

Saint Joseph Parish  
Lucinda, PA

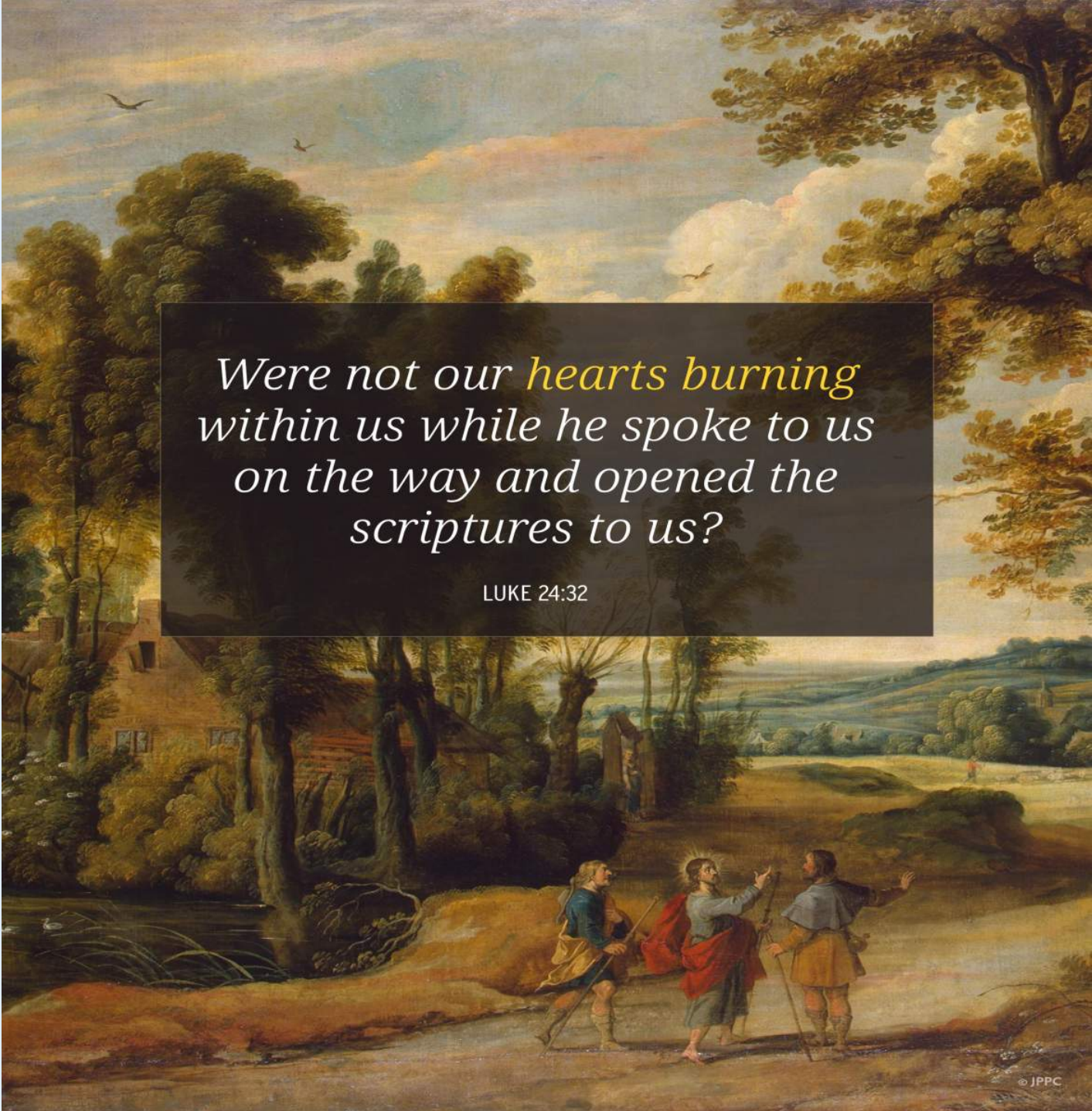
Saint Mary Parish  
Crown, PA

Saint Michael Parish  
Fryburg, PA

Saint Ann Church  
Marienville, PA

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*Were not our **hearts burning**  
within us while he spoke to us  
on the way and opened the  
scriptures to us?*

LUKE 24:32

## Liturgy Schedule April 25th - 26th

### 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Al Lander

Euch Min: Pete Judy, Linda Ida, Dana Baker

Altar Server: Tim Schmader

Ushers: Pete Judy, Ted Schmader, Scott Ochs

Rosary: Monica Lehnortt

### 6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Henry Karg

Euch Min: Tatiana Karg, Lissie Letot

Altar Server: Ashton Bogel

### 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Bob Wolbert

Euch Min: Andy Gilmore, Linda Siegel, Chuck Schettler

Altar Server: Jonathan Boylan

### 11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Clay Smerkar

Euch Min: Butch Hoover, Emily Weaver, Mark Beichner

Altar Server: Levi Smerkar

Ushers: Tom Cyphert, John Griebel

Rosary: Maggie Montana

### COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Annette & Robert Wielock

St. Michael: Bernie Beichner Jr, Jack Lauffer, Judy Eisenman

St. Mary: Henry & Tatiana Karg, Walt Karg

### SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: James Beichner by Ginny

St Joseph:

St Mary: Pat Gatton by John & Bobbi Donnich

## Weekly Offertory

Weekend of April 4th & 5th

St Joseph	\$3,852.00
St Michael	\$4,262.00
St Mary	\$3,186.00



++Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each  
weekday Mass at 7:30 a.m.++

### Monday, April 20

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Milka & Peter Habjan by John Habjan

### Tuesday, April 21

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Edwin & Frances Fesenmyer by The Family

### Wednesday, April 22

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Living & Deceased of Cyril Steiner Family by The Family

### Thursday, April 23

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Charlie Weaver by Doc & Marge Bauer

6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Donna Stefura by Penny Gawelski

### Friday, April 24

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Bernie Dechant by Julie Hockman

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) Don Schmader by John & Bobbi Donnich

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Saturday, April 25

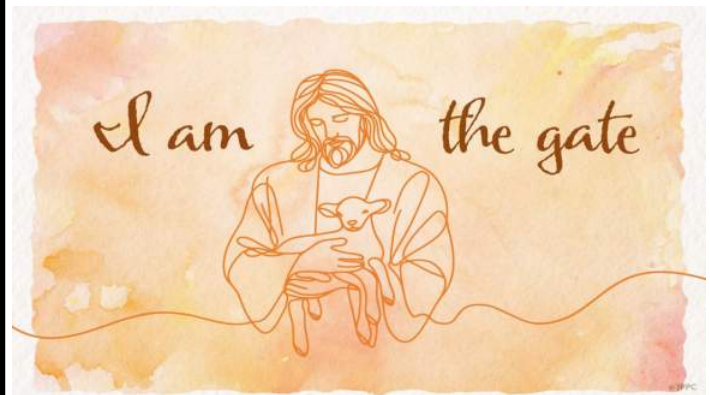
4:00 p.m. (St Joseph) Parish Family

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) George Karg Sr by The Bogel Family

### Sunday, April 26

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Charlie Weaver by George Karg & Family

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Bob Gentile



## A Word From Father Brandon

I think my favorite part of the Easter Season is that the Church goes all in on The Acts of the Apostles. Nearly the entire Book is read throughout the liturgies of the Easter Season. Unfortunately, it's impossible to get through a 28 chapter book on the seven Sundays of Easter, but if you've been following along with the daily readings, you are naturally absorbing not only, nearly, an entire book, but also the Constitution or Magna Carta of the Church! The Acts of the Apostles is, in so many ways, an image and ideal of what the Church was, should, and could be! It's an easy book to read, and goes quickly, and reads a lot like a news report - if you are not able to get to daily Masses in Easter, I would wholly recommend Acts to your Easter Season reading. It's 28 chapters, but they are a fascinating 28 chapters that read fast, have tales of the Apostles you may not have heard before, and- most importantly, I would say - gives us a glimpse into The Church at Its infancy. And that, to me, is incredibly fascinating and exciting!

