

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

- December 2 First Day of Advent
- December 3 Rev. William A. Rice
- December 4 Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch
- December 5 Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Schauerman
- December 6 **Rev. Johnathan P. Schmolt**
- December 7 Rev. Paul S. Siebert
- December 8 Rev. Marc A. Stockton



CSA Payments

Thank you to all who have made CSA donations this year. Please be aware that all final CSA payments need to be made to the church by the end of December. If there is a balance on your account, please make your final donations by the end of the year.

Thank you for supporting your church.

DuBois Central Catholic

DuBois Central Catholic is having a \$10,000 Prize Drawing on February 9, 2019.

Winner need not be present.

1st – \$10,000, 2nd - \$1,000, 3rd - \$500, 4th - \$200, 5th - \$100. Cost is \$100 per ticket and includes admission for 2 to the Drawing Party. Party starts at 7:00 pm at Du Bois Central Catholic. Food and Adult Beverages served. Only \$250 tickets will be sold so get yours today.

Call Fred Deemer at 814 541-7037.

“Makes a great Christmas gift.”

Prayer:



O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, You are the most valued Heavenly treasure. New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, Created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, You are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, Your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, To be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, You who continuously intercedes on our behalf, Please present my need before your loving Son Jesus.

(In your own words, make your special request here. Do not just mention a word. Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person, begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf, that you be granted this special request.)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, For you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, Submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, For all glories are His forever and ever.

Christmas Church Decorating

Christmas Church decorating will be held after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 23rd. Please participate if you can and make our church beautiful for this Holy Season.

Help needed

The snow has started to fall and the ice is forming. St. Michael's is in need of volunteers to help with the snow shoveling each weekend. You can be put on the schedule for as much or as little as you would like. If you can help, please contact the office. If we can get several families to help, this will lessen the burden for all who are willing to help.

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



Marriage Moments – 12/2/18

What does it mean to be a king, or queen, or president, or indeed anyone with power? Jesus reminds us, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” (John 18:36) Look at your spouse today and see beyond the power struggles of who is in charge or most right. Recommit to sacrificing your life for your beloved.

A Family Perspective – 12/2/ 18

When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s question: “Are you the King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

Advent Penance Services

- Dec. 2nd – Oil City – St. Stephen – Sunday at 3:00 pm
- Dec. 4th - New Bethlehem – St. Charles -Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 5th - Titusville – St. Titus - Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 9th - Crown – St. Mary’s - Sunday at 3:00 pm
- Dec. 11th – Fryburg – St. Michael the Archangel - Monday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 12th – Clarion – Immaculate Conception – Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 14th – Franklin – St. Patrick’s – Sunday at 4:00 pm

Readings For The Next Week

- Sat. Dec. 1: Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36
- Sun. Dec. 2: Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Mon. Dec. 3: Phil 1:18B-26 / Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Tues. Dec. 4: Dt 6:2-6 / Heb 7:23-29 / Mk 12:28B-34
- Wed. Dec. 5: Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 1:12-14
- Thurs. Dec. 6: Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24
- Fri. Dec. 7: Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33
- Sat. Dec. 8: Phil 3:38A / Lk 15:1-10
- Sun. Dec. 9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9C-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22



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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:..... 4:00 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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First Sunday of Advent – December 2, 2018

The days are coming, says the Lord . . . (Jeremiah 33:14)

We often talk about “The Christmas Story,” as if it were one single story. Actually, it’s made up of a number of individual stories, each of which tells us something unique about the Christ child. The story of the Annunciation tells us about Mary’s openness to God’s plan. The story of Zechariah and Elizabeth tells us how John the Baptist—Jesus’ forerunner—was called at birth. The stories of the shepherds and the Magi tell us that Jesus is worth searching for.

There’s another story we don’t often think about because it’s not as long. It’s the story of the innkeeper whose closed doors led Mary and Joseph to the manger. But just imagine for a moment that he didn’t make room for Jesus for them after all. His inn, not the manger, would be honored throughout the world. There would likely be a grand church marking its location, and pilgrims would flock to it year after year.

As Advent begins, let’s not be like the innkeeper. He missed a grand opportunity because he didn’t make room for Jesus.

