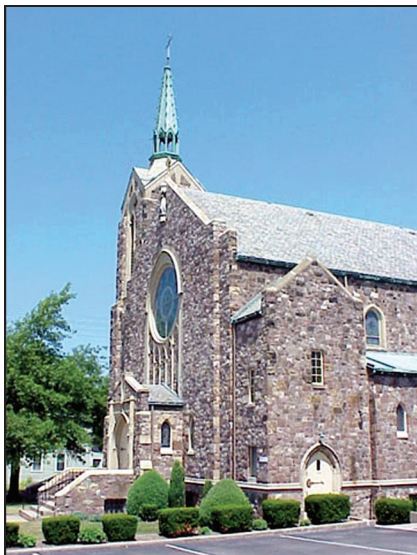


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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 MASS**

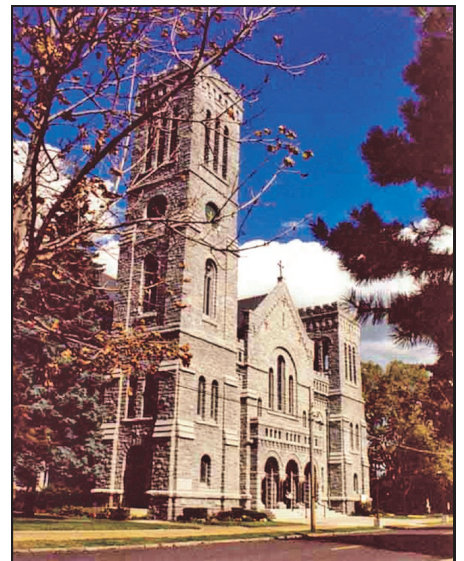
**Holy Day**

**Saint Patrick 12:05 PM**

**CONFESSIONS**

**30 Minutes before each Saturday**

**Evening Mass or by appointment**



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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first again from Isaiah. We will also hear a rare and wonderful harmony in that all 3 readings today focus on the universality of God's mercy. The Israelites were God's chosen people. The

awareness that God offers salvation, not based on ethnicity, but on fidelity to God's Law and the Sabbath dawned slowly on Israel. During the post exile times when these chapters were written, the people were better prepared to hear a message of God's universal love. Recall it was the pagan King Cyrus who ended the exile and allowed them to return to Israel. Extending membership in the community of the Lord to foreigners reversed long standing attitudes, but it shows that God's mercy is universal, not limited to one group.

We also hear again from Paul's Letter to the Romans. We hear Paul's profound sorrow that his people have rejected Jesus. He sees his ministry to the Gentiles as an opportunity to arouse jealousy in his own people, and thus, perhaps, draw them to Christ. The apostles are now free to expand their preaching from Jews only to all Gentiles. Paul hopes that these efforts will be so successful that Jews will become envious of Gentiles and want to repossess what they thoughtlessly rejected. Ever the optimist, Paul reasons that just as their rejection of Jesus bore good fruit among the Gentiles, their acceptance of Jesus would result in nothing less than "life from the dead." Paul asserts a truth that Vatican II strongly emphasized—"The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." God's covenant with Israel still stands, but it is now extended to all people.

Hostility between Israelites and Canaanites was well known, and Jesus is aware that this woman is no daughter of Israel. First he ignores the woman pleading with him and announces that his ministry is for his own people, not hers. Only in Matthew do we hear Jesus reverse himself. Perhaps he appeared to be harsh to play devil's advocate to make the point we've already encountered in the previous two readings: God welcomes all people into his kingdom. The setting at Tyre and Sidon is in Gentile territory. The woman is undeterred as Jesus calls Gentiles "dogs". Undaunted, the woman brilliantly turns his argument against him. Jesus then, before all and

with love and admiration, extols the "great faith" that coaxed a miracle.

