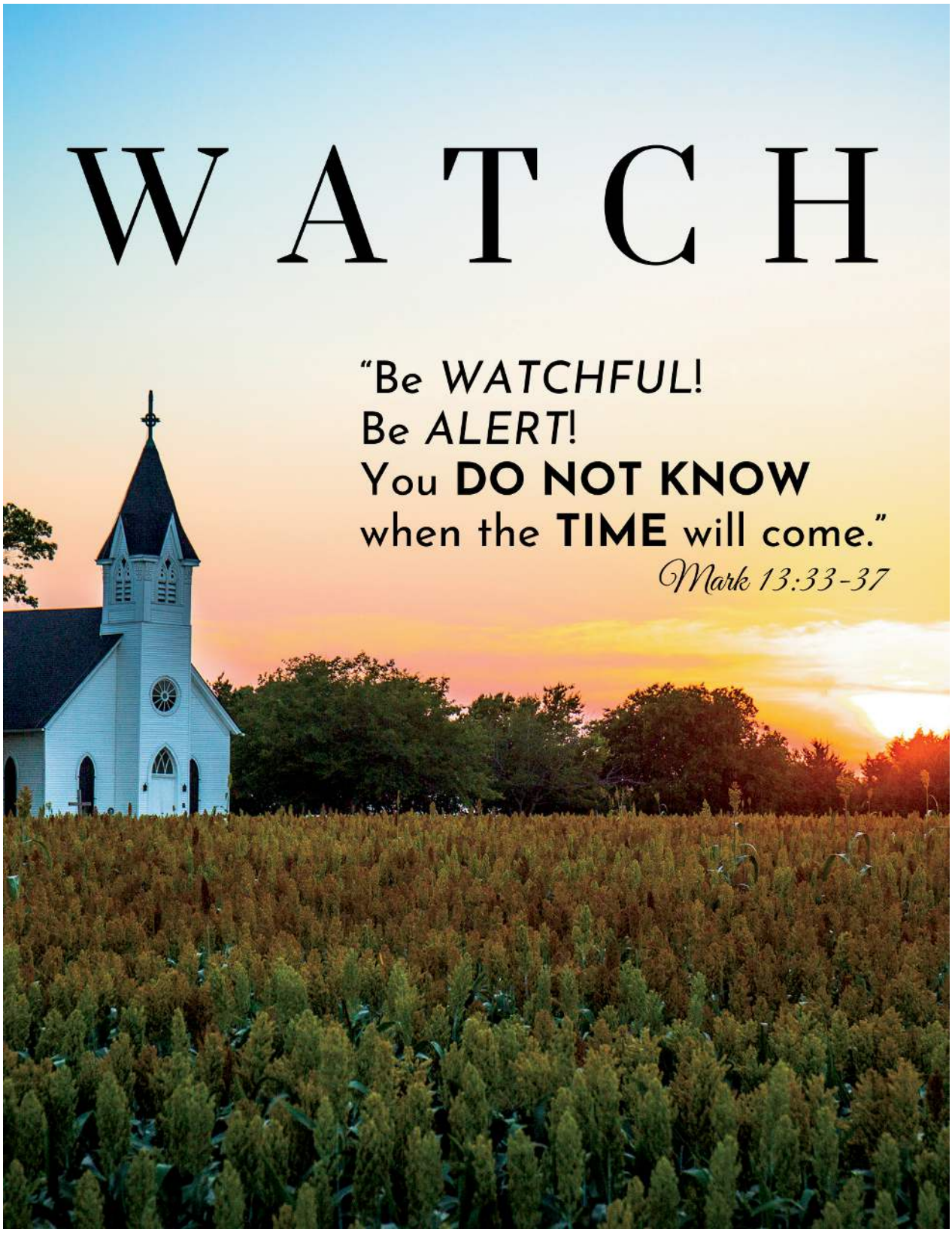
Our Lady of Peace



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The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated each month on the 1st Sunday at 11AM Mass & 3rd Sunday at 12:30PM. A mandatory prep class for parents is available.
Sacrament of Matrimony An appointment with a parish priest six months prior to the wedding date.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesdays 11:15AM-12:00PM
Saturdays 8:30-9AM; 3:45-4:45PM
or by appointment.
New Parishioners Welcome! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or online.
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation)
Anyone seeking information on becoming Catholic or completing one's initiation into the Catholic faith should call the Parish Office.
Prayer Request Line:
9AM-3PM Edie 814-651-5952
3PM-9PM Barb 814-392-8348



Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of Peace is a Catholic community of faith called to proclaim the greatness of the Lord through Worship, Service, Education and Ministry.

