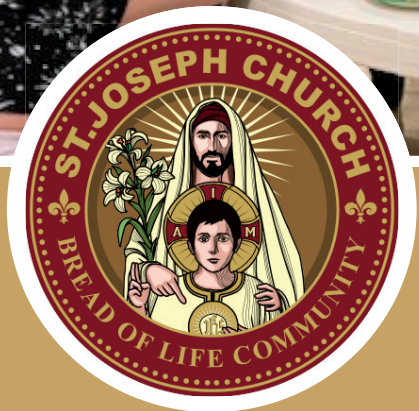


# LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

March 10, 2024 —Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Bingo & Fellowship With The House of Healing Ladies (see page 5)*



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

## THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

The deepest need in everyone's heart is to be loved. That's it. Only Jesus Christ can fill this need in your heart, and we want to help fill your heart here at our parish! We are not a perfect parish but we want you to know that you are welcome to come home to Your Father's House. Everyone is welcome in our Father's House - come home!

### Mass Schedule

**Monday – Friday**  
7:00 am in Church

### **Weekends in Church**

4:15 pm Saturday Traditional  
10:00 am Sunday Contemporary

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday  
Confessions

### **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Our Adoration Chapel is ALWAYS open! You need a code to get in at night and week-ends. Please call the parish during office hours to register for the code.



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**Fr. Larry Richards**  
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Praise Be Jesus Christ!

I am sorry that I am away this weekend – please pray for me and the people I am speaking to in Pasadena, CA and Cheyenne, WY! Here is a great Lenten Reflection from a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus:

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So, if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you. Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

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## PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are always in need of Committed Adorers in our Adoration Chapel – please sign up for an hour with Jesus! Call or text Geoff and Amber Dietz at (814) 403-3921 to sign up or ask questions.

The following 68 hours are also in need of another committed adorer:

- Sunday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM
- Monday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 5 AM, 8 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM
- Tuesday:** 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 11 PM
- Wednesday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Thursday:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 11 PM
- Friday:** 2 AM, 5 AM, 6 AM, 2 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Saturday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

*Please commit to 1 hour*



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Burt, Els, Judi, Linda, Mary, Emily, Donna, Rosie, Dorothy, Michelle —Healing

Cindy—Safe Travels

Kathy—Life/Spirit

Phyllis—Trust/Peace

Elaine—Peaceful passing/Eternal Rest

All in Religious Life—Courage in the face of changes

## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS



The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Rose Delasandro  
March 3rd-March 16th, 2024  
Audrey and John Reese

The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in honor of Georgia and Cary Chludzinski  
March 3rd-March 16th, 2024  
St. Joseph Parishioners



## THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday 4:15 pm** 03/09/24—Saint Frances of Rome  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday 10 am** 03/10/24—Fourth Sunday of Lent  
+ Jerry Kiehlmeier (Pam Kiehlmeier)
- Monday 7 am** 03/11/24—Lenten Weekday  
+ Robin Ford (Friend)
- Tuesday 7 am** 03/12/24—Lenten Weekday  
+ Louis Nicolita (Jaci Phillips)
- Wednesday 7 am** 03/13/24—Lenten Weekday  
+ Maureen Arnold (Jerry Arnold)
- Thursday 7 am** 03/14/24—Lenten Weekday  
+Theodore “Ted” Urban Jr. (St Joseph Brewing Ministry)
- Friday 7 am** 03/15/24—Lenten Weekday  
+ Lynn Huston (Domenica Huston & Family)

## UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday 4:15 pm** 03/16/24—Lenten Weekday  
+ Redentor Gose (Darleen & David Wilkinson)
- Sunday 10 am** 03/17/24—Fifth Sunday of Lent  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

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To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

Remember I love you and am praying for you!

God Bless+++  
In His love,  
Fr. Larry



**Be There When God Moves**

Join the Diocese of Erie on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

**Deadline to register is April 17th**

July 17-21, 2024, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. This historic moment is called the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Catholics from every corner of the U.S. will be in Indianapolis for this transformative gathering, and YOU are invited to represent our diocese at this pivotal moment!

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*Any questions, email [erieideac@gmail.com](mailto:erieideac@gmail.com) or call Jo @ 724.699.3340*



Scan this code to learn more about the Congress, the schedule, speakers, etc.

The pilgrimage includes:

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- 4 nights' accommodations in Indianapolis
- Continental Breakfast (pending final hotel assignment)
- Roundtrip transportation from Erie PA/Warren PA/West Middlesex to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach
- Daily transportation to the Congress
- Gratuities payable to motorcoach driver

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- \$1,329 Double
- \$1,829 Single



Scan this code to register for the Diocesan pilgrimage!



