

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few weeks ago, I was in the weight room at the Y working out. In comes a man, obviously a veteran of the weight room, and a teenager, obviously a novice in the weight room. After watching them for several minutes, I drifted over to the veteran of the weight room and asked if he had told the novice how sore he was going to be the next day. He replied that he may have forgotten to do so, but that the novice would find out soon enough. We both laughed.

This is the time of the year where we make and break our New Year's Resolutions. The more consideration we give to the consequences of resolutions, the less likely we will be to break them anytime soon. Going into our resolutions without some thought about the consequences generally means that we will soon be overwhelmed and lose our desire to keep up with the resolutions, no matter how beneficial they may be.

Generally, this applies to resolutions that we make about our spiritual life as well. For example, if we resolve to say all the mysteries of the rosary each day without considering the time that will take and without planning when we will say them each day, we probably will keep our resolution only a short time and feel guilty when we quit. If we resolve to go to confession once a week, we may find out that we have less to say than we first thought. Again, breaking that resolution will probably leave us worse off than before we started.

That's why the great spiritual directors over the ages counsel a slower progression in our spiritual life, making sure we know why we want to make the change and taking time to reflect on how the changes are working. Quality over quantity generally is to be preferred.

By the way I haven't seen the weight room novice since.

Father Rick

PARISH NEWS

There are still some **2019 Parish Calendars** and Matthew Kelly's new book ***The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*** available at the doors of the Church and in the Parish Office. Please stop and pick one up, we have extras.



BAPTISM Through the waters of Baptism, we at Saint Joseph Parish wish to **Welcome Marin Elizabeth Keddie** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. She is the daughter of **Alex and Lauren Keddie**. Marin has a sister, **Elle**. Marin's grandparents are **Paul and Joel Wood** and **Mr. Alex Keddie**. May God continue to bless her life with His love.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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72 AND YOU MOVIE NIGHT

The movie, "The War Room" will be shown at Holy Redeemer Church on January 7th at 7:00pm in the TK Room. The film is rated PG. All are welcome to come and enjoy. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

CCY CLEARANCE SALE

We have four gold & one silver apron left—Only \$12. We also have TinySaints for only \$4 each. Contact Jenn at 688-3842 if you are interested.

The Saints we have are Anthony, Cecilia, Christopher, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis, Gianna, James, Joan of Arc, John, Jude, Lucy, Luke, Maria Goretti, Mark, Martin de Porres, Mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, Maximilian Kolbe, Paul, Peter, Peregrine, Stephen, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Thomas Aquinas, Veronica, & Vincent de Paul.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saint Joseph Catholic School will have an Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 11:45am to 1:15pm. All are welcome to see the student's work, talk with teachers and enjoy a refreshment. Invite new families to tour our school and have their questions answered.

MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 2019

The March for Life bus trip has been **cancelled** due to a poor response. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jennifer at 688-3842. Hopefully we make the trip happen next year. God Bless your 2019!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Keeping God's Children Protected and Safe: To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep abiding security and the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh, and to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality—we cannot approach all God's creation with the same trust and confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful and damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love and respect others—they ignore God's call. The Diocese of Erie's program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided and educated about the responsibility of how to keep God's children protected and safe. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 1/6 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:00am (St Luke) Margaret Wawrejko by R Kowalski Family
 10:45am Steve Cosmano by Carl DeStefano & Family

Monday, 1/7 **Christmas Weekday St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**
 12:00pm (St Luke) Florence Scalise by Chuck & Diane Hayes

Tuesday, 1/8 **Christmas Weekday**
 12:05pm Mary Walker by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Wednesday, 1/9 **Christmas Weekday**
 9:05am Katie Rooney by Chris & Pat Hartnett

Thursday, 1/10 **Christmas Weekday**
 12:05pm Karlene Molinaro by Jan Graziano & Family

Friday, 1/11 **Christmas Weekday**
 8:00am Francis M & Mary A Russo by Estate

Saturday, 1/12 **Christmas Weekday**
 5:30pm Thomas Ognibene by Josei, Grace, Margie, Ton I, Mary, Darcie & Toni B
 8:00am (St Luke) C J Bosko by M/M Phil Bosko
 10:45am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 John 3:22—4:6; Gospel Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday 1 John 4:7-10; Gospel Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 John 4:11-18; Gospel Mark 6:45-52

Thursday 1 John 4:19—5:4; Gospel Luke 4:14-22a

Friday 1 John 5:5-13; Gospel Luke 5:12-16

Saturday 1 John 5:14-21; Gospel John 3:22-30

Sunday Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel Luke 3:15-16,21-22

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 6th
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 9:15am EDGE FF (Holy Redeemer Church)
 10:45am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)

Monday, January 7th
 12:00pm (St Luke)
 7:00pm 72 & You Movie Night (Holy Redeemer Church)

Tuesday, January 8th
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, January 9th
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share
 5:15pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Boardroom)

Thursday, January 10th
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00pm 5th grade Parent Chasity Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, January 11th
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, January 12th
 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
1/12 5:30pm	J Walker	S Courson, H Zaffino, R Kujawa, P Lobdell, F Perrin, R Sharp, D Labowski	Jaxon Sobina Lily Walker Sophie Walker
1/13 8:00am	T Marino	L Marino, R McCanna	R Nuhfer
10:45am	K/V Amsdell	D Pusateri, *B Smelko, *A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick, *P & R Osche, E Keeney	B Alexander W Bennett T Dippold

1-9—The Rouse Home— Deacon Phil Skerda/ Todd Mineweaser/ Sandi Mineweaser
 1-13—8:00am Mass Ushers—Pat & Bill Mascaro

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—December 29th & 30th
 Saint Joseph Church - \$8841.35
 Saint Luke Church - \$745.00

St Joseph Parish Solemnity of Mary Offering
 Saint Joseph Church—\$1658.00
 Saint Luke Church—\$65.00

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Robert A. & Frank A. Rich by Family

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY serves dinner every Tuesday at 4:30pm. All are Welcome!

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **Rose Troyan** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week!. If you are interested in taking the Vocation Icon for the week the sign up sheet is by the Parish Office. Thank You!



Thank you for your continued Generosity!
Items to be collected in January

St Joseph Church –Toilet Paper / Paper Towels
St Luke Church —Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta/Noodles
****Items collected are distributed to the Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry.**