

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Twenty years ago, a book entitled The Prayer of Jabez came out and made a little noise. Because several people questioned me about the book and about this particular prayer, I had to do some research on it to be able to answer their questions.

The prayer itself comes from a few, relatively obscure, verses from the First Book of Chronicles. In the prayer Jabez prays that God will enlarge his territory and make him free of pain. The book recommends that we make this prayer our own.

The most obvious question that arises is why make the prayer of Jabez, taken from the First Book of Chronicles, our prayer, when we have the Lord's Prayer, taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew. The answer lies in the fact that sometimes we become distracted from what is truly essential to focus on something considerably less important.

When it comes to faith and church related issues, we have a tendency to do just that. We latch onto an obscure verse in Sacred Scripture to support our way of thinking. We see a sacramental as more important than a sacrament. We add devotional prayers during the Mass when Church Teaching says we should be full and active participants in the liturgy.

In the end, if we just think clearly about the Prayer of Jabez, we will conclude that it is not nearly important enough to replace the Lord's Prayer in our spiritual life. *Father Rick*

**PARISH NEWS**



**BAPTISM** Through the waters of Baptism we at Saint Joseph Parish welcome **Kensington Michele Phillips** into our community of faith in Jesus Christ. Kensington is the daughter of **Alex and Lindsay Phillips**. May God continue to bless their lives with His love.

**FORWARD TOGETHER DOING THE WORK OF CHRIST**

The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese on the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd. CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese and is essential to helping the Diocese of Erie fulfill its mission to evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word and celebrate the sacraments. Through the amazing donations of our parishioners we received 98.5% of what was pledged in 2019, which made it possible to repair the heating units in the rooms off the gym and replace the entrance doors at St Luke Church and help with a portion of the cost of the repair of the stain glass windows. Thank you to all! Our hope is that your generosity will continue for this year's campaign. Watch your mailboxes and the bulletin as more information will be coming in the next couple of weeks about the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal.

**MINISTRY CORNER: GREETERS:** As you enter our church you are warmly welcomed by volunteers eager to make you feel a part of the St. Joseph community. By flashing a smile and a cordial greeting, you let people know that they matter. If you see yourself as someone who is warm and friendly then the greeter ministry is for you. Greeters typically are scheduled every 6-8 weeks. If you are interested in being a greeter at Mass or have questions, please call the parish office.

**ST JOSEPH SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP** will take place this **Friday, February 14th, beginning at 8:30am**. Please call the school office to reserve a spot for your child as kindergarten will be limited to a total number of 30 students (split between two classes) for the 2020-21 school year. Kindergarten Registration Packets are available in the school office, or can be mailed upon request. 723-2030.



**72 and YOU MOVIE NIGHT**

We will be showing the movie **BREAK THROUGH** this Monday, February 10th at 6 pm in the TK Room at Holy Redeemer Church. Joyce Smith's unwavering faith and love brings her son through a tragedy and inspires her community to believe in God and His miracles. All are welcome. Popcorn and drinks will be served.



**St. Joseph School PTU Casino Night!**

Join us for a casino themed night at St. Joseph School on February 22 at 6:00pm. There will be games like Black Jack, Texas Hold'em, Money Wheel and more! You can purchase funny money at the event to play the games with, your money will be converted to raffle tickets for chances to win awesome prizes. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages will be available. **Tickets are \$25 a person and are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casino-night-fundraiser-tickets-87956772073> and in the Parish Office.** This looks to be a fun night in support of a great cause. For questions call 723-2030.

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH BULLETIN AD SPACES AVAILABLE**

We have two small spaces (3/4" x 2 3/4") and one medium space (1 3/4" x 2 3/4") available this year for your business advertisement. The ad page appears weekly as the back cover of our church bulletin and a different business is featured each week as our "Sponsor of the Week". Please call the parish office 723-2090 for more details or to request one of the spaces.



