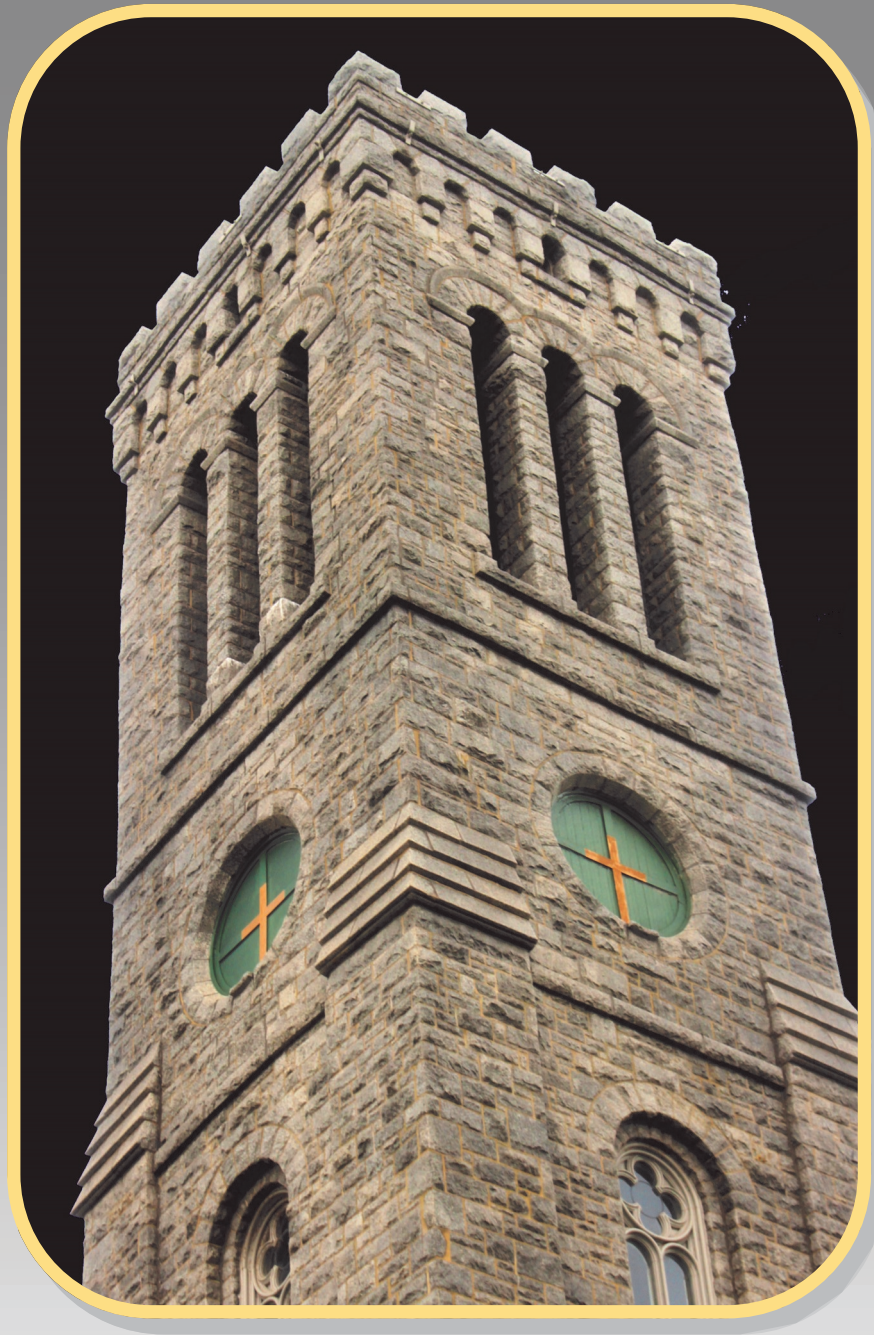


Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 21, 2016



St. Patrick Church
Tower
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Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading and the gospel announce a vision of salvation that is extended to the ends of the earth. Isaiah writes at the end of the exile and says that Gentile nations will come to know the Lord. This is the first time this notion is introduced but it will grow steadily throughout the Old Testament. The final sentence of this reading is the most revolutionary. God announces that he will choose from among the Gentile pilgrims, priests and Levites to minister among his people. God's goodness knows no bounds.

The unknown author of the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that God shows interest in us by expecting from us the best we can deliver, by pointing out our failures and chastising us when that is what is needed to get us back on the track. The author is aware that giving oneself to Christ is no guarantee of an easy life. On the contrary, enduring "trials" is an inevitable part of the Christian journey. He points out that a mature Christian will know that and not seek an alternate route. The author writes out of fear that his audience is losing their faith; and so the letter is one of encouragement. Interestingly the threat to their faith comes not from outside, but from their own malaise. They had grown tired of resisting temptation of their age. There are several strong and comforting words of encouragement.