We lead people into communion with God through Jesus Christ. We are **passionately faithful**, **committed to mission**, and have **hearts like Mary**.

Passionate Faith

Holding firm and holding fast to our Catholic tradition.
2 Thess. 2:15

West Millcreek Food Pantry

The following are suggested items to purchase each week; you May but what is on sale; non-perishables are accepted. CEREAL is always needed as well as reusable grocery bags.

November 2026

29th Coffee / Tea / Juice



Pantry is OPEN
(every 2nd & 4th Tuesday) 9-11AM for those living in Millcreek & for OLP Parishioners, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3642 W. 26th St.

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is asking for *extra food donations*:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Pet Food
- Laundry Supplies
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Reusable Grocery Bags

Thank you!



OLP PRAYS

Prayer is an essential part of our lives. It keeps us connected to each other and our brothers and sisters in Christ. YOU can be a part of this vital ministry.

- Volunteer to pray and join one of our prayer teams.
- Submit a prayer request to our prayer line for yourself or a loved one.
  - **Between 9am-3pm: call, text or email Edie at 814-651-5952, ejt1125@gmail.com**
  - **Between 3pm-9pm: call, text or email Barb at 814-392-8348, dylewski49@hotmail.com**
- Write your prayer intentions in the Book of Intentions the next time you are at church

For more information call or text: Dee Yeager 814-241-8767

Sunday's Readings:

Entrance Antiphon - To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. / In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. / Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading -We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm - Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading - God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel - Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

Family Discussion of the Week: : **God's Faithfulness**

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Adults: How do you know when you're following Christ and living his teachings faithfully?

Kids: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

SANCTUARY LAMP - is burning this week in memory of Andrew Polakowski - Family.

CHAPEL LAMP - is burning this week in memory of Leonard B. Jankowski – Fred & Evelyn Fried.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026
7:00AM Andrew Polakowski - Family
12:10PM Mary Mancuso – Friends
Church offices closed today and will reopen Tuesday, December 1st.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
7:00AM Robin Murphy - Corky
12:10PM Special Intention for John & Joan Sanza
6:00 PM **Parish Advent Experience** (held in the OLP School Cafeteria)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026
7:00AM Dennis Buto – OLP Rosary Society
12:10PM Jessica Bogden – Majewski Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026
7:00AM Mary Ann Wargo – Friend of Family
12:10PM Brian Fried – Mom & Dad
2:00PM **School Mass** – Caroline Joy DiPlacido – Ehrman Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026
7:00AM Lawrence & Thelma Swick – Bill & Tamara Swick
12:10PM John & Nancy Yochim – Joe & Dianne

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
8:00AM John Molder - Family
5:00PM Joseph Kostolansky – Daughter, Joan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026
Second Sunday of Advent
7:30AM Marian D'Aurora - Family
9:00AM Theresa Patalita – Julie & Mike Srnka & Family
11:00AM John Hodas – 11 AM Mass Ministries
OCIA Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming
4:30PM Living and Deceased Members of OLP

The church will remain open for private prayer Monday through Thursday from 7AM-8PM and Friday 7AM-4:00PM
Confessions available:
Wednesdays 11:15AM-Noon
Saturdays 8:30-9:00AM & 3:45-4:45PM
During Advent- After All Sunday Masses
Tuesday, December 22nd- 7:30-8:00AM
Wednesday, December 23- 6:00-7:00PM
or by appointment – call the church office

Daily at 11:40AM **All are welcome!**
The Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary is prayed daily prior to the 12:10 Mass. Mary invites all her children to pray her Rosary. Also, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed following the 12:10 Mass in the Chapel.



