

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Friday I had the opportunity to attend the tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwich dinner followed by the "Living Stations" enacted by youth group. I thought that the entire evening was a wonderful preparation for Easter. I dunked my grilled cheese in the tomato soup and then thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of the "Living Stations."

During the "Living Stations" I was struck by the continued reference to Jesus in the verbal prayers of the stations and the large Risen Christ on the wall behind the altar.

One writer that I frequently read is Richard Rohr who writes that we have over the years developed a dualistic mentality. That means that we tend to reduce decisions to an either/or way of viewing reality...yes/no, black/white, democrat/republican. The danger in doing that is that we lose perspective of the bigger picture. In religious terms we tend to lose the mystical and focus on the empirical or another way to put that is we focus on what we can see and lose focus on what we cannot see.

Using our dualistic mentality we sometimes choose Jesus and forget about Christ. Yet the connection at Holy Redeemer during the stations between Jesus and Christ was just too powerful to overlook. During Holy Week we hear about the events that led to the death of Jesus. At Easter and during the Easter Season we focus a little more on the meaning of the events of Holy Week: the revelation of Christ in the resurrection.

St. Paul writes that "it is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col 1:27) that is the manifestation of the hidden mystery. We are in Christ and Christ is in us. "So as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him"(Col 2:6).  
Happy Easter to all.

*Fr. Rick*

## PARISH NEWS

**40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT** A big Thank You to all who supported this food drive during the weeks of Lent. We collected over 296 lbs of cans during the 40 Days of Lent. All donated foods will be used at the Youngsville Food Pantry.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) 2017** We have reached our parish diocesan assessment of \$68,188.00. Please remember that all money pledged beyond the diocesan assessment remains in the parish and will be used for our service project to remodel the side entrance by the parish office to be handicap accessible with automatic doors. If you have not made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Envelopes for your spiritual or financial support can be found at the doors of the church or at the parish office. Thank you for your support of this important diocesan appeal.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available in the parish office for graduating seniors from our parish planning to attend a college or 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 here at St. Joseph Parish. **Applications must be returned to the parish office by Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.** No applications will be accepted after this date.

**SACRISTANS NEEDED** to help set up and clean up after the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. We welcome individuals or couples. Please pray and discern if this ministry may be for you then call Chris Grana at 723-7764 if interested.

## ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS

This is a great way for our St. Joseph Parish to support the twelve seminarians studying in our diocese. The raffle will be held on April 20th so there is still time to purchase your tickets at the parish office.

**CAN YOU HELP PARISHIONERS COME TO MASS?** We are still in need of volunteers to bring parishioners to Mass who are no longer able get to the church on their own. If you are willing to help with this ministry please call Betsy Williams at 723-2090. office.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated after the 8:30 am Mass at Holy Redeemer Church with Benediction and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will also be sung in the afternoon at 3:00pm at St. Joseph Church.

**DO YOU HAVE A WILL?** A FREE estate planning Seminar will be held on May 10th at 6:30pm in Meyer Hall. Topics include Will Planning, Power of Attorney, Healthcare Directives, Guardianships for your Children, and Funeral Planning. Speakers include Christine Kuntz, Attorney, Steve Grillo, CLU, and Mike Lewis & Scott Nelson. Please RSVP to Betsy Williams at 723-2090 ext 12 if you plan to attend.

**THINKING OF SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR SPOUSE FOR EASTER?** Give each other the gift of time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on June 23rd—25th. A time designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together and share their hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations in a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one person they have chosen to live with for the rest of their lives. For more information and to register visit [www.yourmarriageisworthit.org](http://www.yourmarriageisworthit.org).



