 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

- SATURDAY: 4:30 PM
- SUNDAY: 8:30 AM

BAPTISMS:

BY APPOINTMENT.
PARENTS MUST ATTEND A
FORMATION CLASS.

MARRIAGES:

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE
SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE
DATE OF THE WEDDING

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

REV. JOHNATHAN SCHMOLT

DEACON:

REV. MR. NICHOLAS CIRELL

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 23, 2018

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men. (Mark 9:31)

What a remarkable statement! As he begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his disciples—and us—that he will be handed over. He will become passive, powerless in our hands. He will leave it up to us to decide what to do with him. It's just as the prophet Isaiah had said, "like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

This is a strong contrast to everything we have seen Jesus do so far. From the moment he burst onto the scene, Jesus was at the center of attention—healing people, contending with opponents, calming storms, and multiplying bread. He always took the lead. He always spoke with authority. He was the one shaping the story. But at the cross, where it matters the most? Jesus remained quiet, humble, and vulnerable.

The truth is, this is what Jesus intended all along. He came as God's gift to us. A gift doesn't tell the recipient how to use it. He left it up to us to decide how we were going to receive him. We didn't have to reject him as many of his people did. We didn't have to deny him as Peter did. We didn't have to kill him as the Romans did. We could have embraced him and accepted his message of salvation. But we didn't.

And still God handed him over. He didn't take back his gift.

Even today, God continues to hand Jesus to us. At every Mass, on every altar, in every Communion line, Jesus is placed in our hands as God's gift of salvation. None of us are worthy to receive him. None of us accept him as fully as we should. But that doesn't stop him. He still gives himself to sinful men and women. He still offers his salvation to us. Let's return his gesture and hand ourselves over to him.

"Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. Please keep speaking your words to me so that I may be healed."

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory and Holy Days			
Actual 9/16/2018	Actual Fiscal YTD	Necessary Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage over (under)
\$ 1,676	\$ 21,014	\$ 26,616	-21%

Other Collections – Candles\$ 10.00
9/16/2018 Catholic Education\$ 637.00

Catholic Services Appeal			
Actual collected 9/16/2018	Actual collected Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage of goal collected
\$ 60	\$ 19,838	\$ 29,000	68%

Total Pledged:.....\$23,993

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial: Week of Sept. 15 – Sept. 21

In Honor of: A special child
Requested by: Dolly Haas



Take Me to Worship returns to Our Diocese

Parishioners, please be aware that the Diocese of Erie is in support of the *Take Me to Worship* Campaign that will be running in the community from August 24 – October 15, 2018. The Bishop believes that the data about the positive impact that regular, weekly participation at Mass has on children of all ages is a good reason for our parishes in all counties in our diocese to jump aboard and promote this initiative. It is the hope of the diocese that more and more families will come back to their Catholic faith and/or bring about the conversion to Catholicism for those without a faith community.

Please visit www.takemetoworship.org or <https://www.eriecd.org/familiesmatter> for info and ideas for evangelization or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

Catholic Education Collection

Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. **Thank you!** Your continued prayers and support will ensure that our parish and all parishes in the Diocese of Erie can strengthen our commitment to lifelong learning. If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or a blank envelope marked "Catholic Education Collection." Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

Marriage Moments – 9/23/18

"Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from" (James 4: 1) Couples fight about many different things - money, whose job it is to clean up, the kids... Identify your top gripe of today and decide to let it go. Is one day of peace too hard?

Mass Schedule

Saturday	September 22	5:00 pm	Logan Fierst (Joan Cornelius)
Sunday	September 23	9:00 am	ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS
Thursday	September 27	12:00 Noon	Memorial Mass for Harry Courson (Fr. Johnathan Schmolz)
Friday	September 28	8:00 am	Health of Ken Radaker (Soup Group)
Saturday	September 29	5:00 pm	Paul Groner (Beulah Groner)
Sunday	September 30	9:00 am	ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS

Minister's Schedule

Saturday, September 29, 5:00 pm

Euch Min: F. & C. Hespeneide, L. Cirell
Lector: P. Cannan
Server: J. Aylsworth

Sunday, September 30, 9:00 am

Euch Min: D. Haas, C. Miller, K. Maleski
Lector: J. Olivas
Servers: E. Olivas, A. Barris



— PARISH NEWS —



Remembering
Our Homebound Members

Catholic Rural Ministry

"Growing in Holiness" Overnight Retreat Presenters: Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM and Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB
Thurs.-Fri., October 18-19, noon – noon. Olmsted Conference Center, Ludlow, PA \$50 (\$25 in advance), Overnight accommodations, 4 meals. Call to register: 814 677-2032. Deadline: October 15, 2018

St. Joseph Church – Lucinda

St. Joseph's Parish will host their annual fall dinner on Sunday, October 7th in the parish social center. A country-style turkey and ham dinner will be served from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Cost is \$9.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children and free for preschoolers. Dinners are served on a first come/first served basis and take out dinners will be available. Raffle prizes: 1st: Choice of quilt, 2nd \$200, and 3rd \$100.

Catholic/Christian radio stations

EWTV	88.3
WAOB	106.7
AFN	89.5
FLN	106.1 or 107.3

The GIFT a life in the Spirit course (endorsed by Pope Francis and coming to our area!)

When: Friday, November 9th, from 6:00-9:00 pm., and on Saturday, November 10th, from 8:30 am- 3:30 pm.

Bring a brown bag lunch on Saturday and beverages are provided.

Where: All sessions being held at St. Stephen's Church Social Hall, 21 State Street, Oil City, PA 16301

To register please call Denise Varo (814) 744-8199. There is no charge for this course, but registration is required. Registrations appreciated by Wednesday, November 7th. Handicap Accessible/Free Will Offering



Please remember our parishioners who are unable to join us due to infirmity

John Coffy	Pauline Maleski	Ruth Hepler
Jack Whitehill	Brad Louise	Eric Zacherl
Alice Pihoker	Sigrid Piroch	Arlene Drake
Tony Salamone	Howard Maresch	
Paul Pastorok	Shirley Wedekind	

September Meetings

Soup Group will meet on Saturday, September 22nd at 8:30 am in the Social Hall.

Knights of Columbus will meet after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, September 23rd



Adult Faith Formation News!

Our Scripture Study group will be studying Paul's Letter to the Philippians. If you think you may be interested in joining us, contact me at elisa.cirell@stmichaelrcchurch.org.

