

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At a School Advisory board meeting several months ago, one member suggested the creation of an "Angel Fund" to help struggling families with tuition. Because this sounds like just one more hand extended in need of a little greasing, I have waited to write this until all the other hands have had their chance.

The idea of the "Angel Fund" is not aimed at everybody like, for example, the missionary cooperative appeal would be. During the missionary cooperative we have a missionary or representative ask for money to help people in a missionary situation, like in an African village. Most of us can afford to give some money to help people we have never and probably will never meet. We recognize their need and we respond to it.

In our own village there are also people in need. We run a soup kitchen in response to that need.

There are others who desire a Catholic education for their children, but cannot afford the tuition. The "Angel Fund" is directed to help these people by making their desire reachable. There are many ways to make this a reality. Direct donations to the Angel Fund in the name of a child or family in need is one way. Another might be to buy gift cards for various needs, such as uniforms or school supplies, and donate them to the school in the name of the Angel fund. A third way might be to make an anonymous gift to the Angel Fund to be used for a family in need. These are just a few ideas on how to help, but certainly not the only ideas.

If you understand the value of a Catholic education and want to help a child get one, then the "Angel Fund" is for you. You can adopt a child or children in a family in need to help make his or her wish a reality.

For more information please contact Mrs. Warner or Fr. Rick.

Father Rick

PARISH NEWS

FINANCE COUNCIL VACANCIES: Do you have a background in finance, accounting and personnel matters, have sound business judgment and experience in business? Then maybe the finance council is the ministry for you. To be considered for appointment by Fr. Rick or to inquire about the committee's duties, please call the parish office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: New members will be needed for our Pastoral Council beginning in June. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of Pastoral Council, stop at the parish office to pick up a nomination form. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guide us during this process of bringing new leadership to our parish.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse: Child sexual abuse is a great deal more prevalent than many imagine. Some studies suggest that as many as one in six boys and one in four girls will be victim of some form of sexual molestation before the age of 18. That means that, directly or indirectly, child sexual abuse will touch most of us during our lifetime. And although we would like to believe that most accusations are false, the facts tell us that children rarely lie about being molested. In fact, they rarely tell anyone at all. An adult study about the prevalence of sexual abuse found that 42% of men and 33% of the women who were victimized as children had never told anyone. (Source: Sharon Womak Doty, "Refresher from the Protecting God's Children® Program") To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments visit//www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Our **Annual Good Shepherd Collection** allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those retired priests in our diocese who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parishes. All parishes and missions in the Diocese of Erie are supporting this special collection this weekend.

Our annual **Saint Joseph Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund** Collection will be held the weekend of May 11th & 12th. The memorial names listed on the back of the envelope will be printed in our bulletin on Memorial Day weekend.

Please use the special envelopes in your packet for these collections. Thank you for your generosity!

Beginning Monday, May 6th at St Luke Church we will be showing a **DVD series called "The Wild Goose"**. The series will begin at 10:45am. If you have questions, contact Sue Cronmiller at 563-4040.

SCHOOL OFFICE SECRETARY POSITION

St. Joseph School has a full time opening for an office secretary position beginning the 2019-2020 school year. For more information or to apply, contact Nancy Warner, principal, at 723-2030 or email: nwarner@sjcswarren.org



REMINDER: SJCS Flower pickup will be this Wednesday, May 8th. Please come to Loranger Hall to pick up your flowers. Flowers will be delivered at two different times during the day so, your order will only be available at the time you selected on your order form. Thank you!

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS AND CHANGE FOR LIFE PROGRAM

Carnations will be sold after the weekend Masses at Joseph Church on May 11th & 12th for Mother's Day. The price is \$1.00 per flower. All proceeds will benefit our Helping Hands Ministry.

At the same time members of the K of C will be distributing empty baby bottles. **Just a few handfuls of change can help change lives!** Please consider taking a bottle, filling it with change and returning it on Father's Day weekend, June 15th & 16th. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Care Center of Warren.

