

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Super Bowl LII (52) is upon us and much has changed since Super Bowl I. The length of the first Super Bowl (which wasn't even called the Super Bowl) was roughly the length of the average game at the time...between 2 and 3 hours. Now that seems to be the length of the halftime show. The game wasn't even a sell-out. The stadium was one third empty. The price of admission was \$12. The opponents were the Green Bay Packers, representing the NFL and the Kansas City Chiefs, representing the AFL. The game was simulcast on CBS and NBC and featured two second half kick-offs because one network wasn't back from commercial break.

Yes, much has changed. But one question that is still around is "Who are you rooting for?" I used to answer that question by saying the NFC representative. Then I changed to answering it by saying "I'm rooting for the commercials." But since the commercials in recent years haven't been that entertaining, I've changed to answering question with the team that I think executes best.

The focus over the years has moved away from the teams involved to the overall event. Not only are the teams mentioned and reported on, but so is the host city and the halftime entertainer. Media day has been replaced by opening night. And the menu has become a concern.

Super Bowl Sunday moved from the third Sunday in January to the first Sunday in February. More teams now have a chance to represent their respective conferences. The two weeks between the conference finals and the Super Bowl make for greater hype and marketing. Super Bowl party plans have become more extensive. The number of things to bet on concerning the Super Bowl in Vegas has grown dramatically.

But in the end, is bigger better? It's still a game that's largely won "in the trenches" by the team that executes better. This year I think that will be the Patriots, but I wouldn't be surprised if the Eagles pulled it off. Enjoy the game!

*Fr. Rick*

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL REVERSE RAFFLE**

**THE REVERSE RAFFLE IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH** from 6pm-10pm in St. Joseph School gym. The tickets are \$50.00 for 2 adults only. The Reverse Raffle is a fun night with food, fellowship and over \$4,000 in cash and prizes! Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend or you can contact the School Office at 723-2030. Come join us and support St. Joseph Catholic School.

**Justin Fatica, All Heart, All In Family Event**

**ARE YOU GETTING EXCITED? JUSTIN FATICA WILL BE HERE SOON!** The program is Monday, February 19th at 6:30 pm in the church. It is called **ALL HEART, ALL IN** and Justin and his team of ministers are excited to speak to you and pray with you. **Four Salt & Light and Confirmation hours will be given** because this is a big event. **Please make this a priority for your family as we are very blessed to have this opportunity.** Any questions, please call or text Jennifer at 688-3842.

**ADULT FORMATION NEWS!**

We will be offering a Lenten study called **Mary Queen of Heaven**, exploring her life from before time to today; revealing her ongoing battle against evil and increasing our relationship with the woman who brought us the Savior of the World. The series will run on **Thursdays beginning February 8<sup>th</sup> and will run to April 5<sup>th</sup>**, no meeting on Holy Thursday. You may choose your session: 10:15-11:45 am or 6:30-8:00 pm. **Sign up in the parish office today!** Cost is \$25.00 for materials.

**ENRICH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

**THURSDAYS DURING LENT**, the First United Methodist Church at 200 Market St, has a noontime Lenten Service followed by a \$5.00 soup and pie lunch at 12:30 which is open to the community. **March 1st, St. Joseph Parish will be the host of the luncheon.** We are looking for volunteers to help. If you can make soup, bake pies, or lend a hand in the kitchen, we would be grateful. **All proceeds will benefit our Helping Hands and Soup Kitchen ministries.** For more details or to sign up, call the parish office @723-2090.

**THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be meeting **Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Boardroom. We will be discussing and planning Lent and Easter decorating for the Church. If you would like to be a part of this Committee please join us.

**DR. HOWARD FERGUSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

As most of you know, Dr. Ferguson passed away in December. He was a beloved principal who worked tirelessly to revitalize St. Joseph School, and a leader in the Warren community. In honor of Dr. Ferguson, a scholarship is being established with St. Joseph students as the beneficiaries. If you would like to make a donation to this scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Ferguson you can do so by sending a check to the parish office made out to St. Joseph Catholic School. Please note Dr. Ferguson Scholarship Fund on the envelope.

