

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First, I would like to thank the Pastoral Council for their work organizing the parish picnic. Even though I didn't get out and do the Hokey-Pokey or the Chicken Dance, I thought that the day was a great deal of fun. The weather was a little chilly at the beginning but warmed up nicely for Mass and the picnic that followed. The food was wonderful and the relaxed atmosphere was exactly what a picnic should be. So once again thanks for the really enjoyable afternoon.

Next, I will be away this week on retreat. Canon Law mandates that a priest take a week for time away to pray and, perhaps, reorient himself to service. The Diocese of Erie provides two retreats for priests, one in August and one in September. Each begins Monday afternoon and concludes Friday after Mass. There will be a retreat director who offers several spiritual talks during the week. There will be time for communal prayer and quiet time for reflection. Each year we get the chance to reconnect with priests that we don't often get to visit with because of the size of our diocese. Please keep us all in your prayers.

Finally, I would like to say how overwhelming your generosity is. In the past two weeks between the Missionary Cooperative Appeal by Fr. Albert and the special collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, parishioners have given more than \$12,000. That is a remarkable amount! Sometimes we just take things for granted. But in these two special collections we demonstrate that we understand the blessings we have living here in Warren County and our willingness to share those blessing with people who are not as fortunate as us. Thank you. *Fr. Rick*

PARISH NEWS

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET? The Saint Joseph Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Thursday of each month in Meyer Hall. New members are always welcome, this includes parishioners of St. Joseph Church and St. Luke Church. The shawls, lap robes and prayers provide comfort to those who are ill, grieving, or just need extra hugs! Yarn will be provided. For additional information or questions please call Betsy at the Parish Office 723-2090 Ext 12.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. LUKE CHURCH

September-24th—Chicken Barbeque—11:00am—3:00pm—\$9.00 presale tickets and \$11.00 at the door. (Tickets will be available at the Parish Picnic)

October- 5th, 6th & 7th—Fall Rummage Sale - Hours 9am-5pm on the 5th & 6th and 9am-noon on the 7th with \$1.00 a bag.

Drop off times are 10:00am-4:00pm Mon-Fri until the date of sale (Use the back entrance)

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!

****CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY****

A new year of Children and Youth Music Ministry is beginning. Cherub Choir (preschool –1st grade), Sonrise Choir (2nd-5th grade) and Teen Praise Team (6th-12th grade) will rotate performing. New instrumentalists for Teen Praise Team will be heard Sunday, Sept 17th between 6:30 and 7:00pm in the Church. Please prepare a song that best shows your ability level. Sign up forms and calendars may be found at the Church entrances, or on the Church website. Faith Formation hours will be given for participation. Please contact Rachel Harvey at 706-2262 or sing-play@yahoo.com with any questions.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND in support of Catholic Education. Your generosity will make a difference. Half of the money collected will remain in St. Joseph Parish to assist with our educational programs. Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. Please contact, Arthur Ardire FICF CSA, General Agent, at 814-375-1205 or arthur.ardire@kofc.org

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS St. Luke Church and St. Joseph Church will be collecting items for Christmas boxes to be sent to our troops. A list of the items needed and collection boxes are at the entrances of both churches. You may drop off items until September 26th. Thank you for your support.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES begin this Sunday, September 17th for grades K-8. Classes will meet from 9:00am—10:15am at St. Joseph Catholic School.

CARD MINISTRY is in need of Blank note cards, Thinking of You cards, and Sympathy cards. If you would like to donate cards, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Thanks so much for your continued support of this wonderful ministry.

HELPING HANDS
ITEMS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER

LAUNDRY SOAP, DISH DETERGENT, CLOROX WIPES, TOILET PAPER, AND PAPER TOWELS WILL BE COLLECTED during the month of **September for the Salvation Army**. Please continue to check the Helping Hands bulletin board for new items needed. Contact the Parish Office for information or questions @ 723-2090.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 9/17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Catechetical Sunday
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Monday, 9/18 Weekday (Fr. Rick on Retreat all week)

Tuesday, 9/19 Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer

Wednesday, 9/20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
 9:05am Katherine Schillinger by Joanne (School Mass)

Thursday, 9/21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer

Friday, 9/22 Weekday

Saturday, 9/23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Priest
 5:30pm Robert & Flora Weidert by Dennis & Michele Hoak

Sunday, 9/24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Eugene Manfrey by Geno Manfredi

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
9/23 5:30pm	H/H LeMeur	J Anderson, *S Courson, *D Geiger, *R & B Williams, T & R Fadale	A Courson R Courson J Funari
9/24 10:30am	V Amsdell	P Christy, B & B Crowley, C Feaster, G Grosch, *D Bogniak, *J Hausmann	A Beyer K Beyer J Peterson

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES in Memory of
 Jeff & Charlotte Zaffino by Cindy & Holly

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Julia Papalia**, who passed away this past week. 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 **Victor & Kathy Amsdell** for taking the Vocations Icon this week and praying for an increase in vocations here at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriece.org/protectyouth.htm>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ; Gospel Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Gospel Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Gospel Luke 7:31-35

Thursday Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

Friday 1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Gospel Luke 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Gospel Luke 8:4-15

Sunday Isaiah 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27; Gospel Matthew 20:1-6a

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, September 17- Catechetical Sunday
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 9:00am Faith Formation K-8
 10:00am Cherub Rehearsal
 10:30am Mass Cherub Choir sings Prelude
 Liturgy of the Word for Children
 1:00pm St. Joseph School Golf Scramble @ Jackson Valley Country Club
 6:30pm Auditions for new Youth Praise Team Instrumentalists

FR. RICK ON RETREAT ALL WEEK

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19
 7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer
 4:30pm Soup Kitchen

Wednesday, September 20
 9:05am School Mass
 10:30am Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm RCIA Meeting (Meyer Hall)
 6:30pm Christmas Baskets Meeting (Boardroom)
 7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, September 21
 7:00am Communion Service @ Holy Redeemer
 8:30am Peace Pole Celebration

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23
 6:00am-10:00am Harvey Stone Blood Screening (Gym)
 4:30pm to 5:15pm Reconciliation
 5:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 24
 8:45am Mass @ St. Luke Church
 10:30am Mass
 Liturgy of the Word for Children

St. Joseph Church
 Weekly Donations - September 10th - \$7885.50
 Thank you for your continued generosity!

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 The School students are taking orders for Little Caesar's Pizza from Sept. 5th -28th. You can place an order with any school student or call the School office. Thank you for your support in this fundraiser. 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.