As I mentioned last week, we have eliminated the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for the holyday at St. Hedwig's and also eliminated the 8 AM Mass at St. Patrick's on the holyday itself. The 8 AM was small enough to be held in the weekday chapel and the Vigil Mass found the church perhaps one-fourth full. The only Mass we will now have on a holyday for the two parishes is the 12:05 PM Mass on the holyday itself. That Mass gets a very good crowd because of Erie Insurance and Hamot, etc. All of this has been done at the direction of Bishop Persico who has been visiting the various deaneries in the diocese and insisting that everyone do the same thing. We simply can't continue doing things the way we have been. When I was ordained in 1970, I was priest number 305 in our diocese. Today there are 111 of us and we're getting older by the day. Again this year we did not have any ordinations.

On a much brighter note, next May will see the ordination to the diaconate of St. Patrick parishioner Jamie Power who is in his third year of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. The following May he will be ordained to the priesthood and it's going to be a day of great rejoicing at St. Patrick's. This is the first ordination of a native son from the parish in years and years. Let's all try to remember vocations to the priesthood in our prayer.

I'm grateful to St. Patrick parishioner Marilyn Lechner and her company Vacation Playgrounds for having secured once again the ground portion of our grand prize—6 nights in Ireland—from CIE Tours. We supply the air fare from Pittsburgh or Buffalo, but this saves the festival a great deal of money, and it makes for a wonderful grand prize.

We met last week and did what we hope is the final layout of the tents for the festival. Paul Balzcun has been a great help with this. (I love the mind of an engineer!). Because of the layout we will once again have room for vendors to have items available for sale during the festival. In addition, the gift shop will be open in the church, and I'm grateful to Alice Daub for offering to staff it on Friday and Saturday evenings. We are going to be in need of some people to be in

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

the church during the hours that it is open. In addition, we need volunteers earlier in the week to set up the tables and chairs in the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center and then to help with serving and clearing on Sunday morning. They have been gracious enough to tell us that we don't have to tear down on Sunday but that we can wait until later in the week which will give us time to get everything cleared around St. Patrick's before we have to do that.

Two weeks ago I preached about James the Apostle and told you about the shrine to him at Compostela, Spain, and the butafumiero which is in the church. Several of you have asked me how they can find it on line. Just google *Botafumeiro, Campostela, Spain* and you will find a You Tube video of it. It's fascinating to watch.

We're in need of some type of a small vehicle, ie., a garden tractor, etc. with a trailer for the festival. Much of the food prep will take place behind the rectory and then be moved via this vehicle around the back of the church to the serving area on the east side of the church. Does anyone have something that we can borrow?

I'm grateful to parishioners Bob Parisi, Paul Balczun, Stan Walkiewicz, Roy Harsh and Tom-Welch for the time and effort they put in to build a stage for the festival. That stage will be in a tent in front of the church with an area for dancing in front of it. There will also be tables and chairs as well as some bleachers on the sidewalk in front of the church. We were originally planning on using the dance floor from Holy Trinity, but we now feel that we don't need that. We can just have an area of the street for dancing.

Two Irish Catholics were digging a ditch opposite a brothel. One day they saw a rabbi slip into the brothel. "What's the world coming to," one of them said, "when a man of religion goes into a house of ill repute?" Later that day they saw a Protestant minister sneak into the brothel. "It's no wonder the world's in such a terrible state," said one of them "with this sort of thing going on." An hour later they saw a priest creep into the brothel. "One of the poor lasses must be ill," they said.

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary Juchno** requested by the Juchno family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by his family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested by the Juchno family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$1,953.00 and Church in Latin America \$88.00. Thank you and God bless.

**The Summer Festival** will continue for a few more weeks. We thank everyone who has contributed and ask those who have not to consider doing so. Proceeds are used to cover our regular operating expenses.

### Masses & Memorials

Masses requested for the soul of **William Hayes**, memorials and candles:

Paul & Eileen Balczun, Theresa & Barb Juchno, Pete & Carol Lubowiecki, Antoinette Alexander, Daniel & Stephanie Maxumczyk, Dick & Nancy Feeney, the Krasinski family, Mary Kress, Dolores & David Dombkowski, James & Anna Flanagan, Joe & Colette Vahey & family, Sr. Mary Anthonille, Eugene & Laura Tomczak, Mike & Pam Kozuchowsky

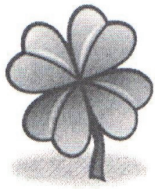
### Zabawa Polish Festival

Holy Trinity Parish, 23rd & Reeds Sts, Erie, the week-end of August 22, 23 & 24. Festival Hours: Friday 5 to 10pm, Saturday 1 to 10:30pm, Sunday Noon to 6pm. Polka Masses on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 11am with Bishop Lawrence Persico joining Fr. Tom Aleksa for the Saturday Mass. Shuttle service available at Sts. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church at 34 & Ash Sts. Visit website at [holytrinityrc.or](http://holytrinityrc.or) or call 814-456-0671.

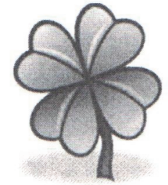
### PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

#### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 24</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM (St. Pat's)
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
	Richard Mielnik	Pete Pentz
Altar	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie
Server		



**Erie Irish Festival**  
**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**  
**September 19, 20, & 21**



**PROGRAM**

Our program booklet this year will again be the larger (8 1/2 x 11) with a color cover and the opportunity for you to memorialize deceased family members, etc. with an ad AND A PHOTOGRAPH (black and white). Please use the form below to list the message as you wish it to appear. If you are honoring the memory of a deceased love one, your message may read, "In memory of my parents (insert name) who were called to their Eternal Rest on (insert date). Or you might mention that someone was baptized or married at St. Patrick's. Ad copy should read:

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**Sponsor information:**

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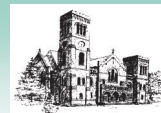
Please check the size of ad (size based on full page of 8 1/2 X 11)

( ) Full Page \$275  
( ) Half Page \$175  
( ) Quarter Page \$125  
( ) Business Card Size \$ 75  
( ) Memorial/Friend Size \$ 25

Any questions, contact **Program Chair Dennis Michalski at 456-4979**



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,046.63
Online Giving	<u>847.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,893.63

*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 homebound.

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 **Justine Burger** from husband, Chuck Burger; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Bev Frick** from Barbara & John Reitingner, in memory of **Kay Wright & Tom Yochim** from Nancy Yochim, in memory of **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn, in memory of **Helen Smolinski** from Mary Beth & Dick Wachter, in memory of **Sam Randazzo, Stanley F. Walkiewicz, and Matthew Walkiewicz** from Roselle & Stan Walkiewicz also donations from Mary & William Flanagan.

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 23, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz, Shirley Winschel

**CUP:** Yvonne Gersims, Carol Habas

**Greeters:** NEEDED

**Altar Servers:** NEEDED

**Ushers:** Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Mary Kearney, Cyndi Pristello, Dario Cipriani

**CUP:** Charla Leemuis, Kathleen Pae

**Greeters:** Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab

**Altar Servers:** Logan Kearney

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

**Offertory Counters:** Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker

We recently met with the new director of the **UPPER ROOM**, Cris Taylor. He has taken over the reins from retired director, Tom Schlaudecker. The Upper Room is a day time shelter for the homeless in our community. It gives them a place to go for sandwiches and coffee, to get warm in the winter and to make phone calls, etc. Running the Upper Room is a difficult ministry and we applaud these gentlemen and all the volunteers for their unceasing dedication. Cris relayed to us that they are seeing more women at the shelter and they have a need for women's boots and winter coats. They likewise need them for the men but having so many women at the shelter is new to them. The Upper Room serves between 70,000 to 80,000 cups of coffee each year. They always need coffee, dry creamer and 5 lb. bags of sugar. Other needs include socks, sweat pants, hooded sweat shirts, men's and women's winter coats and sweaters, disposable razors, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, disinfectant spray and Pine-Sol, Fabuloso or Mr. Clean. Any donations that you would care to make may be brought to the rectory porch and we will get them to the Upper Room. Please indicate on your bag or box that they are intended for the Upper Room.

