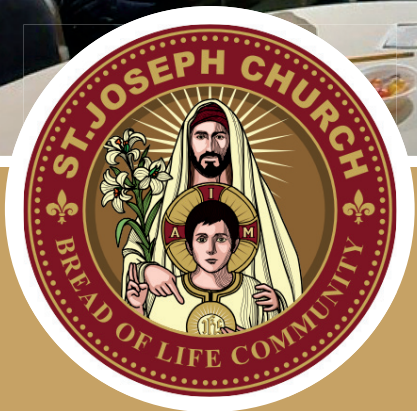


# LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

January 28, 2024 —Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*St. Joseph Bread of Life Comfort Through Grief* (see page 5)



**PRAY**

**LOVE**

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**GROW**

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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 weekends. Please call the parish during office hours to register for the code.



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**Fr. Larry Richards**

814-452-2982

[frlarryrichards@stjoesbol.org](mailto:frlarryrichards@stjoesbol.org)

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

It is so good to be home from vacation! I got to spend 7 days doing nothing but praying, walking, and eating. I tried to finish my book, but my computer froze and I could not get it to work! But at least it was good to get renewed. It was so good to say Mass here this past week again!

As I gently said last week at Mass - Just a reminder to PLEASE wipe and stomp off your feet of any snow BEFORE you enter the main body of the Church! We need to keep our Church as clean as possible so that we do not have to spend over \$20,000 that we do not have on new carpeting. You would not just walk snow all through your house; please do not do it in God's house! THANK YOU!

Next, I want to thank all those who have made it a priority to advertise in our weekly bulletin! I ask all our parishioners to please make sure that you support these people and businesses! By advertising in our bulletin, they say that St. Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community is important, and we should return that kindness! If you own a business, or work for a business that advertises, PLEASE consider advertising in our bulletin. It is not very expensive, and it really helps the parish out a lot and more than that – you can write it off from your taxes!

Please, let us become more and more the parish that is known for our people being people madly in love with Jesus Christ and we prove that by the way we pray and live as a community! Please, Jesus wants us to be people who desire His will more than anything else. Remember what it says in Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, to the communal life, to the Breaking of Bread and to prayer!!!!!!!" May this be our Mission!

Ok, I know that the Lord has great plans for us. We need to trust Him and do our part also. Let us continue to pray for each other that we will always live God's Holy Will! Remember I love you!

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

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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 77 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, 3 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM
- Monday:** 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 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:** 12 AM(X2), 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 9 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM
- Friday:** 1 AM(X2), 2 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 8 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, 12 PM, 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:

- Kirsten, Ted, Peggy—Healing
- Todd—Eternal Rest
- Terry's Family, Gretchen—Peace
- Carol, Karen, Jake, Lexxie—Peace/Strength
- Pinot, Don—Healing
- Mary, Phyllis—Healing
- Hank—Peace
- Rebecca—Strength
- Emily—Safe Delivery of a baby
- Victims of Human Trafficking—Freedom/Healing
- 1st Responders—Safety
- For all who hear the whispers of God—Thankfulness



## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of the Cull and Halmer Families

January 21st-February 3rd, 2024

Marilyn Pavlock



## THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm 01/27/24—Saint Angela Merici  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday** 10 am 01/28/24—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ Pete & Marlene Yurkewicz (Karen & Warren Merguerian)
- Monday** 7 am 01/29/24—Weekday  
- Ed DeLuca (Al & Renee DeLuca)
- Tuesday** 7 am 01/30/24—Weekday  
+ John Verbish (Audrey & John Reese)
- Wednesday** 7 am 01/31/24—Saint John Bosco  
+ Pete Yurkewicz (Frank & Patty Wiser)
- Thursday** 7 am 02/01/24—Weekday  
+ Frank Christoph (Demaris Leingang Dominick)
- Friday** 7 am 02/02/24—The Presentation of the Lord  
+ Robin Ford (Friend)

## UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm 02/03/24—Saint Blaise  
+ Mary Nardi (Paul Morabito)
- Sunday** 10 am 02/04/24—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

# 22:32 MEN *Strengthen Your Brothers!*

## 2024 CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd** 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event  
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"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL, AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK, STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS." LUKE 22:32



**BISHOP LAWRENCE PERSICO**



**FATHER PATRICK SCHULTZ**

*Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.*

[www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com)  
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for more details and to register.

\$20 Adult Early Registration (before February 1st)  
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\$20 Group of 8 or more  
\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY  
High School and College Students - FREE  
Please register beforehand.

# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

For the Religious Education Ministry at Our Lady of Mercy Church

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2024

### 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy Church  
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\$13 for full plate / \$8 for half plate  
Sit down and take-out options are available

Visit [www.ourladyofmercychurch.org](http://www.ourladyofmercychurch.org) for credit card purchases

Limited number of tickets will be available at the door.	To guarantee a meal, please purchase by January 28 <sup>th</sup> .
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**For more information, call 814-899-6132**

- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Italian Bread
- Refreshments
- Cookies
- Salad
- Chinese Auction



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At the end of January, we celebrate both the memorial of St. Francis DeSales and the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Each of these men is considered a patron of communications — saints we need to turn to for guidance today more than ever. St. Francis was a journalist and author while St. Paul is a patron of publishers and writers.

Even though they did not have the same technology we use, we all are charged with the same mission: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In a changing media landscape, today the Diocese of Erie offers insightful, vetted news and information as well as stories and insights in a variety of formats.