Earlier in Luke, we heard the story of the master who had gone to bed and bolted the door. In that story persistence from a neighbor rouses the master. Today, we get a very different picture. The door is not only locked but the master doesn't even know those who are knocking. The message is that a narrow gate leads to salvation and the door won't remain open forever. God overflows with mercy, but he respects our freedom and won't force his mercy upon us. The

master's refusal to open is a metaphor for God's exhausted patience, but of our diminished capacity to accept God's mercy. At some point we become incapable of asking. We shut our eyes and close our hearts, and God's love still seeks us but can't find a home in us.

The American bishops have long said that Latinos will save the American church because there is such a growing number of them and they are almost all Catholic. A new study by the PEW Research Center on Religion and Public Life puts that dream out to pasture. Among Hispanics ages 18-29, just 45% are Catholic and of those who remain, four in ten say they "could imagine leaving the Catholic Church someday."

There are two phenomenon occurring among the Latinos. First are the young adults who are becoming unaffiliated with any religion in growing numbers. The longer a Latino family has lived in the United States, the more likely the young members of it are to leave the church. The study shows that these young Hispanic Americans experience faith less as a relationship with God and more as an element of their ethnicity.

On the other hand, adult Latino Catholics are also drifting from the church, but not in such large numbers. These adults tend to gravitate toward a Protestant or evangelical church and are much more faithful in their new practice than are Anglo Catholics. Both young and old Hispanics who have left the church say they do so because of ceasing to believe Catholic teachings, especially where those teachings seem to contradict the wholesale general acceptance of people whom the church seems to sideline: divorced and remarried, gay people, etc.

The German Catholic Bishops Conference just released figures on Mass attendance which reveal that Mass attendance is at 10.4% of the

From the Pastor's Desk continued.....

number of Catholics. The figures also reveal that 54% of clergy go to confession once a year or less and among the general population, 91% go to confession less than once a year. The number of baptisms declined by more than a third in the last ten years; even more frightening is the data on marriages. Ten years ago, 86,456 couples were married in the church; last year only 44,298 (in a nation of 80 million Catholics). The data also reveals that over 200,000 German Catholics leave the church each year (in Germany, as in many European countries, you indicate your religious preference on your tax return and a small percentage of your tax goes to that religion and so it is easier to keep track of numbers.) The Catholic Church in Germany last year received \$6 billion under this system, and the church in Italy \$1.3 billion.

I can't begin to thank you for your generosity to the parish in Erie Gives. Little St. Patrick's Parish was number 22 out of more than 350 non-profits with total gifts in excess of \$30,000. In addition, some elderly parishioners who don't use a computer came to the office that day and donated an additional \$1,500. Thank you very much.

We're getting closer to the Irish Festival with each passing day. That event will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16, 17 & 18. I hope you will put the event on your calendar and even moreso hope that you will consider volunteering to help. Just contact the rectory office and someone will get back to you. Gary & Becky Johnson are chairing this year's event and doing an incredible job. For the first time, we have sponsors for all of our tents.

Some appropriate statements in this political season. "If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." (Jay Leno) "The problem with political jokes is that they get elected." (Henry Cate) "If we got one-tenth of what was promised in a State of the Union address, there wouldn't be any incentive to go to heaven." (Will Rogers) "When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become president. I'm beginning to believe it." (Clarence Darrow) "We hang petty thieves and elect the great ones to public office." (Aesop)

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Genevieve Gorski** from Tom Rupiewski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Patricia Wernicki** from Bob Balmanski & family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of William Hayes from Georgina & Gil Manzi .

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

The offertory for last week was \$340.00.

The Summer Festival is still ongoing. We thank everyone who has contributed and ask those who have not to consider doing so. Proceeds are used to cover our regular operating expenses. Your contributions are needed. Please be generous.

ZABAWA POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL—



The 23rd Annual **ZABAWA** Polish Heritage Festival will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, E. 23rd & Reed Sts. In Erie the weekend of August 26, 27 & 28. Festival hours are Friday, 5-10 pm, Saturday, 12-10 pm, and Sunday, 10-6 pm.

The event includes Polka Masses on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 11:00 am, with Bishop Lawrence Persico joining Fr. Stanley Swacha for the Saturday Mass.

Plenty of authentic Polish foods, bakery items and beverages daily.

