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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025/2026

This weekend, we are kicking off the new CMA Appeal for 25/26. Our goal this year is \$174,000. Last year, we surpassed that amount, so I know that we can reach this goal this year. The CMA supports the Bishop's ministries throughout the diocese: the Bishop's Office, the Chancellor's office, the Marriage Tribunal, the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, the Catholic Schools Office and so much more. You should be receiving your letters soon. Would you consider giving what you gave last year, and maybe \$25 more? Thank you in advance!

Advent Giving Tree Envelope

In your envelope packets, you'll see a new envelope: The Advent Giving Tree Envelope. We are doing this, this way, and will not be gathering gift cards in Advent. I ask you to be very generous in your envelope offering so that we can assist those in need more directly this coming Advent. If you don't use the envelope system, you can still donate. Simply place your donation in a blank envelope with "Advent Giving Tree" on the front of it and/or on the memo line of the check if you use a check. Cash is always accepted!

Garage Sale

I'm writing this column before the sale has happened. So many items were donated this year. Thank you to all our donors! And thank you to all our parishioners who volunteered. Even before the doors open, I know this garage sale will be a success!

New Faith Formation Director

I am pleased to announce that we have welcomed to the staff a new multi-parish Faith Formation Director for St. Lawrence, Holy Cross, Mother of Sorrows and St. Charles Borromeo Churches. Mr. James Sarkis comes to us from North Carolina where he served two parishes in this same ministry. He is a Rochester area native and a graduate of St. John Fisher University (where he took a course with a certain priest, Fr. Lee Chase!) and St. Joseph's College in Standish, Maine where he earned an M.A. in Theology. We're excited to have him join us on our staff.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Pollet Family
From: Gary & Carrie Carlson*

Monday, September 15

Our Lady Of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. Mass for Stephen Joseph Connelly by Mr. & Mrs. George D'Elia

Tuesday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. Mass for Michael F. Contestabile, son by Agostina & Family

Wednesday, September 17

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Grace & Sony by Mrs. Jessie John

Thursday, September 18

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 19

Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Charles F. Willard by Mary L. Willard

Saturday, September 20

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang
and Companions, Martyrs*

4:00 p.m. Mass for Deacon Jim & Mary Chatterton by Gerry Connor

Sunday, September 21

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Catherine Melia by Dan, Mary, Elizabeth & Lucas

10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Readings for the week of September 15, 2025

Monday, September 15:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday, September 16:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday, September 17:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday, September 18:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday, September 19:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, September 20:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday, September 21:	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

Attendance August 30 & 31, 2025
Total-886
Attendance September 6 & 7, 2025
Total –948

August 30 & 31, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,819.51	\$14,423.00	\$(603.49)
General Maintenance	\$811.00	\$865.00	\$(54.00)
School Support	\$628.00	\$442.00	\$186.00

September 6 & 7, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$18,109.63	\$14,423.00	\$3,686.63
General Maintenance	\$716.00	\$865.00	\$(149.00)
School Support	\$422.00	\$442.00	\$(20.00)

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am

Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am
 Thu Communion Service 8:30 am.

Holy Days of Obligation
 Please see bulletin.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office at the rectory as soon as they know they are expecting.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact us at least **one year** in advance of their desired date.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 9 a.m. - Noon, 1 pm - 4 pm
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Dean, Monroe West Deanery for the Diocese of Rochester, Pastor, x 207

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 225-3870

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 Deacon Bill Rabjohn
 Parish Deacon
 Deacon Manny Asis
Senior Deacon, x. 201

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Music Director, 227-7236
 Susan Judkins
Song Prayers, 797-3719
 Steve Amico
Faithful Voices, 225-7338

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, September 15	
Human Development Mtg - Deacon Hall	6:00p.m.
Tuesday, September 16	
Faithful Voices - Church	7:00p.m.
Wednesday, September 17	
Brownies - Deacon Hall	3:30p.m.
CYO Soccer - Soccer Field	5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church	7:15p.m.
Thursday, September 18	
CYO Cheer - School	5:30p.m.
Friday, September 19	
CYO Cheer - School	5:30p.m.
Saturday, September 20	
CYO Soccer - Soccer Field	8:00a.m.
Sunday, September 21	
Confirmation Prep - Deacon Hall	11:15a.m.

St. Leo's Church in Hilton is having an Oktoberfest on October 17, 2025 from 5-7:30.

Dinner choices are:

Option #1 Schnitzel regular with lemon.

Option #2 Schnitzel with mushroom gravy.

Both come with potato salad and red cabbage.

Option #3 Sausage platter-smoked sausage and fresh bratwurst, potato salad and sauerkraut.

Option #4 Goulash served over noodles with red cabbage.

