

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 16, 2014



St. Joseph's Altar—St. Patrick Church

Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the first reading we have the queen mother advising her son, the king. She describes the kind of woman who will be an ideal wife and bring him honor and who can best support and assist him in his kingly responsibilities. It would be easy to imagine a concerned mother today realizing that media and real-life images paint women and wives as objects to be little valued and less trusted. The link between this reading and today's Gospel gives it an even larger purpose. Under the light of the Gospel, this passage reinforces the importance of using our time and resources well and profitably and in a manner that results in readiness for whatever may come.

In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians we are reminded of the end-times. Christians have been fascinated with end-times since the Church's beginnings. It's easy to dismiss such a thought as the mindless speculation of uninformed fanatics who seek what was never promised. And, indeed, such is often the case with doomsayers who predict the "end" is waiting around the calendar's next corner. But, in part, the fascination finds its roots in Scripture that speaks of "signs of the times" that ought not to be missed and that calls for readiness when the time of judgment comes. Each year, the final weeks of our liturgical cycle bring those readings to us in order to remind us that vigilance is necessary and that being always in a ready state is not optional for the faithful Christian. However, those who claim knowledge of the time of the Lord's return forget that such knowledge cannot be had and that anyone who claims to have it is a fraud. So we live in tension, recognizing the need to be watchful and prepared but realizing that no matter what, the "day of the Lord" will inevitable come unexpectedly, "like a thief at night."

In today's Gospel, Matthew describes the owner's harsh treatment of the unprofitable servant. We are told that the servant buried his talents out of "fear." The constant admonition of Jesus, taken up by John Paul II throughout his ministry, was "be not afraid." Fear causes much destructive behavior—of others and of self. Fear narrows and constricts, it dries up creativity, reduces magnanimity, and casts the other as a threat, making us leery and causing us to "do to others before they can do to us." This is a parable about the Kingdom that says fear has no place within God's reign. Allowing himself to be controlled by fear is what brings judgment upon the "wicked, lazy servant." For the master, this fear is not a minor lapse but a serious fault that can't be overlooked. So the little the servant has is taken and given to the one whose assets are already plentiful.

Now that the flu season has started, we will discontinue the Cup at Communion. We will begin again when the season subsides.

I've had wonderful comments about the "Parish Office" sign in front of the rectory. Tom Brunner designed it and had it made for us. He went so far as to dig the hole and cement the sign in place. I am so grateful for his talent and expertise.

Is anyone looking for a special way to give a Christmas gift this year? We have a family with two young children and expecting a third. They struggle to make ends meet, and are the most loving and honest people I know. They could desperately use some help giving Christmas to their children. They don't care about themselves but they worry because they can't give gifts for their children. Most of all they would want clothing, sneakers, coats, etc. If anyone is interested, call the parish office and we'll direct you to what they need.

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

I'm grateful for the presence of Father Tom Fialkowski and Monsignor Richard Sullivan who are celebrating the weekend Masses at St. Patrick's. I will be back later this week. These retired priests are a blessing to the rest of us because without them, we would never be able to get away.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the church year. We then begin Advent with our gospels this year coming from Mark.

We will again be offering Scripture classes during Lent this year. One will be on the Biblical Mary, another on the Apostles, a third one on the people of the New Testament and the last class will be an overview of who composed the bible—both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

We're still in need of volunteers to help us with our Homeless Shelter February 11—24. We will use the Social Center of the Russian Church of the Nativity at Front and German Streets to house approximately 60 people each night. We need to serve them a meal at 7:30 PM and we need at least three people on each shift: 7 PM—11 PM; 11 PM—3 AM and 3 AM until 7:30 AM. We would also like to serve them a very simple breakfast perhaps of rolls and coffee. Dinner in the evening can be as simple as soup and rolls along with a beverage. This is a unique opportunity for us to share the blessings we have with those who can't care for themselves. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office, letting us know what you can do and what date or dates you would be willing to help. We will have a brief training session in early January.

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your estate? You can leave a bequest for a specific purpose or a general bequest.

