

**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1/15/23**

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Debbie Pangratz (req. by Art &amp; Rose Ann Provost)

11:00 AM (E) ✱ Ed Bosak (req. by Elaine Ference)

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS 1/22/23**

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱ Helen M. Pushchak (req. by Dr. &amp; Mrs. William Wilcko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ John and ✱ Lillian Newmeyer (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**

01/08/23 \$ 2418.00

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* Helen Law, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Jan Kondratic (Fairview Manor), Margaret Krivonak (St. Mary's West), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Fred Koeberle and Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, please contact Fr. John.

**GOD WITH US ONLINE**

The Eastern Catholic Directors of Religious Education Association has established an online religious education site: God With Us Online. This offers catechetical programs with talented teachers of the faith. Register for free online classes at [www.easterncatholic.org](http://www.easterncatholic.org). Descriptions are given for the various subjects & dates of the classes. All classes begin at 8 PM

**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Tues., Jan. 17 at 7 PM in the church meeting room.****ECF 2022-2023 – Grades K-8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month Sept thru April**

“Our Journey with God” is open to all children Grades K-8. We will meet in the church meeting room 9:30-10:30 on these 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 1/15/23, 2/12, 3/12, 4/2, 4/23. First Confession is Saturday, May 6, 2023 and Solemn Communion will be on May 7

**PRO-LIFE EVENTS IN JANUARY 2023**

1. Bus trip to Washington, DC March for Life on Friday, January 20. Buses leave Erie on Jan. 19 and return on January 21. Tickets are \$65.00
2. Erie March for Life on Saturday, January 28 begins at Perry Square at 11:00 AM. For more information and to purchase tickets go to [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org).

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**JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner**CHRISTIANS WORKING TOGETHER**

More than ever before the members of the human community need to grow closer to one another, if simply for the survival of the species. Human community is fostered by unity. Christians believe that the Lord Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of love – can bring about what humane efforts cannot. Like a magnet that draws particles of iron to itself, the power of love can attract Christians to Christ and thus unite them one to another. United, Christians stand as a beacon to a world searching for light; divided, Christians fall and scatter the fire of hope.

For love to work its mysterious wonders, Christians must strive to live according to the gospel of Jesus. Mutual respect, a genuine desire to learn from others, shared prayer, and humble works of service for those suffering – all these are essential for Christian unity. The religious antagonism of the past has no place in a world struggling against the forces of evil for its mere survival. All people of good will must join hands to help work for God's kingdom. By centering on Jesus and letting go of superior attitudes toward others, Christians place themselves in a much better position to the light of the world they are called to be.

*What's Your Image?*

What do you think of yourself?

Psychologists tell us that this is one of the most important questions in life. Almost everything we do starts from the kind of image we have of ourselves. The person who sees himself as a “failure-type person” will find some way to fail no matter how many good opportunities he has. The person who considers himself a “success-type” will succeed no matter how many obstacles he has to face.

It all depends on the image we have of ourselves.

A person once said to an atheist, “So what if you do not believe in God; the important thing is that He believes in you. He believed in you enough to create you in His own image. He believed in you enough to trust you with free will. He believed in you enough to give you a brain and enough power in it take you through life. He believed in you enough to give His only Son for you.”

**RENOUNCING THE EVIL ONE**

It is significant that the Christian life begins with a call to renounce the devil, to say “no” to him. One cannot be a follower of Jesus; one cannot receive the new life of Christ in baptism unless one is willing to say – and to keep saying throughout one's life – “no” to the temptations of the evil one. The act of renouncing the devil in baptism sets the tone for the life of the Christian: it will be a life of struggle and spiritual conflict with the devil until the day we die. Thus, renouncing the devil emphasizes the negative aspect of baptism: death to sin and the lifelong struggle against it.

**THINK ABOUT IT....**

We can never be completely whole in and of ourselves. We are inevitably social creatures who desperately need each other not merely for support, not merely for company, but for any meaning to our lives whatsoever.

–The Different Drum