

Saint Brigid

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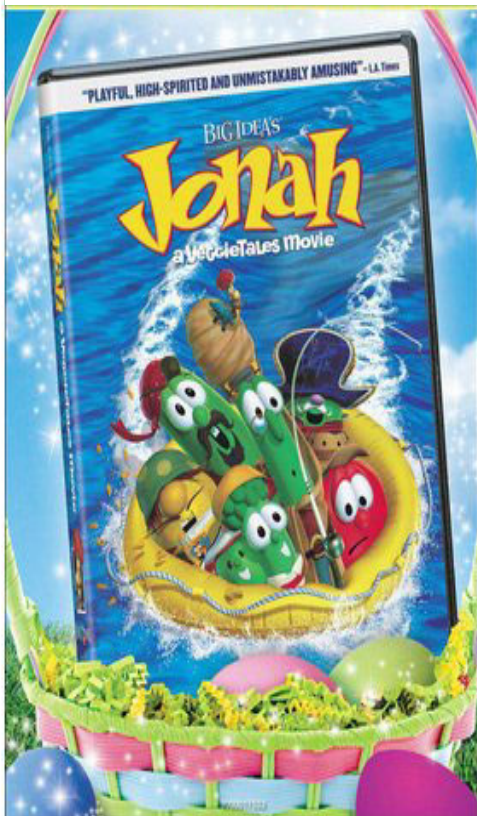
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Movie Night

sponsored by Pastoral Council

Thursday, July 24th
7-9 PM
in our Social Hall

Two movies being shown:
HEAVEN IS FOR REAL
VEGGIE TALES JONAH

Popcorn & drinks provided.
Bring the whole family.
Bring a friend.
All ages welcome. **FREE!**



WORSHIP

Monday – July 21

11:30 AM Jim Hatheway Anniversary
(Madeline & Ralph Mangino)

Tuesday – July 22 ~ No Mass

Wednesday – July 23

11:30 AM Michael Chmura (Lance/Diane Johnson)
6:00 PM Adoration & Benediction/Church

Thursday – July 24

8:00 AM Ann Domingo BD (Sara Mals)
6:30 PM St. James Haven Ritual in Chapel

Friday – July 25

11:30 AM Paul J. Bannon BD (Bill/Carol Brown family)
12:30 PM Juniper Village Communion Service

Saturday – July 26

11:30 AM Dan Piccuta (Kathleen/Tony Vardaro)

Saturday Eve/Sunday Masses ~ July 26/27

4:00 PM Confessions in Chapel
5:30 PM Raymond Dronko (Genevieve Clark)
7:00 AM Louis & Anna Duratz (James J. Duratz)
9:00 AM People of St. Brigid
10:00 AM Baptism

Monday – July 28

12:05 PM Mary D. Bannon BD (Bill/Carol Brown fam)

IN THE HOSPITAL: Lou Wattras. Please remember her in your prayers.

READINGS

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SUPPORT

335-5551 Catholic Social Services
337-7323 Read Program
333-5403 Hospice Grief Support
724-5174 Prayer Line
333-2851 Visitation (ill, elderly) 333-4315
336-1792 Alzheimer's Support Group/3rd Monday
@ Active Aging 6:30 PM

PARISH EVENTS

Monday – July 21

7:00 PM Prayer Time/Diamond Park Everyone invited!

Wednesday – July 23

6:30 PM St. James Haven Board Meeting/Room 5

Thursday – July 24

6:30 PM St. James Haven/Chapel & Room 4
7-9 PM **Movie Night/Social Hall Everyone invited!**

MASSES @7-28-14
THOSE WHO SCHEDULED MASSES
THURSDAY/FRIDAY/SATURDAY
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
ASAP AT 336-4459.

Save the Date ~ 8th Annual Oktoberfest Dinner
on Sunday September 28th sponsored by St. Agatha Parish and held in the Seton School gym on Pine Street from 1-6 PM. Dinner will be served from 1:00 to 5:30 PM. Dinner includes ethnic foods, beer, and wine. Watch the bulletin for more details closer to the date.

