

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the phrases that was repeated numerous times during the Second Vatican Council was "reading the signs of the times". The phrase indicates that Pope John XXIII believed that the Holy Spirit was active and prompting the bishops of the church to meet. The efforts of the bishops during Vatican II was to take what was central to the church and present that to the world in a way that made sense to people.

One of the areas addressed by the bishops was the church. There are two primary documents on the church, Lumen Gentium (the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) and Gaudium et Spes (the Church in the Modern World). These two documents help people to understand what the church is and how the church should relate to the world.

Prior to Vatican II the church was often viewed as a pyramid, with the Pope at the top, the bishops next, followed by the clergy and the religious, and then the laity as the base of the pyramid. That's why prior to Vatican II parish life was structured entirely differently than it is now. Before Vatican II the pastor's word was law. Most parishioners accepted that stance because they thought that the priest knew more than they did.

The problem with that structure is that there is an undervaluing of the dignity of each baptized person and the call of that person to participate in God's plan of salvation. Vatican II sought to correct this oversight by using the model of "the People of God" and the "Body of Christ" to highlight the importance of each baptized person in God's plan of salvation.

The result was that the church recognized each person had a role to play using their gifts and talents to build up the church. Therefore, parishioners were invited to take a more active role in the administration of the parish. We see that today in finance councils, pastoral councils, liturgy committees, etc.

Not only does each baptized person have a role to play, but that role is important for bringing God's plan of salvation to fruition.

Father Rick

PARISH NEWS

#iGiveCatholic December 3rd: As part of the Erie Diocese, St. Joseph School will be participating in this national day of online giving. Known as "Giving Tuesday". Simply go to erie.igivecatholic.org and search for St. Joseph School. Once found, you'll be able to view the school's profile page and make a donation. The advanced giving period is November 18-December 3 if you'd like to get a head start with your gift. No computer? No worry, envelopes will be available at the church office and in the pews. What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our community? Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY



Beginning Thanksgiving Day through December 20th, St. Joseph will again help the Salvation Army by collecting food and delivering to over 100 of our county's neediest families for Christmas. The food and supplies will be packed on Friday evening, December 20th and delivered on Saturday morning, December 21st. We would appreciate donations of nonperishable food, cleaning, and paper products. Please leave your donations on the altar steps. **Please do NOT bring in turkeys – we have no space to store them.** Monetary donations are also useful to purchase turkeys, fresh foods locally and from Erie's Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.



Confirmation

This weekend we celebrate with the Confirmation candidates as **they say YES** to their final steps of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the following youth in your prayers: **Cameron Baker, Timber Bower, Zack Ciprich, Ian Darling, Kennedy Ford, Patrick Greer, Cassandra Guiffre, Sean Holmberg, Chloe Labowski, Joe Mack, Ryan Marino, Teagan Paris, Seebe Proper, Marilyn Shene, Luke Smelko, Rachel Waterman, Jason Bonavita, Delaney Chase, Rachel Courson, Lyndsey Dippold, Amanda Gray, Ashley Hoffman, Hanna Hoffman, Wesley Kiehl, Joe Letko, Dylan Maeder, Katie Moore, Alex Pascuzzi, Hannah Shattuck, Connor Swab, Ellie Strausser, Rylie Yeager.**

"Coats for Kids"

On the weekend of November 23 & 24 representatives of the **Knights of Columbus** will be distributing literature and donation envelopes for this years "Coats for Kids" campaign in Warren County. Coats will be distributed via the Warren Salvation Army, Rouse Home Pre-School, Youngsville Elementary School, Eisenhower Elementary School, Sheffield Thrift Store, and Tidioute Charter School. We need your help to raise sufficient funds to fully support this effort to help those in need. 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.



PIES NEEDED This Tuesday, St Joseph Soup Kitchen Ministry will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner. They would like to serve pies as dessert. Anyone willing to donate a pie can drop it off at the parish office or set it on the cart outside the kitchen door. Thanks so much for helping the Soup Kitchen Ministry with their dinner.

