



# Church of NOTRE DAME

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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SUNDAY  
JANUARY 7  
2024

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M–TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm  
Friday—Closed

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 3:00 pm – Confession

### PARISH STAFF

#### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

#### Deacon

Dcn. Frank Hannah

#### Director of Faith Formation

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

#### Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

#### Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

#### Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

#### Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

#### Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

#### REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:



VIDEO MASS 1/7	+Ann Baldarelli [Ken & Gretchen Wagner]
MON 1/8 11AM	NO MASS
TUES 1/9 9AM	+Larry Flasck [Bob & Marilou Rossi]
WED 1/10	NO MASS
THU 1/11 9AM	+Frank Matune [Wife, Doreen]
FRI 1/12 9AM	+Carie LaRosa [Betty DiGiorgio]
SAT 1/13 9AM	+Virgil Nicastro [Tony & Sandy Ragozine]
SAT 1/13 * 3-3:30PM * Confessions	
SAT 1/13 4PM	+Adelaid M. Ragozine Butler [Tony & Sandy Ragozine]
SUN 1/14 8AM	+Thomas & Tommy Test [Mary Achenbach]
SUN 1/14 11AM	+Edward Donofrio [Jacob & Natalie Flack]



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" Item is **PAPER TOWELS**. The upcoming item will be canned fruit.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.

## 2023 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2023 Sacrificial Giving to Notre Dame will **ONLY BE PREPARED BY REQUEST**. If you would like a statement, please call the parish office, 724-981-5566.

## BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE



Please keep the families of  
**Catherine Strimpel**  
**Rosemary Mardersteck**  
**Margaret "Jayne" Saxion**  
in your prayers.



"Into your hands Oh Lord we commend our brothers and sisters"

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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<b>SAT 1/13 4PM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> M. Bradac	<b>EUCH. MIN.</b> D. Boller / A. Costar P. Polesnak / P/ Polesnak P. Thornburg	<b>ALTAR SVR</b> A. Bowser M. Simmers
<b>SUN 1/14 8AM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> C. St. John	<b>EUCH. MIN.</b> T. Brandenstein / P. Clark R. Mentrek / T. Pagliaroli J. Trenga / J. Wolinsky	<b>ALTAR SVR</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>SUN 1/14 11AM</b> <b>LECTOR</b> K. Wagner	<b>EUCH. MIN.</b> K. Davenport / T. DeCaprio M. Hohman / S. Hohman E. McGoff / B. McVey	<b>ALTAR SVR</b>

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! Please sign-in prior to Mass**

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW MASS SCHEDULE:

#### DAILY :

MON, WED, FRI  
7:30 AM

TUES

6:00 PM / \*6:30 PM Confessions

#### WEEKEND:

SAT 5:30 PM

SUN 9:30 AM

## MANY THANK YOU'S IN THIS SEASON...

A huge thank you is due to so many people: those who cleaned the church (they do it every Thursday!), those who decorated, and who do so throughout the different liturgical seasons, to all musicians, those who sent cards, gifts and best wishes at Christmas, those who took advantage of the "pop up Santa photos" with Sarah McGonigle, which raised over \$600 for Notre Dame- **THANK YOU TO EACH ONE OF YOU.** We are most blessed here at Notre Dame.

**Fr. Allen, Dcn. Frank, and the Notre Dame parish staff**



*Altar flowers this weekend  
are donated in Memory of*

**Gertrude McGinty**

*On Behalf of: Stawaisz Family*

## PLEASE NOTE:

Due to flu, Covid and other illnesses, and some "snowbird" musicians, many of the 8am Masses during January, February and March may be quiet ones. Thanks for understanding. We are very blessed to have so many dedicated men and women who play every week, all year round, including the summer months.

If you are interested in joining the Music ministry and playing piano or any other instrument, please contact the Parish Office, 724 981-5566, ext. 105.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

### Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Monday:

Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1  
Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/  
Mk 1:40-45

### Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/  
Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mk 2:13-17

### Next Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10  
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I truly at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them home, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— Father John Muir



12.20.2023

***Statement from the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie  
concerning Fiducia Supplicans***

I learned about the new papal document, *Fiducia Supplicans* (Supplicating Trust), at the same time as the public. Having reviewed it, I'd like to summarize and comment on some key points in an effort to help people understand it.

