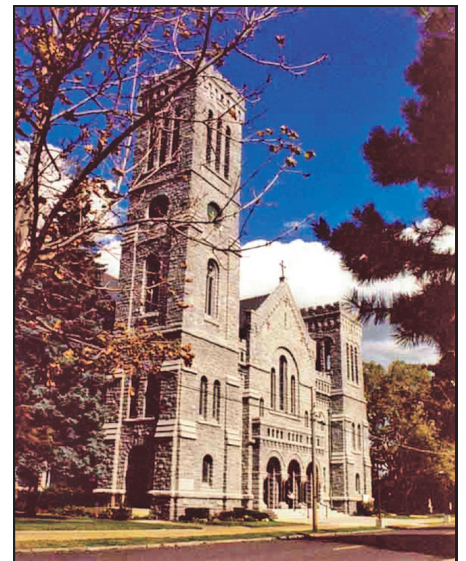


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



DAILY MASS

Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Saint Hedwig 4:30 PM

Saint Patrick 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

Saint Hedwig 9:00 AM

Saint Patrick 10:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

Anticipation

Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM

Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***

Today is the third Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from the prophet Nehemiah. This is the only time in the three year cycle of the lectionary that we read from his book. Ezra and Nehemiah were the two most responsible for the religious formation of the people after the Babylonian exile. The two OT books which bear their names were originally one. In them we read that Ezra led the people back to the law and Nehemiah spearheaded administrative reforms and engineered the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. Seven times in the reading the phrase “all the people” appears. Ezra, in today’s preaching, is speaking to all the people, not just to his audience. Their words were so harsh and strong that we hear them offering words of comfort at the end.

Today is the second of three Sundays on which we hear from 1 Corinthians 12. Recall last week that Paul laid the groundwork for his analogy of the body which he develops in today’s reading. That groundwork consisted of reminding the Corinthians that the source of their different gifts is the Spirit. Today Paul begins by drawing the connection between the one Spirit and the one Baptism which they all share. Last Sunday he spoke of the different spiritual gifts we are given; today he speaks practically about the interrelationship of the human body and its individual parts. In this reading he reminds them that they are “Christ’s body.” This is the first time Paul uses this phrase.

Our Gospel from Luke is divided into two sections with the first, the prologue, intended to be an introduction of both his account of Jesus’ life in the gospel and his subsequent account of the early church in Acts of the Apostles. The second section describes Jesus’ proclamation in the synagogue in Nazareth. It precedes next Sunday’s gospel when he will be rejected by his home town. Both sections contain key Lucan themes—Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture; the Spirit working in Jesus, and that announcement of the Good News, especially to the poor. The prologue lays out Luke’s qualifications for writing this account and notes that he has explored other accounts and will now write his own. The reference to Theophilus is not to an individual. The name means “friend of God” and Luke is addressing his gospel to all who believe in God. The second section includes the wonderful quote from Isaiah which Luke actually modifies to meet his need

that Jesus is the one anointed by the Spirit and sent to proclaim good news to the poor.

A new report on the Polish Catholic church shows that even that once stalwart Catholic country is showing deep signs of regression. While 95% of the Polish people still identify themselves as Catholic, only 32% are now attending Mass. That percentage is down from 90% just twenty years ago! While Poland continues to have more seminarians than any other country in Europe, that number is declining sharply. This year there were 804 priestly ordinations compared to 2011 when there were 1,510. At the same time, the number of women entering religious orders has dropped by two-thirds since 2005. Like many European countries, the church receives a sizeable annual subsidy from the government. It is now at .9% and the government is going to drop it to .3%.

Our St. Patrick’s Food Pantry is presently serving almost 900 families per week. During November, for example, we distributed 24,214 pounds of food to 871 families. This entire project is run by volunteers and derives its support mainly from the generosity of parishioners. During November it cost the parish \$1,284 to furnish this food, all of which was covered by donations. We have also encountered the unfortunate problem that the entire floor under the food pantry is collapsing; it’s simply rotting away. The bids for replacement are \$5,789. I’m very happy to tell you that we have been given a grant from the Erie Community Foundation to underwrite the entire cost of replacing the floor. Thanks to this grant, the project will not cost the parish one penny.

I am thinking about offering an 8 AM Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Patrick’s if there is enough interest. The Mass would have to be without music as I have to be over at St. Hedwig’s for the 9 AM Mass. If you think you might want to attend that Mass, either tell me or let the office know.

Lent is going to be upon us much sooner than we imagine—it is at its earliest this year with Ash Wednesday on February 13. Last year I did a series of homilies during Lent on the Gospel Jesus. My premise is that we can’t say we believe in him if we don’t know who he is. The homilies were much more instructional than inspirational, and I had a great deal of positive feedback on them, so much so that I’m thinking of doing a similar thing

From the Pastor's Desk continued.....

this year. Each weekend I'll take a different look at Jesus as revealed to us in the scriptures. I'm going to begin with "Jesus and Sinners," then "The Compassionate Jesus," next "The Combative and Dangerous Jesus," followed by "The All Forgiving Jesus" for the 4th Sunday of Lent when our gospel is the incredible story of the prodigal son. Then the gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent is the story of the woman caught in adultery and I want to expand on what I spoke about last year on "Jesus and Women."

This year we are going to have our Holy Thursday Mass at St. Patrick's rather than at St. Hedwig's. There is not adequate parking at St. Hedwig, it's dark and 95% of the people attending the Mass are St. Patrick parishioners, so we'll move the Mass to St. Patrick's.