**GERTRUDE HAWK EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER FOR CCY**

Our Cool Catholic Youth Group and Catholic Heart Work Camp crew will be selling **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for Easter from Jan. 29th—Feb 23rd.** You can order online at **[www.gertrudehawkchocolates.com](http://www.gertrudehawkchocolates.com)**, just click on **fundraising**, click on **place an order** and enter **participant's number 727886** or you can stop in the Parish Office to place an order. Please support our teens and make your Easter basket shopping a breeze.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Eucharist at Saint Joseph Church this year. **Traci Abplanalp, Maggie Bennett, Bill Bennett, Carson Creek, Isabelle Grosch, Isabella Oyola, Alena Papalia and Ellen Straight.**

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, 2/4</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Paul Leofsky by Knights of Columbus
10:30am	Linda Buser by Pat & Toni Williams
<b>Monday, 2/5</b>	<b>St Agatha Virgin &amp; Martyr</b>
12:00pm	Mass at St. Luke Mel Kramer by K of C Council of Youngsville
<b>Tuesday, 2/6</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>
12:05pm	Anthony Fill by Mike & Lisa Lewis
<b>Wednesday, 2/7</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9:05am	Gary B. Smith by Becky Harper
2:00pm	Mass @ The Rouse Home—Ralph Suppa by Mike & Lisa Lewis
<b>Thursday, 2/8</b>	<b>St Jerone Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</b>
12:05pm	Burton & Julia Zock by Family
<b>Friday, 2/9</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00am	Patricia Pazderski by Mike & Lisa Lewis
<b>Saturday, 2/10</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil Mass) St Scholastica</b>
5:30pm	Julia Papalia by Mike & Lisa Lewis
<b>Sunday, 2/11</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Sick</b>
8:00am	Mass @ St Luke Paul Leofsky by Collins Family
10:30am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>2/10</b>			
5:30pm	B McGinn	J Anderson, C & K Darling, T & R Fadale, J Caumban-Lim,	E Darling I Darling
		<u>P Bailey</u>	<u>J Darling</u>
<b>2/11</b>	D Wortman	T Siliano, L & A Tyers, E Keeney,	G Wortman
10:30am		D Pusateri, J & V Siliano	R Siliano J Peterson

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
 Florence Scalise by Jan Graziano & Jo Ann Anderson

### VOCATIONS ICON

We would like to thank **Bob Scheer** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Parish.

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN FEBRUARY

The month of February we will be collecting Beef Stew/Spaghetti O's, and Beef-a-Roni. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the needy families of the Warren community through the Helping Hands ministry.

### St. Joseph Church

Weekly Offering—January 28th—\$8135.00

Second Collection for Catholic Communications—\$1100.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment.

**Reverse Raffle is Saturday, February 10th**  
 Tickets are on sale at the School Office

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Gospel Mark 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Gospel Mark 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kings 10:1-10; Gospel Mark 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kings 11:4-13; Gospel Mark 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19; Gospel Mark 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34; Gospel Mark 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Gospel Mark 1:40-45

## THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

### Sunday, February 4 Boy Scout Sunday

8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church

10:30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word for Children

### Monday, February 5

12:00pm Mass @ St Luke Church

4:30pm RCIA Team Meeting (Meyer Hall)

### Tuesday, February 6

12:05pm Mass

4:30pm Soup Kitchen

6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

### Wednesday, February 7

9:05am School Mass

10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)

5:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Meyer Hall)

7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 8

12:05pm Mass

12:30pm Adoration (Mothers Chapel)

5:30pm School Advisory Meeting (School Library)

6:30pm Environment Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

7:15pm Evening Prayer

### Friday, February 9

8:00am Mass

### Saturday, February 10

4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation

5:30pm Mass

6:00pm St Joseph Catholic School Reverse Raffle (Gym)

### Sunday, February 11

8:00am Mass @ St Luke Church

9:00am 5th—8th Grade Retreat

9:15am Faith Formation K-4, 9th

Confirmation 10th & 11th

10:30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word for Children

1:00pm Sonrise Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm High School CCY

### HEARTS TO HEARTS DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION

Saturday February 10th @ 6:00pm @ the Women's Club of Warren  
 \$35.00 per seat - to purchase tickets email @hohwarrencounty@gmail.com

**All proceeds to benefit the House of Hope of Warren County**

House of Hope is looking for volunteers to donate a dessert or silent auction items. If you would like to donate please email hohwarrencounty@gmail.com or call 814-335-9179. By participating in this event, you are giving people the opportunity to help make a significant impact on a woman's life, her family's life, her children's life, our community, and our society.