Let me begin with what the document does not say.

It does not condone same-sex marriage. In fact, it emphasizes that the teaching of the church has not changed: Marriage, as understood by the church, is the union of one man and one woman.

*Fiducia Supplicans* simply says that anyone who spontaneously asks for a blessing may receive it. People ask me for blessings all the time, sometimes right in a reception line. I do not stop to quiz them about their lives before I give them a blessing. They are expressing a desire to be close to God and that creates an opportunity for me to help them experience God's love and mercy.

In a situation like this, I am blessing the individuals, not their situation. I am imparting God's grace to them through a blessing.

The document addresses not only blessings being given to same-sex couples, but also to couples who may be in what we call an irregular marriage, one in which, for example, someone has not had an annulment before remarrying.

The document clarifies this is to be a spontaneous blessing, not a sacrament, not a liturgical blessing. It is not to be ritualized. It is not to be done with liturgical garments or tied in any context to a sacramental or civil wedding. I would be blessing the individuals, not offering a ritualized or formal liturgical blessing of their relationship.

We are developing a plan to assist our priests, so they understand the nature of a spontaneous blessing. We all need God's blessing, no matter where we are in our spiritual journey. The document does provide some clarification, but again, it does not change the church's teaching on marriage.

Link to English translation of *Fiducia Supplicans*:

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_ddf\\_doc\\_20231218\\_fiducia-supplicans\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_ddf_doc_20231218_fiducia-supplicans_en.html)

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## 2023 - 2024 Religious Ed FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

\*Mass schedule: Saturday 4:00PM / Sunday 8:00 & 11:00AM  
 \*Grades: **PreK-10<sup>th</sup>** / Sunday Mornings **9:15-10:45AM**  
 \*Grades: **11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** / First Sunday of every month / **9:15-10:45AM**  
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 \*Director: Joe Ranelli / Secretary: Mary Lou Hornyak  
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### January 2024

- 7 **NO RE Class** due to Confirmation Retreat [begin with 11am Mass - 6pm]
- 14 Class [First Penance Parent Meeting following 11am Mass in the Chapel]
- 21 Class [First Eucharist Parent Meeting following 11am Mass in the Chapel]
- 28 **STUDENT SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN-SERVICE**

## NOTRE DAME

Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 PM  
**NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

We will be reading, The Dictionary of Lost Words, by Pip Williams.  
 A few books will be available outside the parish office.

*Please join us!*

## Are You Being Called To Serve As A Permanent Deacon?

The Diocese of Erie is launching a new five-year session for ten men seeking to study for and discern whether or not they are being called to this vocation. Those interested in learning more are invited to visit [www.eriecd.org/deacons](http://www.eriecd.org/deacons) for details about basic prerequisites as well as the application process occurring this winter and spring. Participants will simultaneously earn a master's in pastoral administration from Gannon University. Two mandatory inquiry sessions will be held at St. Mark Center in Erie on the weekends of March 9 and 16, 2024.

## Unique Pilgrimage Opportunity to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress

Join your Diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress ~ the first one in 83 years!!! There are expected to be 80,000 Catholics congregating in Indianapolis, July 17-21, 2024.

Come, gather with fellow Catholics to worship, learn, attend Mass, listen to some of the most influential Catholic speakers...Bishop Robert Barron, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, Fr. Mike Schmitz to name a few.

The pilgrimage is being coordinated by the Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee and there will be a bus leaving from Good Shepherd in West Middlesex the morning of July 17th. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact us at [erieideac@gmail.com](mailto:erieideac@gmail.com) or Jo Feeney at 724-699-3340.

Learn more about the Congress itself at [eucharisticcongress.org](http://eucharisticcongress.org)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### SAVE THE DATE

Men's Lenten Breakfast

**February 10, 2024**

More information to follow!



ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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OF 2024

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REMAINING  
MONTHS

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724-342-7391

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