Readings for the Week of November 29th

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,12-13,17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:1-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel calls us to "Be watchful." Families already practice this: parents watch over their children's health, grades, and friendships, while children notice their parents' moods. The gospel invites us to direct that attentiveness toward God's presence in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness found within our families. "Be watchful"-the Lord is already with you.

OLP 31 Club

Praying for vocations every day of the year!

Members go to daily Mass on a particular day each month and offer that Mass for an increase in vocations. One of the best ways to increase vocations is through prayer, and the greatest prayer we have is the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Upcoming Mass commitments:
Nov. 29: Linda M., Janet A.
Nov. 30: Bethann D., Linda D., Julie M., James S.
Dec. 1: Maxine R., Mark S., Pat B.
Dec. 2: Kathy W., Deacon Dennis K.
Dec. 3: Linda D., Virginia S.
Dec. 4: Arlene B., Catherine C., Denny D.
Dec. 5: Joyce K.
Dec. 6: Maxine B., Denise & Michael G., Susan F.

To join the OLP 31 Club, please call Dave or Kathy Wayman at 814-397-6443. There are no dues and no meetings, only opportunities for grace and the satisfaction that comes from helping to fulfill a great need in the Church.

When at Mass offer the Mass for Vocations by praying the prayer below:
O God, who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * St. Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * Who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen. Serra Prayer for Vocations

To my spiritual family of Our Lady of Peace-

Happy New Year (liturgically speaking) and a blessed Advent to you! The word advent comes from the Latin "adventus" which means "coming." We ready ourselves for the Second Coming of Christ at the Final Judgment while remembering the true meaning of His first coming on that first Christmas Day. Advent has been a period of preparation for over 1,500 years of the Church's tradition and has been seen as a time for new beginnings.

As Advent is a season of new beginnings it is a great time to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is THE Sacrament of new beginnings. So, there is no more appropriate and effective way to prepare for the gift of Christ and Christmas than to experience the Amazing Grace and Mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Here are the opportunities for this great gift during Advent at OLP:

1. Confessions after all Sunday Masses
2. Normal weekly opportunities- Wednesdays from 11:15am-Noon; Saturdays from 8:30-9am and 3:45-4:45pm
3. "The Light Is On For You"- Wednesday, December 16th from 5-7pm. All participating Erie churches are open for confessions during this time and OLP will have 3 confessors.
4. Extra Confession Times in Late Advent: Tuesday, December 22nd- after 7am Mass (7:30-8am) and Wednesday, December 23rd from 6-7pm.
5. By appointment with Fr. Luke or myself.

May God bless our celebrations of Christ the King, Thanksgiving and the rest of our week ahead!
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rich

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of our parish & school…. pray for us!
St. Nicholas, patron of the Erie Catholic School System. pray for us!
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the Catholic Church of the USA… pray for us!
St. Joseph, universal patron of the church…. pray for us!
St. Patrick, patron of the Diocese of Erie…. pray for us!

Other notes from the pastor…

**__First Friday Adoration__ (December 5th) is this week from 7:30am-7pm Benediction.

**__St. Martin Center Gift Cards__ Our parish Advent Service Project continues until Tuesday, December 8th. Drop off your gift cards of $25 and $50 from Target, Walmart or Kohls at the parish office. They will be used for gifts for families distributed through St. Martin Center.

**__Please note__ that we have found a few hosts in some of the pew racks and hymnals mainly in the middle right front pews of the church over the last 6 months. Our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist makes this very concerning even though we do not definitely know they have been consecrated hosts. Please let one of the priests or the sacristans know immediately if you find a host or if you see someone put a host in a book or pew rack. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**__iGiveCatholic 2026__ has begun with the day of giving approaching on Tuesday, December 1st. Because of the upcoming Capital Campaign in 2027 we will be conducting at OLP early next year we did not promote #iGiveCatholic as we typically would. However, you are still welcome to donate to OLP- all proceeds will go towards continuing to build our Renovation Fund.