A frantic nurse ran into the doctor's office and said, "That man you just gave a clean bill of health to has just dropped dead outside the office door. What are we to do?" "Quick," the doctor told the nurse. "Turn him around so it looks as if he was coming in and just didn't get here in time."

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online. Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyberbullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

A Family Perspective

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement 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, November 18, 2014.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls." (Proverbs 31:10) Describe the value of your wife in poetic terms today. Go ahead try it! If you are the wife, try filling in the blank: When one finds a worthy husband, his value is far beyond _____.

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 caregiver. 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, November 20th, 2014.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,264.00
Online Giving	957.00
Total Income	\$ 9,221.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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 **Robert Herzog** from Erie Maennerchor, Mercyhurst University, Dr. & Mrs. Oscar Schmitt, General Electric Retirees, and Mr. & Mrs. James Sertz

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the Ave Maria Care & Concern Society

Donations to the Food Pantry:

In memory of **Charles Burger** from Eileen & Paul Balczun, Kathleen & James Wehan, and Yvonne Gersims

In memory of **John (Jack) Anderson** from Norma & Jim Kalie

In memory of **Loved Ones** from Charla Leemhuis

In memory of **Bill Liscinski** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski

In memory of **Ellen Bertone** from Jane & Joseph Nies

In memory of **Trish Sinnott Hardner** from Jeff Hardner

Also donations:

from Barbara & Mark Sargent, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Sue & Warren Weber, Jeanne & Wellie Yapple, JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Judy & Phillip Kelly, Ed & Genny Chizewick, Mary & Bill Flanagan and Dotty & Michael Schloss

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Lynne Long, Tom Golab, Patty Dailey

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearny,
Charla Leemhuis

CUP: Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

Please call the office or email your availability for December and especially Christmas! Thank you!

All Souls Day Memorial:

Requested by: Jean Wroblewski

In Memory Of: Parents, Frank and Mary Ann Wroblewski; sister, Frances Gresh; Barbara McGill, Katherine and John Weber, Carol Gustafson, All Loved Ones and Veterans

Requested by: Tom & Darlene Kozesky

In Memory Of: Bob & Betty Weiland, Walter E. Kozesky, Tim Katchur, Paul Robert Popka Jr.

62nd Anniversary Homecoming: Charles G. and Enid Reynolds Gardner are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary with Mass at St. Patrick's on 11/15/ 2014. They were the first "mixed marriage" permitted at the altar of St. Patrick's; officiated by Father Thomas Plunkett. Because no Mass was allowed for mixed marriages in 1952, the Nuptial Mass took place on their 25th Anniversary in Hampton, VA with their 15yr old son, Charles Paul, as Altar Boy, who presented them with a Papal Blessing from their Pastor, Fr. Leonard Cordier, CSSR.

SafeNet, Erie's only Accredited Domestic Violence Agency, is seeking donations of used Christmas ornaments and lights. If you'd like to donate Christmas items, please call SafeNet at 814-455-1774. Thank you.

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 a **Special Intention**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gary M. & Laura A. Borowy and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$950.00** Thank you and God bless.

Additional All Souls Intentions

In memory of Daniel Nowosielski (Father), Norberto Jargorin (Father) and Edward C. Miller requested by Raymond and Gemma Nowosielski....

Masses Celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Boleslaw Tyczkowski (Family), Chet Loncki (Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Ann Kruszewicz (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Frank Olszewski (Lydia Borowy), Hedwig Lynch (Gary & Laura Borowy), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Tom & Carol Kurpiewski), Peter Zielinski (Josephine Bartnik).

Rosary Society Bake Sale

The annual St. Hedwig Rosary Society Bake Sale was held on Election Day, November 4th. It was a great success considering the very low turnout. The winners of the Bake Raffle were **Art Blum** and **Kathy Fuller**. The Bake Sale raised **\$929.00** for St. Hedwig Parish. Thank you to all who baked, all who worked and all who purchased.

