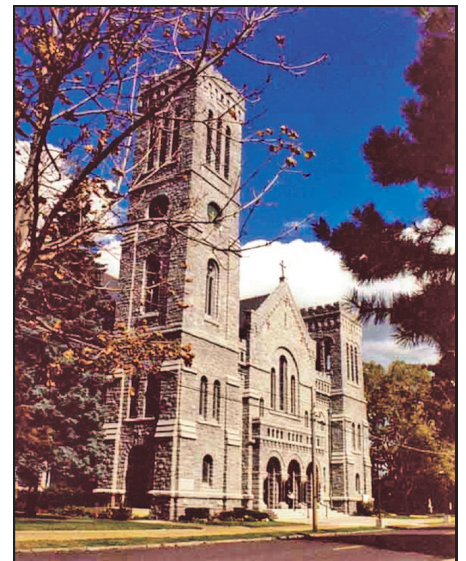


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 8:00 & 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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

www.sainthedwigparisherie.org

Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-8085

www.saintpatrickparisherie.org



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



Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear from Sirach. The focus is on human freedom and human responsibility. After creating humanity, God left us free to make our own choices. Because of the hold original sin has on us, we often fail to do the good we desire to do. But at the same time we remain essentially free to choose. But Sirach does not so much want to debate the extent of human freedom as to assert that if there is evil in the world, it is not God's doing. At great cost God has entrusted us with the power to choose; whether we use that freedom to build up or to destroy, the responsibility rests squarely on our own shoulders.

In last week's reading from Corinthians, Paul was downgrading human wisdom and denying having any of his own. Now he asserts that wisdom may in fact have an appropriate role in the life of the Christian. The wisdom of which he speaks, however is of a radically different nature that what the world is used to. He refers to spiritual wisdom. A popular Christian belief at that time—Gnosticism—claimed that a special knowledge or wisdom was conferred at baptism, a wisdom others were denied. But Paul intends a different kind of wisdom—the Cross of Jesus for which the Gnostics had little use. Paul speaks of a maturity of faith in which we are able to understand the supreme and lasting significance of the cross. To step over the cross and focus only on the resurrection is to miss the core of the Christian faith. And this is what the Gnostics were doing.

In our gospel today, Jesus teaches the crowd how to live as the salt and the light that we heard about last week. There are six moral issues being addressed, three expand the demand of the Mosaic Law while three others call the disciples to a new and higher standard. The old law forbade murder, but Jesus forbids all that leads to it: anger, disparaging language, etc. Adultery can be committed in the heart, not only in the bedroom. He is straightforward and makes no apologies for the truths he expands upon today.

I will be teaching an Introduction to the New Testament class on four different dates during Lent. You will not need to purchase a book or anything as I am going to have handouts so you can have those to refer back to in the future. We will meet

either in the main church or the weekday chapel, depending upon how many attend. I'm asking that you call the parish office to register simply so I can have an idea of how many copies of the handouts to make. The classes will be on Thursday mornings from 10—11 AM. The dates are March 6, March 13, March 20 and April 3.

I know you join in welcoming Father Dennis Martin, chaplain at St. Vincent Health Center, for the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass. Msgr. Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's, will celebrate the Sunday morning 8 and 10:30 Masses at St. Patrick's and the 9 AM at St. Hedwig's.

To date, payments on pledges for the restoration of the church continue to come in at a very good rate. With pledges of \$1,124,926, we have had payments to date of \$856,203 leaving a balance of \$272,381. I know we will not get that final balance because there have been some deaths of people who made pledges; but we will still be very close to it.

I'm happy to report that we are finally making some progress on the infamous restroom in St. Patrick's Church. Plastering and painting are done, plumbing complete, sink and toilet are in and the door from the SW Tower Room into the restroom has arrived. As soon as the door frame is finished, we can start to use it. Thus, the former Men's Room becomes the Ladies' Room and then we will start on the other restroom which will be the Men's Room. There is also a restroom up behind the altar. You can enter by going into the weekday chapel and walking the hallway behind the altar.

If anyone in either parish is interested in teaching Religious Ed or helping in other ways, please contact Sister Marie.

If someone in your family is in the hospital or in a nursing home, if you let me know, I will be more than happy to visit them.

The priests of the city met recently to discuss some of the future planning for the diocese. One of the ideas that emerged is that starting next year, rather than each individual parish doing some type of a Lenten program (such as the Scripture class which I will host at St. Patrick's),

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

we will instead have one program for the East side of town and one for the West side of town. In addition, rather than individual parishes or a small group of parishes coming together to host a Lenten or Advent Penance Service, we are going to offer one large Penance Service, perhaps at the cathedral, with the bishop presiding and 20 or 30 priests available for confession.

