

First Sunday of Lent

Readings for the Week

Mon: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 ; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Tues: Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

Wed: Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

Thurs: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Gospel: Matthew 7:7-12

Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

Sun: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Masses and Events:

Sun. 2/22

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
9:15am FF @ HR Edge K-7
9:20am Crew 9th Gifts of the Holy Spirit Breakfast @HR
10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph

Mon. 2/23

9:00am Daily Mass
5:30pm Stations of the Cross @ HR

Tues. 2/24

9:00am Daily Mass
4pm-5pm Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen take out meals
6:00pm Table Talk @ HR No Greater Love
6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer service@ First Lutheran

Wed. 2/25

9:05am School Mass
4:00pm Choir Practice
6:00pm WWP @ HR Mary The Blessed Mother

Thurs. 2/26

9:00am Daily Mass
3:30pm Rosary Saint Joseph Church

Fri. 2/27

9:00am Daily Mass
6:00pm Stations of the Cross Saint Joseph
Confessions to Follow

Sat. 2/28

4:30pm Confession @ Saint Joseph
5:30pm Mass @ St. Joseph

Sun. 3/1

8:00am Mass @ St. Luke
8:15am 2nd Grade Retreat @ HR
9:15am FF @ HR Edge K-7, Crew 8th
10:45am Mass @ St. Joseph
Confirmation Rehearsal after mass

In your charity, please pray for the soul of:

Mary Lopez

who passed away last week.

We extend our sympathy to her family & friends
& ask God's love to bring them peace and consolation

Lenten Worship:

We are getting excited to welcome back Anna, Joseph and Nathaniel to grace us with their beautiful Lenten Worship Music. On March 15 at 3:30pm the trio from Titusville will be at St. Joseph. To deepen your Lenten journey, please join us for an afternoon of prayerful music and fellowship.

There is no cost but a good will offering will be taken. Bring a friend!

St. Joseph Table:

On March 19 we will celebrate our patron saint, St. Joseph, with our traditional St. Joseph Table. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm followed by delicious Lasagna and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Watch for sign ups at the doors of the church.



**This Week the Sanctuary Candles
Are In Memory of:**

**Deceased Members of the
O'Neil & McGraw Families
by Dan & Mary Ann Zdarko**



February 22 - February 28, 2026

Mass Intentions

*Weekend mass intentions, family/friends can bring gifts up to the altar during mass: please let an usher know prior to mass

Sun. 2/22 First Sunday of Lent

(St. Luke) Anthony & Katherine Yasurek by Annette & Rick Hutley
(St. Joseph) People of St. Luke & St. Joseph Parish

Mon. 2/23 Lenten Weekday

Francis & Mary Russo by Family

Tues. 2/24 Lenten Weekday

Donald Sobina by Family

Wed. 2/25 Lenten Weekday

Ann Wolf by David Marinoble

Thurs. 2/26 Lenten Weekday

Rose Falvo by Family

Fri. 2/27 Lenten Weekday

Rose Halle by Family

Sat. 2/28 Lenten Weekday

People of St. Luke & St. Joseph Parish

Sun. 3/1 Second Sunday of Lent

(St. Luke) Dave Warner by Family
(St. Joseph) John Sirianni by Ken & Donna Robeson

Thursday Rosary Intention:

Our rosary intention for February 26 is for those enslaved by human trafficking. Please join us this Thursday as we lift those in desperate need of our prayers.

Confirmation

This weekend our 9th graders welcome their families, sponsors and community members to a breakfast to celebrate the Gifts of the Spirit and how they play a profound role in our everyday lives.

They will thank and highlight many individuals in their lives who exemplify these gifts.

On March 8th, we welcome Bishop Persico to Warren, to confirm these young people.

Please keep them in your prayers, that they may live this Sacrament, and allow the Holy Spirit to overcome them and guide them on their individual paths to discipleship.

May God bless:

**Edward Abplanalp, Taylor Alexander, Joanna Bennett,
Fiona Cook, Joseph Fanelli, Nathaniel Harris,
Addison Lilley, Vivien Palmieri, Lilly Raffaele,
Lucien Thibodeaux, Ryder Wagner, & Ava Wymer**

Rite of Election - OCIA

This weekend our catechumens and candidates will be sent forth from the Masses they attend to Bishop Persico, who will greet them and proclaim them ready to be received into the Catholic Church. Bishop Persico is not able to be with each parish for the Easter Vigil, so this is the moment when catechumens and candidates receive his blessing.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Catechumens: Nathan Waibel & Nick Hofgren

**Candidates: Brigitte Den Oudsten, Luke Gray, Rachel Hofgren,
Mike Madigan, Emily Shattuck & David Tilyou**

The Rite of Election is a Lenten liturgy in which the Church formally recognizes catechumens (non-baptized) as elect, preparing them for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. The Rite of Election marks the transition from the catechumenate to the period of purification and enlightenment, signaling the final stages of preparation for the Sacraments. It is a public acknowledgement that God has called these individuals and that the Church affirms their readiness to enter full communion.