**VOCATION ICON**

A special thank you to **Bob Scheer** for praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life in our Parish and the Erie Diocese last week and a special thank you to **Tom and Chris Grana** for praying for vocations this week. If you would like to take the Vocation Icon home for a week to pray for vocations, there is a new sign up sheet by the parish office. Thank you!

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

*Darling's Home Care*  
*"Caring for You & About You"*  
**814-230-9233**

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of the sponsors that we can publish the bulletin.

*Please Thank Them*

## LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, 2/9</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00am	(St Luke) Julius Sitka by Family
10:45am	Joseph Walczak by Boyd & Rita Freeborough
<b>Monday, 2/10</b>	<b>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</b>
12:00pm	(St Luke) Francis M & Mary A Russo by Family
<b>Tuesday, 2/11</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>
12:05pm	Steve Kobojeck by Family
<b>Wednesday, 2/12</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9:05am	Jeanette Walstrom by Sherri Suppa
<b>Thursday, 2/13</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
12:05pm	Carolyn Graziano by Mike & Lisa Lewis
<b>Friday, 2/14</b>	<b>Saints Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius, Bishop</b>
8:00am	Meg Sabat by John
<b>Saturday, 2/15</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
5:30pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
<b>Sunday, 2/16</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00am	(St Luke)
10:45am	Dick Morrison by Mike & Lisa Lewis

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
<b>2/15</b>		B Williams, *A Kiehl,	N Alexander
<b>5:30pm</b>	R Williams	G & M Belleau, *F Perrin, P Rickert, Volunteer	M Alexander E Sokolski
<b>2/16</b>		L Marino, C Knapp	Joey Mack
<b>8:00am</b>	Janet Mack		
<b>10:45am</b>	L Tyers	C Feaster, G Grosch, A Shene, C Pearson, J Rickert, *A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick	B Alexander T Alexander B Sowa

2/16 Mass Ushers –Timber & Jodi Bower  
 2/12 Rouse Home—Todd Mineweaser & Carol Knapp

*WEEKLY SANCTURAY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF  
 Everett Cooper by Pat Bailey & Family*

**St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—February 1st & 2nd**

**Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering –\$5970.50**  
**Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering- \$740.00**

*Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!*

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Items Needed for the Helping Hands Ministry in February

**St Joseph Church**

Beef Stew, Spaghetti O's, Beef-a-Roni, Grape & Apple Juices

**St Luke Church**

Soups, Beef Stew, Hamburger Helper, Beef-a-roni

Items collected will be donated to the Warren Salvation Army and  
 the Youngsville Food Pantry

**THANK YOU!**



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Gospel Mark 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30; Gospel Mark 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kings 10:1-10; Gospel Mark 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kings 11:4-13; Gospel Mark 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Gospel Mark 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Gospel Mark 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, February 9</b>	<b>Cub Scout Sunday</b>
8:00am	(St Luke) Mass
8:15am	9th & 10th Grade Retreat at HR
9:15am	EDGE & CREW ( 11th grade) at HR
10:45am	Mass
	Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG
6:00pm	Praise Team Rehearsal (Church)
<b>Monday, February 10</b>	
12:00pm	(St Luke) Mass
6:30pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Boardroom)
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b>	
12:05pm	Mass
4:30pm	Soup Kitchen
6:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting (Boardroom)
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	
9:05am	School Mass
10:30am	Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
6:00pm	Webelo/Arrow of Light Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	
12:05pm	Mass
12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
7:15pm	Evening Prayer (Mother's Chapel)
<b>Friday, February 14</b>	<b>Happy Valentine's Day</b>
8:00am	Mass
8:30am	Kindergarten Roundup (Meyer Hall)
<b>Saturday, February 8</b>	
4:30-5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm	Mass
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10:45am	Mass
	Liturgy of the Word for Children DOG



## SAVE THE DATES

**22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE—February 29th at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie**

**1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—March 28th at our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie**

More information is available in the Parish Office

## ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

The Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen serves dinner on  
 Tuesday at 4:30pm for the Warren Community.

**All are Welcome!**