What is evident is that The Church was not established nor gifted to us by Christ so that we could live in little enclaves and war with each other! The Church was not given to us so that we could engage in endless debates and partisanism with each other. The Church was not born at Pentecost and handed over to the Apostles' care so that we could one day angrily snipe over every detail of parish and ecclesial life! Like, none of that is the point! The Church is not a personal grift, the side project and hobby of those who are bored, nor the possession of any one person or group of people!

The Church is - among so many things - alive, on fire, ever-burgeoning, people centered, and relentless in the joy of the Gospel! She doesn't care about - nor has any time for - pet projects, camps, wings, platforms...that is the noise of the world! The noise of the Church is the Roar of the Gospel; the Roar of our Victorious-Warrior King, Christ! This was and is the definition of The Church that you and I are sons and daughters of. This is The Church that continuously pours Herself out with Grace and Mercy so that you and I- and all people throughout the world - might one day know eternal life with God! The Gospel - the Good News - was and is that Jesus died for all so that through His Church all might come home! And we live our lives in community, in relationship with one another because we are brothers and sisters in this faith.

Perhaps my favorite illustration of this young Church that Acts gives us a privileged glimpse into is in Acts 4 where the believers and hearers of this Good News just sell all they have, lay it at the feet of the Apostles, and just live together in this childlike-innocence where they took care of one another, no one went without. Their instinct, within The Church, was just to be a family where materiality didn't matter - each other mattered! The treasure of the Church, from the first weeks, was not stuff or cash...it was people, it was relationships, it was living this Good News in a community where wealth was measured in Christ and caring for the other. I don't know about you, but I crave that! I crave a world - a Church - that is wholly unburdened and unyoked from the noise of materialism and sensationalism! I have no time or interest in any of it - well, I want to have no time for any of it! We may not be able to practically live like Acts 4, but that instinct can certainly be felt and lived in ways that are possible now. This is the purpose of the parish! For no other purpose other than to be a community of people who allows the Roar of the Gospel to resound from our love for each other and joyfully walk together - and never alone - into everlasting life!

*Love,*

*Fr Brandon*



The four evangelists are the traditional writers of the four Gospels. Their symbols are based on the Bible, Ezekiel's vision and Revelation.

St. Mark: a lion.

The lion has historically been referred to as the king of the jungle; Christ is the King of Judah. There was a myth that lion cubs are born dead but come to life after three days, a tale that reminded early Christians that Jesus rose after three days. If depicted as just a lion it will have wings.

**Come to a Weekend Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville!!**

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**Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a First Come, First Serve Basis and must have proper grammar and spelling. Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com**

**SUPER BINGO at Farmington Twp. Vol. Fire Co.**

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 Marcia at 814-229-1445 text/call  
 Arlene Ramsey at 814-319-6941  
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**2026 CSA UPDATE  
 as of 4/14/2026**

**St Joseph Assessment to the Diocese: \$34,807.00**  
**Total Pledged: \$43,000.00**  
**Total Paid: \$26,185.00**

**St Michael Assessment to the Diocese: \$38,740.00**  
**Total Pledged: \$36,255.00**  
**Total Paid: \$30,680.00**

**St Mary Assessment to the Diocese: \$23,034.00**  
**Total Pledged: \$23,655.00**  
**Total Paid: \$13,059.00**

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**  
**Child Abuse Prevention Month- Report Child Abuse:** It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. According to the latest Pennsylvania statewide report in 2024 there were 5,214 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,693 or 32.5% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse and 1,410 substantiated reports were physical abuse. 61.4% of child abuse victims were female. Mother and Father remain the person most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Anyone who may be interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, at Masses, to please contact the parish office.

