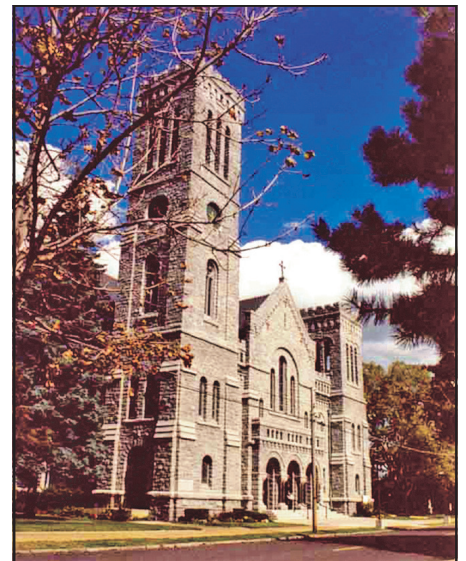
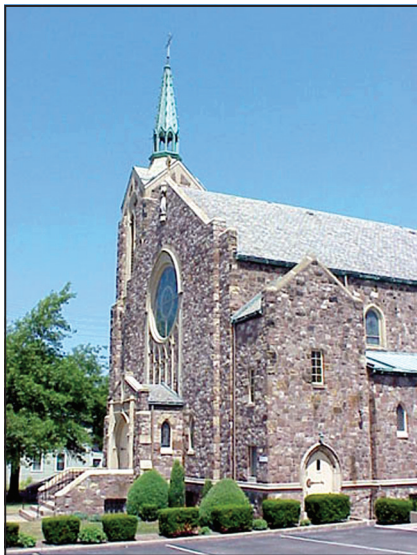


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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



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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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from Isaiah, Israel's greatest prophet. His prose and poetry are unmatched in the scriptures and today's reading is no exception. It is a message of hope and a promise that our God will care for us. Listen carefully as it is proclaimed ...Our second reading continues from the Letter of James and today he asks us to go against our natural instincts. When someone important enters a room, all eyes and attention are riveted on that person. James is saying that all people are worthy of royal treatment, not just important people. More than any other NT letter, James' writes almost as if Jesus were speaking, in earthy tones, with clear examples for his audience.

Our gospel continues from Mark and we hear the familiar story of healing which takes place today in Gentile territory, and Jesus treats the Gentiles just as he does the Israelites. God's promise is for all people. You'll notice that Jesus takes the man off away from the crowd before he performs the miracle. Today's miracle is not for the crowd, it is to manifest God's love for this man, and he does it in a very physical way, through intimacy and touch, sound and spoken word.

A sample of the new sanctuary flooring arrived this past week, and it is absolutely beautiful. It is a highly polished white Carrara marble which is almost identical to what was there when the church was built in 1903. Unfortunately, as you know, the carpet was glued to the marble (which is highly porous) and it has been destroyed. We are also inlaying a section of deep green tile under the altar and as an edging across the entire front of the sanctuary. The edge of each of the steps will be a one inch strip of green tile to help identify the edge of the steps.

The 10 artists from Conrad Schmitt Studio in Milwaukee will arrive on Monday and begin their work on Tuesday. They are going to work 6 days a week so that they can keep on the schedule to get us back into the church on Christmas Eve. Once they finish their work in mid-November, it will take Safway at least two weeks to dismantle the scaffolding so that we can proceed with the next stage of the work. You will be able to go to our webpage to keep up with what they are doing. While Barb Fischer will provide us with video each week, photographer John Baker is going to take photographs to document the entire process so that the parish will have these records for the future. We will also put his photos on the webpage so that you can see the artists at work. You can already find video on the webpage of what the church looks like at the present time. It's amazing to see all of that scaffolding in there.

A recent study, the General Social Survey, reveals some rather troubling trends about religious practice among American women. Women have traditionally been more likely to join churches, practice faith, adopt a religion, etc. than are men. By the mid-1990s, however, surveys began to reveal that, while older Catholic women were more religious than men of their age, the Catholic women born between 1962-1980 barely equaled their male counterparts in regular Mass attendance and were significantly more likely than men to profess heterodox opinions on women's ordination, the sinfulness of homosexual acts and premarital sex and on whether one could be a good Catholic without going to Mass. More recent data from 2002-2008 indicates that the trend continues among women born between 1981 and 1995. Both genders are much less devout and much less orthodox than their elders, but the decline has been steeper among women. Millennial Catholic women are slightly more likely than Catholic men their age to say that they never attend Mass. This is the first generation of American Catholic women for whom this is so. None of the millennial Catholic women in the survey expressed complete confidence in churches and religious organizations.

Data on those entering religious life and priesthood reveals the same disturbing trend. In the early 20th century, four times as many women entered religious life and did men. Currently, the proportions are nearly equal of in reverse: 1,396 men were in initial formation in religious institutes in 2009, compared with 1,206 women. A study in Philadelphia for example showed 173 men preparing to be priests, brothers or deacons, but only 30 women preparing to be sisters. More than one third of the women entering religious life today are over the age of 40, whereas fewer than a quarter of the men are that old.

A similar decline has occurred among Protestant women. All of this occurs while the study shows that these women consider themselves "very spiritual" persons. The danger is that Catholic millennial women who remain interested in spirituality and religious practice will seek an outlet for this interest outside the church in which they grew up.....There are a variety of conclusions to the survey, but the last one states: The church could do nothing but notes that the consequences of this alternative would be fewer young women and likely fewer of their children remaining in the Catholic church. If that were to happen, practicing Catholics in North America and Europe would run the danger of dwindling to a small and eccentric fringe group, stereotyped in the popular imagination as quaint, irrelevant, self-limited and oppressive.

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

The Catholic Education Collection will take place Sept. 15 & 16. The funds raised in this collection assist with the costs of Catholic education in the diocese, but an important factor is that half of the money raised remains in the parish to help us in covering the costs of Religious Education. This is the 22nd year that the diocese has sponsored this collection.

You'll notice a different format and type size for my weekly column. This comes from suggestions from many of you that the other was difficult to read. Let me know if this helps.

During the month of July, the St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 23,228 pounds of food at a cost of \$1,070.20 to the parish. That distribution went to 889 families. Your monthly packet now includes an envelope for the Food Pantry as an opportunity to make a gift in memory of someone, etc.

Next weekend is our annual Irish Festival and I hope you're in the mood to party. The committee has been hard at work for months and everything is looking really good, but we need YOU to help and to attend.

When we contracted to restore the church with the Conrad Schmitt Studio and we did not contract to paint the vestibule or the Gift Shop. The idea of the committee is that we might be able to get volunteers to do this. The gift shop is now being painted and once the scaffolding comes down we will do the vestibule.

A little girl was watching her mother do dishes and noticed that she had several strands of white hair. She asked her mother, "Why are some of your hairs white?" to which her mother replied, "Well, every time you do something wrong, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought for a moment and then asked, "How come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Bulletin bloopers: "For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs." "Potluck Supper on Sunday at 5 PM. Prayer and medication to follow." "The Low Self Esteem Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM in the parish hall. Please use the back door."



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.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for **Poor Souls**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for the intention of **Jean Gorski on her 90th Birthday** requested by Jim Gorski and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Louis Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing care and the homebound.

The amount of our Offertory Collection for the week of August 25/26 will be in next week's bulletin.

St. Hedwig Annual Pancake Breakfast

The St. Hedwig Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 from 9am until 1pm at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Sunday Mass at St. Hedwig's is at 9am. Come and enjoy pancakes with your choice of toppings, plus sausage, juice, fruit cup, coffee or tea. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 3 to 10 years of age. Tickets are available at all weekend masses and at the door. We will also have a wonderful Chinese Auction. Donations for the Auction would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the sacristy after any weekend Mass.

Ministry Schedule

	September 15 4:30pm	September 16 9:00am
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Charlotte Mabie
Reader	Ron Helminski	Don Moehler
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nicholas Hayes

Love of Our Neighbor

God looks upon acts of mercy towards others as acts of love towards Himself. "For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in....Amen I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me" (Matt. 25:35,40) "If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 4:20).

Pray the Rosary
Daily





Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,147.50**. 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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Kathy Alessi in memory of deceased family members**.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Kay Mannino, Lynne Long*

Greeters: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Mary Beth Graml*

Altar Servers: **Needed**

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dario Cipriani*

Cyndi Pristello, 1 needed

Greeters: **Needed**

Altar Servers: *Andrew Wilcox, Emilio Filippi*

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

We really need altar servers for the 5:00 Masses on Saturday. The position is not limited to children—adults may apply!

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Reading II: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37



Whether we are with others or before God, listening with attention is what it's all about. Jesus' saving ministry is expressed in this week's Gospel in his gift of hearing to the deaf man.

We think of hearing, not only as a physical ability, but also as a spiritual capacity, in ability to HEAR on a deeper level, at the level of heart and soul.

When was there a time when really listening to someone made a difference in the person's life or your own? How do you know when you are hearing Christ in His Spirit speaking to you?

5 DAYS UNTIL THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL! COME JOIN THE FUN!

FESTIVAL NEWS:

BE SURE TO PICK UP A FLYER FROM THE BACK OF THE CAULEY CENTER. THIS FLYER HAS A VOLUNTEER SHEET ON ONE SIDE AND FESTIVAL NEWS ON THE OTHER! THE FESTIVAL IS FIVE DAYS AWAY! THERE IS A FINAL MEETING IN THE PASCAL ROOM AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON SUNDAY.



The Jewelry Booth, chaired by Gail Smith, is accepting jewelry to be sold at the Festival. This booth is one of the most popular. So now is a great time to clean out your jewelry drawers or boxes and donate your old jewelry to the Festival. You may drop it off at the rectory office. Also needed are small gift bags for the jewelry.

Volunteers: We need **YOU** to make this festival a success. There are volunteer forms at the back of the Cauley. There are many areas that need your help. Think about where you would like to volunteer. Peruse the form and choose the areas that interest you the most. You may drop the form in the offertory basket or at the rectory.

The Bake Sale Booth is always a popular spot! We need a lot of baked goods for this area. 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. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thanks!



RAFFLE TICKETS: Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. If you haven't purchased the raffle tickets that were sent to you in the mail, **don't delay any longer!** You may return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. The office has more if you need them. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 8 Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM FOR THE INTENTION OF JEAN GORSKI - ST.H
ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

5:00 PM JOCKO MALONEY, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.P
(RAY & PATTY FIORELLI)

Sept. 9 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM TED WIDOMSKI - ST.H
(ROSE NIEDZWIECKI)

10:30 AM EDWARD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. - ST.P
(FAMILY)

Sept. 10 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 11 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 12 Wednesday, The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 13 Thursday, St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 14 Friday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM JOSEPH AND ANTOINETTE CICERO (FAMILY)

Sept. 15 Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM ALEXANDER DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(FAMILY)

5:00 PM MARLENE PACINELLI - ST.P
(DONNA & DOMINICK FORNE)

Sept. 16 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(MARY SHCHOUCHKOFF)

10:30 AM CHRISTOPHER GENCK - ST.P
(TIM AND ELLEN CONBOY)

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

09/08 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/09 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR

11:30 AM Ave Maria Care & Concern Mtg.—R

09/11 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/12 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/15 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/16 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY— Parishes throughout the United States will once again, celebrate **Catechetical Sunday, September 16th**. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that *each person* plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to the ministry of catechesis as a community of faith. The 2012 Catechetical Sunday theme is "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization". What Good News will you share and with whom?

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED – for Jr High and High School How are you using the talents that God has given you? Think of using your talents as the passion you have to do what is good. God has given to you something that no one else has. Each of us brings a unique talent to our parishes. How will you use you talents to bring the Good News of the reign of God to the people you touch?

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

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