We are still collecting spaghetti sauce for the month of April. Toilet paper and paper towels are always desperately needed. **Your generosity is overwhelming.** Please continue to check the bulletin board for new items needed

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you or your children want to send your/their child/ren to St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the school at 814-723-2030. We have open enrollment. There are numerous grants and scholarships available. Call the school today.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, 4/16—Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord**  
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville  
 10:30am Living & Deceased Members of Fritz & Wortman Families by Ann & Jerry Wortman

**Monday, 4/17 - Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
 12:00pm Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville

**Tuesday, 4/18 - Tuesday within the Easter Octave**  
 12:05pm Seth & Stephen Amsdell by Mom & Dad

**Wednesday, 4/19— Wednesday within the Easter Octave**  
 9:05am Carl Grillo by Rita Grillo  
 1:30pm Mass at Warren Manor Rose Halle by Estate

**Thursday, 4/20 - Thursday within the Easter Octave**  
 7:00pm Homer & Betty Peck by Gary & Patsy Peck

**Friday, 4/21 - Friday within the Easter Octave**  
 8:00am Jeanette Anderson by Hazeltine Family

**Saturday, 4/22 - Saturday within the Easter Octave**  
 8:00am Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Of America  
 5:30pm Mike & Marie Bleech by Barb & Ron Phillips

**Sunday, 4/23—Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 8:45am Mass at St. Luke in Youngsville  
 10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church ( Adult Choir & Sonrise & Praise Team)

**Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Gospel Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41; Gospel - John 20:11-18

**Wednesday** Acts 3: 1-10; Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Gospel Luke 24:35-48

**Friday** Acts 4:1-12 Gospel John 21:1-14

**Saturday** Acts 4:13-21; Gospel Matthew 16:9-15

**Sunday** Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Gospel John 20:19-31

**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 16**  
 No Faith Formation

**Monday, April 17**  
 No School  
 Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, April 18**  
 School Book Fair (Meyer Hall)  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen (Cafeteria)

**Wednesday, April 19**  
 School Book Fair (Meyer Hall)  
 9:05am School Mass (Church)  
 10:30am Faith Share (Boardroom)  
 1:30pm Mass @ Warren Manor  
 6:00pm Sonrise & Praise Team Practice with Adult Choir

**Thursday, April 20**  
 School Book Fair (Meyer Hall)  
 12:30pm-8:15pm Adoration (Mother’s Chapel)  
 6:00pm Daisy Scouts (Cafeteria)  
 8:15pm Night Prayer & Benediction (Mother’s Chapel)

**Friday, April 21**  
 School Book Fair (Meyer Hall)  
 Grandparents Luncheon (Gym)

**Saturday, April 22**  
 6:00am—Noon Kwianis Blood Screening (Gym)

**Sunday, April 23**  
 9:00am K-8 Faith Formation (School)  
 9:15am Adult Formation (Meyer Hall)  
 9:30pm Sonrise & Praise Team Rehearsal  
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung (Church)  
 3:00pm Bible Study Gospel of John (Meyer Hall)  
 7:00PM MSCCY Youth Room)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>4/22</b> 5:30pm	Christine Cataldo	J Zavinski, K Jones, R Kujawa, D Labowski, P Lobdell, G & P Peck	L Walker O Strandburg A Strandburg
<b>4/23</b> 10:30am	Youth	P Christy, B & B Crowley, C Feaster, G Grosch, W Harvey, J Hausmann	Youth

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of  
 Jeff & Charlotte Zaffino by Cindy & Holly Zaffino  
 and  
 Beverly Morrison by Gretchen Morrison

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Catherine Sheldon**, who passed away this week and for **Judy Charles Lobdell** father of **Jody & Patty Lobdell** who passed away recently. We extend our sympathy to the families, and ask God’s love and strength to bring them peace and consolation.

**VOCATIONS ICON**  
 We would like to thank **Tom & Roxie Fadale** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

**Prayer Chain** If you have prayer intentions, please call Charmell Feaster at 726-0455. Also if you would like to know more about this ministry and be a part of praying for others, give Charmell a call today!

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 Weekly Donations - April 9th \$9502.89  
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?** Why not use your gifts and be part of our prayer shawl ministry? Shawls, lap robes and prayers provide comfort to those who are ill, grieving, or just need extra hugs! If this ministry is speaking to you, please call Marcia Trachier at 726-9071 for more information.