Each meal is \$20. They are going to be catered from Swan's Market. You may call St. Leo's Parish Office 392-2710. All orders will be per-ordered only. It's sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and you may pay by either check made of to the knights or cash.

During the month of September, the Human Development Committee is helping collect donations for **St. Andrew's Food Cupboard on Portland Ave.** The cupboard was started in 1980 by Sister Leon of the Sisters of Mercy.

What started as a small corner storefront, the food cupboard today helps feed more than 300 families a month in the city of Rochester- many of them mothers and children. The cupboard is supported through donations, fundraising and grants and run by an all-volunteer staff.

St. Andrew's Food Cupboard needs:

- Canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned milk
- Shelf stable prepared meals – SpaghettiOs, ravioli, stew, chili, (especially helpful if it is a pop-top lid that doesn't require a can opener)
- Soups
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & jelly

Personal Care items: soap, shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.

Please bring your donations to the church no later than 11am Sunday, September 21.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Bereavement Meetings at St. John the Evangelist

Who: All are welcome to participate in our bereavement program.

What: Short talks will be given (15-20 minutes) to discuss topics directed toward how you care for yourself physically, emotionally and spiritually. Topics and activities will range from diet and exercise, grieving a loss of a pet, caring for those with dementia, church teachings, and other areas of interest. After these presentations the balance of time will be spent socializing.

Additional Social Events would include scheduled church functions like: our Octoberfest October 18th after the Saturday 4:00 Mass and the December 14th 3:00 Dady Advent Concert at St. John the Evangelist.

In the future, other churches may offer opportunities for us to gather together as well.

When: We will meet the **THIRD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH from 10:30 -12:00**. This is October 15th, November 19th, December 17th.

Where: St. John the Evangelist Parish Center.

Please look for more information on the **ROC Catholic Northwest Website** <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org/>.



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Ecce Homo, meaning "Behold the Man (Jn 19:5)," invites men from all parishes to gather occasionally for fellowship, faithful support, good food and to listen to a guest speaker's journey of discipleship.

Our speaker will be Ted Janiszewski
Director of St. Irenaeus Ministries (www.siministries.org)

When: Saturday, October 4
8:00 a.m.: Mass (optional)
8:30 a.m.: coffee followed by breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

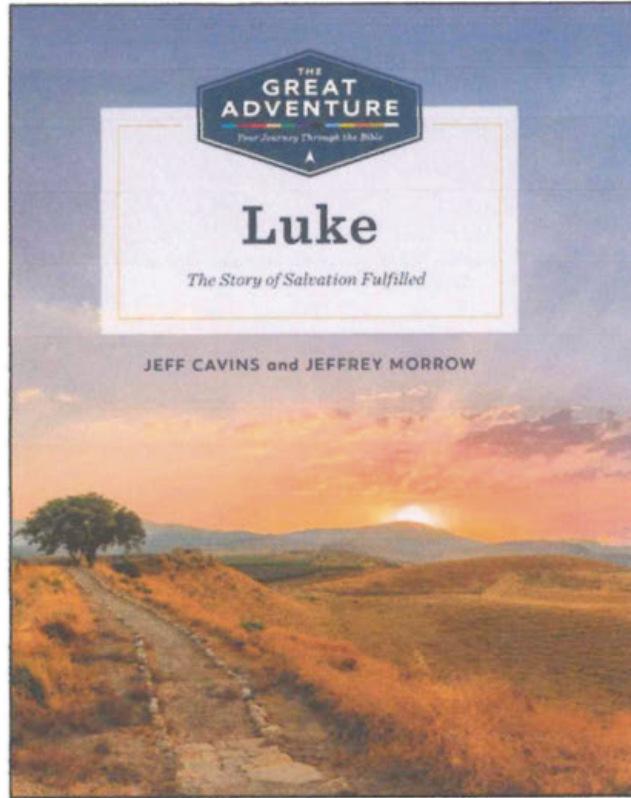
Where: St. Marianne Cope Church Hall
2061 East Henrietta Road

Cost: Free/Donations Accepted

RSVP to ecce.homo.rochester@gmail.com
by Monday, September 29

Bible Study: The Gospel of St. Luke

From the Ascension Press



Video presentation by Jeff Cavins and Jeffrey Morrow

This 8 week study begins: Monday, September 22, 2025 6:30pm

To Register, please fill out the registration form below and place it in the Sunday collection box or drop off at the Rectory by September 15, 2025.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Workbooks are not required but can be purchased for \$27.95 + shipping at the following link:

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/luke-the-story-of-salvation-fulfilled-workbook?variant=45536973390016>

For any questions: please call Karen at 392-6299

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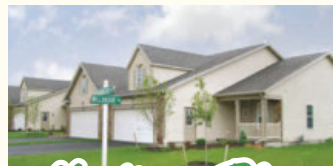
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