

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 23, 2014



St. Hedwig Church

Saint Patrick Parish

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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 last Sunday of the church year and is always celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday we begin a new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. Today's reading focuses on the future. It feeds our imagination and presents a God who says, "I will tend my sheep;" a Son of God whom we will hear in the second reading in whom "all shall be brought to life; and a Son of Man, we learn in the gospel, who will "come again in his glory." All of our readings today work together to engender great expectations. Ezekiel paints an image of God as one who looks after us like a shepherd. In Israelite history, the images of shepherd and king were closely connected, stemming from David the shepherd king. Ezekiel is teaching during the exile, a trauma that befell Israel in part because her kings had been false shepherds who led their people astray. Now God assumes the role of shepherd and rescues the scattered, binds up the injured and destroys the sleek and the strong.

While our readings help us look forward to a time of fulfillment, Paul today takes us back to Adam and our beginnings. He begins by proclaiming that Christ is raised, the first to rise of those who have fallen asleep. But then he considers how we arrived at this point and the formula is simple: first came Adam and death, then came Jesus and resurrection. Paul proclaims Christ first and then affirms our future resurrection.

Last year's gospel for today was a king reigning from a cross; next year it will be a criminal standing before a human authority who wields power of life or death. Today's figure comes from the heavens and sits on a glorious throne, but he identifies so closely with the weak and the poor that he insists there is no distinction between him and them. He continues as he asks us how we could have been so blind and ignored the hungry, the thirsty, the ill and imprisoned of this world.

I am hoping that we can get a number of volunteers from both parishes to help St. Martin's Center with their Shining Stars Program, a program which supplies Christmas gifts to children. This year they hope to meet the needs of 1,300 children. First of all, they are still in need of gifts. Beyond that, they need volunteers for the following dates: December 8-12 to pick up gifts from local groups. Dec. 12th—begin organizing gifts in the evening. Dec. 13—finish organizing in the morning and finish when everything is ready. They also need volunteers December 16 & 17 to give out the gifts to families. They also need volunteers to staff Santa's Workshop. The staff will give clear directions on what is needed to be done, but they are very short of volunteers. You can contact Rita Zawatki at 452-6113 and tell her when you would be available. I can't think of anything more touching than to see the faces of these children when they receive a Christmas gift that their parents cannot afford to give them.

We will have stars on a tree in St. Patrick's Church with the name of a child, age, sex and suggested gift. If you are interested in helping, you can take one of the stars and then return it and the gift to St. Patrick's rectory.

As I mentioned last week, St. Patrick's Parish is going to host a homeless shelter Feb. 11—24 at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front and German Streets. We need volunteers who would be willing to prepare a meal for up to 60 people to be served at 7:30 PM. It can be as simple as soup and rolls and a beverage or anything beyond that. We also need volunteers to prepare a simple breakfast to be served at 7:00 AM. That can be rolls, coffee and juice. Then we need people to staff the shelter in shifts from 7 PM-11 PM; 11 PM-3 AM; 3 AM-7:30 AM. We need at least 3 people on each shift including at least one man. I'm hoping that you will step forward and help with this project. You can all the parish office and let them know what you are

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able to volunteer for. We will have a short training session in early January. We're also in need of WINTER clothing for people, ie., underwear, socks, shoes, coats, towels, jeans, gloves.

A new study by the Barna Group have found that 38% of Americans—and nearly half of Americans born since 1984— are “post Christian” or “churchless.” “We are far from being an atheist nation,” said David Kinnaman, president of the polling firm. “There are tens of millions of active believers in America today. But the wall between the church and the churchless is growing higher and more impenetrable as more people have no memory of what it means to be a regular attendee at a house of worship.” The study goes on to note that when the unchurched were asked to describe what they believe are the positive and negative contributions of Christianity in America, almost half (49%) could not identify a single favorable impact of the Christian community.

Bishop Persico and 15 priests recently shared dinner at St. Patrick's and the quote of the evening was “26 under 50”. That's the number of priests we have under the age of 50!!!

Ole and Sven die in a snowmobiling accident, drunker than skunks. They end up in hell and the devil observes that they're enjoying themselves. “Vell, you know we're from norden Minnesota, da land of snow and ice, and ve're just happy fer a chance to warm up.” The devil decides to turn up the heat and when he returns sees the two of them in light jackets fishing for walleye and drinking beer. The devil is astounded and Sven replies, “Vell, ya know, ve don't get too much varm veather, so ve've yust got ta haff a fish fry ven da veather's nice.” The devil is furious and finally comes up with an answer. He decides to turn off the heat and by the next morning the temperature is 60 degrees below zero, people are shivering so bad they are unable to wail, moan or gnash their teeth. When the devil walks in, there are Ole and Sven in parkas, bomber hats and mittens and jumping up and down, cheering and screaming. The devil is dumbfounded and both of them look at him in surprise and say, “Vell, you know, if hell is froze over, dat must mean da Vikings von da Super Bowl.”