Scholastic Book Fair is being held July 19 & 20 from 10 AM-10 PM at The Movies at Meadville, 11155 Highline Drive (near Timbercreek Tap & Table).

Sponsored by the Crawford County READ Program. Make it a family adventure and catch one of three great family friendly movies playing:

How to Train Your Dragon 2
Earth to Echo
Planes: Fire & Rescue

Food Donations Needed to replenish our food bank for the needy. Especially needed: Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, tuna, canned beef stew, rice, instant potatoes, bisquick, baked beans. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office or in front of St. Joseph Shrine in church.

**25th Annual Wesbury
BBQ CHICKEN or BABY BACK RIBS
& Craft Fair**

Sunday, July 20 ~ 11 AM until 5 PM
(or until food is sold out)
Wesbury @ 31 North Park Ave., Meadville

Adults \$10; Children \$5 (ages 10 & younger)

Served picnic style (takeouts available)
Homemade pie or cake for dessert

Classic & Antique Car Cruise In * Family Zone
Outdoor Concert * Rummage Sale
Bake Sale * Book Sale * Crafters/Vendors
Indoor Entertainers * Costumed Characters

Park & Shuttle @ Robertson Football Field
or North Main Street Entrance

**118th Annual Frenchtown
HAM or 1/2 BBQ CHICKEN
Family-style Dinner**

Sunday, July 27 ~ Noon until 6:00 PM
(or until food is sold out)
St. Hippolyte Church on Route 27

Adults \$9; Sr. Citizens \$8; Children \$6

Includes mashed potatoes & gravy,
coleslaw, green beans, applesauce, rolls,
beverage, homemade pie.

Noon-8:00 PM
Bingo, Gift Auction, Quilt/Afghan Raffle,
50/50 Raffle, Dime Pitch, Kids Coolworld,
Grand Prize Drawing \$2,000

**25th Anniversary in the Diocese of Erie
Small Christian Communities/
Small Faith Sharing Groups**

Mark your calendar now! Celebrate on **Saturday, August 9th** the 25th Anniversary of small faith sharing groups in the Diocese of Erie with our Bishop, Lawrence Persico, J.C.L., at St Peter's Cathedral. At 9:30 AM there is a presentation on the vision and mission of Small Christian Communities by Brother Bob Moriarty, S.M., an internationally known speaker and expert on small communities. Bishop Persico will preside at an **11 AM Liturgy** gathering all former and present members of small groups from the forty (40+) parishes who have supported this effort since the RENEW program, completed in the late 1980s. All parishes will be recognized with a diocesan certificate of appreciation. For more info call Sr. Nancy Fischer, S.S.J., Director of Community Formation, 814-824-1217 or Mrs. Kathy Higgins, Notre Dame Adult Religious Education, 724-704-7654.

**SEE THE NEW MASS
SCHEDULE INSERT IN
TODAY'S BULLETIN**



SETON ENROLLMENT 2014-15

Parishioners with children interested in enrolling in Seton Catholic School and who need financial assistance, please see Fr. Johnathan.

SHOE DRIVE ~ Clean out your closet for a good cause. There is a shoe drive going on as a fundraiser to help "The Adoption of Julius." A container is in the gathering area to put your gently worn shoes. Please tie pairs together with the laces or band together with rubber bands (No Tape, please). All kinds/styles of gently worn shoes, boots being accepted. Thank you in advance. To date 2,622 of a goal of 10,000 shoes have been collected. For more info call Donna at (814) 795-5688.



St. Agatha annual Ice Cream Social held **Monday, July 21st** from 4:30 until 7:00 in the center. The Men's club will be serving Casey's ice cream, \$3 donation per adult, \$1.50 for kids 12 & under. Altar Rosary Society ladies will offer sloppy joes & BBQ ham sandwiches & chips, \$4 donation. If you would like to donate a cake or have any questions, please call Tom Peterson at 814-431-3537.



