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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

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Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

MATTHEW 5:1



A NOTE FROM SISTER MARIAN AND SISTER TINA OF CATHOLIC RURAL MINISTRIES:

January 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have news that is difficult for us to share. We wish to let you know that we are preparing to leave Catholic Rural Ministry this year in June. We will be transitioning back to our religious communities: Benedictine Sisters in Erie for Sister Marian and Rhode Island Mercy Sisters for Sister Tina. As Religious we are now called to serve in other ministries.

As we wrap up our ministry in the Oil City Deanery we want you to know the deep gratitude and love we feel for the privilege of living and serving with/for you the past 19 years. The pastors and parishioners of this area welcomed us as we sought to be a loving presence among you. It has been a shared journey of faith and outreach since 2007 when Catholic Rural Ministry was called into being in this area. At that time, Sister Clare Marie Beichner, SSJ and Sister Marian responded to be "Women of Hope and God's Compassionate Presence" for the people here. In 2012 Sister Tina replaced Sister Clare Marie who was called to another ministry. Your warm welcome, supportive love and inspiring faith has been a blessing to us for which we are deeply grateful and will treasure always.

Please know that the Diocese of Erie is presently searching for Sisters to continue Catholic Rural Ministry in this area. Please join us in prayer that other Sisters will be open to this call and have the courage and energy to serve in the five counties of this deanery.

A prayer has been designed to ask God's help in finding Sisters to continue this work. We invite you to pray with us for this intention:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for the gift and presence of Women Religious in our church and world. We ask that you open the hearts of Sisters to serve the people of the Diocese of Erie and in particular, at this time, in the Oil City Deanery with their presence and the talents you have given them. We pray this in your name and according to your Divine Will.

St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, patron of Benedictines, pray for us... Blessed Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercy Sisters, pray for us. Mother Agnes Spencer, founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Erie diocese, pray for us.

We look forward to the coming months in which we will continue to be with you. Transitions are difficult for all involved, so may we support each other even as we pray for other Sisters to serve in this area.

With hearts full of gratitude and love and prayers for you.

Sister Marian Wehler, OSB
and

Sister Tina Geiger, RSM
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FROM FATHER JASON – It is hard to believe it is the end of January! I hope you have been staying warm and well! This weekend we hear one of the more famous Gospel passages called "the Beatitudes". A great way to understand them is that the Lord blesses us (gives us what we need) in all circumstances. To the world the areas he is talking about may sometimes sound less than desirable, but to him they are the direct paths to true joy. However, we should never overtly seek suffering for its own; but when it does come our way, to know he is helping us endure with as much joy as possible that transcends circumstance, opinion, situation, emotion, and the like. Ultimately, *the Beatitudes* teach us that true success and joy do not lie in our own invention or solely in the world, but in letting him walk with us in everything.

Thank you for all of your patience as we navigate the winter weather. However, a few reminders:

1. We are grateful to Greg Pedley, our Facilities Manager, who has done a great job at trying to keep up with the snow as well as our snow plow providers. Please be sure to thank them if you see them.
2. With the large amount of snow for the foreseeable future in our parking lots, please utilize as much of the spaces (and the lot behind the rectory garage). However, even though parking may be reduced that does not permit parking in front of the rectory garages or any exit of the Church and School as those areas need to stay clear for emergencies. If there is no parking spot there, please do not invent one.
3. If you have not been receiving the emails, please make sure the office has your most up to date information. Please remember to add MyParishApp as well!

We thank the Sisters of the Oil City Rural Ministry (who are returning to their respective monasteries) for their years of service and witness to the region. (see left side column)

With the beginning of February is a reminder to continue thinking about signing up for the Men's and Women's Conferences: *Saturday, March 7 (Men's Conference)*

Saturday, April 18 (Women's Conference)

Both Conferences will be from 8 am-Noon and we will provide more information in the coming weeks. For now, please keep the date open! Please also continue to sign up for our 18+ *Small Group Opportunities in Lent*.

This weekend concludes Catholic Schools Week. We are grateful to have a school as part of our parish Ministry. Due to the weather, our Open House was moved from the 25th to February 1 (tomorrow/today). Join us if you can! Please consider helping our school by Prayer most importantly! But, after that, is promotion of the many good opportunities offered. Two upcoming events are Purses and Bling (March 21) and Bunny Bingo (March 9, 16, & 23). Thank you for your support!

February 2 officially ends the season of Christmas. The nativity in the back of the church will be put away to prepare us for Lent and we are called to take this Spirit with us throughout the whole year. Thank you to all who helped with the undecorating as well! This day is also the day to bless candles. When you come to church next week there will be candles you can purchase that were blessed on this feast day. In the meantime, I hope you have a great week!

SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK –***Seriously, God? Making Sense of Life Not Making Sense***

This Lent plan to join a faith sharing group to dive into “Seriously God?”, our parish Christmas gift book. Groups will meet weekly beginning February 8 and ending the week of March 22. Sign up sheets are in the church lobby. Everyone age 18 and older is invited to participate.

If you have any questions or would like to be a group leader, please contact Linda Summerville at

linda.summerville62@gmail.com

BECOMING CATHOLIC – Journey of Faith

Are you considering a deeper relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about becoming Catholic? To answer these questions, we invite you to attend inquiry sessions beginning March 1, 2026, to explore your questions.

These sessions are for Unbaptized Adults who are seeking to enter the Church, Baptized Christians from other denominations who wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church, and Baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you would like to join us or need more information, please contact Linda Summerville at

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Healing for adult children of divorce or separation

Join us for a *healing retreat* – Has your parents' divorce or separation left lasting wounds in your life — affecting your faith, relationships, identity, or sense of belonging? [You're not alone.](#)

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Retreat Details

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Saturday, February 21st 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
with an optional social from 8-9 p.m.

Sunday, February 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Led by Dr. Daniel Meola, Life-Giving Wounds Founder
Spiritual Directors

Rev. Stephen Schreiber and Rev. Michael Polinek
Cost

Early Bird (until February 5, 2026)

Ages 18-25 \$100 Ages 26+ \$175

After February 5, 2025

Ages 18-25 \$125 Ages 26+ \$200

For more info or to register

Visit <https://stjoseph-sacredheart.org>

Call 814-452-2982

Email sacredheart.secretary86@gmail.com

MASS Intentions

Monday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

7:30 a.m. Ron Perry (Yvonne Perry)

Tuesday, February 3 – Saint Blaise and Saint Ansgar

8:30 a.m. In Honor of John Hepinger — 90th Birthday
(Nancy Womeldorf)

Wednesday, February 4

7:30 a.m. Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish

Thursday, February 5 – Saint Agatha

8:30 a.m. Dr. Stanley Michalski (Gary and Rita Kahle)

Friday, February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions

*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.*

*Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.*

7:30 a.m. Betty Hepinger (Nancy Womeldorf)

Saturday, February 7

3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. CONFESSIONS

4:00 p.m. Larry Glosser (Kathy Glosser)

Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Delila Ochs and Family
(Carmelita Blair)

11:00 a.m. Henry J. and Margaret W. Murphy
(Kathleen R. Murphy)

SANCTUARY CANDLE for Deb Andres (Sue Leonard)

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18
/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2,
3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5
/Mt 5:13-16

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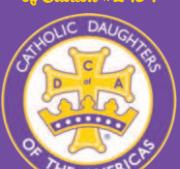
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