Tickets will be sold after all the Masses this weekend for the St. Mark Seminary Card Party Raffle!!

All proceeds go towards the Seminarians, thank you!

### A Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environment



**Pledge to Heal:** The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, [ErieRCD@KLGates.com](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com) email [ErieRCD@KLGates.com](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com). To report abuse directly to the diocese call 814-451-1543.

### Easter Flower Donations



Easter flower donations have been given this past week in honor and memory of deceased loved ones:

In memory of Roman Kloecker (Theresa Kloecker), Barbara A. Wolfe (Michael & Linda Wolfe), The Tarasovitch Family, In honor of Bill and Nancy Smith, Linda Winters, Anonymous.

Thank you for your generosity.

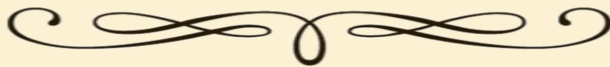


## Bingo Night With House Of Healing

The House of Healing ladies had a wonderful evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and exciting victories at our Bingo event. This gathering was an outstanding success, thanks to the efforts of the women's ministry, bringing joy, warmth, and prayer to all who participated. We extend gratitude to Karol Taylor and her team for planning such a memorable evening of fun and fellowship. The HOH ladies are already looking forward to the next month's event. If you are



interested in participating, you can email Karol at [ktaylor22@roadrunner.com](mailto:ktaylor22@roadrunner.com) or call the parish office.



### st. Josephs Table

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer or bake for the St. Joseph's Table. We still need more bakers to make this event a success.



**FYI--All baked goods must be delivered to the Community Center no later than noon on Tuesday, March 19th. The St. Joseph Altar will be decorated early so that it is ready for dinner that evening. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call the office.**

#### Altar Servers- March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Liam, Joe, and Xavier Dietz

10:00: Rosa Reisdorph, Iain, and Anthony McGeary

#### Lectors-March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Joe Kohler

10:00 Nancy Murray

#### Extraordinary Ministers-March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Deacon Doug, Jeff Pongratz

10:00: TA Walkiewicz, Dale Jennings

#### Ushers- March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Rob Preedit

10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Tom Parr

#### Greeters- March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Bill and Nancy Smith

10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Jess, and Sam Laus

#### Sacristans-March 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Steve Henderson

10:00: Mary/Tim Milloy

#### Fellowship-March 17<sup>th</sup>

Jack Beaver

Suzana Laus

## WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

*"God loves a Cheerful giver."*

**Thank You!**

### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 377

Offertory	\$ 4,577.13
CSA in Envelope	\$ 2,420.64
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,300.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,560.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,857.77</b>

**Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00**

**Attendance (For Both Masses) 297**

*Please remember us in your will! You can help us even after the Lord has called you home! Simply ask your attorney to have the following statement included in your will: I leave St. Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community, Erie, PA, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate for its religious, education and charitable works.*

**Religious Ed—Julie Lampard**  
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**Meet  
Olivia**



Olivia will be getting confirmed with our class this April. She is a member of the Cathedral and very active on her volleyball team.

**Why I Chose My Saint**

I chose Saint John the Apostle because of his relationship with Jesus. Saint John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, and friendship. When learning about the apostles for the first time, I always loved John because he seemed like Jesus' younger brother. I feel that my own relationship with Jesus is very similar. I chose Saint John because I can relate to him, but he can also help me grow into the person I know I can become.

***Children's prayer***

Loving God,  
 your Son, Jesus,  
 calmed the storm  
 that frightened the disciples.  
 You keep us safe too,  
 even when we are afraid.

Show us how to follow you, and help us  
 to be there for one another.  
 Teach us to share whatever we have fairly  
 so that we, and our whole global family, may  
 look to the future with hope.

Amen.

***What's going on at St Joe's?***

- **Weekday Masses** are at- 7 am in the church also live streamed.
- **Father Larry's podcasts** are Thursday's at 3pm. Go to YouTube. Anchored in Hope Father Larry Richards.
- **Confessions** are Saturdays from 3-4 pm and Sundays 9:30-9:55 am.
- **St Joseph Triduum** March 17-19, 7pm-8pm
- **St Joseph Table-** Tuesday March 19th in the Community Center. 5:30pm- 7pm.
- **Passion Talk-** March 27th at 7 pm in the church. Confessions will follow.
- **Holy Thursday-** March 28th at 6:30pm Celebration of the Lords Supper
- **Good Friday,** March 29th-1:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- **Tenebrae Service Friday** March 29th- at 8 pm.
- **Women's 1:38 Conference** is April 20th at 8am. At St Jude's Church.

If anyone would like to give online in place of envelopes, go to the website listed below to sign up.

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