16th Sunday of the Year

Reflecting on God's Word

Our experience of the world is often an experience of opposites: truth and lies, goodness and evil, beauty and ugliness. They are found in intimate proximity, often on the same page of the newspaper or in the same half-hour news report, and intertwined in the same human heart. Their existence is connected to human freedom as well as to the power of sin and evil in our world.

Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God's exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God's justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart.

Jesus says God's active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion.

In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God's grace.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R. Copyright © 2013, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Action Plan to Improve Job Readiness Skills (a gateway to a good job) sponsored by the Crawford County Roundtable. Held Tuesday, August 5th 4-5 PM at Active Aging, 1034 Park Ave., Meadville and also on Tuesday, August 12th from 4-5 PM at Town Square, 110 W. Spring St., Titusville. For more info call (814) 337-7323.

Anniversary celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 50 or 60+ years of marriage in 2014, will be held in two locations in the diocese where you can choose:

Sunday, Aug. 3 at Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie, 1:30 PM
or
Sunday, Aug. 10 at St. Boniface Church, Kersey, 2 PM

Our Bishop will preside at both liturgies and include presentation of scrolls to the couples. A light reception will follow. If you can attend please register, or if you cannot attend but would like a scroll call the parish office at 336-4459.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory/Holy Days			Fiscal Year to Date		
7-13-14 \$5,545	7-8-13 \$5,275	Budget/Wk \$6,039	This YTD \$12,363	Last YTD \$9,927	Budget YTD \$11,854

Catholic Services Appeal

Pledged YTD \$53,665	Paid YTD \$40,982	Assessment \$43,919
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MINISTRIES – JULY 26/27

ALTAR SERVERS 5:30 Sommers 7:00 Corsi 9:00 Harry/Leech	READERS Sommers Stimpson Bowden	GREETERS Needed S/M/D/L Mizner
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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:30 Henderson/Kightlinger/McClimans/Jones
7:00 Chisholms
9:00 Highbys/Reisenweber/Gilmore

Fertility Awareness For Planning & Postponing Pregnancy

Classes are forming **Thurs, July 22nd** at St. Mark Center, 429 E. Grandview Ave., Erie @ 7 PM. Fertility Awareness is... in God's plan for marriage.

Increases intimacy; has no side effects; enhances communication; is 100% natural; is inexpensive; is effective; strengthens commitment; deepens love; builds trust; is spiritually enriching.

Contact Barbara Burkett, Director of Natural Family Planning/ Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie—call (814) 824-1259 or bburkett@erie RCD.org.

Vacation Bible School

The Mighty Kingdom Vacation Bible School 2014

Thank you families for sharing your children with us this past week as we grew in our faith and celebrated "The Mighty Kingdom!"

Thank you to the VBS crew. It couldn't have happened without each of you!

Much appreciation to volunteers from St. Brigid: Deacon Ken, Lori Maxeiner, Pat Traversari, Jean Beerbower, Arlene Wilson, Sarah Kaltenbaugh, Julie Wallace, Colleen Wellington and Shari Bronson. Thank you to parishioners from St. Agatha: Eileen O'Day, Ashley O'Day, Rovairr Morrow and St. Mary of Grace: Katie Allen, Kaylee Allen and Rachel Marsteller.

A special thank you to maintenance: Ted Jastromb Sr. and Charlie Signorino for helping with set-up and tear down.

Thank you to all those who donated items to help defray the cost of this event. We hope to see you next year for VBS 2015!

"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

Ephesians 6:10

At Home with the Faith

Check here for weekly tips on integrating the faith in your daily life, especially at home and in the family.

This week's tip: Remember, every Friday is a day of penance in memory of the death of our Lord (Catechism #1438). Outside Lent, we are not required to abstain from meat - the Church allows us to choose our own penance. Consider as a family giving up something such as the car radio, TV, Facebook, or dessert.

Brown Bag Theology – NEW!

Come hear & discuss Pope Francis' homilies, audiences, letters & more with other interested Catholics. Please bring your own lunch. Our first meeting will be **Thursday, July 24th, 12:15-1pm in Room 2 at St. Brigid Center.**