**__Advent Community Gathering__ Our Advent gathering will take place earlier this year. Plan to join us on Tuesday, December 1st:

6pm Dinner provided by Families Together
6:30pm Prayer Service
6:45pm Various Activities including…
-Sorting Thanksgiving Food Drive Donations
-Frosting (and Eating!) Christmas Cookies
-Project Linus with blanket panels to decorate
-Other Advent crafts

**__Advent Evening of Reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe__ On Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30pm Nearly 500 years ago something extraordinary happened on a small hill in Tepeyac, Mexico. Mary teaches us how to wait with hearts open to the will of God. Join us and invite Mary to accompany you this Advent. This is a great way to extend our mini-Marian journey that we take every Advent between December 8th (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) and December 12th (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) with Our Lady of Loreto sandwiched in between (December 10th).

**__Masses this Week__ *Monday, Nov. 30th-* St. Andrew, Apostle (brother of Peter and fisherman); *Tuesday, Dec. 1st, Wednesday, Dec. 2nd* and *Saturday, December 5th-* Advent Weekdays; *Thursday, Dec. 3rd-* St. Francis Xavier. Priest (friend of St. Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first Jesuits who brought Catholicism to Japan); *Friday, Dec. 4th-* St. John Damascen, Priest and Doctor of the Church (8th Century Theologian who defended the use of Icons and images of the sacred).



The Light is ON for You.

Confessions will be heard at these churches on
Wednesday, December 16 - 5-7pm

Whether it's been a month or 50 years, all are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity to prepare their hearts for the birth of the Saviour.

Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Our Lady of Peace
Our Lady of The Lake, Edinboro
St. Boniface
St. George
St. John the Baptist
St. Joseph
St. Jude the Apostle
St. Julia
St. Lawrence, Albion
St. Luke
St. Peter Cathedral

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP

Take a picture of me and share me!

Annual Clothing Distribution Party

When: Saturday, December 5, 2026
#FirstSaturdayEachDecember

NEW LOCATION FOR 2026

ST. JAMES PLACE
2622 Buffalo Road Erie, PA 16510
(Across the street from St. James Catholic Church @ Route 20 / Buffalo Road & Bird Drive, Wesleyville)

Free clothing available for men, women and children.

Free snacks and refreshments.

All are welcome - no questions asked.

For more information, please contact the Community Outreach Group @
email TimNow.CommOutrchGrp@gmail.com
or text/call 814.566.6435

#CommOutrchGrp #ErieCDP #FirstSaturdayEachDecember

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH GROUP



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 8

5:30pm Vigil Mass (December 7th)
7:00am, 12:10pm, 2:00pm (school)

"LOVE"

A CANTATA BY JOEL RANEY

THIS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF MUSIC TELLS THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH SCRIPTURAL NARRATION AND FAMILIAR CAROLS SET TO A WIDE RANGE OF MUSICAL STYLES.

HEAR THIS BEAUTIFUL COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MUSIC MINISTRIES OF OUR LADY OF PEACE AND ABIDING HOPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
2:00PM
ABIDING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2402 W. GRANDVIEW BLVD., ERIE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD
2:00PM
OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
2401 W. 38TH ST., ERIE

Advent brings the promise of love, peace, hope and joy!. . .
Ring in the news, ring in the good news!

A free will offering will be taken at each concert

RISEN & ROOTED RCYM FUNDRAISER

For those IN K-5TH GRADE

RISEN & ROOTED KID'S NIGHT OUT SCHEDULE

OPEN TO KIDS FROM ANY SCHOOL



$30+ $5 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD IN THE SAME FAMILY

DEC 11, JAN 15, MAR 5, MAY 7
OUR LADY OF PEACE CAFETERIA
5:30-9:00PM



Dinner, snacks, crafts, games, & prayer included.
Must RSVP, no walk in's. Limited spots.
Sign in/out Cafeteria at OLP!
Regarding volunteers, we will have youth group participants due to this being a fundraiser

RSVP to sarah.beaver@olp.org by the Wednesday before!