### A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



What is it that makes us fear people who are different from us? We read in today's Gospel that even Jesus seems to get caught up in prejudices about foreigners. When the disciples are traveling with him to share the good news with the chosen people, and he is approached by a foreign woman, a Canaanite, who asks for help for her daughter, Jesus rebukes her. But when she continues to challenge him, he hears, agrees, and welcomes her -healing her child. His welcoming the foreigner changes Jesus and the mission of the Twelve. Jesus calls us to welcome all, not just those with whom we are comfortable. What steps can you take to better understand and overcome your fears of those who are different?

### 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.



# ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

September 19, 20, 21, 2014  
Volunteer Sign-up Sheet  
*Be a SAINT PATRICK V.I.P.!*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening)

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH AREAS YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission          | <input type="checkbox"/> Games of Chance               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale          | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverages (All)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Area    | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle (Grand Prize and Side) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating         | <input type="checkbox"/> Teardown after the Festival   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Room        | <input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere needed               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Drink Tickets |  |

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK:**

Friday, Sept. 19th \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, Sept. 20th \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning, Sept. 21st \_\_\_\_\_  
*You will be contacted concerning your choice of area and your hours of service.*

**I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE:**

☐ Irish Auction Prize    ☐ Baked Goods    ☐ Children's Auction Prize  
☐ A money donation towards Publicity /Advertising  
☐ \$250    ☐ \$150    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$20    ☐ Other

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET.

*Thank you for your generous support!*



# ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL 2014



**BLING, BEADS, BAUBLES AND THINGS**—Costume jewelry is now being collected for our Festival Jewelry Booth. The jewelry donates is sold at clearance prices to benefit the parish. Donations can be dropped off at the Trinity Gift Shop or the Rectory, or by calling Gail Smith at 833-9484.

**THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN**—Ave Needs Your Help! Once again our Irish Festival will be here before you know it. We will not be doing the baskets this year, but we are having the auction with single items. If you would like to purchase a gift for the auction, we would like them to be at a value of at least \$15.00 and up. If you are not a shopper and you would like to make a donation (check or cash) to the Ave Maria Society, we will do the shopping for you. Remember these donations are tax deductible. All gifts can be taken to the rectory and monies addressed to the Ave can be dropped in the collection basket. We are also going to need help with set up and we need volunteers to work during the festival. If anyone has any questions please call Mary Pat Ringhand at 871-2926. Thank You.



**PROGRAM SPONSOR** There is an additional page in today's bulletin for anyone who would like to be a sponsor for the festival booklet. It is the perfect opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to say congratulations to someone who has entered college, high school or a new job. Any reason to give credit and attention to a loved one! Check it out!

**TOYS, GAMES AND PRIZES** are needed for the Children's Area. Cyndi Pristello and her committee are collecting items to be used for prizes in the children's area. No used stuffed animals please. Items may be brought to the rectory and left on the rear porch.



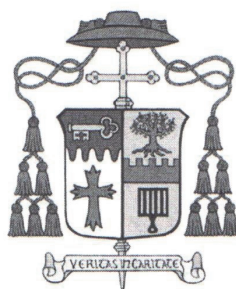
**We need you!** The St. Patrick's Erie Irish Festival will be held on Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21. "Many hands make light work." Please consider filling out a volunteer form and donating time, baked goods, etc... Volunteer forms are in the bulletin and extra copies are on the tables at the back of church. Fill out the form indicating where you would like to work and your availability and the volunteer coordinator will contact you.



**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. Raffle tickets will be sent to you in the mail. You may return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. The office has more if you need them. We will be at Celebrate Erie August 14th thru the 17th selling tickets. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!

**The Bake Sale Booth** is always a popular spot! If you would like to donate to this area, we would love to have your items. All items do not need to be brought to the Festival on the first day. It would help to have some items arrive on Saturday. Let us know when you will be bringing your item, so we can plan accordingly. Thanks!





August 11, 2014

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Saturday, August 9, Pope Francis tweeted: "Please take a moment to pray for all those who have been forced from their homes in Iraq." With this letter, I would like to echo our Holy Father's appeal for prayer for our Christian brothers and sisters in Iraq and throughout the Middle East who are undergoing difficulties of various kinds, including persecution, displacement from their homes, violence and even genocide. To this end, the bishops of the United States are inviting the people of their dioceses to pray in a special way for peace in Iraq on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

While Christians in many parts of the Middle East are suffering persecution, the situation of the Christians in Iraq and Syria is especially dire at this time. The group calling itself, among other names, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), is a radical Sunni Islamic group seeking to establish control over all of Islam, beginning with the countries of Iraq and Syria. ISIS has a record of brutal violence which is directed especially at Shia Muslims and Christians. The Pope, the bishops of Iraq and Syria, as well as the bishops of the United States, have asked the world for help for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria.

Most of us realize that Christianity was born in what is present-day Israel, but many of us are not aware of the ancient roots of Christianity in Iraq and Syria. The Chaldean Christian communities there began in the first century and constitute some of the oldest in the world. They are also some of the most resilient, having undergone numerous persecutions and massacres over the centuries. We are perhaps also not aware that the largest concentration of Chaldean Christians outside the Middle East is right in our back yard in Detroit, Michigan. Erie itself has a small Chaldean population and, of course, the Chaldeans in the United States have relatives and friends among those being displaced and persecuted in Iraq and Syria.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it has been the custom, indeed the duty, of Christians since the early days of the Church to pray for those Christians undergoing persecution. This duty is ours today. As our brothers and sisters in the Middle East (in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, in particular) suffer and die for their faith, I ask you to accompany them with your prayers and sacrifices that they may persevere and remain strong in their faith, that they may find help and refuge, and that Christianity may continue in the place in which it was born and began to thrive.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie



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### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Aug 16** *Saturday, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI, ANNIV. (JIM GORSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM DOLORES BINDSEIL  
(TOM & LAURENN DEMAY) - ST.P

**Aug 17** *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THERESA MERSKI (BUD KRAUS) -ST.P

9:00 AM EMILY MALINOWSKI - ST.H  
(LARRY & JANICE KOSIN)

10:30 AM JEFFREY D. ROUCH (NICKI DEMARTE) - ST.P

**Aug. 18** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Aug. 19** *Tuesday, Weekday, Saint John Eudes, Priest*

8:00 AM JOSEPH J. CICERO, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

**Aug. 20** *Wednesday, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM TED MIELNIK, (BROTHERS & SISTERS)

**Aug. 21** *Thursday, Saint Pius X, Pope*

8:00 AM THERESA SHREVE  
(CHARLOTTE & DAN ANDERSEN)

**Aug. 22** *Friday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM RAYMOND HAIN, ANNIV.  
(BILL HAIN, SUSAN MERSKI, MARY FRICK)

**Aug. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM NORBERTO JAGORIN - ST.H  
(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)

5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(MARILYN WAYLAND)

**Aug. 24** *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THERESA MERSKI (BUDD KRAUS) - ST.P

9:00 AM FRANK OLSZEWSKI (FRANK ABATE) - ST.H

10:30 AM GEORGE BOEHM - ST.P  
(JANE & LEO FITZGIBBON)

### 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

**08/16** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**08/19** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**08/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**08/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**REGISTRATION for the 2014-2015 CATECHETICAL YEAR** – If you have not registered for the 2014-15 Catechetical Year, please call the **Faith Formation Office** – **454-6322** to register your child in the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Program*. Materials books and materials need to be ordered, so early registration is greatly appreciated! **Registration is open for Kindergarten through High School.**

**CATECHISTS NEEDED** – Catechists are needed in our *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* for the following: Kdg., Gr 1, Gr 7 and Gr 9.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.



## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**