Polish Music, Folk Dancers, Theme Baskets, Games for children and adults.

Enrichment Series features discussion of nonviolence, peace—

Benedictine Sister Anne McCarthy will offer reflections on "Nonviolence and Just Peace, a Historic New Commitment in the Roman Catholic Church" at the Enrichment Series at Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Erie on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

August 27, 2016 at 4:00 PM

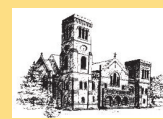
Saturday

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| Lector | Barb Juchno |
| Eucharist | Charlotte Mabie |
| Ushers | Ron Helminski |
| | Richard Mielnik |
| Altar Servers | Nowosielski Family |





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

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| Offertory Collection | \$ 9,830.00 |
| Online Giving | <u>1,040.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$10,870.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Isaiah Johnathan Pentz

son of
Kyle & Carlee (DiMarzio) Pentz
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor and memory the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Howard & Frances Gehringer** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Jane Ward Carney** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **James Fitzgibbon** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Robert Lindenberger** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Linda Winkelman & Edward Synder** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Ronnie Chesko, Ruth Janoski, Norm Murphy and Joe Deutsch** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski, Ray & Patti Fiorelli,
Lynne Long, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler,
John D. & Cynthia Purvis, Mark & Barbara Sargent,
and Vikki Scully

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &**
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Kathy Sertz, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella*

CUP: *Shirley Winschel, Yvonne Gersims*

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz*

Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Nick Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn*

Sunday, 28, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Dario Cipriani, Michelle Tortorelli, Forrest Mischler*

CUP: *Mary Kearney, Kathleen Pae*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith*

Looking to help with the harvest?

Second Harvest Food Bank in Erie is seeking interested individuals/groups to help harvest fresh produce in the fields and orchards of Erie County. If interested in getting fresh air and exercise while making a difference in people's lives, contact Mariana Skonieczka at 814-459-3663, ext. 109.

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS—

"Love is work. It's good work, if you can get it. But it's work, nevertheless." (Benjamin Cheever)
Name one thing your beloved has done for you that you know took extra effort on their part.

A Family Perspective—

The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge the gap.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 20 *Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM NORBERTO JAGORIN, ANNIV - ST.H
(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)

5:00 PM REGINA DILLON - ST.P
(FAYE MARKOVICH & WILLIAM FOX)

Aug. 21 *Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN W. BONANTE - ST.P
(ROSE MARIE ALO & FAMILY)

10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

Aug. 22 *Monday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 23 *Tuesday, Saint Rosa of Lima, Virgin*

8:00 AM MILDRED DEDIONISIO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(ANGE VENDETTI)

Aug. 24 *Wednesday, Saint Bartholomew*

8:00 AM AMANDA JUCHNO (THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

Aug. 25 *Thursday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:00 AM KATIE ABBOTT (STAN & ROSELLE WALKIEWICZ)

Aug. 26 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS,
LIVING & DECEASED

Aug. 27 *Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P

Aug. 28 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM CYNTHIA MCLAUGHLIN (GERRY RYAN) - ST.P

10:30 AM NOREEN ANDRZEJEWSKI (FAMILY) - ST.P

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

08/20 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/23 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/27 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:



Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online.

Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyberbullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

DIOCESAN EVENTS

FALL KICKOFF CLASSIC—



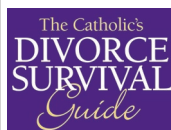
PREP and VILLA'S Fall Sports! Fall Kickoff Classic, Saturday, August 27, 2016, 7-11pm at the Prep & Villa Events Center. Food, games of chance, 50/50, cash prizes, auction and adult beverages.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at the offices or from a fall athlete. Must be 21 to attend.

TRANSITIONS: A SUPPORT GROUP—

Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email: familylife@RCD.org for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 2-4 pm. This month's topic is: "Who Moved My Cheese?". Visit our website at: www.eriecd.org/transitions.htm

New! Catholic's Divorce Healing Program—



The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week

Group to help those who are separated or divorced begins on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke School Library in Erie (Cost-\$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call St. Luke Church, (814) 825-6920, the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1261, or email: familylife@eriecd.org for more information.

FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH-5K RUN/WALK—



Our Lady of Peace Parish 5K Run/Walk, proceeds benefit OLP Scholarship Fund

Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Presque Isle State Park; Erie Runners Club Pavilion, Beach 1. Race starts at 8:00 am. \$20.00 registration fee before September 2nd w/T-shirt. \$25.00 registration fee on or after September 3rd (T-shirt not guaranteed). To register online go to www.runsignup.com. For more information contact Cynthia Berarducci at cynthia.berarducci@olp.org - (814) 833-7701 x 201 (Cell: 814-392-9130) or Fr. David Renne at fr.david@olp.org - (814) 833-7701 x 205

FATHER PETERSON GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MARIA HOUSE PROJECT—

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Union City Country Club. 4-person golf scramble, dinner prizes. For golf or sponsorship information, call 814-438-2810 or 814-665-0021.

