

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The season of Lent is just around the corner with Ash Wednesday being March 6th. The Diocese has sent out the following information:

1. Traditional Lenten practices of PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

I will again be offering the sacrament of reconciliation after the Stations of the Cross at St. Joe's. Stations are on Friday evening at 6:30 at St. Joe's and 7 at St. Luke's.


The ecumenical Lenten series Holden Evening Prayer will take place again on Tuesday evenings from March 12th through April 9th. St. Joe's is hosting the first evening prayer on March 12th at 7 pm. All are invited. The Youngsville Ministerium is sponsoring a Lenten series on Wednesdays at noon. St. Luke's is hosting on March 27th. Lenten Penance services begin on Sunday March 24th at 3 pm at St. Thomas in Corry, followed on Tuesday, March 26th at St. Joe's at 7 and Wednesday, March 25th at 7 at St. Anthony's.

I will again offer the sacrament of reconciliation on Good Friday before and after the service. *Father Rick*



PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION Please keep the prayers and support coming for the following students, as they reinforce their decision to be confirmed in the Catholic faith at the 10:45 Mass this weekend; **Thomas Bablak, Maddie Fadale, Mitchell Grosch, Riley Heeden, Tyler Howard, Tessa Korchak, Caitlin Kramer, Ryan Madigan, Myah Madril, Alex Nebinski, Caroline Smelko, Brett Sowa and Grace Wortman.**

 It is time once again to bring in last year's palms. There is a container in the front of the Church and one by the Parish Office. The palms will then be burned. Thank You!



K of C of Youngsville will be hosting a **Shrove Tuesday All You Can Eat Pancake Supper** at St Luke Church on Tuesday, March 5th from 4:30-7pm. Donations will be accepted and 10% of the proceeds will benefit the Rouse resident's activity fund.

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CHWC 2020 FUNDRAISER

The CCY M & M Fundraiser is underway and 50 containers have been returned so far. You can return your M & M container with donation to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Your donations to help the students accomplish their goal to go on the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip to Rome in 2020 is gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS will be available on Monday, March 4th in the Parish Office for graduating seniors from our Parish planning to attend a college or a trade school in the fall. Applications will be reviewed and scholarships offered to those students who have exemplified commitment and service in their faith life at St Joseph Parish. Applications must be returned to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 24, 2019. No applications will be accepted after this date.

SAINT JOSEPH TABLE will be celebrated Sunday, March 17th after the 10:45am Mass with a tureen luncheon. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish to pass. Sign up sheets are now at the doors of the Church or call the Parish Office to sign up.



HELPING HANDS is looking for volunteers: If you have a pick-up truck or have free time that can help move and deliver furniture we'd like to add you to our pool of volunteers in the Helping Hands Ministry. Frequency of deliveries depends on the requests of those in need but typically it's about once a month. If you have any questions or would like to add your name to the pool, call the parish office.



Join us **March 4th at 6pm in the TK Room at Holy Redeemer Church (note the time change) for THE SHACK.** It is rated PG-13. After a family tragedy, Mack's faith in God is wavering, until he gets a mysterious invitation to a Shack in the woods, where our Trinitarian God reveals himself fully, in the form of three strangers. This is spiritually uplifting and transforming movie that you do not want to miss. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

2019 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

FORWARD TOGETHER WITH TRUTH...WITH HOPE...WITH CHRIST
The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal will be held next weekend in our parish. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to join together in doing the work of the Lord. The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. For our projects this year we would like to upgrade the heating systems in the classrooms off the gym and replace or repair the doors at St. Luke Church. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

The Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Members of the Warren Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church this weekend conducting their Annual Membership Drive. They are looking for a few good men, so if you are a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 and are looking to live your faith by helping others then the K of C is for you! Information will be available to anyone interested in joining and members will be available to answer all your questions.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 2/24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (St Luke) Doris Dale by Mr & Mrs Jim Uhron
 10:45am For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