The rite emphasizes both God's election and the catechumens' and candidates' free response to faith and commitment.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday Feb. 28th 5:30PM

Lector- Marlene Sandberg

EMHC- Katie Courson, Patty Lobdell*, Roy Williams*

Altar Servers- Pete & Josie Bailey

Greeters- Patty Lobdell, Mary Creek

Music-Betsy/Laura

Sunday March 1st 8:00AM (St. Luke)

Lector- Janet Peters

EMHC-Sandi Mineweaser

Ushers-Vince Pillar

Sunday March 1st 10:45AM

Lector-Bill Cole

EMHC- Patti Osche, Denise Pusateri, Claire Fanelli

Altar Servers-Grace & Joey Fanelli

Greeters-Claire Fanelli, Ann Kirkpatrick

Music-Choir

D.O.G. (Disciples of God)-Jessica

Lent: A Time of Preparation, CRS Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. A portion of this collection will go to the Saint Joseph Soup Kitchen. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential.

Visit csrtricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Parenting Pointers

Lent is not just about "giving up" but also humbling oneself in the service of others. Even children can serve by cleaning up, letting someone else go first, even smiling instead of smirking.

Being a willing servant is different from being a slave.

"The last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt. 20:16)

Cookie bakers needed

St. Joseph is hosting Confirmation on March 8. A lite reception is being held afterward, so we are looking for a few volunteers to help bake cookies. If you are able, please call the parish office for more details.

Thank you!

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel,

Jesus reminds us that it is not enough to provide only physical nourishment for our children.

"One does not live on bread alone."

As we approach Lent 2026, let us be **"led by the Spirit"** to discover new ways to be moral guides for our children.

Sunday March 8th: Girl Scout Sunday

St. Joseph Church/School Girl Scout Troop #46675 will be celebrating Girl Scout Sunday with our parishioners. The girls will be serving in various ways at the Mass including reading, bringing up the gifts, ushering, altar serving, greeting, singing, etc.

Girl Scout Cookies will also be sold after Mass!

St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offering Feb 15th

Saint Joseph Church Weekly Offering-\$10537

Saint Luke Church Weekly Offering-\$1583

Thank You for Your Generous Gifts

2025 Contribution Statements

Please contact the parish office if you would like a printout of your 2025 contributions.

They can be picked up in the parish office or emailed.

814-723-2090 office.sjc@westpa.net

Pope Leo's Lenten Message

Writing a Lenten message on February 13th, Pope Leo stated,

"Let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace. Lent is a time to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life."

May we make this Lent one of quiet contemplation and focus on how our daily interactions can lead to peace within our hearts, which leads to peace in our neighborhoods, our nation and our world.

The Thirteenth Annual Catholic Men's Conference
Just two more weeks until 22:32 Men—register now!

Saturday March 7th

Holy redeemer will be broadcasting

7:30am-Noon,

what a great opportunity to participate without having to travel.



The name 22:32 Men is based on the theme of Luke 22:32:

"But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.

And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Join men from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond

for the 13th Annual 22:32 Men's Conference.

This day of inspiration and spiritual growth, open to men of all faiths, will feature national speakers — Fr. Mathias Thelen and Matthew Leonard.

you may attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie

2. Live-streamed @ Holy Redeemer parish.

(other participating parishes are listed on our website, www.2232men.com)

3. Live-streamed to your home.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring national speakers and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation and Mass.

All you need to have is an open heart!

The event is \$25. Group discounts available. High School and College students are FREE. For more information and to register, visit www.2232men.com or call (814) 455-7364.

Questions can also be emailed to:

Troy McFate attroy.mcfate1@gmail.com

Movie Matinee

Save the date for Monday, March 9th at 2:00 pm for **HIS ONLY SON**. An account of Genesis 12 through 22, this movie follows Abraham's journey up the mountain to sacrifice his son, Isaac, as he recalls his life with Sarah and their patience and faith in God. Popcorn and drinks served. Bring a friend!



St. John Pierogi Ladies of Tidioute

will be making pierogies during the 2026 Lenten season. Flavors of potato & cheese or Kraut & potato will be available starting Feb. 18th, through Palm Sunday by order with a cost of \$13.00/doz. Or \$7.00 for 1/2 dozen.

Please call Diane to order at 814-758-1125. Pickups will be on Saturdays from 1-3 pm at St. John Church Center Tidioute, PA. We pray they will nourish your soul during the Lenten Season.

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