Many of us will gather with family and friends this Christmas. Anyone who has hosted these gatherings will tell you how time consuming the preparations can be. They want to create a pleasant, welcoming environment, so everything has to be just right. But no matter how much work is involved, they don’t mind. The thought of seeing everyone together makes the work feel lighter.

Let’s have this same attitude toward Jesus. Let’s get ready with joy and anticipation, even if it involves some work on our part. Let’s embrace the opportunities to pray a little more, to examine our lives, and to show more love to the people around us.

Our first reading tells us that “the days are coming” when God will visit his people (Jeremiah 33:14). Let’s dedicate the next twenty-three days to making our hearts as open and welcoming as possible so that Jesus will find a comfortable home there.

“Lord, help me to make time for you this Advent.”

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory and Holy Days			
Actual 11/25/2018	Actual Fiscal YTD	Necessary Budgeted Fiscal YTD	Percentage over (under)
\$ 2,498	\$ 36,842	\$ 48,796	-24%

Other Collections 11/25/2018

Candles	\$ 46.00
Human Dev.	\$ 25.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
All Souls Day	\$ 5.00
Latin Church	\$ 10.00

Catholic Services Appeal			
Actual collected 11/25/2018	Actual collected Total to Date	Parish Goal	Percentage of goal collected
\$ ---	\$ 20,6988	\$ 29,000	71%

Total Pledged:\$24,198

Sanctuary Lamp Memorial: Week of Nov. 31 – Dec.. 7

In Honor of: Lisa Waybright Calderone
Requested by: Paul & Carole Calderone



From Lisa

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments.

To read the policy, go to:

<https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf CURRENTPolicy.pdf>

For more information contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

Please note: Religious Ed will be decorating Christmas bags on Sunday, December 9th



Mass Schedule

Saturday	December 1	4:00 pm	ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS
Sunday	December 2	9:00 am	John & Sylvester Wagner (family)
Thursday	December 6	12:00 noon	Michael Chestnut (Bibiana Chestnut)
Vigil of the Immaculate Conception			
Friday	December 7	8:00 am	Donna Bartoe (Mike & Karen Salusky)
		6:00 pm	John Coffy (John & family)
Adoration will be held from 8:30 pm -9:30 pm			

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday	December 8	8:30 am	Arlene Drake (Soup Group)
		4:00 pm	ST. MICHAEL PARISHIONERS
Sunday	December 9	9:00 am	Patricia Steffee (Amy Whitehill)

Christmas Mass Schedule – Christmas Vigil 6:00 pm / Christmas Day 9:00 am

Minister’s Schedule

Vigil -Immaculate Conception Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM

Euch Min: J. Gatesman, T. Gillen, P. Cannan
Lector: R. Cratty
Servers: W. & H. Kolesar

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8, 4:00 PM
Euch Min: A. Whitehill, J. Laverick, T. Gillen
Lector: R. Cratty
Servers: As available

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Saturday, December 8, 8:30 AM

Euch Min: D. Haas, J. Kerle
Lector: A. Weiss
Servers: J. & L. Burkett

Sunday, December 9, 9:00 AM

Euch Min: M. King, A. Kaufman, P. Cannan
Lector: K. Kaufman
Servers: W. & H. Kolesar



— PARISH NEWS —

December Meetings

Soup Group will be meeting on Saturday, December 15th at 8:30 in the Social Hall.



From Lisa

Adult Faith Formation News!

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



UP COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar!

The St. Michael Ladies Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 12th. The event is for all ladies of the parish. It will be held at the Reminisce Banquet Hall. Dinner will consist of Italian Trio, salad, rolls, and dessert. Cost of meal is \$10.00. If you would like to join in n the fun, bring a \$10.00 Gif to exchange. Happy Hour will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. To make reservations, please call Connie (724-867-5734) or Amy (724-399-4304).



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

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

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Catholic Rural Ministry

The Gospel of Luke, “Jesus, the Compassionate Savior” Chapters 1-11 by Stephen Binz will begin Thursday, November 15th at Assumption Social Hall, Oil City. It will be held twice a day for your convenience: 10:15-11:45 am and 6:30-8:00 pm. Future dates will be Dec. 6, 13, 20 and Jan 3rd. Books will be provided by Sister Marian and Sister Tina. Call if you have questions: 814 677-2032. All are welcome! Bring a friend!