

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the very beautiful documents from Vatican II is the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum. Promulgated on November 18, 1965 Dei Verbum saw revelation as the self-communication of our Triune God for the sake of salvation. This self-communication requires faith—the personal and communal reception of God's self-gift in love and the personal and communal assent to the divine truths communicated within that personal encounter.

Revelation is a loving invitation to relationship with God. This relationship is a loving encounter with God that takes place through the divine actions in history and not just through the communication of words. Therefore, revelation is not only something that happened in the past but is a present reality that can be fulfilled only at the end of time.

Rather than viewing revelation primarily as instruction from the divine teacher and a communication of truths, we should see revelation as a communication of God's very Self in love to all humans at a deeply personal level. God's will is that all people can and should draw near to the Father, through Christ, the Word made flesh, in the Holy Spirit and thus become sharers in the divine nature.

During this new liturgical year, perhaps, we can all grow in our awareness of God's love for us, accepting God's invitation to relationship. *Father Rick*

PARISH NEWS**Advent Penance Services Dates**

Dec 15th –3pm– Advent Penance Service at St Thomas in Corry

Dec 17th—7pm—Advent Penance Service at St Luke Church

Dec 18th—7pm– Advent Penance Service at Holy Redeemer Church

#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 anytime from now through Dec. 3rd will count the Dec 3rd #iGiveCatholic Giving Day. If you'd like to give a cash or check donation, envelopes are available in the parish office, doors of the church and in the pews. Donations will be accepted until 11:59PM December 3. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving!


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

Some ideas for nonperishable donations are peanut butter, canned meats, pasta, tomato sauces, soups, mac and cheese, chili, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, instant oatmeal, muffin, cookie, cake, pudding, jello, brownie, pancake, and bread mixes. Donations of paper towels, toilet paper and napkins are needed as well as 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 There are a few Angel Tags 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. Please return the forms to St Joseph School or the parish office by December 6th.



Saint Joseph Cemetery is now selling real Christmas wreaths. Order forms are at the doors of the Church. The wreaths come in 18" or 24" and the cemetery personnel will place the wreaths on the graves for you. You can place your order by phone at 723-3004 or email the cemetery at in-

72 and You MOVIE NIGHT will be held Dec 9th at Holy Redeemer Parish at 6pm. The movie is HEAVEN SENT, a heartwarming story of a runaway eight year old from heaven who comes into the lives of Billy and Marie Taylor after they have suffered a tragic loss. Drinks and popcorn will be served.

NCYC Thank You. Thank you so much to all of you for your support of CCY and our youth activities. 14 students and 3 adults traveled to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference November 21-24 and we had so much fun and an absolutely incredible experience of our universal Church. We are grateful for you! Check out witnesses from our trip in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Saint Luke Catholic Church

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LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, 12/2	Advent Weekday
12:00pm	(St Luke) Mass Cancelled -Fr Rick Away
Tuesday, 12/3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
12:05pm	Mass Cancelled—Fr Rick Away
Wednesday, 12/4	Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9:05am	Special Intention of Fr Rick Tomasone
2:00pm	Mass (Rouse Home) All who have or will experience an unexpected death by Fran Bauer
Thursday, 12/5	Advent Weekday
12:05pm	Richard Whiting by Ron, Kathie, Lisa Irwin
Friday, 12/6	Saint Nicholas, Bishop
8:00am	Jordan McTavish by Family
Saturday, 12/7	Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
5:30pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of St Joseph Parish
Sunday, 12/8	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00am	(St Luke) C J Bosko by Phil & Judy Bosko
10:45am	Mary Jane DeStefano by Carl DeStefano & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
12/7			
5:30pm	K Jones	A Nagurney J Sabat, R Sharp, R & B Williams, S & K Courson	A Courson R Courson Volunteer
12/8			
8:00am	M Donahue	T Mineweaser, Volunteer	R Nuhfer
10:45am	D Wortman	R & P Osche, A Kirkpatrick, M Kirkpatrick, C Zawacki, J & V Siliano	A Shene B Shene C Shene

12/4 Rouse Home—Fr Rick / Mary Donahue/ Judy Bosko/ Volunteer
12/8 Mass Ushers —Pat & Bill Mascaro

WEEKLY SANCTUARY CANDLES IN MEMORY OF *Patricia Pazderski by Family*

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering—November 23rd & 24th

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering - \$5920.00

Second Collection —\$717.45

Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering - \$610.00

Second Collection—\$329.00

Thank you for your continued weekly support of our Parish!

Second Collection for the 2019 Retirement Fund for Religious

Next week's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for the elderly religious communities. Please give generously to help with their needed care.

ST JOSEPH PARISH SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

We serve dinner every Tuesday at 4:30pm for the Warren Community. All are invited!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Isaiah 4:2-6; Gospel Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11:1-10; Gospel Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25:6-10a; Gospel Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6; Gospel Matthew 7:21,24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24; Gospel Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Gospel Mathew 9:35—10:1, 5a 6-8
Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1	First Sunday of Advent
8:00am	(St Luke) Mass
10:45am	Mass
Monday, December 2	—Parish Office Closed
12:00pm	(St Luke) Mass cancelled—Fr Rick away
Tuesday, December 3	
10:30am	Bible Study (St Luke Church)
12:05pm	Mass cancelled—Fr Rick away
4:30pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, December 4	<i>Happy Birthday Father Rick!</i>
9:05am	School Mass
10:30am	Faith Share
2:00pm	Mass (Rouse Home)
3:15pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (Boardroom)
6:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting (Boardroom)
6:00pm	Webelo Cub Scouts/Arrow of Light (Loranger Hall)
Thursday, December 5	
12:05pm	Mass
12:30PM	Eucharistic Adoration (Mother's Chapel)
6:30pm	Girl Scout Meeting (Meyer Hall)
7:15pm	Evening Prayer (Mothers Chapel)
Friday, December 6	—First Friday
8:00am	Mass
9:00am	Homebound Communion
Saturday, December 7	—Second Collection this Weekend
10:00am	SJCS Craft Show (Gym, Meyer Hall, Cafeteria)
4:30-5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm	Mass
Sunday, December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00am	(St Luke) Mass
9:15am	EDGE & CREW @ Holy Redeemer
10:45am	Mass
	Liturgy of the Word for Children—DOG
11:45am	Pageant Rehearsal (Meyer Hall)
11:45am	Christmas Choir Pageant (Church)

Items Needed for the Helping Hands Ministry in December *St Joseph Church*

The Helping Hands Ministry is in need of a **Bed, TV Stand, and Microwave**. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to donate any of these items.

St Luke Church

Flour, Sugar, canned fruit & vegetables, boxed side dishes and cooking oil

THANK YOU!