

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last week in my column I mentioned that the pyramid model of the church has a tendency to undervalue the dignity of each baptized person because of the top-down emphasis. Each baptized person shares in the role of Priest, Prophet and King. During the Rite of Baptism, the priest or deacon anoints the crown of the head of the infant saying the words "he now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life." These words indicate the dignity of the baptized who now share in the roles that the Lord himself lived out in his life.

The sharing in these roles indicate the importance of every baptized person in God's plan of salvation. In other words, the life of each baptized person is a grace-filled moment of encounter in which Christ working through the baptized person brings salvation to the world.

At the end of each Mass, a person is sent into the world specifically for this grace-filled moment of encounter. The baptized person comes to Mass to experience the presence of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament, in the priest and the community, to be nourished and strengthened to carry out this mission.

All the baptized share in this wonderful privilege and responsibility. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS

#iGive Catholic: The advanced giving period to give to St. Joe's School is active! Online donations made at <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/> OR through the St Joseph Parish website, stjosephwarrenpa.org anytime from November 18 through Dec. 3rd and will count as the Dec 3rd #iGiveCatholic Giving Day. Gifts can also be made to St Joseph Parish on this site. No computer? Not to worry. Envelopes are available in the parish office, doors of the church and in the pews if you'd like to make a donation between now and December 3rd. Black Friday-Cyber Monday-Giving Tuesday. What better way than to thank God for his continued blessings than to give back to our community. Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED
From now until Friday, December 20th.

Some ideas for nonperishable donations are peanut butter, canned meats, tuna fish, pasta, tomato sauces, spam, soups, mac and cheese, chili, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, instant oatmeal, mixes of all kinds (muffin, cookie, cake, pudding, jello, brownie, pancake, bread, etc.). Donations of paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper and napkins are needed as well as hygiene/cleaning supplies (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, plus dish soap and laundry detergent). **Please do NOT bring in turkeys--we have no space to store them.** You may leave your nonperishable donations on the altar steps. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase turkeys. Designate on the envelope or check (made out to St. Joseph Church) that the money is for **Christmas Food Baskets for those in need** and place your envelope in the collection baskets during Mass or leave in the parish office or mail to the church address.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 33RD ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

The Craft Show is Saturday, December 7th from 10am-4pm. Admission is \$2. CCY will have lunch available from 11am-2pm. All proceeds of the Craft Show will benefit the Accelerated Reader Program. Come and enjoy this fun filled day!

LUMINARY SALE The CHWC ROME group will be selling **Luminary Kits for the holidays.**

Each kit is \$20 and contains 10 white fire retardant bags, 10 sturdy white candles and sand. Order forms are at the doors of the parish, from any student going on the trip or you can purchase at the Saint Joseph craft fair on December 7th at the CCY table in the cafeteria. Let's shine the light on our holiday celebrations, outdoor walkways, neighborhoods and they make great memorials for those who are not with us anymore. Call or text Jennifer with questions or orders. 688-3842. Thank you for your support!



CHRISTMAS ANGEL TAGS Saint Joseph Parish is participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tag Program again this year. Tags will be available in the back of the Church this weekend. Gifts need to be returned to the Parish by December 8th. Thanks for your generous support of this special Christmas project.



Sign ups have begun for Christmas Eve Children's Choir and Pageant. There are opportunities for preschool-12th grade. Forms can be found at the church entrances or on the parish website, stjosephwarrenpa.org.



"COATS FOR KIDS"

This weekend representatives of the **Knights of Columbus** will be distributing literature and donation envelopes for this years "Coats for Kids" campaign in Warren County. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The Knights of Columbus is having a **Turkey Party** at their clubhouse in North Warren (across from Dairy Queen) on **Sunday, November 24**. The doors open at 1:30 PM and the party is from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$2, and includes refreshments. This is open to the public, but must be 21 years or older to attend.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: Our Pizza Dinner was a great success and a good time was had by all. But it couldn't have been possible without the expert dough making of Mike Moyer and the crew of Darryl and Kim McTavish, Alice Fadale, Andrea Kiehl, Becky Dippold, and Missy Shene. Thank you!