ONLINE GIVING: A easy way to manage your parish giving is to sign up for Online Giving! With vacation season approaching, this is a quick way to keep up your support of our Parish. **Online Giving lets you make gifts via your smart device or computer.** Go to <http://www.stjosephwarrenpa.org/> and click on the Online Giving link. Another easy way to be sure your donation consistently reaches the parish is to **set up an automatic payment schedule with your bank.** If you have any questions please call the Parish Office. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 5/5 Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00am (St Luke) For the Living and Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
 10:00am Anne Wolf by Carl Wolf & Family **NEW MASS TIME**

Monday, 5/6 Easter Weekday
 12:00pm (St Luke) Wanda E Komenda Pillar by M/M V Pillar

Tuesday, 5/7 Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Justin Gage by Nick Tomassoni

Wednesday, 5/8 Easter Weekday
 9:05am Trudy & George Murray by the LeMeur Family

Thursday, 5/9 Easter Weekday
 12:05pm Mary Walker by the Johnson & Hultquist Families

Friday, 5/10 Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest
 8:00am Karlene Molinaro by Pete

Saturday, 5/11 Easter Weekday
 5:30pm Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish

Sunday, 5/12 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00am (St Luke) Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society by the Altar Rosary Society
 10:00am Mark Roueche by Beth

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>		<u>Altar Servers</u>
5/11			
5:30pm	Lector	C & K Darling, *H Zaffino, *R Kujawa,	E Darling
	J Walker	*P Lobdell, F Perrin, *R Sharp	I Darling
			J Darling
5/12			
8:00am	S Uhron	D & A Harlan	J Mack
10:00am			
	P Morgan	C Luppino, *P & R Osche, B Walczak,	B Alexander
		J Rickert, *J & V Siliano	E Strausser
			T Dippold

5/8—The Rouse Home— Deacon Phil Skerda/ Carol Knapp
 5/12—8:00am Mass Ushers—Carol & Vince Pillar

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—April 27th & 28th
 Saint Joseph Church - \$6280.50
 Saint Luke Church - \$882.00

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

VOCATION ICON

A special thank you to **The Westover Family** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese this week. Thank You!

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

We serves dinner every Tuesday at 4:30pm for the Warren Community. All are invited!

We are serving Sloppy Joe Sandwiches and French Fries this Tuesday

Items for the Helping Hands Ministry to be Collected in May

St Joseph Church

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Apple Juice

St Luke Church

Cereal, pancake or baking mix, syrup, and apple juice

**Items collected are distributed to the Warren Salvation Army and the Youngsville Food Pantry. *Thank You!*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Gospel John 6:22-29
Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1; Gospel John 6:30-35
Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Gospel John 6:35-40
Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Gospel John 6:44-51
Friday Acts 9:1-20; Gospel John 6:52-59
Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Gospel John 6:60-69
Sunday Acts 13:14,43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; Gospel John 10:27-30

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5 Third Sunday of Easter *NEW MASS TIME**
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 10:00am Mass First Holy Eucharist for 3rd Grade
 4:00pm CCY Youth Group Meeting for 5th & 6th Grades

Monday, May 6 SJCS Teacher's Appreciation Week
 10:45am (St Luke) DVD "The Wild Goose"
 12:00pm (St Luke) Mass
 6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Boardroom)

Tuesday, May 7
 12:05pm Mass
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, May 8
 7:30am SJCS Flower Pick up (Loranger Hall)
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Boardroom)
 3:00pm SJCS Flower Pick up (Loranger Hall)

Thursday, May 9
 12:05pm Mass
 12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
 6:00pm Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 7:15pm Evening Prayer ((Mother's Chapel)

Friday, May 10
 7:45am SJCS Muffins with Mom
 8:00am Mass

Saturday, May 11
 4:30-5:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, May 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day
 8:00am (St Luke) Mass
 Mother's Day Breakfast
 10:00am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children-DOG (Disciples of God)
 *Carnations for Mother's Day will be for sale after Mass and the Members of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing Baby Bottles for the Change for Life Fund Drive. Happy Mother's Day!

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
The Molinaro Family

SAVE THE DATES

SAINT JOSEPH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, June 13th—9:00am—5:00pm
 Friday, June 14th—9:00am—5:00pm
 Saturday, June 15th —9:00am—12:00pm (\$1.00 per bag day)
 Drop off Dates are June 8th, 10th, 11th, & 12th
 **The dumpster for the collection of your scrap metal will also be available during the week of the Rummage Sale.