*Faith* magazine remains our flagship publication with in-depth features and interviews from every corner of the diocese, as well as news and information. It's mailed — free of charge — to each household registered in a parish on a quarterly basis. Have you subscribed to the *Diocese of Erie-News* yet? This resource shows up in your inbox every Wednesday morning with local, national and international news of interest to Catholics. It also promotes events offered by parishes and ministries and includes reminders about holy days as well as links to timely resources for deepening your faith. Sign up for free at [www.nwpaCatholic.com](http://www.nwpaCatholic.com). We include much of this information through social media as well, and now create videos, available on the diocesan YouTube channel, to let those we cover share their stories in their own words.

I am grateful for your generous support of the annual *Help Spread the Faith* communications collection and I encourage you to take advantage of all that is offered. Please help us continue this essential outreach by participating the 2024 *Help Spread the Faith* collection scheduled for the weekend of January 27/28.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico  
Bishop of Erie



My Marriage = busy with little time for my spouse. Sound familiar? Then...NOW is the time to consider a Worldwide Marriage Encounter! To be a couple and refocus on the two of you. WWME is a faith-based enrichment for any married couple. Next is February 9-11, 2024, Hampton Inn, Grove City, Pa. Go to [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org)

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- CALL 814.451.1543  
Diocese of Erie dedicated number for reports
- CALL local law enforcement

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:**  
[www.ErieRCD.org/childprotection](http://www.ErieRCD.org/childprotection)

If a child is in immediate danger of harm, call 911.

## St. Joseph Bread of Life Comfort Through Grief

St. Joseph Bread of Life Comfort Through Grief 1<sup>st</sup> meeting this past week was a great success. A big THANK-YOU to Barb Nagle and her team for all their efforts in bringing this ministry to life. Many months of planning, attending other programs and prayer have paid off.

16 guests attended the meeting and were engaged in the talk that Dr. Jeff McGovern offered about his life, faith, family deaths, and how hard it is to be a Dr. to the dying and praying they can come to terms with their faith before it happens. Thank you, Dr. McGovern, for offering your knowledge and support.

Please consider attending the next meeting that will be held on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Doug will be talking on what we can learn about death from St. Joseph. Hope to see many there.



**Altar Servers- February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:15: Liam, Joe, Xavier Dietz  
 10:00: Amelia Normand, Liam Reitzell, Harper Travis, Evie Yurkewicz  
**Lectors-February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:15: Bill Smith  
 10:00: Dylan McCullough  
**Extraordinary Ministers-February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:15: Deacon Doug, Nancy Smith  
 10:00: Paul and Bernie Aldridge  
**Ushers- February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Ed Peszel  
 10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root  
**Greeters- February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:15 Bill and Nancy Smith  
 10:00: Donna Snippet, Patty Jarrett  
**Sacristans-February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:15: Glenn Holland  
 10:00: Al/Renee DeLuca  
**Fellowship-February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Nancy Murray

## WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

*“God loves a  
Cheerful giver.”*

**Thank  
You!**

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 384

Offertory	\$ 2,883.41
CSA in Envelope	\$ 904.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 3,097.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,230.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,114.41</b>
 Weekly Expenses	 \$11,522.00

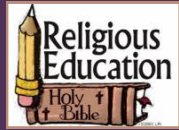
### Attendance (For Both Masses) 278

*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**  
[www.julielampard@stjoesbol.org](http://www.julielampard@stjoesbol.org)



**Meet**  
**Heather Hedderman**



My name is Heather Hedderman. My husband, Tim, and I have 6 children Alayna, Ben, Bella-Ann, TJ, Lucas, and Cadia.

I have been a teacher for 24 years. Currently, I teach Kindergarten to 4th grade in STEAM.

I have taught religious education sporadically throughout the past 15 years usually as a substitute.

Last year, a need arose to learn the new Edge program. I decided to jump in and support our parish.

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

- **Weekday Masses** are at- 7 am in the church.
- **Confessions** are Saturdays from 3–4 pm and Sundays 9:30–9:55 am.
- **Parishioners who pay online, your envelopes will be available in the office until February 1st if you still want them.**
- **Next Praise & Worship will be February 1st at 7 pm in church.**
- **February 14th Ash Wednesday Masses are 7 am & 7 pm. It is not a Holy day of obligation.**
- **Did you know you can preplan your funeral Mass? Preplanning your funeral Mass allows you to decide the details, readings, music, and who you would like to participate at your funeral Mass. You may include your family in the process to help them feel connected in both life and death, knowing that your planning reflects your desires. If you are interested, please call Diane in the parish office.**

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

[www.easytithes.com](http://www.easytithes.com)



**RICE BOWLS**



Dear Monsignor, Father, or Principal

During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in his love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to encounter God and our global family by practicing these pillars while reflecting on how the Eucharist—the Bread of Life—compels us to share bread for life with all members of our human family.

Sixty percent of all Rice Bowl contributions support CRS' humanitarian and development programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to our sisters and brothers around the world. The remaining forty percent stays in our diocese to support local hunger and poverty prevention programs. The 2023 contributions of your parishes and schools assisted over 25 organizations including food pantries and soup kitchens. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our global human family. I encourage you to order a CRS Rice Bowl poster to display in your communal space and enough Rice Bowls with Lenten calendars for each family in your community. These free materials are available in English and Spanish. You may also visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to find additional resources, including:

- Devotions, like the Stations of the Cross, and prayers.
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators.
- Ideas for in-person or virtual community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to join us on an enriched journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential. Should you require any support in utilizing the resources, please contact Elizabeth Slaby, Director of the Office of Social Justice and Life at [eslaby@cccincerie.org](mailto:eslaby@cccincerie.org).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
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Francis of Assisi





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