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday, 11/24 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe |
| 8:00am | (St Luke) Shirley Warner by Phil & Judy Bosko |
| 10:45am | For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish |
| Monday, 11/25 | St Catherine of Alexandria |
| 12:00pm | (St Luke) Josephine Scalise by Granddaughter |
| Tuesday, 11/26 | Weekday |
| 12:05pm | Sister Rita by Ed & Carol |
| Wednesday, 11/27 | Weekday |
| 9:05am | Joe & Sue Papalia by Mary Ann & Frank Papalia |
| Thursday, 11/28 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 9:00am | Joseph B Pace by Mary Ann & Frank Papalia |
| Friday, 11/29 | Weekday |
| 8:00am | Francis M & Mary A Russo by Family |
| Saturday, 11/30 | Saint Andrew, Apostle |
| 5:30pm | Jeff Zaffino by Holly & Cindy |
| Sunday, 12/1 | First Sunday of Advent |
| 8:00am | (St Luke) For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish |
| 10:45am | Patricia Pazderski by Family |

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Extraordinary Ministers</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
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| 11/30 | | D Labowski, *C & K Darling, | J Darling |
| 5:30pm | B McGinn | *P Lobdell, *T & R Fadale, | I Darling |
| | | M Fadale | L Fincher |
| 12/1 | | | |
| 8:00am | L Tyers | Bob & Becky Pangallo | J Mack |
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| 10:45am | P Nasman | V & K Amsdell, R Beyer, | D Holmberg |
| | | C Bevacqua, B Walczak, | S Holmberg |
| | | B & B Crowley | J Peterson |

11/27 Rouse Home—Bob Pangallo & Carol Knapp
 12/1 Mass Ushers—Vince & Carol Pillar

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF *Dorothy Keeney by Family*

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—November 16th & 17th

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering - \$6280.50
Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering - \$654.00

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!



BAPTISM Through the waters of Baptism we at Saint Joseph Parish welcome **Everleigh Faith Alex** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. Everleigh is the daughter of **Luke & Brittany Alex**, and little sister to **Maya & Chase**. May God continue to bless their lives with His love.

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

A BIG Thank You to all who donated pies for our dinner last Tuesday and to our Team Leaders and all the wonderful Volunteers, You are AWESOME!

The Soup Kitchen Ministry is now receiving donations of food through Second Harvest Food Bank and Country Fair in Warren. We are looking for volunteers to help with the pick up on Monday mornings. If you are interested, please call the parish office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Gospel Luke 21:1-4 |
| Tuesday | Daniel 2:31-45; Gospel Luke 21:5-11 |
| Wednesday | Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Gospel Luke 21:12-19 |
| Thursday | Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Gospel Luke 17:11-19 |
| Friday | Daniel 7:2-14; Gospel Luke 21:29-33 |
| Saturday | Romans 10:9-18; Gospel Mathew 4:18-22 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Gospel Matthew 24:37-44 |

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Second Collection this Weekend

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| Sunday, November 24 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe |
| 8:00am | (St Luke) Mass |
| 10:45am | Mass |
| | Liturgy of the Word for Children—DOG |
| Monday, November 25 | |
| 12:00pm | (St Luke) Mass |
| 6:30pm | St Joseph Parish Book Club (Boardroom) |
| Tuesday, November 26 | |
| 10:30am | Bible Study (St Luke Church) |
| 12:05pm | Mass |
| 12:30pm | Early Dismissal for St Joseph School |
| 4:30pm | Soup Kitchen |
| Wednesday, November 27 | No School |
| 9:05am | Mass (Mother's Chapel) |
| Thursday, November 28 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 9:00am | Mass |
| Friday, November 29 | Parish Office Closed |
| 8:00am | Mass |
| 10:00am | Decorate the Church for Advent |
| Saturday, November 30 | |
| 4:30-5:15pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:30pm | Mass |
| Sunday, December 1 | First Sunday of Advent |
| 8:00am | (St Luke) Mass |
| 10:45am | Mass |
| | Baptism of Milo McElhaney |



Happy Thanksgiving



MOTHER'S GROUP if you are interested in joining a mother's group to share in motherhood with other Catholic moms, while talking about how your faith and God's Word are working in your life, please email Susan Jaynes at skjaynes18@icloud.com

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Items Needed for the Helping Hands Ministry in November

St Joseph Church

Christmas Food Basket Collection

St Luke Church

Thanksgiving Food Drive Collection

THANK YOU!