PRAY THE ROSARY
DAILY



Rosary Society Christmas Party

The Rosary Christmas Party is Sunday, December 7th at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons from 1 until 5pm. There will be a delicious buffet as well as prizes awarded through a Chinese Auction, Your Choice, Main Award, bakery boxes as well as a 50-50. We will also have 2 Gift Card raffles totaling \$100 each displayed in a Christmas setting. **All tickets must be purchased by November 30. No tickets will be sold at the door.** Admission is \$7.00 per person. You do not need to be a member of the Rosary Society to attend. For more tickets and reservations call Dolly Bargielski at 825-3856.

CATS

After a 21-year run in London and an 18-year run on Broadway, the Broadway smash hit CATS is making its Northwest Pennsylvania high school stage debut at Mercyhurst Preparatory School on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 20th-22nd at 7pm and Sunday, November 23 at 3pm. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$7, Seniors \$6 and Students \$5.

Anxious about the upcoming Holidays?

Learning to live life as a single person can be very difficult for anyone who has suffered the end of their marriage due to divorce, separation or death. Knowing that the holidays can be especially complicated for many, Catholic Charities Transitions Ministry invites you to attend a special program entitled "Coping With Life Alone during the Holidays". It will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie from 2 until 4pm. A brief program with discussion and a short prayer service will be offered, followed by light refreshments. RSVP by November 20th by calling 814-824-1265 or email at familylife@erieRCD.org. There is no cost for this program.

A November Prayer

In your unending love and mercy for us, you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Bring our beloved, who have passed from this world, to life everlasting. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

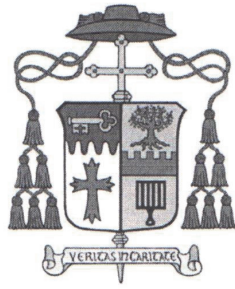
St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 22

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



October 31, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On the weekend of November 22-23 a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign For Human Development (CCHD).

In the United States alone, 46 million people live in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to break the cycle of poverty by helping people help themselves. Projects supported by CCHD move beyond providing basic needs. They work to build healthy, sustainable futures for communities.

CCHD has supported, for example, Boston's Haley House, which began offering bakery training at the request of a few regular guests at their soup kitchen. The demand for the training became so great that Haley House created a six-month course that includes customer relations and basic business principles. Now 70 Haley House trainees are employed in the Boston area. Haley House also runs cooking classes for at-risk teens and a transitional employment program that provides holistic, individual support to men and women re-entering the community after incarceration.

This collection is the primary source for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Half of the funds from this collection remain here in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. CCHD's funds offer hope each year to those living in poverty throughout the United States.

Please help us defend human dignity and show Christ's charity to those in need by giving generously to the special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico

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



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LITURGY INTENTIONS**Nov. 15** *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)5:00 PM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI - ST.P
(DAUGHTERS, MARSHA GENSHIEMER AND
PATTI GRAY)**Nov. 16** *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM MARY JEAN CIOCCIO - ST.P
(MR.& MRS. GARY KOBIELSKI)10:30 AM BARBARA KORN - ST.P
(JOSEPH & JOAN CWIKLINSKI)**Nov. 17** *Monday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 18 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 19 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 20 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 21 *Fri.day, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 22 *Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*4:00 PM STEPHEN JOSEPH MAGOC - ST.H
(CHRIS & MARY ELLEN MAGOC)5:00 PM MARIAN & RICHARD GLAZ - ST.P
(DAVE & ANNETTE HALE)**Nov. 23** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of the Universe*8:00 AM PARISH SHUT-INS & PARISH FAMILIES - ST.P
(AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)10:30 AM RICHARD JOHN ECCHER, ANNIV. - ST.P
(FAMILY)**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

11/15 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/16 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr 6 - Holy Rosary**11/18** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**11/19** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**11/22** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/23 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Jr./Sr. High - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

A Moment of ReflectionReading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The people in today's Gospel lived with the belief that all of the talents and goods of the world had already been distributed. For some, the only way to get more was to be dishonest. Living as we do, in a world of abundance, our challenge is to put all of our talents to the service of life and others. Our call is to live counter-culturally, to allow the Gospel to change our outlook in every aspect of our lives. We live here in the United States very differently than those in other parts of the world. How do we use our talents to give the Gospel new life? What talent have you buried? For what personal gift do you give God special thanks?

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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E-MAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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Moving

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