Happy New Liturgical Year



Happy New Year!

Yes, happy new year to all Catholics – not in 5 weeks but now!

With the first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins its new year – a new liturgical year, that is. Just as the earth has its seasons through which it cycles year after year, so the Church has seasons through which it cycles following the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Our Lord, year in and year out.

The liturgical year consists of a seasonal (also known as temporal) cycle and a sanctoral cycle, As Vatican II's document on the liturgy tells us, in the seasonal cycle, known as the Proper of Seasons, the Church once again lives the whole "mystery of Christ, from the incarnation and birth until the ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the coming of the Lord" (Sacrosanctum Concilium #102). In the sanctoral cycle, known as the Proper of Saints, the Church celebrates and holds up as examples the martyrs and saints already with Christ in Heaven, giving special place of honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord.
The liturgical year is made up of six seasons: ·

- **Advent** - four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth · Christmas - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world ·
- **Lent** - a six-week period of penance in preparation for the celebration of the Easter Triduum ·
- **Sacred Paschal Triduum** - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus ·
- **Easter** - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit ·
- **Ordinary Time** - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

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The liturgical year is also reflected in the readings at Mass. The Sunday readings follow a three-year cycle, Year A, Year B and Year C. Year A uses readings from the Gospel of Matthew, Year B from the Gospel of Mark and Year C from the Gospel of Luke, with readings from the Gospel of John on certain Feast Days and for certain particular times, such as on Good Friday. The weekday readings follow a two-year cycle, years 1 and 2.

The mystery of Christ unfolds through the cycle of the liturgical year and calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the other saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. The celebration of the saints does not take away from the mystery of Christ, rather both form a marvelous harmony. The **Blessed Virgin Mary** is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son, and the feasts of all the **saints** proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants and offer the faithful fitting examples for their imitation .

Advent 2026



First Week of Advent - November 29-December 5

What is Advent? The word Advent is from the Latin adventus for “coming” and is associated with the four weeks of preparation of our hearts for Christmas. It is a time for reflection, prayer and action.

Get out your Advent Wreath ahead this year and make it part of your preparations for Christmas to pray daily. Our waiting has begun. As we light the first candle, it creates a dim light against a world that often seems foreboding and dark. Why do we light a candle? We light it because we are a people of hope.

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Actions for the first week of Advent:
Perform an act of kindness for someone you do not know.
Send a card to a friend or loved one who has lost a family member during this year and let them know you are praying for them and thinking of them.
Make a gift of your time or money to a charitable organization that helps the poor.
Find an opportunity to be the hands of God. Say a kind word and listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.

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Second Week

December 6 - 12

Advent is the "trifecta" of celebrations: (1) Celebrating the birth of Christ. (2) Waiting for Christ's return to Earth again. (3) Waiting for Christ to come into our hearts. In a culture where we are so used to instant gratification, we have most certainly lost the art of waiting. We've lost the wonder and contemplation needed to appreciate the beauty and mystery of Advent. How can we find Christ at Christmas if we aren't watching and waiting for Him.

Advent gives us a chance to really commit our minds where it matters most, on the next life.
How do I do that?
Quit being "too busy" to be faithful. It's a busy time, we get it. You have to do the thing with the thing before the thing and then you have to rush off to another thing, and there's just not enough time in the day. If you wait for the time, it'll never come. So make room in your life, in your heart. Turn off your phone. Set aside the to-do list. Light a candle. Say a prayer. Sit in the chapel with Jesus. Use your advent wreath each day.

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.
O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.



Actions for the Second Week of Advent:
Send a get-well card for someone in the hospital.
Send a Christmas card to a young person you know. Remind them that you are praying for them, and remind them of the faith significance of the upcoming holiday.
Let God's mercy and love operate in your own life. Make up with a friend or family member you have been fighting with.
Renew your commitment to a special time of Advent prayer each day throughout the season. Say a prayer sometime today for our country. Learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego.
Pray for St. Lucy's intercession that we not be blinded by our personal goals, but always seek what God wants us to do.