**St. Joseph School** is now selling RADA CUTLERY as a fundraiser. Please show your support to our school by purchasing your RADA CUTLERY with the following link: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=8748633.a842e1> **PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

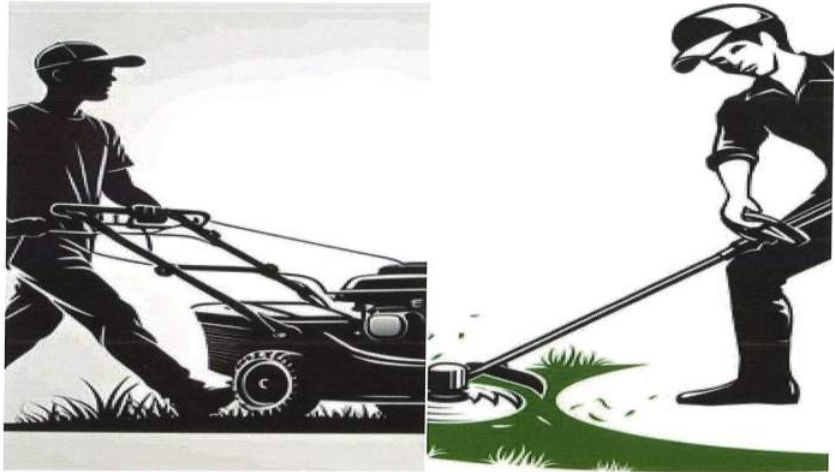
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**April 19, 2026**

**North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry:** They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. **Checks are made payable to: Marienville Community Methodist Church-in memo write: North Clarion/Marienville Food Bank. Mail checks to Marienville Community Methodist Church, PO Box 281, Marienville, PA 16239.** For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items needed for April 2026 are: canned green beans; egg noodles; canned potatoes, cake mix, boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, Au gratin); boxed dinners; canned tomatoes; baked beans; canned peas; canned meats; jello; pudding; dish soap; baby wipes; bar soap. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, April 28, 2026. **“Volunteers Needed”**

**ST. MARY JULY 2026** – Special number forms for JULY 2026 Lottery are at the back of the church. Please return to designated baskets at the back of the church before APRIL 29, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Milly Cussins @ 814-927-6980.

**We are currently looking to hire several seasonal Grounds Keepers at St. Michael**  
**Please call the parish office for information.**



In two weeks, we will have our annual **Good Shepherd Collection** in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests. There is a special need to assist them with escalating health care costs and long-term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from active ministry in the coming years, our Priest Retirement Plan will need additional funds to cover their future needs.

Please consider a generous gift to the annual **Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection** on the weekend of **May 2 & 3**. Use the special envelope provided or any envelope and mark it “Good Shepherd Collection.”

The **Lucinda Area Spring Sportsman’s Raffle** will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Social Hall on Sunday, May 3rd beginning at noon. 40 guns plus \$15,000 in cash prizes will be awarded from noon until 4:00pm. Print raffle, 50/50 raffles and side raffles will be conducted throughout the afternoon. A meal is available from noon until 3:00pm; no take outs available. You must present your ticket for the meal and side raffles to participate. Tickets are available at local businesses. This fundraiser benefits The Antler Club of Lucinda and St. Joseph School.

We will be having a **rummage sale** again this year during the Mayfest Celebration over the Memorial Day weekend at St. Michael's hall. Please keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning. More details to follow as the time gets closer.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy Cyphert at 354-2057.

### CRAFTERS/VENDORS/GARDEN CENTERS NEEDED!

Our annual Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at St. Mary Social Hall in Crown, PA. With Mother's Day and Spring just around the corner, this is a great opportunity to offer unique gifts, flowers, and/or plants to your customers. Inside and outside spaces available. Lunch will be available for purchase. There will also be a Chinese Auction, Used Book and Puzzle Sale, Gas Card Raffle, and 50/50. Please go to our church's website: [watch4deercatholic.church](http://watch4deercatholic.church) and click on the event tab to download an application and additional information. If you are unable to access the application, please contact Keith and Sheila Martz at 814-782-6473 (home) or 814-229-3083 (text). Hope to see you there!

## Spring Craft, Vendor, and Garden Show

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary Social Hall

Our craft shows have been a huge success, but we can't do it without your help. All proceeds benefit our Faith Formation Program. Please consider helping in the following areas. Volunteers are also needed the day of the show. Thank you!

### CHINESE AUCTION

Items are needed for the Chinese Auction. NEW items can be dropped off in the boxes at the rear of St. Mary Church. Please include your name so we can acknowledge it on the prize. Please have all gifts in by Wednesday, April 22nd.

### USED BOOK AND PUZZLE SALE

Please drop off books and puzzles in the box in the rear of St. Mary Church.

### GAS CARD GIFT RAFFLE

2 winners will each receive \$500 in gas gift cards!! Tickets available in the churches.

### KITCHEN DONATIONS

10 packages hotdog buns  
2 boxes chips  
1 large bottle ketchup  
1 large bottle relish

1 can regular coffee  
1 large bottle mustard  
1 medium bottle mayonnaise

Cases of pop and water are needed. The number in ( ) indicated how many.

Pepsi (2)

Coke (2)

Diet Pepsi (1)

Iced tea (2)

Diet Coke (1)

7up or Sprite (2)

Rootbeer (2)

Orange pop (2)

Water – 40 count (2)

Please sign up on the paper in the back of St. Mary Church to donate or volunteer or contact Sheila at [sheilamartz16@gmail.com](mailto:sheilamartz16@gmail.com)

## OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO GAS GIFT CARD RAFFLE

**2 winners!!!**



**Each winner receives  
\$500 in gas gift cards!**

Oh, the places you'll go when your wheels start to spin,  
With a tank filled up full and adventure within!  
You'll zoom over bridges, you'll zip down the street,  
You'll cruise country roads or find somewhere that's neat.  
From mountains to markets, from ballgames to beaches,  
Your prize makes traveling far-off within reaches!  
So hop in, buckle up, let your journey begin  
Just think of the places you'll go if you win!!

**Tickets: \$2.00 each or 6/\$10.00**

**Raffled off April 25, 2026 at the Spring Craft Show!**

**St Michael Cemetery clean-up** will be on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM with rain date on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Please bring rakes, shovels, etc.



**St Joseph Rosary Society** next meeting is May 7th at 6:00 pm in the social hall.

Noodle Day - June 15. Mark your calendars. More details will be forthcoming!

**Sister Tina and Sister Marian** with an invitation to pray:

As we know, the Diocese of Erie is presently searching for other Sisters to continue

**Catholic Rural Ministry** in this area, please join us in prayer that at least two Sisters will answer the call to serve here in our five county deanery area.

Here's a prayer 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 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 St. Joseph Sisters in Erie, pray for us.*

**AMEN.**



The next **Walking With Moms** meeting will be on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph rectory. Come and see what we've been doing to support local moms, and how we're planning to continue to spread Christ's love in our community. All parishioners are welcome!

Our second **baby bottle boomerang** for this year is coming up soon!. ABC Life Center in Franklin provides resources, education, and spiritual support to moms and families in Venango County.

Please support their efforts to help families choose life! Bottles will be available at our church entrances Mother's Day, May 10-Father's Day, June 21. Thank you for your generosity!

**Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2026** will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

Sunday, August 23 at St. George, Erie at 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 30 at St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway at 2:00 pm

Couples and/or Parish staff may complete registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, calling their parish office or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until August 13 for the Erie celebration and until August 20 for the Ridgway celebration.

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