

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

Sept. 30 Pray for vocations  
 October 1 Rev. Michael Gabler, OSB  
 October 2 Rev. John B. Jacquell  
 October 3 Rev. Dennis A. Martin  
 October 4 Rev. Henry C. Andrae  
 October 5 Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers  
 October 6 Rev. Stanley J. Swacha



**MOMS (Ministry of Mothers Sharing Program)**

Mothers and Grandmothers, here is a program just for you! Treat yourself! Meet other women that understand and will help support you in your awesome role as mother or grandmother. Join us on **Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm on Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, November 3, 13, 20 and 27 at St. Patrick's Staff Rm** (door for Dion Auditorium) Franklin, PA. A MOMS personal Journal will be provided and topics include "Self-Esteem, Stress, Everyday Spirituality, Friendships, etc." Please register by Oct. 5 with Melissa Persing by calling 814 677-7080 with name and phone number or for questions call Sister Marian at 814 677-2032

**Volunteer's Creed**

Though my troubles and my worries are sometimes all that I can see – still I always must remember life's not only about me. Other souls are also hurting and I know that it's God's plan to reach out to help another – to extend to them my hand. With this purpose as my focus – to be a comfort to a friend – all my troubles and my worries seem to fade out in the end.

It is one of God's true lessons – how my walk is meant to be – true happiness I find when life's not only about me.

*Tom Krause*



**The Office of the Tribunal and Matrimonial Concerns** is once again taking our services on the road and offering information sessions for persons in need of an annulment. We ask all priests, deacons, and lay persons in pastoral ministry to please invite anyone whom you know to be in need of an annulment to consider attending one of the following sessions:

- October 10, 2018, at St. Boniface church, Kersey
- October 17, 2018, at St. Michael church, Emlenton
- October 24, 2018, at Sacred Heart church, Erie

All sessions will begin at 6:30 PM and will include a presentation on the annulment process and the opportunity to meet one-on-one with members of the tribunal staff to answer individual questions. We also ask pastors to please consider running the attached announcement in your parish bulletins as able. Thank you for your assistance, and please feel free to contact the tribunal office with any questions."



**Readings For The Next Week**

Sat. Sept. 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51  
 Sun. Sept. 30: Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 43, 47-48  
 Mon. October 1: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Tues. October 2: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Wed. October 3: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62  
 Thurs. October 4: Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12  
 Fri. October 5: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16  
 Sat. October 6: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Lk 10:17-24  
 Sun. October 7: Gn 2:18-24 / Mk 10:2-16



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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 30, 2018

Eldad and Medad. (Numbers 11:27)

We all know that Moses was filled with the Spirit of the Lord, but today's first reading tells us that God took the Spirit and shared it with seventy-two elders of Israel. Unfortunately, two of the elders, Eldad and Medad, were not with everyone else when this happened.

But that didn't stop God. To everyone's surprise, the Spirit fell upon Eldad and Medad, even though they were not at the "ordination." Hearing the news, Moses declared. "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29).

There is a similar story in today's Gospel. John told Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Because "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:38, 39, 40). In both of these stories, people were harshly judging someone who was trying to do God's will but who didn't fit into their expectations.

Today, we still believe that the Spirit falls on everyone who is baptized and accepts Jesus in faith. As Peter said, "The promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off" (Acts 2:39). Those who are "far off" includes us. Like Moses and the elders, the apostles, and the man John condemned, we too have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. We too are meant to be prophets.

Being a prophet doesn't mean shouting in the desert like John the Baptist did. It doesn't mean confronting kings and princes like Jeremiah and Amos did. A prophet is someone who brings Jesus and his words to the world. That's our job. Jesus is asking us to tell people how wonderful he is. He is asking us to proclaim his mercy, his goodness, and his salvation. And he's asking us to do it with a heart filled with his love.

If Moses were here, he'd tell us, "By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are a prophet. So get out there and proclaim God's word to a hurting world. I wish that every member of the Church would take up this call."

*"Lord, help me to be your prophet."*

## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory and Holy Days			
Actual 9/23/2018	Actual Fiscal YTD	Necessary Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage over (under)
\$ 1,354	\$ 22,368	\$ 28,834	-22%

Other Collections – Candles .....	\$ 74.75
9/23/2018 Catholic Education .....	\$ 40.00

### A Family Perspective - 9/30/18

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring a bottle to a crying infant in the middle of the night, or juice boxes to parched five-year old's, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

### Marriage Moments – 9/30/18

**"Whoever causes one of these little ones...to sin..." (Mark 9:42) Taking advantage of a child's innocence or failing to protect children from harm is a betrayal of trust. Use your voice as a Christian couple to speak truth to power whenever it is needed. Your vocation demands that you not sit silently by.**

### Catholic/Christian radio stations

EWTN	88.3
WAOB	106.7
AFN	89.5
FLN	106.1 or 107.3

Catholic Services Appeal			
Actual collected 9/23/2018	Actual collected Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage of goal collected
\$ 350	\$ 20,188	\$ 29,000	70%

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

### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial: Week of Sept. 29 – Oct. 5

In Honor of: Baby Jack  
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](http://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.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday September 29 5:00 pm Paul Groner (Beulah Groner)  
Sunday September 30 9:00 am ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS

Thursday October 4 12:00 noon Jean Barger (Don & Pat Parkinson)  
Friday October 5 8:00 am Bob Laverick (Joyce Laverick)  
Saturday October 6 5:00 pm ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS  
Sunday October 7 9:00 am Lisa Waybright Calderone (family)

### Minister's Schedule

#### Saturday, October 6, 5:00 pm

Euch Min: J. Gatesman, J. Gressley  
Lector: P. Cannan  
Server: As available

#### Sunday, October 7, 9:00 am

Euch Min: J. Kerle, K. Maleski, A. Kaufman  
Lector: C. Miller  
Servers: L. & S. May



## — 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.

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

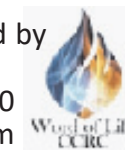
**When:** Friday, November 9th, from 6:00-9:00 pm., and on Saturday, November 10th, from 8:30 am- 3:30 pm.

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

### 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](mailto:carrie.kolesar@gmail.com)



### 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	

### October Meetings

Soup Group will meet on Saturday, October 13th at 8:30 am in the Social Hall.

Altar-Rosary Society will meet on Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm (rosary) 7:00 pm meeting.

Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday, October 21st after the 9:00 am Mass

### 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](mailto:elisa.cirell@stmichaelrcchurch.org).



### Mark your calendars!

1. Soup Group will be hosting their Soup Dinner on Saturday, November 3rd after the 5:00 pm Mass.
2. All ladies of the parish. The annual Ladies Christmas party has been set for December 13th at 6:00 pm. More information to follow.