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Give THANKS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention.**

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Alyce Bortz** requested by Helen Dombrowski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by his wife Janice. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$620.00 and \$220.00 for Mission Sunday Collection. Thank you and God bless.

Masses Celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Robert T. Niedzwiecki (Jean & Jim Gorski), Sigmund Prochowski (John & Cynthia Weber), Edward Bukowski (Linda Zausen), Hattie Gleba (Jim & Gena Agostine), Mercedes Kalata (Frank & Chin), Raymond Ruffley Sr. (Helen Zielinski), Hedwig Lynch (St. Hedwig Rosary Society).

St. Hedwig Rosary Society Christmas Party

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th at the Third 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 each totaling \$100. **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. Join us for a wonderful afternoon.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 29

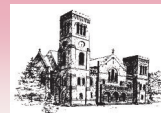
Saturday

4:00 PM

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



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,825.00
Online Giving	952.00
Campaign for Human Development	259.00
Total Income	\$ 6,036.00

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 Michael Victor, Chris & Barbara Vinson, Frank Victor, Sally Rouch, Louis & Georgia Markopolos, Francis & Mary Therese Riley

The **Restoration Fund** in memory of Dwayne Trautman from Christopher & Lisa Rakow

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of Michael Belotti from Francis Silay

Donations to the Food Pantry:

In memory of **Marion & MK** from Jamie & James Antoun

In memory of her **Parents** from Judith Emling

In memory of **Barbara Korn** from David Korn

In memory of **Antonio Castellanos & Carmen Castellanos** from Roberta & Craig McCune

In memory of **Edward O'Day** from Marilyn McClellan

In memory of **Deceased Members** from the Huzar Club

Also donations from:

Mary Williams, Barbara Brairton, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Judy & Philip Kelly, Kathleen Horan and Dotty & Michael Schloss.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE



of the Sister Pascal Food Pantry of Saturday, December 6, 2014 following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick's. Volunteers will be on hand to show the operation that serves the needs of many Families in Erie's East Bayfront. The Food Pantry is located in the Northeast Corner of St Pat's Church. Please pass the word as **ALL** are welcome to visit.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Tom Golab, Yvonne Gersims, Shirley Winschel

CUP: Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 30, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Gail Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Audrey Reigel, Michelle Tortorelli, Ed Brown

CUP: Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Sarah Pristello, Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin

The lector books for 2015 are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Please call the office or email your availability for Christmas Services. Thank you!

WELCOME

ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS

Patrick Simpson, Mary Nelson, Denise & Robert Manchester, Kathleen & George Moylan, Kathryn Moylan, Debra Yoculan, John Godish, Carla & Reid Grapes, Brandon Kemmer, Jennifer Ritter, Sara & Michael Musone

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Nov. 24 *Monday, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 25 *Tuesday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM RICHARD MOSKELS (GREAT GRAND CHILDREN)

Nov. 26 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY ANN (DECK) CLARKE
(PATRICIA DONALDSON)

Nov. 27 *Thursday, Thanksgiving Day*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 28 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 29 *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM FRANK CHESNY, ANNIV - ST.H
(THE TORBIC FAMILY)

5:00 PM WILLIAM J. & JANE WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(FAMILY)

Nov. 30 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM HAROLD WAYLAND (NANCY GREEN) - ST.P

10:30 AM JANET BINDSEIL & DOLORES BINDSEIL - ST.P
(TREVA & JOHN LASKOWSKI)

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

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

11/25 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

11/26 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

11/27 OFFICE CLOSED, THANKSGIVING DAY

11/28 OFFICE CLOSED

11/29 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/30 NO RELIGIOUS ED SESSIONS

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Ezekiel 23:1-2,2-3,5,6

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



In this week's Gospel, it appears that THE criterion of final judgment has to do with how one person treats another. By recognizing the value of an individual soul, our behavior towards others is meant to reflect compassion and care whether the person is poor, sick, in prison, etc. We are encouraged to model our behavior on that of Jesus who is the Good Shepherd. As our own relationship with Jesus grows and is strengthened, our choices of behavior towards others becomes more divinely influenced. By the standard of today's Gospel, where might Christ put you - with the sheep, or with the goats? How responsive are you to the hungry, the thirsty, the alien, those in prison?

Thanksgiving

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory