



May 1, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the worldwide Catholic family, we can be proud of the Church's outreach to our fellow brothers and sisters of the human family. Believers and non-believers alike know first-hand of the generosity of Catholics the world over. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be. The Church has been doing this work for centuries, and today I ask your assistance that it may continue.

The annual Collection for International Needs, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie on the weekend of May 20-21, offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in distant lands. It is actually a combination of three national collections.

- It provides aid to Catholics in the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** to help build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults.
- It also helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation through **Catholic Relief Services**, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor. Catholic Relief Services has been particularly active in areas of the world recently afflicted by earthquake and tsunami disasters.
- It provides needed assistance to the **Church in Africa**, a rapidly growing and vibrant Church which is rich in vitality but poor in resources.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for International Needs on May 20-21. Just as important is your prayer for those in need, whether here in the Diocese of Erie, or across the globe. Please know that your gift is appreciated. You and your family remain in my prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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summer FESTIVAL 2023

SAT JUNE 3

DJ MUSIC SANDWICHES BEER

from 6 - 10 pm

SUNDAY JUNE 4

Delicious Chicken Dinner

from 11 - 2

Both days - Country Cupboard
Raffles Bake Sale Basket Auction

tithing to **FOOD PANTRY**

Place this on your fridge. Mark your calendar.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, to you I pray...
On this day called,
"Mother's Day."
Let all mother's on earth give praise,
To you...for the children that you gave.
For you have blessed them from above,
with little souls to nourish and love.
Let them mold each one with care...
And teach them to be kind and share.
Forgiveness is the special key...
Start early on, to help them see.
Their fragile minds are easily impressed.
Please teach them ways, so they'll be blessed.
Sow godly seeds into their minds.
With careful pruning, you will find...
Young adults with such strong roots,
all through life, will bear rich fruit.
And then have faith for God to show...
Them all the rest they have to know.
Remember they're His children too.
For they were only lent to you.

Mother's Day Flower Memorials



**We acknowledge, with grateful
appreciation, flower memorials in
remembrance of loved ones from:**

Florence Bovee and Ethel Regal (Fred & Joanne Regal)

Agnes Kanonczyk, Isabelle Dombrowski and Marion Marecki - Godmother (Ron & Cathy Dombrowski)

Janet Kaveney (Barb & Phil Sammons)

Debbie Kennerknecht and Barbara Chapman
(Jimmy, Melanie, Alyssa and Allison Kennerknecht)

Mary Mroz, Beatrice Devine-Mothers, Catherine Mroz, Stella Dylewski, Mary Bent and Anna Devine-Grandmothers, Eleanor Lozowski and Rosa Sorze-Godmothers (David & Pat Devine)

Geraldine Golombieski (Dan Golombieski)

Jean Murosky, Cheryl (Murosky) Meyer, Marina (Petrona) Cockrell, Rena Petrona (Barbara Petrona)

Ann Woloanski and Eva Kowalski (JoAnn Hlifka)

Josephine Lorei Evan and Alberta Wise
(Rich & Jeannie Wise)

Mary Krahe, Veronica Panighetti and Edith Agosti
(Gene & Karen Krahe)

Dorothy Schupp and Neva Hamiton (Mike & Tara Schupp)

Jan Kosin (Debbie, Michael and Julie)

Carrie Bayhurst (Liz Gaber)

The Mroz and Bayle Mother's (Rick & Chris Bayle)

Jane Jaworski and Dolores Jagodzinski
(John & Rosanne Jaworski)

Mrs. Louise Moyer (Edward Szocki)

All Mothers

In Memory of the deceased Mothers in the Wettekin, Staszewski, Ohs and Jarzomski Families
(Chuck & Sue Wettekin)

Mary McCullough & Rita Kalivoda
(Mike & Diane Kalivoda)

Blanch Kosin & Gert Sokol (Larry & Jan Kosin)

Ruth Barber, Emma Royer and Kathy Matczak
(Pamela Beamish)

Monica Hodapp and Virginia Heintzl
(Dottie & Joe Heintzl)

Esther Mooney and Margaret, Catherine and MaryJean
(Therese Dunn)

Amelia Perry and Mary Hopkins (Jim & Maria Hopkins)

Gert Homan and Mary Waskiewicz
(Bob & Kris Waskiewicz)

Florence R zodkiewicz and Agnes Brzozowski
(Dianne Brzozowski)