Third Week

December 13 - 19

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" and reminds us to Rejoice in the Lord always. It expresses our joy and anticipation of the birth of Christ.
Pope Francis reminds us that "We must be awake, alert, vigilant. Jesus warns us: there is the danger of not realizing His coming and being unprepared for His visit. I have recalled on other occasions what Saint Augustine said: 'I fear the Lord who passes by'...that is, I fear that He will pass by and I will not recognize Him!" Advent is the time we can be shaken out of our lethargy and awakened "from our slumber" to be vigilant always. God conceals Himself in the most ordinary of situations. We should not be waiting for extraordinary events. Make time to look for God's presence in daily situations. He reminds us that if we are unaware of this reality today, we will be unprepared when He arrives at the end of time.

This week you are challenged to sacrifice all those things that keep you "too busy." Then, substitute them with Jesus. Give up some part of your daily routine to fit in 20-30 minutes just for Jesus.
- Pray on your afternoon walk or run.
- Dedicate a decade of the Rosary to someone you don't know who needs prayer.
- Listen to Scripture or a faith-based book/podcast on your work commute.
- Grab your bible and pick out a psalm. Choose a sentence and make it your daily meditation.
- Use your Advent Wreath as part of your daily prayer and rejoice!



Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.
O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles and the third (pink) candle of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Actions for the Third Week of Advent:
Make something (bake a cake, draw a picture) to cheer someone up or as a means of sharing the spirit of the season.
Examine your conscience. Are you continually turning towards God?
Give one of your possessions away to the poor or donate to a charity.
Put up your creche (nativity set) or some other symbol to remind you of the coming feast.
Write a letter or send a card telling someone how much you care for them and how much they are loved by God.

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Fourth Week

December 20 - 24

What does it mean to "wait well?" First we need to know what it is we are waiting for. Are you "waiting" for Jesus to come into the world? Are you waiting for, longing for Jesus to come into certain areas of your life, your world and your heart? That is what we are waiting for in Advent. So, this week ask yourself where do you want Jesus to enter into your life? Where are you, deep down in your heart, hoping for Him to come into your life?

Ven. Fulton Sheen says "There are two births of Christ, one unto the world in Bethlehem; the other in the soul, when it is spiritually reborn." "It was the second birth that Saint Paul insisted on when he wrote from prison asking that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith and that they be rooted and grounded in love. This is the second Bethlehem, or the personal relationship of the individual heart to the Lord Christ."

Give, give, give. . .

You don't always have to give money. Give your time, talent, and friendship. Be kind to someone who is difficult. Pay someone a compliment who doesn't deserve it. Hold open a door for a stranger. Offer to help someone carry their groceries. Write an inspirational quote on cards and randomly place them on car windshields or neighbors doors. Remember that the smallest act of kindness is still a huge act of love.

Get to Confession. If we believe Advent is the time to celebrate the Second Coming, we should be ready at all times. No one wants to greet Jesus with a dirty soul.

Let's finish Advent humbled and filled with everlasting love for each other so we can show the world what true Christianity is all about. Let's find the peace by allowing Christ to enter our hearts so that one day we can kneel in reverence, bow our heads and know that we have served our purpose in this life: serving and loving.



Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all.
O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light all candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Action for the Fourth Week of Advent:
Look around you for a sign of God's presence. When you find it, share it with someone.
Gather your family and read the story of the birth of Christ, Luke 2:1-20.
Let Jesus reign in your heart and let love be born anew, like that little Babe on that first Christmas morning 2,000 years ago.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Christmas
5:00PM, 7:30PM and Midnight	10AM

Community

ADVENT EXPERIENCE 2026

In the midst of this busy season we invite you to slow down and make room for Christ. Through our service, fellowship and reflection we renew our relationship with the One whose coming changes everything.

SAVE THE DATES AND JOIN US

12/1 : **Parish Advent Experience**
Dinner, sorting our Thanksgiving food pantry donations, cookie decorating and activities. 6-8pm in the cafeteria

12/15: **Evening of Reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Nearly 500 years ago something extraordinary happened on a small hill in Tepeyac, Mexico. Mary teaches us to wait in silence with hearts open to the will of God and shows us that the truest gift springs from the heart. Join us at 6:30pm in the Church and allow Mary to accompany you this Advent.



