

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At a recent in-service day-long seminar hosted by the diocese the keynote speaker Dr. Justine Schober, an Erie pediatric urologist, made reference to her research into pedophilia. We have learned much about sexual predators in general and specifically in the priesthood that we really didn't know in the 60's and 70's. Research like hers is invaluable, helping us move from believing that sexual abuse is a sin that can be healed through penance to sexual abuse is more along the lines of addictive behavior.

Key points from her research suggests that sexual predators are attracted to specific age groups and gender. She noted that these predators often suffer from obsessive-compulsive disease, meaning that while they may realize the behavior is wrong, nonetheless they feel compelled to continue the behavior. Further, they also tended to score deceitful on a polygraph test.

Because the predators know that what they are doing is wrong in the eyes of society, they tend to isolate their victims making them rely solely on the predator helping to ensure secrecy. In the case of clergy sexual abuse, the presumed moral standing of the abuser causes the victim to believe this behavior must be ok because Fr. So and So wouldn't hurt me. When the victim begins to understand that this behavior is not ok, the victim is filled with shame and regret, even to the point of believing that somehow they (the victims) are responsible for the abuse.

This is terrible! We must work together to eradicate child sexual abuse from the clergy, the church and all of society. An article I read suggested that 60,000 children are abused annually, obviously not all by priests. But even one child is too many. Together let us make a difference. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

The Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm on November 3rd at St Joseph Church and at the 8:00am Mass at St Luke Church on November 4th. The memorial service will include the presentation of a candle during Mass in honor of each of the deceased members of St Joseph Parish by their families or friends. If you have a relative or friend who passed away this year and is not a member of our Parish and you would like a candle in their honor please call the Parish office at 723-2090.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Bullying Prevention Month: Relational bullying is unwarranted, persistent, unwelcome behavior in the form of criticism, isolation, or fabricated allegations that can damage relationships. Examples include social exclusion (You can't be with us"), spreading rumors ("Did you hear...?"), and withholding friendship ("I won't be your friend if you..."). Though relational bullying can often seem ambiguous to outside observers and often garners less attention than physical bullying or verbal bullying, it should not be discounted simply as normal, adolescent behavior. In fact, several recent studies suggest relational bullying is more strongly related to emotional distress and teen depression than any other form of bullying. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Catholic education helps children mature into Christ-like people. Students are encouraged to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and others. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph Catholic School.

Please call the School Office at 723-2030.



PIZZA NIGHT: November 10th after the 5:30 Mass, the Welcoming & Hospitality Committee will be hosting a homemade pizza supper. What a great way to enjoy an evening with your church community. **Sign up sheets are at the doors of the Church or you can call the Parish Office to sign up.** All are invited!

ST. JOSEPH SKI CLUB AT PEEK'N PEAK RESORT AND SPA



Your Family and Friends can ski/snowboard at any time, on any day, and still be part of our group and receive the group rate. Information sheets, registration forms, and contact information are available in the Church and School offices. **Registrations must be turned into the school office by November 1st.**

BOX CITY—THANK YOU to all who donated and prayed for our Box City this year. **We raised \$2330.00 for the Warren County School District Food & Clothing Pantry Program.** A special thank you to our soup makers and food collectors, Barb Smelko, Debbie Bablak, Andrea Kiehl, Marla McMeans and Tara Shattuck; our musicians, Laura Baldensperger and Betsy Williams and Father Jim who led our prayer service. Also a huge thank you to Russ Beyer, Eric and Alice Fadale, Betsy Williams and David Wortman who weathered the weather and lack of sleep to watch and protect our 23 young people throughout the night. Thank you also to Fred and Debi Martin who donated and dropped off a truckload of wood.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1ST ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Will be held on October 27th from 5-8pm at Holy Redeemer Parish. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Take outs will be available. All are Welcome!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND.

We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith-to bring the Gospel to all! The collection supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and thank you for your generosity in this week's second collection.