Monday, 2/25 Weekday
 12:00pm (St Luke) Rick Casey by Marino family

Tuesday, 2/26 Weekday
 12:05pm Eleanor Swanson by St Joseph Altar Rosary Society

Wednesday, 2/27 Weekday
 9:05am Maria Coppola by Jan Graziano & Family
 1:30pm (Rouse Home) Francis M & Mary A Russo by Estate

Thursday, 2/28 Weekday
 12:05pm Howard O'Neil by Family

Friday, 3/1 Weekday World Day of Prayer
 8:00am William Hunter by Mike & Lisa Lewis

Saturday, 3/2 Weekday
 5:30pm Meg Sabat by Chris & Pat Hartnett

Sunday, 3/3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am (St Luke) For the Living & Deceased Members or St Joseph Parish
 10:45am Ben Kupchella by The Rob Richard Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Sirach 1:1-10; Gospel Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday Sirach 2:1-11; Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday Sirach 4:11-19; Gospel Mark 9:38-40

Thursday Sirach 5:1-8; Gospel Mark 9:41-50

Friday Sirach 6:5-17; Gospel Mark 10:1-12

Saturday Sirach 17:1-15; Gospel Mark 10:13-16

Sunday Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Gospel Luke 6:39-45

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 24th
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 9:00am CREW @ HR
 9:15am EDGE @ HR
 9:45am Praise Team Rehearsal
 10:45am Youth Mass-Confirmation Students & Sponsors
 Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG (Disciples of God)
 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
 Coffee & Donuts after Mass in the cafeteria
 4:00pm CCY for 5th & 6th Grades

Monday, February 25th
 12:00pm (St Luke)
 6:30pm St Joseph Parish Book Club (Boardroom)

Tuesday, February 26th
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen
 6:00pm Cub Scouts (Meyer Hall)

Wednesday, February 27th
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

Thursday, February 28th
 10:30am Jesus Revealed Bible Study (Meyer Hall)
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
 7:15pm Evening Prayer

Friday, March 1st First Friday
 8:00am Mass
 9:00am Homebound Communion

Saturday, March 2nd
 22:32 Men's Conference at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie
 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, March 3rd
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 9:15-10:45am CREW @ HR
 9:15 -10:30am EDGE @ HR
 8:15am-12:15pm 2nd Grade Retreat @ HR
 10:45am Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
3/2		P Lobbell, J Sabat,	L Fincher
5:30pm	M Sandberg	B & R Williams, A Anderson, H Thomas, Greg Stilwell	Jacob Funari, Jillian Funari
3/3		C Knapp, L Marino	R Nuhfer
8:00am	T Marino	C Feaster, G Grosch, B Harvey	
10:45am	D Pusateri	J Hausmann E Keeney A Kirkpatrick , M Kirkpatrick	D Holmberg S Holmberg J Peterson
3/6		<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	
12:05pm	Students	J Rickert, 6 Volunteers	Students
5:30pm	M Sandberg	7 Volunteers	3 Volunteers

**Deacon Phil Skerda will celebrate a Communion Service and Distribution of Ashes at St Luke Church at 7:00pm and at the Rouse Home at 10:00am.

2-27-The Rouse Home— Judy Bosko & Mary Donahue
 3-3—8:00am Mass Ushers—Doug & Diana Sandburg
 March -Altar/Rosary Cleaning Committee—Cheryl Gruber & Jodi Bower

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Meg Sabat by Terry & Janice Ressler

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering-February 16th & 17th
Saint Joseph Church - \$5625.10
Saint Luke Church - \$630.00
Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Items to be collected in March



St Joseph Church –Boxes of cereal: Raisin Bran, Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, Apple Jacks, Lucky Charms, Chex, Corn Flakes
St Luke Church —Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, Coffee, Sugar & Flour
****Items collected are distributed to the Warren Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry.**

Thank You!



In your charity please pray for the soul of **Joanne Massa** who passed away this past week. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends and ask God's love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **Tom & Roxie Fadale** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. Thank You!