As our numbers continue to dwindle, we need to come together and do things collectively rather than continuing to do things separately.

I recently gave a lecture on Pope Francis at the Jefferson Society which was a complete sell out crowd. There were so many people who wanted to attend and couldn't that I am going to repeat the lecture at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, March 6, at 7 PM. There is no need to register and the lecture is open to the public.

Mark Alloway (our organist) and I met recently with Mark Fischer of the Fischer Organ Company to discuss necessary repairs for St. Patrick's pipe organ. We need to keep up to date with repairs and tuning. I have some money to put toward this, and we'll have to raise the rest of it. I don't think anyone of us would want to see that magnificent instrument fall into disrepair. The organ, built by the Felgemaker Organ Works of Buffalo, has 2,500 pipes ranging from the length of a pencil to 16 feet. It was installed in 1906.

The following are actual questions written to pastors from children. "Dear Pastor. I know God loves everybody but he never met my sister. Love, Arnold, age 8."...Dear Pastor: Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Alex, age 9."...Dear Pastor: I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the basket, but my father won't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon on a raise in my allowance? Patty. Age 10"...Dear Pastor: I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen, age 8."...Dear Pastor: I liked your sermon on Sunday, especially when it was finished. Ralph, age 9."... "Dear Pastor: Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete, age 9"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Dolores & family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by his son, Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$790.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

Sunday, **March 2 is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Services Appeal**. We hope that all parishioners will prayerfully consider the opportunity to offer a gift to this appeal. Please help our parish reach its financial goal of **\$11,083.00**. It is also important to remember that any amount raised above our goal stays at St. Hedwig's. The parish depends on your generosity.

LENT BEGINS..ASH WEDNESDAY..MARCH 5

The Particular Judgment

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 1020-1022)

The Particular Judgment takes place as soon as each soul leaves the body. At that moment we undergo the Particular Judgment...it is at this moment our eternal destiny is decided. The Catechism teaches: "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of Heaven...through a purification or immediately,...or immediate and lasting damnation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1022). Scripture itself teaches:___ "For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense; according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Corinthians 10).___ "...it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this, the Judgment" (Hebrews 9:27)___ "For we shall stand before the Judgment Seat of God...So [then] each of us shall give an account of himself [to God] (Romans 14:10,12).

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>February 22</u>	<u>February 23</u>
	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik	Tom Kurpiewski Tony Wernicki
Servers	Nowosielski Family	Charlotte Mabie



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,960.00 and \$637.00 from online giving for a total of \$6,597.00.** 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **William J. Rennie** from His Wife & Family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of Mary Ann Welsh from Yvonne Gersims, Francine Miller & McDonald Group, L.L.P., in memory of **Our Dad's February Birthday** from Barbara & John Reiting, in memory of **Vickie Intrieri** from Frank & Carol Vona, in memory of the **Boris & Pristello Families** from Sarah Pristello, in memory of **Evelyn G. Ketz** from Linda Pfeffer, in memory of **James E. McLaughlin** from Cynthia McLaughlin, in memory of **Alice Garity & Dorothy Gabler** from Theresa & Fred Gabler; in memory of **Deceased Members of the Huzar Club**, also donations from Carrie & Joseph LaFuria and Sarah & Todd Humphrey.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Long, Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Angie Kontur, Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oliveri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Mary Kearney, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan

If anyone is interested in joining a ministry, please contact the office at 454-8085, ext. 1. We really need altar servers—adults or children. If you or your child are interested, please call the office at the number listed above. Training is provided.

ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES NEW PARISHIONERS:

Bethany Taccone, Mallory Bemis, Peter and Patti Callan, Anthony & Fran DiSanti, Jim and Patricia Thomas, Kathryn Fischer, Ryan Masolotte

FOUND IN CHURCH: A bracelet and a ring. Also, an ear ring was found in the rectory community room. Call the office to identify and claim—454-8085, ext. 1

As mentioned in Fr. Kriegel's comments, he will be teaching an introduction to the new testament for four Thursdays during Lent. Be sure to call the rectory office to register so we know how many handouts will be needed. Phone 454-8085, ext.1. The classes will be on Thursday mornings from 10—11 AM. The dates are March 6, March 13, March 20 and April 3.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