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. 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!

NEXT WEEK, THE SECOND COLLECTION will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. **In addition, 25% of the funds will remain in the Erie Diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Thank you!**

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 11/17	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(St Luke) Adam & Elsie Bosko by Phil & Judy Bosko
10:45am	Anthony Mozick by Mike & Lisa Lewis
Monday, 11/18	Dedication of Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, St Rose Philippine Duchesne
12:00pm	(St Luke) Nancy Lamberton by Becky Harper
Tuesday, 11/19	Weekday
12:05pm	Frank & Norma Dilick by Bill Dilick
Wednesday, 11/20	Weekday
9:05am	Francis M & Mary A Russo by Family
1:30pm	(Warren Manor) Francis M & Mary A Russo by Family
Thursday, 11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:05pm	Anne Wolf by Deacon Joe Lucia
Friday, 11/22	Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
8:00am	Special Intention of 50th Wedding Anniversary of Clair & Patricia Gerardi Johnson
Saturday, 11/23	St Clement I, Pope, St Columban Abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
5:30pm	Dell Viola by Randy & Peggy Viola
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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
11/23		*A Kiehl, R Kujawa, *H Zaffino,	L Walker
5:30pm	L Suppa	K Jones, *G & M Belleau,	S Walker
		R. Williams	M Walker
11/24		Alice & Darrell Harlan	R Nuhfer
8:00am	S Kibbey		
		G Grosch, L & A Tyers,	E Grosch
10:45am	P Nasman	A & P Webster, 2 Volunteers	I Grosch
			L Pearson
11/28		Volunteers	Volunteers
9:00am	Volunteer		

11/20 Rouse Home—Marge & Neil Himber
11/24 Mass Ushers—Doug & Dianna Sandberg

*WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF
Ruth & Patrick Gerardi by Patricia, Josephine, & Charles*

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—November 9th & 10th

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering - \$9741.00

Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering - \$1009.00

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give Testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

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. Thank You!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1Mac 10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Gospel Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mac 6:18-31; Gospel Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mac 7:1, 20-31; Gospel Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Mac 2:15-29; Gospel Luke 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mac 4:36-37, 52-59; Gospel Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mac 6:1-13; Gospel Luke 20:27-40
Sunday	2 Samuel 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Gospel Luke 23:35-43

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am	(St Luke) Mass
9:15am	EDGE @ Holy Redeemer Church
	CREW @ St Joseph Church (Meyer Hall)
9:20am	Welcoming Advent Event @ Holy Redeemer Church
9:45am	Sonrise Choir Rehearsal in the Church
10:45am	Mass—Youth Mass—Sonrise Choir will sing
	Liturgy of the Word for Children—DOG
	Coffee & Donuts after Mass in the Cafeteria
11:45am	Baptism of Everleigh Faith Alex
3:00pm	Wolf Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
4:00-5:30pm	CCY 5th—12th Gr—Mini NCYC @ Holy Redeemer
Monday, November 18	
12:00pm	(St Luke) Mass
5:15pm	Christmas Food Baskets Meeting (Boardroom)
Tuesday, November 19	
10:30am	Bible Study (St Luke Church)
12:05pm	Mass
4:30pm	Soup Kitchen
6:00pm	Lion, Tiger, Bear Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
Wednesday, November 20	
9:05am	Mass (School Mass)
10:30am	Faith Share (Meyer Hall)
1:30pm	(Warren Manor) Mass
6:00pm	Webelo/ Arrow of Light Cub Scouts (Loranger Hall)
Thursday, November 21	
12:05pm	Mass
12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration (Mothers Chapel)
7:15pm	Evening Prayer
Friday, November 22	
8:00am	Mass
11:00am	Decorate the Church
	Thanksgiving Feast at SJCS
Saturday, November 23	—Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development this weekend
4:30-5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm	Mass
6:00pm	Exchange Club/Rotary Club Turkey Party (Gym)
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

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!