THE OFFICE OF THE TRIBUNAL AND MATRIMONIAL CONCERNS

is offering the Tribunal Road Show. Anyone needing information concerning annulments is invited. There is one more session offered, **Oct. 24th at Sacred Heart in Erie.** The session will begin at **6:30pm** and will include a presentation on the annulment process and the opportunity to meet one-on one with members of the tribunal staff to answer individual questions. Please call the tribunal office at 814-824-1140 with questions.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 10/21 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am (St Luke) Ralph Suppa by Bonita Kay Suppa
10:45am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

Monday, 10/22 St John Paul II, Pope
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer Church
12:00pm (St Luke) Communion Service with Deacon Phil Skerda

Tuesday, 10/23 St John of Capistrano, Priest
7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer Church

Wednesday, 10/24 St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (School Mass)
9:05am Vicky Parker by Fran Durante & Brian & Vicki Duckett

Thursday, 10/25 Weekday
7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer Church

Friday, 10/26 Weekday
7:00am Mass @ Holy Redeemer Church

Saturday, 10/27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm Michael Curren by Rob & Cindy Kaemmerer

Sunday, 10/28 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am (St Luke) Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
10:45am Robert & Judy Leins by Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
10/27		C & K Darling, T & R Fadale,	E Darling
5:30pm	B McGinn	J Anderson, N Berardi,	I Darling
10/28		J Caumban-Lim	J Darling
8:00am	M Donahue	R McCanna, M Skerda	R Nuhfer
10:45am	Students	K & V Amsdell, C Bevacqua, R Beyer, P Christy, *C Luppino, S Cole	A Beyer K Beyer R Siliano

10/24 -The Rouse Home— Mary Donahue/Carol Knapp
 10/28 -8:00am Mass Ushers—John Randinelli/Volunteer

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF

Michael Kolos by Karen Kolos

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—October 6th & 7th
St Joseph - \$7522.50
St Luke - \$817.00

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Laura Ditka**, daughter of **Ashton & Linda Ditka**, and **Richard Danuski**, husband of **Nancy Danuski** and brother of **Pauline Stec** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends, and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

The Rosary will be prayed before the Sunday 8:00am Mass at St Luke Church during October. Come early and join us!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Ephesians 2:1-10; Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday Ephesians 2:12-22; Gospel Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday Ephesians 3:2-12; Gospel Luke 12:39-48

Thursday Ephesians 3:14-21; Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Friday Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel Luke 12:54-59

Saturday Ephesians 4:7-16; Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Sunday Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Gospel Mark 10:46-52

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 21st Mission Sunday (2nd Collection)
8:00am Mass (St Luke) The Rosary will be prayed before Mass
 9:15am 2nd Gr Parent Meeting @ Holy Redeemer Church
 9:15-10:30am FF—EDGE—Every Day God Encounters (HR)
 9:00-10:30am Crew—Confident, Ready, Excited Witnesses (HR)
10:45am Mass
 DOG—Disciples of God (Children's Liturgy)
 11:45am Cherub Choir rehearsal

Monday, October 22nd
 10:45am (St Luke) DVD series Mary, Queen of Heaven
 12:00pm (St Luke) Communion Service with Deacon Phil Skerda

Tuesday, October 23rd
 10:30am (St Luke) Bible Study
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
 7:00pm Cemetery Board Meeting (Boardroom)

Wednesday, October 24th
9:05am School Mass celebrated by Fr Jim Gutting
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, October 25th
 10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)
 6:00pm Girl Scouts (Meyer Hall)

Friday, October 26th

Saturday, October 27th
4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm Mass

Sunday, October 28th (Student Mass)
8:00am Mass (St Luke)
 9:15-10:30am FF—EDGE—Every Day God Encounters (HR)
10:45am Mass Cherub Choir will sing Prelude (Student Mass)
 DOG—Disciples of God (Children's Liturgy)
 **Coffee & Donuts after 10:45am Mass in the Cafeteria

VOCATION ICON

A **Special Thank You to The Ressler Family** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week!



ST JOSEPH CHURCH SOUP KITCHEN
 serving dinners each Tuesday at 4:30pm. All are welcome!

MINISTRIES OF ST JOSEPH PARISH

Thank You for your continued generosity!

St Joseph Church: **Household Items and furniture are needed for our Helping Hands Ministry. Please check the board as new tags are being added.**

St Luke Church: **Beef Stew, Spaghetti, Noodles, Hamburger Helper**