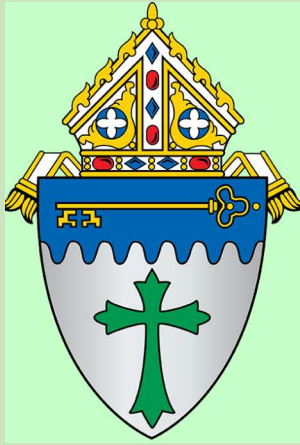




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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Wednesday -Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

Evening before: 6:00 pm

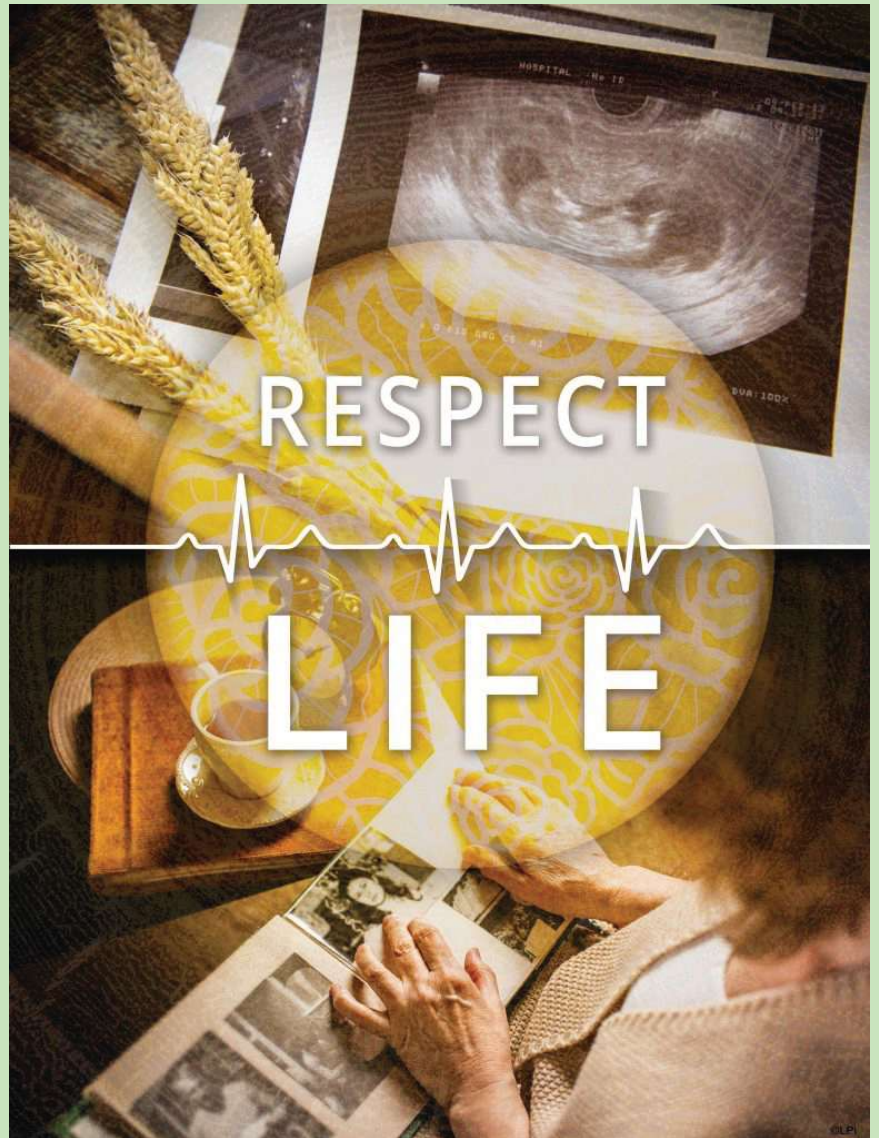
On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesday: 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturday: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday + Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Tom Coppello, 20th anniv. (Betty Hoehn)

Saturday, October 3, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cenni (Dave Giovanini Family)

Sunday, October 4, 2026 + Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
8:00 am Mary Lee Urmann (Family)
10:00 am Howard & Betty Gausman (Family)

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 + Weekday
6:00 pm Living and deceased of Saint Leo Parish

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 + Our Lady of the Rosary
8:30 am Jim Detwiler (Family)

Thursday, October 8, 2026 + Weekday
8:30 am Vincent Foley (Family)

Friday, October 9, 2026 + Weekday
8:30 am Nina Aiello (Daughters - Mary Ann, Donna & Nancy)

Saturday, October 10, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Joseph J. Pino, 10th anniv. (Fr. Justin)

Saturday, October 10, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
5:15 pm Deceased members of Knights of Columbus # 1064

Sunday, October 11, 2026 + Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Neil, Marcella & Mike Wonderly (Family)
10:00 am Mike & Andy Fioramonti (Jim & Theresa
MacLaughlin)



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Brian
by Ralph and Margaret Tettis

Pope Leo XIV **Prayer Intention for October** **For Mental health ministry**

Let us paray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

*O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
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.*

*For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.*

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



Diocese of Erie
ROMAN CATHOLIC

The Wine and hosts for October
have been donated in loving memory of
Bob Connacher by his wife, Carol.