Parish Service Project

Gift cards for St. Martin Center:
We are accepting $25-$50 gift cards to support the families of St. Martin Center: Target, Walmart, Kohl's. You can make a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable in our community. Due to the office by 12/8

Come and prepare the way of the Lord with us this Advent.

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GriefShare®

Hope and Healing after the death of a loved one

At Griefshare, you will find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through.

Each week you can expect:
- Video filled with helpful guidance
- Group discussion
- Personal reflection workbook

Scan and Register

When: *Wednesdays, 6-8pm, Nov 18-Feb 10*

Where: *St. Joseph Church, 147 W. 24th St., Erie*

Contact: *Andy Heinlein*
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6th Knight	8 Piece Lighted Nativity Set	12th Knight	55" Samsung Color Smart TV



Tickets: $10 for 1 or $20 for 3

Tickets are available in the church office



Knights of Columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 6th
OLP School Cafeteria
8:00am - Noon

Join us for the best breakfast deal in town: pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, juice and coffee. Adults $10, children ages 6-15 are $6, and children 5 and under are free.
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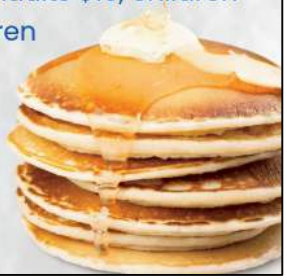

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Committed Adorer

Being a committed adorer means promising a specific hour or half hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month.

The following 30 minute spots are open:
- 8:30am
- 11:30am

Call Christine at 814-881-0568 or email wcbeav@verizon.net to get involved.

Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful way to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He is waiting for YOU!





CHRISTMAS GARAGE SALE

Drop off donations at the Scout House:
Monday, November 23th, 6-8pm
Monday, November 30th, 6-8pm

Decorations Sale in the cafeteria:
Saturday, December 5th, 8am-Noon
Sunday, December 6th, 8am-Noon



Clean out your old Christmas decorations and then choose some "new to you" ones. Donations benefit Troop 59 activities.



OLP School Cafeteria: 2401 W. 38th St, Erie

Questions, please contact: Alyson Dana, 814-490-3493

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- ☐ New Registration
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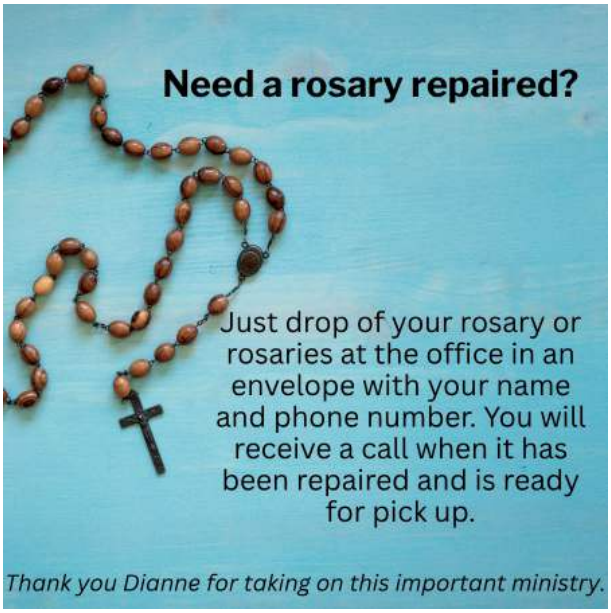

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We need your help in preparing and cooking food for our brothers and sisters in need.

Dates are Saturday's:
Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20
Time: 9:45AM to 1:00PM
Where: 11th & French St.
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Time: Any parishioner 15 yrs or older
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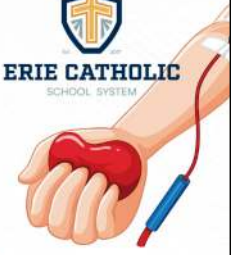

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to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
may we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

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