FESTIVAL NEWS *2016*



26 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

WHAT CAN I DO?

Okay, here is your personal checklist of tasks that need to be accomplished before you show up on Fryday (yes, we have officially changed the spelling in honor of our fantastic fresh fish and chips Fryday—all hand-made and served with local sweet corn and home-made tartar sauce), September 16, at 5:00 PM when the Erie Irish Festival officially kicks off.

- ◇ **Spread the Word!** Tell your friends, tell your relatives, tell perfect strangers that you pass on the street. The 2016 Erie Irish Festival is going to be amazing—there is something for everyone, regardless of age, regardless of personal tastes, regardless of political affiliation. It is a total celebration of all things Irish-American!
- ◇ **Spread the Word Some More!** Next weekend before Labor Day there will be lawn signs advertising the festival available at the back of church. Take one and put it in your lawn—or, if your neighbor's lawn has better visibility, put it there.
- ◇ **Clear Your Calendar!** There is something different and fun to do and something different and delicious to eat and drink every day—do not book routine auto maintenance or tooth cleaning on that weekend. Free admission, free parking, rain or shine!
- ◇ **Volunteer!** You haven't volunteered yet? What's with you? Do it today. Go online or go to the back of the church after mass today where people who have already volunteered are waiting to help you join the ranks of the good guys who volunteer. There is something important you can do to help out, we guarantee it.
- ◇ **Bake!** Everyone says you make the best snickerdoodles! Make some and donate them to the Bake Sale. Or the best pie, or the best brownies, or whatever you are famous for.
- ◇ **Fast!** As in, don't eat. You're going to want to be totally empty when you show up, otherwise where are you going to put that Reuben Burger, those Corned Beef Balls, or that gourmet Mc and Cheese?
- ◇ **Turn 21!** We have Irish Red beer made only once a year especially for this festival by Erie Brewing—do not miss it. Or, we have Guinness, Harp, and a variety of Irish Whiskeys. Or an Irish Coffee. It would be a shame if you weren't old enough.
- ◇ **Turn 11!** We also have more fun and learning and adventure for teens, tweens, under tweens, and toddlers in the Leprechaun Village. It would be a shame if you were too old.
- ◇ **Clear Off Your Credit Card Debt!** So you can rack up some more at our great Vendor Village where you can shop to your heart's content—pick up that great Irish sweater so you'll look the part when you win that trip to Ireland. (You did buy raffle tickets, please tell us you did!)
- ◇ **Shine Up Your Dancing Shoes!** We have great bands almost non-stop. You will tap your toes!

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Tell everyone you meet, we'll be dancing in the street!

BAKE SALE:



Who doesn't like **COOKIES, PIES and CAKES** for dessert! If you would like to donate to the Festival Bake Sale with all proceeds benefitting St. Patrick's Church, we would love to have them. All items do not need to be brought to the Festival on the first day. It would help to have some items arrive on Saturday and Sunday. They are also looking for volunteers to work the booth. Please contact Mary Beth Wachter at 454-6140 for more information.

RAFFLE TICKETS:



Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two or \$3,000 in cash. Raffle tickets have been sent to parishioners. **Please** return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. **YOU** may be the winner! But you can't win if you don't turn in your tickets. Last year's winner was a member of St. Patrick's! The office has more tickets if you need them. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!

PROGRAM SPONSOR:



If you would like to sponsor an ad for the festival booklet, there are forms in the back of the church. It is the perfect opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to say congratulations to someone who has entered college, high school or a new job. Any reason to give credit and attention to a loved one! Check it out! Deadline has been extended to September 1st. That is the absolute latest that you can get your ad in because we go to print that week!

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. PATRICKS:



During the Irish Festival and weeks leading up to the Irish Festival, The Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick will be collecting school supplies for the City of Erie Schools. Bins will be set up in the back of the church.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:



"To Volunteer to work this year's Irish festival, go to the website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>. Under the "Search By Email" section, type in the email address - fischers6@roadrunner.com. After clicking "Search" you will see the box to click for the Irish Festival sign-ups. Scroll through the days, times and areas for volunteering and check the slots that you wish to work. You will be asked to enter your contact information and will receive email reminders about your time slots."

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank LOESEL-SCHAAF INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

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for advertising in our parish bulletin.