You may have noticed that the bells at St. Patrick's are no longer ringing. The carillon is beyond repair. I had a representative from the Verdin Bell Company out of Cincinnati here recently and asked him what it would cost to repair it, and he said it's beyond repair. I asked him what a new one would cost and it is in the neighborhood of \$10,000. I really wish we had bells, particularly to call us to Mass, to toll at funerals, etc, but I just can't justify spending that much money in light of the fact that we are about \$200,000 in debt from the restoration because of having to do so much work on the roof. Perhaps at some point in the future someone might consider making that a memorial and we could put a plaque in church.

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a priest and a congressman and gave them their room assignments. "Father, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our penthouse." "This is unfair," cried the priest. "Listen," said St. Peter, "priests are a dime a dozen up here, but we've never seen a congressman before!"

The pastor was rather touched when the first grade students presented him with a birthday card on the occasion of his 75th birthday. On the front of the card, they had printed, "Inside is a message from God." When he opened the card, he was surprised to read, "See you soon."

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-10
Psalm 19:8-15

Reading II: 1Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Scholars have wondered for generations about the identity of Theophilus, the addressee of Luke's gospel. But since the name means "lover of God", it may be taken to address us all—even in the year 2013. We are those today who come together to open the scroll of the gospel to search out the meaning of the words of Christ for our time. By our lives, we become the gospel storytellers of our age. Think of some situation in your life where you might be able to bring the "good news" this week.



February Women's Cursillo

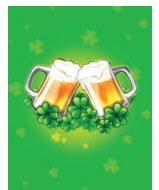
If you are looking to enrich your life with a weekend retreat, call Tom and Sharon Zielinski at 825-0464 for more information on the Women's Cursillo held in February.

START YOUR MARRIAGE WITH ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

Engagement Encounter still has openings for its February 22-24 weekend at St. Mark's Catholic Center in Erie. Prepare for your marriage with a weekend you'll never forget. For information or registration please call 814-824-1265 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org Remember, "A wedding is one day, but a marriage is for a lifetime". Space is limited; call today to secure your place. Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Find us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/engagementencounter

PUB NIGHT AT MOLLY BRANNIGAN'S

Come join the fun as the Rince Na Tiarna Dancers host "Pub Night" at Molly Brannigans on February 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Celebrity bartenders will be available to take your order and the dancers will perform throughout the evening. A hand made quilt will be raffled. The quilt is on display at Tipperary West if you would like to see it and purchase your tickets before Pub Night. Gift cards to Molly Brannigans are also on sale. All profits to benefit the Rince Na Tiarna dancers. For more information call Monica at 881-2546 or Carolyn Power at 566-9458.





Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,634.12** and **\$201.00** for Faith Communication. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound.

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor the donations were made: The **Restoration Fund** in memory of **Betty Flanagan** from Jerome and Elizabeth Emling; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Trish Hardner** from husband, Jeff; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Jim & Eleanor Boris, Fred & Carmella Pristello** from the Randy Pristello family.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 9

will begin on Sunday, February 3rd.

SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS: Barbara Reitingger, Theresa Vitola, Mary Anne Port.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, February 3, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: The Tom Brunner Family

Altar Servers: Leah Taccone, Andrew Wilcox

Ushers: John Purvis, Luke Purvis, David Taccone, David Wilcox

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan

Please call or email the office with your availability for the winter months. Several of our Eucharistic Ministers are out of town for the winter and a few are ill or had recent surgery, so we are a little "shorthanded". Knowing who is available will help greatly with the scheduling.

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.



Saint Hedwig News



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Zielinski** who passed away last week. Mary was a lifetime member of St. Hedwig's and was the mother of Dolores Dombkowski, St. Hedwig's parish secretary. May Mary's soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Dolores was not in during the bereavement for her mother so St. Hedwig's news page will be updated next week when she returns.

The offertory for the week-end of January 20th was **\$1,036.00** and **\$200.00** for the collection for Faith Communication.

The Mass intentions for February 2nd and 3rd will be in next week's and the intentions for the lamps for the week of January 27th. Please refer to your minister schedule to see if you are scheduled for February 2nd and 3rd.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 26 Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI (WIFE, JEAN & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM GENEVIEVE TACCONE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)**Jan. 27 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM MARGARET KLAN - ST.H

(MR. & MRS. EDWARD KLAN)

10:30 AM CYNTHIA HAHN EDWARDS - ST.P
(VIRGINIA YOUNG & DICK)**Jan. 28 Monday, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
of the Church**8:00 AM MAX KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, ANN)**Jan. 29 Tuesday, Weekday**8:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI
(LOU ANN NOWOSIELSKI)**Jan. 30 Wednesday, Weekday**

8:00 AM PAULINE M. OROS (SANDY OROS DIETER)

Jan. 31 Thursday, St. John Bosco, priest

8:00 AM PAUL WERNICKI (TONY WERNICKI)

Feb. 01 Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Feb. 02 Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM To Be Announced - ST.H

5:00 PM ISSY MALONEY (RAY & PATTY FIORELLI) - ST.P

Feb. 03 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM To Be Announced - ST.H

10:30 AM ARTHUR DONAHUE (JIM & KRIS LACEY) - ST.P

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

01/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/27 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**01/29** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/30** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

02/02 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

There will be no faith formation sessions on February 3rd because of the pancake breakfast.



**PLAN NOW FOR THE FIFTH
ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PANCAKE
BREAKFAST – Superbowl Sunday,
February 3rd from 8:30 am to 12:30**

pm in Hastings Hall on the Holy Rosary campus. The Knights of Columbus host this breakfast on behalf of the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry. The proceeds are used to purchase **Catholic Youth Bibles** for the children and youth of our Eastside parishes. **Mark your calendars now and support our Knights who support us in our ministry to the children, youth and their families!**

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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