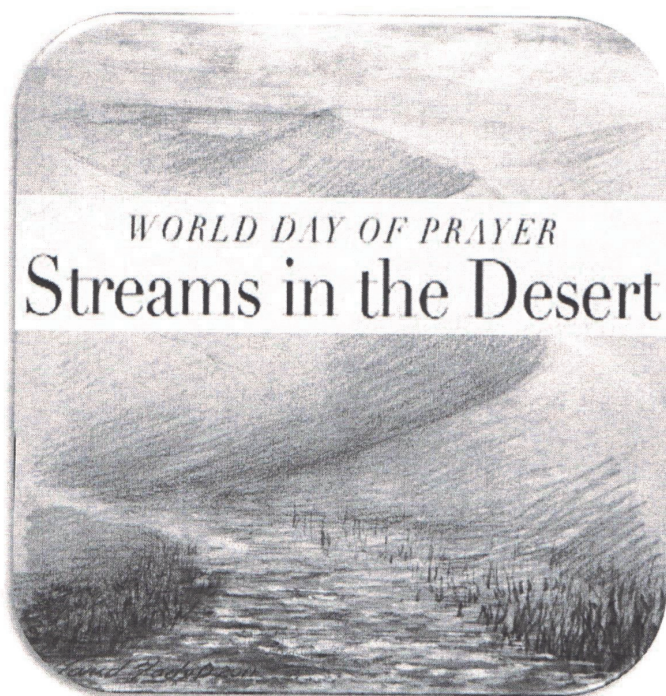


This week's Gospel is about the importance of making choices. One of the most significant findings occurred in the 1920's, when scientists stated that subatomic particles can be both waves and particles; that they are not things like other things but only smeared out waves of possibility until someone looks for them. Once someone makes an observation it forces the electron to make a choice to show itself as a particle. Without an observer everything is a possibility until we choose. There is something about making conscious choices that is at the very heart of reality. For human beings, what we choose is who we are becoming. We control how we respond to life's challenges and opportunities. And our intention behind the choices we make reveal who we are and who we want to become. How do you know when your choices are motivated by God's love for you, others, and the world?

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





**2014 WDP
ECUMENICAL
WORSHIP
SERVICES**

**SAINT JAMES
AME CHURCH
236 East 11th Street**

7:00 PM—FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

A BILINGUAL SPANISH/ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE at St. James joins with more than 170 countries worldwide to celebrate WDP this year. Christians of many traditions come together for a common day of prayer.

2:00 PM—SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

At St. James this WORSHIP SERVICE in ENGLISH & AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE is written by the people of Egypt who invite us into a time of worship with the words of the prophet Isaiah; "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Egypt's history and rich cultural diversity.

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join the people of Egypt in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Egypt and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

For more information contact Rev. Adrienne Rush 814-455-5582 or visit www.wdp-usa.org
Prepared by WDP Committee of Egypt, WDP USA Committee & Church Women United in the Erie Area



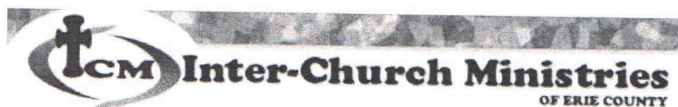
*Let's get a group from our church
and go to a ERIE BAYHAWKS game
for some great family entertainment!*



*"CELEBRATE YOUR
FAITH NIGHT"*

*Saturday, March 1st — 7:00 pm
BayHawks vs Sioux Falls Skyforce
\$10.00 Tickets—Erie Insurance Arena*

If purchased through Gail Smith, 50% of all group tickets purchased will benefit the Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County Voucher Program. Reserve your tickets early for best seating options by calling Gail Smith at 833-9484 or 602-3814 by February 17th!



In 1994, Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County developed the Voucher System for Emergency Assistance. It aids pastors and congregations in their ministry to families with emergency needs.

Uniting Christian Churches in...

Worship
Study &
Service

"Celebrate Your Faith Night" presented by Hofmann's Church & Religious Goods, Camp Judson & WCTL Radio.