Spiritual Opportunities *this Week*

Monday, October 5
1:00pm Small Faith Group
6:00pm Small Faith Group
6:30pm That Man Is You

Tuesday, October 6
9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, October 7
1:15 - 2:30pm Floating Rosary
4:00 - 6:00pm Confession
6:00pm Millions of Monicas

Thursday, October 8
9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 10
8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Confession

Sacrificial Giving

September 27, 2026

Budget \$9,153
Offertory \$7,033
Online \$1,202

Thank you for your generosity

Online Giving

As summer winds down and routines begin to shift, your consistent support helps our parish stay strong in ministry and mission. Online giving makes it easy to stay connected—even when you're on the go. Visit www.stleomagnus.org to set up a one-time or recurring gift. It's secure, simple, and helps us continue serving our parish community all year long. Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the many ways you bless our church family.

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10/requested date

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Saint John of God - \$20/week

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold - \$10/date
Contact the parish office for details.

Have an IRA? Would you like to gift to a qualified charity, tax free?

If you make donations, and are subject to required minimum distributions (RMD) rules for your IRA, gifting some of your RMD income using the qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your RMD, and neither you or the charity will have to pay income taxes. Call the parish office for more details.

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Oct. 10, 2026 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys
814.781.1019

****Be Sure to call ahead to reserve your spot**

Bulletin - Submit by Oct. 6 for the Oct. 11 bulletin

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm

Monday - Thursday

Ph: 814-772-3135

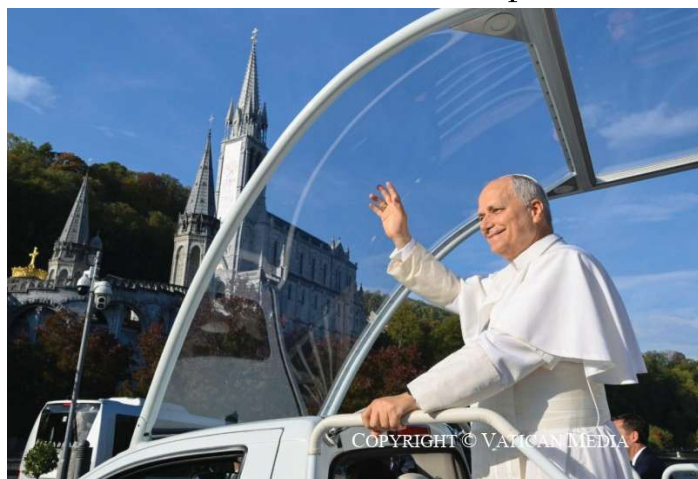
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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

WEEKLY WISDOM FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

"Penance is an act of love, carried out in solidarity with the human family. It is an act of love for God, because we want to make amends for the wounds our sins have dealt to his heart. It is also an act of love for those brothers and sisters of ours who do not heed this call to conversion, and whose sins lead them towards death. This call to conversion also concerns the Church herself as she makes her earthly journey. She must have the courage to begin with herself. In order to heal the deep wounds, infidelities and painful errors that have occurred within her, we must humbly place ourselves under the Lord's purifying gaze."

Pope Leo XIV
Homily at Lourdes, France
27 September 2026



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jack Bogacki, father of Barb Bogacki
Robert Lindberg, brother of Dennis Lindberg

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in Peace. Amen

Liturgical Ministries October 10/11, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	L Kerr J Hoyle	L & J Nicklas	H & T Bish
Eucharistic Ministers	H Bish	H Nicklas	J Williams D Williams L Caggese
Lectors	T Bish	WJ Fernan	D Paige

Money Counters - Oct. 12 - Team #2
Altar Guild - Oct. 9 - Group 6, Pew 2

PRAY FOR OUR SAINT LEO PARISH CHILDREN
Please take a name or two from the basket on the altar and pray for those children through out the year.

GOLDEN GRADS

45th Annual Golden Grads Reunion will be held Sunday, October 11 at Elk County Catholic High School. The Class of 1976 will be welcomed as the newest Golden Grads. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 5th Contact ECCSS Advancement Office @ 814-834-1480

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

Small Faith Groups reflect on Scripture as the way to imitate Christ in daily life. Interested? Call Mary Detwiler @ 814-389-2057, Theresa McLaughlin @ 631-905-7052, or Molly Fernan @ 814-335-2226.

HEALING RETREAT

October 4, 2026 at St. Joseph Church, Force. 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Come pray for Christ's healing with Fr. Mark Mastrain, Fr. Michael Scanga, Deacon Dan Satterlee and Dr. Jan Satterlee. To register call 814-787-4151. Free event.

ST. BONIFACE K OF C BREAKFAST

The St. Boniface Knights will serve a Buffet Breakfast on Sunday, October 4th from 8 am until 11:30 (sold out). Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this breakfast buffet.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful National ProLife Campaign of individuals praying for 1 hour to end Abortion. The event is Oct. 4th from 1 - 2 pm in downtown St. Marys. Participants are invited to gather at the St. Marys K of C on Washington St. at 12:45 where prayer signs will be handed out.

ECCHS OUTDOOR BASH RAFFLE

Sunday, October 25th from noon-4pm. ECCHS Cafeteria. Must be age 21 & older to attend. Cost: \$30/ticket which includes admission, meal and chance on one of 12 main ticket items. Call 814-389-3352 for questions & tickets.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

Getting married in 2027? Take time to invest in your future with an Engagement Encounter weekend, February 5-7, 2027 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. This retreat fulfills diocesan marriage preparation requirements and offers couples - Catholic and interfaith alike - a chance to deepen their connection before the big day. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Details and registration: <https://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice>.

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Floating Rosary



hosted by the

St. Leo Middle School girls

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

2026 THEME

Red, White, & Blue
to celebrate
America's 250th
birthday!



ST. LEO MAGNUS CHURCH

1:15pm - Rosary recitation in the church

with Rosary procession and launch to follow in the parking lot

*Our rosary will remain tethered until dusk for all to enjoy.
When taken down, the balloons will be disposed of accordingly.*

WORD MADE FLESH

Altar Server Retreat



SATURDAY, OCT. 17

St. Tobias, Brockway - FREE

Come closer to God by serving at His altar. Altar servers in grades 6 - 12 are invited to experience a day of faith, friendship and formation at the Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat on Saturday, October 17. Grow in your love for the Mass, meet other altar servers from across the diocese and deepen your relationship with Christ. Free to attend—registration required.



**REGISTER
HERE**

Help form the next generation
of disciples. Make your gift
today. Scan the QR code or
visit erieRCD.org.



MILLIONS OF MONICAS

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

We
will meet
Wednesday
October 7
from 6-7 pm.

Come.
Pray for
our children

From the Pastor's Desk

DIARY OF AN UNBORN CHILD

OCTOBER 5 — Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and azure eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers.

OCTOBER 19 — Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is. And I am.

OCTOBER 25 — My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop, and then I shall die.

NOVEMBER 2 — I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mother's arms, before these little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

NOVEMBER 12 — Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are! I shall be able to stroke my mother's hair with them. And I shall take her hair to my mouth and she will probably say, 'Oh, no, no, dear . . .

NOVEMBER 20 — It wasn't until today that the doctor told Mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, Mom?

NOVEMBER 25 — My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a girl. They are probably saying Andy. But I want to be called Cathy. I am getting so big already.

DECEMBER 24 — I wonder if mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. And then the delicate hands of the doctor perform miracles to bring them to health. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly—tup-tup-tup . . . You'll have a healthy little daughter, Mom!

My dear parish family:

Every October the Catholic Church not only recalls the irreplaceable gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we do during the month of May; but this tenth month of every year is also a time to give thanks to Almighty God for the greatest gift of all.....His gift of life! Sadly, this gift — in our culture today — is the one divine gift that is most abused, underappreciated, and wounded.

Two years ago, during one of my Monday afternoons working in the diocesan archives, I was going through a mound of old parish files. I came across a bulletin from 51 years ago (1975) from one of our parishes in Mercer County. There was an insert on colored paper. On one side there were numerous announcements concerning the parish school, in particular introducing new faculty members. I was about to discard it, but then I turned the page and read a far different article — *The Diary of an Unborn Child*. I realized that in 1975, the disastrous Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, that horrifically legalized abortion in our nation, was in full force. I share it with you here. I wonder, if people could hear the thoughts and voices of their unborn children like this, then no one would ever consider throwing away human life — the most precious gift God gives us.

Just a quick note after you reflect on this "diary." There is one additional date in the original article after the Christmas Eve entry. It is December 28th and begins with these three words: *Today my mother*. If you want to know what the rest of that diary entry is — ask me next weekend at Mass.

May the entire human race in every nation of the world: pray for, protect and defend in word and deed, when the polls open vote for, and always — always — CHOOSE LIFE!
Mary, Mother of Life, intercede for us!

Father Justin