

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

As I announced last weekend at all the Masses, my time here at St. Joseph Parish is coming to an end. Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, Bishop Persico has appointed me Parochial Vicar (i.e., assistant) at the partnered parishes of St. Joseph and St. Stephen in Oil City. In Oil City, we have two parishes sharing a pastor and an office staff. This includes five church buildings, a parish grade school, and pastoral care of Venango Catholic High School – so I don't think I'll get bored!

Though I will be sad to leave Warren, I am very much looking forward to getting started at my first official assignment as a priest. I take with me to Oil City not only the many things I have learned here in Warren (and Youngsville) but especially the knowledge that I have made so many friends here and have been blessed by you all in our short time together.

I am very grateful to Fr. Rick and to the parish staff, to Mrs. Warner and the school faculty, staff and students, and to all of you for the warm welcome, the many prayers, and the many laughs I have enjoyed in my time here. In a special way, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the parish's ordination gift to me – a beautiful Marian chasuble that is on display at St. Joseph's this weekend.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as I begin my assignment, and I ask for your continued prayers as I begin my ministry in Oil City.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Ian McElrath

**PARISH NEWS**

**NEXT WEEKEND, JULY 21-22, Fr. Ian will offer a brief, 20 minute pipe organ demonstration** immediately following all Masses (incl. St. Luke's). If you've ever wondered why there are 2 or more keyboards on an organ and what all those pedals do – this is your chance to find out! Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and of course – Star Wars!

**SAVE THE DATES**

**PARISH PICNIC:** This year's picnic will be on August 26th at Bett's Park. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 followed by a picnic lunch and games.

**FAITH IN ACTION** Parish Ministry Fair will be the weekend of September 8th and 9th after the 5:30pm and 10:30am Masses.

**THE ST JOSEPH SCHOOL GOLF SCRAMBLE** will be Sunday, September 16th. This is the first major fundraiser for our school. Mark your calendars!

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**A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL NEEDS** will be this next weekend.

This collection helps to support the poorer dioceses in the United States.

*A sincere thank you for your generosity.*



**WARREN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**SPLASH CANYON BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held July 30th through August 3rd from 8:30am to noon for ages 3 to grade 4 at St Joseph Church. The cost is \$20 per child/ no more than \$40 per family. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church or in the parish office.

*Plunge on in and join us as we discover  
God's promise on life's wild ride*

**FELLOW PRO-LIFE SUPPORTERS**

Warren County Knights of Columbus Councils are coordinating efforts to man a **pro-life table at the Warren Co Fair. Volunteers are needed from St Joseph Church on Friday, August 10th.** If you would like to volunteer the sign up sheet is on the table in the back of the Church or you can call the parish office. Thank you for your support!

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**THE WARREN COUNTY FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.**

We are in need of a few more workers for the St. Luke Food Booth at the Fair. The sign up sheets are by the parish office or you can call the office to sign up. Salt & Light and Confirmation service hours can be earned by volunteering to work the booth. **\*\* Free Admission Pass to the Warren Co Fair is given to each volunteer. This is a major fundraiser for our Parish**

**NFP AWARENESS WEEK JULY 22-28**

"Natural Family Planning: Celebrate God's Gift of Married Love" is this year's theme for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Please join NFP families from throughout the diocese on Sunday, July 22nd at the 11am Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie celebrated by Bishop Persico, followed by a luncheon and the opportunity to join other families at Presque Isle State Park.

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

**Dangers of Cell Phones:** Cell Phone cameras are a mixed blessing. Forget your camera? Whip out the cell phone, and your toddler's first step, friend's goofy mishap, or fender-bender is captured for posterity. But cell phones are also being used in a sinister way– to silently take pictures of unsuspecting children, adolescents, and adults in compromising positions and without their consent. Plus, digital photos can be placed on the internet very quickly-within minutes of taking the photo-it is distributed around the world. In fact, some web sites have been created for the sole purpose of posting photos taken surreptitiously with camera phones. Be aware of anyone using a cell phone in an awkward way, such as not holding it up to his or her ear or facing his or her mouth in a walkie-talkie style. Be especially cognizant of any suspicious cell phone use in areas where people could be in various stages of undress or where children are gathered. If you see someone using a cell phone in a way that appears suspicious, don't be afraid to ask what he or she is doing or to alert someone in a position of authority about your concerns. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

## LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, 7/15** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**8:00am** Mass @ St Luke Church  
**10:30am** Robert Faga by Knights of Columbus #964  
**Monday, 7/16** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**12:00pm** Mass @ St Luke Church  
**Tuesday, 7/17** Weekday  
**12:05pm** Frank & Josephine Graziano by Jan Graziano & Family  
**Wednesday, 7/18** St Camillus de Lellis, Priest  
**9:05am** Lyle Watkins by Cathy Watkins Atwood & Bruce Atwood  
**1:30pm** Mass @ Warren Manor  
**Thursday, 7/19** Weekday  
**12:05pm** Jeanette&Clarence Anderson by Anderson & Hazeltine Family  
**Friday, 7/20** St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr  
**8:00am** Special Intention for the End of Abortion  
**Saturday, 7/21** St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
**5:30pm** For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish  
**Sunday, 7/22** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**8:00am** Mass @ St Luke Church  
**10:30am** Ann Pollock by Harry & Helen Glotz

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
7/21			Emily Grosch
5:30pm	Holly/Hank	D Labowski, B & R Williams,	Morgan Alexander
	LeMeur	K Jones, A Kiehl, *J Zavinski	Noel Alexander
		Volunteer	
7/22			Caroline Smelko
10:30am	B Cole	*B Smelko, *A Kirkpatrick,	Cassandra Smelko
		M Kirkpatrick, P Christy,	Luke Smelko
		P & R Osche, Volunteer	

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
Tom Ressler by Terry, Janice, & Katie Ressler*

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Mary Walker**, mother of **Diane & Dirk Finley** 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.



### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY ITEMS NEEDED IN JULY

The month of **July** we will be collecting canned meats: **Chicken, Tuna and Spam**. We are also collecting **School supplies**. Your support to the needy families of the Warren Community is amazing.  
**Thank You for your continued generosity!**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Isaiah 1:10-17; Gospel Matthew 10:34—11:1  
**Tuesday** Isaiah 7:1-9; Gospel Matthew 11:20-24  
**Wednesday** Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16; Gospel Matthew 11:25-27  
**Thursday** Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Gospel Matthew 11:28-30  
**Friday** Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Gospel Matthew 12:1-8  
**Saturday** Micah 2:1-5; Gospel Matthew 12:14-21  
**Sunday** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Gospel Mark 6:30-34

## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, July 15**  
**8:00am** Mass @ St. Luke Church  
**10:30am** Mass  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children  
 Baptism of Daylyn Mae Munksgard  
**Monday, July 16**  
**11:00am** DVD Series—Second Greatest Story Ever Told=Divine Mercy @ St. Luke Church  
**12:00pm** Mass @ St. Luke Church  
**Tuesday, July 17**  
**12:05pm** Mass  
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen  
 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting  
**Wednesday, July 18**  
**9:05am** Mass  
**1:30pm** Mass @ Warren Manor  
**Thursday, July 19**  
**12:05pm** Mass  
 12:30pm Adoration  
 5:30pm Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Friday, July 20**  
**8:00am** Mass  
**Saturday, July 21**  
**4:30pm—5:15pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
**5:30pm** Mass  
**Sunday, July 22**  
**8:00am** Mass @ St. Luke Church  
**10:30am** Mass  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

### VOCATIONS ICON

Thank you to **Jen Thrift and Family** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations in the Erie Diocese and here at St. Joseph Parish.

### St. Joseph Church

*Weekly Offering—July 8th—\$8385.50*

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

### SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Catholic education emphasizes self-discipline. Students are taught lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundation to help them make Christ like decisions. If you or someone you know wants to attend St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the office at 723-2030. **WE HAVE OPEN ENROLLMENT.**  
**Scip cards will be available at the Parish Office this summer.**