SAINT PATRICK WEDDINGS 2014

February 15

Jon Michael & Michelle Trocki

April 26

Justin Yingling & Bonnie Little

May 3

Matthew Murray & Lauren Shuttleworth

May 17

Owen Rader II & Holly Burrows

May 31

Joseph Stazer & Kathryn Weinschenker

June 7

Philip Lavor & Silvana Rabat

June 14

Vincent Quartararo & Amanda Achille

June 21

Richard Fetzner & Laura Reitingner

June 27

Daniel Fischer & Kristen Werder

June 28

Ian Pifer & Rachael Sova

July 5

David Wilcox & Rianna MacWhirter

July 12

Joseph Yuhas & Kristen Bennetti

July 19

Andrew Knauer & Joan Cullen

July 26

Eric Trapp & Erica Osborne

August 2

Matthew Hausmann & Jennifer Lowther

August 16

Brian Johnson & Maureen Musatto

August 23

Brian Halsey & Jennifer Infantino

August 30

Jonathan Del Grosso & Laura Audet

September 6

Ryan Masolotte & Kathryn Fischer

September 13

Philip Hake & Leslie Sargent

September 27

Steve Welch & Holly Puskas

October 4

Kevin Mulhall & Beth Martter

October 11

Matthew Hearn & Stephanie Paszko

October 18

Eric Duvell & Bethany Taccone

October 25

Steven Roisy & Laura Halupczynski



Villa Maria Academy

Sweetheart Breakfast on Sunday, February 16th at Villa Maria cafeteria from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
\$7.00 per person; \$25 for Family. Bake sale/50-50 drawing/Chinese Auction. For more information
contact Carolyn Power 566-9458.

Holy Trinity Church Lenten Pre-Orders

The pre-orders will be taken from Jan. 30 – Feb. 17. Pierogis are \$14/dozen or \$8/half dozen.
Potato pancake batter is \$10/tub. Orders will be available for pick-up at Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed
Street in Erie. The pick-up dates are as follows: Sat., March 1 and Sun., March 2 following Mass.
Fax orders to (814) 461-1150, call them in at (814) 456-0671 or mail orders to: Holy Trinity Parish,
2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA 16503.

A Family Perspective

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being
misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want
peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

PALS Support Group

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encourage-
ment and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held
every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in
Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building
on the west side. For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our
next session is Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Transitions: A Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group of-
fered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email:
familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, February 23rd from 2 –
4 pm. This month's topic is: "The many faces of grief". Visit our website at: [www.erieRCD.org/
transitions.asp](http://www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp)

NOVA: A one-day marriage preparation program

NOVA: A one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in
the Catholic Church. Topics covered include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal is-
sues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 for information. The next NOVA is
scheduled for Saturday, March 1st in Erie. Pre-registration is required.

Cancer Support Group

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears
about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiv-
er. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group
meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd.,
Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building
on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 pm until 8:15 pm. For
more information contact Deacon Tom via email at deacontom@holytrinityrc.org or at Holy Trinity
Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, February 21, 2014.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Feb. 15** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:30 PM AL JARZOMSKI - ST.H
(DOLLY AND LARRY BARGIELSKI)5:00 PM WILLIAM J. & JANE M. (WARD) CARNEY - ST.P
FAMILY**Feb. 16** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FORREST SHORTS (WEBER FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM AMANDA JUCHNO (CHARLOTTE MABIE) - ST.H

10:30 AM ALEX BARLEKOFF, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(ARLENE BARLEKOFF)**Feb. 17** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 18 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 19 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 20 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 21 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 22 *Saturday, Vigil:*4:30 PM GEORGE & JOSEPHINE MIELNIK - ST. H
(IRENE & FAMILY)

5:00 PM THOMAS WALKER, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

Feb. 23 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, MARY MCCARTHY) - ST. P

9:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI (DICK & PAT MIELNIK) - ST.H

10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP (FAMILY) - ST.P

**We thank Orsini's Corner Market
for advertising in our parish bulletin.
See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

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

02/15 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/16 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

02/18 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/19** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/22** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/23 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

ROMOLO CANDY – Romolo Chocolates are being sold by the students of the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* to raise money for missionary activity in our diocese and for our *Sister Diocese in Mexico*. The money raised will also help to continue in the purchase of *Catholic Youth Bibles* for our students of our Eastside Parishes. If you would like to support these efforts, please contact **Kathleen Kutz: 454-6322** to order your candy. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN MARCH –
Grades K-Gr 6 will meet at their regularly scheduled time (9am-10:15 am) **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. Youth in **Jr and Sr High** will meet **March 2, 9, 23**.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – Confirmation Sessions: February 23 and March 9. The Confirmation Retreat is **Sunday, March 16th**. The retreat will be at the *Mother Teresa House* (rectory of St. John the Baptist Church). Please remember our Confirmation Candidates in your prayer that they may come to a deeper understanding of their baptismal call to discipleship as they prepare for Confirmation.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory