

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**



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading again comes from Isaiah, and this is the third time that portions of the Isaiah passage read at the Easter Vigil and used. The reason for its selection is its obvious connection to the Gospel parable that graphically illustrates who different God's ways are from our own. The same God who says "My thoughts are not your thoughts," also asks "Am I not free to do as I please with my money?" Isaiah's message is that God is ever ready to seek out and heal the sinner. Today the urgency of the first lines is motivated not by impending doom but by prospects of rich mercy. "Wake up and be forgiven," the prophet says, More than you could hope for, far more than you would give is the generosity of our God. Repent now, today, while there is still time."

Called the "letter of joy," Paul's letter to the Philippians presents an imprisoned Paul who, though facing death, rejoices equally over the possibilities of living or dying and relishes the opportunities that each offer. The great truth for Paul is that Christ will be glorified both in his dying and his living. Paul is obviously torn, for while he prefers to depart this life and be with Christ, he also desires to go on living for the sake of those he has brought to Christ. While he would honor either option, his love for his spiritual children tips the scales in favor of living for their sakes.

This parable, unique to Matthew, is a story about the kingdom of God in which the main character is an enigmatic "owner" whose behavior, at least in the eyes of his workers, is eccentric. Our first reading told us that God's ways are not our ways and the owner's behavior could not be less like what is expected. Jesus is making a point about the abundance of the Kingdom. "Fair" has a wholly different meaning here, determined not by our small and petty notions but by God's inscrutable wisdom. Everyone can get a full day's pay because payment is not earned but awarded in the Kingdom, and God can be as generous as he wants. While living in the world in the "not yet" of the kingdom, adopting kingdom values will make us "first" in the eyes of God but may put us "last" in human rankings. In the reordered value system of the kingdom, the "first" who serve Christ shall be "last" in the eyes of the world. But in the

end, the first who became last will be the last who become first. Remember—God's ways are not our ways!

Thank you for your help and support of our first "new" downtown Irish Festival. It was a great deal of work done by an army of volunteers, and we had our glitches, but that's to be expected in any first time adventure. By next year, they will all be ironed out.

It's going to be several weeks before we can know the revenue from this year's festival. We have a ton of bills to come in and be paid. We may well be down in revenue due to the expenses of moving downtown, but that's ok. We'll get our act completely together and things will go up from here.

Let me share some information from a new book, *Young Catholic America* done in surveys and interviews conducted among teenagers in 2002 and again in 2008 when they were emerging adults. Their data shows decline in religious practice and begins by focusing on the role of parents in giving children a Catholic identity. The authors conclude that many parents of these millennials were "poorly formed in Catholic faith and life." The reasons are many but the authors point to a long era of institutional weakening of the church.

The ripple effect of this on the formation of a Catholic identity in younger adults is traced and examines the role of Catholic high schools, religious trajectories from youth into adulthood and the ways in which Catholic identity affects a person's life outcome. The authors also offer an excursus on what it means to be Catholic today.

The book's conclusions about the future of young adults in Catholicism are fairly grim. It also offers some correctives to commonly held assumptions about what helps in the formation of a Catholic identity. For example, attending a Catholic high school does not increase a person's odds of staying in the church. Lapsed Catholics are highly likely to remain lapsed for a lifetime, whereas lapsed Protestants are not. The majority of Catholic youth, like most youth, have premarital sex and use birth control. The study finds that young adults are more likely to find Mass rewarding if they can socialize with important adults in their

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their faith community, ie., the priest. In other words, the study shows that it is more important for the priest to greet and socialize with young people attending Mass than it is to give them a homily! The concluding lines of the book are disturbing yet real. "The emerging adults portrayed in the book are entering a religious future that looks increasingly blurry, unpredictable and strange. But, in that strangeness, they may find something new."

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 18,717 pounds of food in August at a cost of \$1,123.64. There were 770 families who came for food and they included 427 elderly and 1,066 children. Thank you for the generous way in which you support this ministry.

Every once in awhile someone will be outside St. Patrick's Church with a sobbing story of poverty and asking for money. Please do NOT give them any money. It's all going for drugs. Those who have situations that we can verify to be true get the needed help; the people who have been at the church are all drug addicts, but they are able to come up with stories that could leave anyone in tears. Don't believe them—please.

We have gluten free hosts if anyone is in need of them. If you want to receive one of them at Communion, please call the parish office during the week and let them know what Mass you will be attending and then when you come into church, identify yourself to the priest-celebrant so that he will know to give you the proper host.

A man was sitting outside a bar enjoying a quiet drink when a nun started lecturing him on the evils of alcohol. "How do you know it's evil?" asked the man. "Have you ever tasted it?" "Of course not," answered the nun. "Then let me buy you a drink and, afterwards, if you still believe that it's evil, I promise I'll never touch another drop. "But I can't possibly be seen to be drinking," said the nun. "Alright," replied the man, "I'll get the bartender to put it in a teacup for you." The man went up to the bar and asked for a beer and a vodka. "And would you mind putting the vodka in a teacup?" he asked. "Oh no," said the bartender, "is that bloody nun back again."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested by Pete & Judy Pentz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$814.00 plus Assistance to Poland Update \$169.00 and Annual Mission Appeal (Sisters of St. St. Benedict) \$225.00. Thank you and God bless.

50th Annual Polonaise Ball

Saturday, November 1st at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. The program consists of dinner, crowning of Miss Polonaise queen and an evening of dancing to the music of Erie's "Mar-Vels". Cost is \$20.00 each for adults, children 10 years and under \$10.00. The evening will begin with a cash bar followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30pm. For tickets and reservations call Cindy Plizga st 814-868-7924.

Life Run 5K - A New Run & Walk

To support pro-life activities and educational projects will take place on Saturday morning, October 11 at Burch Farms, 9210 Sidehill Rd., Northeast, Pa. Come to race or walk the easy off-road course. Registration fee \$25/\$30 after September 27. Ages 7-14 \$15/\$20 after September 27. Freebies: babysitting, sports drinks, parking and wine tasting. Contact Kelly at 814-864-1513 for more information.

"BRETHREN, DO NOT SPEAK AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. HE WHO SPEAKS AGAINST A BROTHER, OR JUDGES HIS BROTHER, SPEAKS AGAINST THE LAW AND JUDGES THE LAW." (JAS. 4:11)

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>September 27</u>	<u>September 28</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Tom Zielinski
	Michelle Moskel	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Charlotte Mabie

PRAY THE ROSARY



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,792.75
Online Giving	1,012.00
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	\$ 7,804.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Let us welcome **Andrew James Palm** who was baptized at St. Patrick's on Saturday, September 13th. Andrew is the son of Ryan and Sarah (Williams) Palm.



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 **Agnes O'Brien** from Chuck Burger; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Edith & Edward Winarczyk** and **Mary & Steve Nemergut** from Irene & John Nemergut; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **William Lacy** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **Paul & Rose Kulich** from Michael Reske, in memory of **Thomas R. Lyons & Nancy Lyons** from Mary & Thomas Lyons, in memory of **Jocko & Issy Maloney** and **Ray & Rose Fiorelli** from Patricia & Ray Fiorelli also donations from Mildred Biebel Joel & Jill Blaga-Walz and Mary Ellen Demyanovich.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carol Habas, Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 28 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

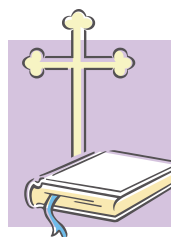
CUP: Michele Wheaton, Audrey Reigel

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Bill & Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

begins Sunday, October 5th during the 10:30 AM Mass. Fr. Kriegel will call for the children to come up and go with Sr. Marie after opening prayer. Children ages 4 thru 10 are encouraged to participate.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 55:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a



In today's Gospel Jesus is offering a point of view of who would be invited into the kingdom and he challenges our human perception and thinking. From the first reading and the Gospel we see that the human concept of generosity is in conflict with the divine perspective. We get caught up with an issue of fairness; but the Gospel is really about generosity of God. Prayer strengthens our relationship with God and our attitudes become one with the attitudes of God. This results in our behaving more generously towards all those we meet. Which is more important to You...being FAIR or being GENEROUS? When have you struggled with generosity?

Register today for the 1:38 Women

conference for Catholic women—Come enjoy a dynamic experience with 1,200 women from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The first annual 1:38 Women conference will be held at the Warner Theatre in Erie on Sat., Oct. 4 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring speakers and opportunities for prayer, adoration and reconciliation as well as Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. All you need to bring is a notebook, your Bible and an open heart! Visit www.138Women.com or call (814) 455-7364 for more information and to register. The day is designed around the theme of Mary's "Yes!" to God found in Luke 1:38: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done to me according to your word."

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 20 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM HARRIET MICHALSKI - ST.H
(THERESA & BOB DZIKOWSKI)

5:00 PM DELPHINE ARDUINI (ANN STAROCCI) - ST.P

Sept. 21 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM SEAMUS KEARNS (MASI FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS
DEC., WEDDING ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

Sept. 22 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 23 *Tuesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Priest*

8:00 AM CHET LONCKI (DOROTHY GLEMOCKI)

Sept. 24 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MILDRED KRAUCHEN, ANNIV.
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

Sept. 25 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM TERRI L. QUINN (HUSBAND, STEPHEN)

Sept. 26 *Friday, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Sept. 27 *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM ROBERT (BOB) OSMER (MARY & JIM) - ST.H

5:00 PM ISABEL BOEH - ST.P
(ED & MARY ELLEN BRENNAN)

Sept. 28 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND - ST.P
(TIM & CINDY BOKOL)

9:00 AM ANNA BUSZEK (PEG GOTZINGER) - ST.H

10:30 AM JUSTINE PURVIS (SR. MARIE) - 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

09/20 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/20 12:00 -11:00 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS

09/21 8:30 -12:30 ERIE IRISH BREAKFAST,
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

09/23 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/24 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/27 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – September 21st

is Catechetical Sunday and the beginning of many parish programs. The theme for this year is *“Teaching About God’s Gift of Forgiveness.”* The Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry began their faith formation sessions last Sunday. Forty-eight families (Kdg – HS) gathered for their opening session to share learn and pray together. Fr. John Jacquel, on behalf of our east side pastors, blessed the children and their families, the children’s books and the Catechists that we may all have a experience the love and joy of knowing Christ more profoundly in our daily living.

SPECIAL REMINDER TO THE FAMILIES – Please join in the special event at Perry Square, **Sunday, Sept 21st from 2-4 pm: My Home – Our Planet - The Future? Commit to Make a Difference.** Come to learn, to play to listen – with activities for all!

REMINDER TO ALL JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS – Your faith formation session Sept. 21st IS YOUR Faith Formation Session for this Sunday. See you there!

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