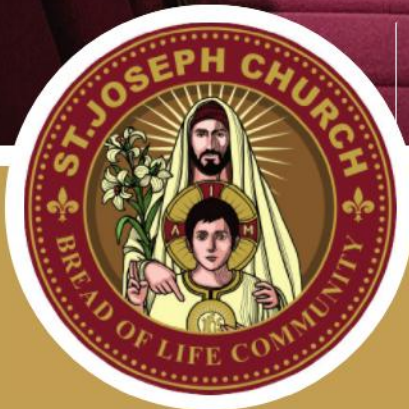


# LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

April 28, 2024 —Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Thank You to Warren Beaver!* (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**

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Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Well, I guess that it had to happen eventually, but I did not expect it to happen now. I was **BLINDSIDED** when the Bishop called me in and told me that I had to leave our parish. I started here on July 1, 2002! It has been 22 fantastic years and I really wanted, and expected to stay until I retired, but God has other plans! I have always preached and believed that we have one purpose in life – to live God’s Holy Will! I took a vow of obedience to the Bishop and his successors so I must live what I believe even if I do not agree with it or understand it! May God’s will be done **ALWAYS** in all of our lives!

Now, I still cannot tell you where I have been assigned but I can say that I will still be in Erie. I am praying that the pastor who replaces me here, will be supportive of everything that we have accomplished these many years especially Perpetual Adoration and the DME retreats. So, pray that the Lord will put someone here who has a heart for these things, and hopefully can make St. Joes BOL grow and become a great Shrine one day dedicated to St. Joseph of the Bread of Life. We will pray for the continued growth of this parish.

OK, none of this will happen until July 9<sup>th</sup> so we still have time together so let us make the most of it. In the coming months I will be packing 22 years of stuff that I have accumulated and lots of it will be put in the gym for people to take – there is A LOT of stuff, so feel free to check the gym every week at fellowship after Mass and take what you like, I will just ask that you do not hoard things to sell them – I could do that if that is the direction I was going – I just wanted to let you, my family, to take what you want.

So, God has a plan. We all need to trust Him that He knows what He is doing and that all will work out for all of us! Remember that I love you and that I pray for you every day, that will never stop. Peace.

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 **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(X2), 4 AM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 11 PM
- Wednesday:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 8 AM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
- Thursday:** 1 AM, 2 AM(X2), 4 AM, 11 PM
- Friday:** 1 AM, 2 AM, 5 AM, 6 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, 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:

- Healing—Mary Ann
- Peace/Strength—Tony, Dave
- Eternal Rest—Ginny
- Peace—Terry, Allan
- Healing—Mary, Justin, Mike



## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of  
**Harry & Henrietta Fischer**  
 April 21st-May 4th  
**Bill and Nancy Smith**



### THIS WEEKEND:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm **04/27/24**—Easter Weekday  
 + Clarence Kennerknecht (Jim Kennerknecht)
- Sunday** 10 am **04/28/24**—Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Monday** 7 am **04/29/24**—Saint Catherine of Siena  
 + Kara Pollard (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)
- Tuesday** 7 am **04/30/24**—Saint Pius V  
 + Patrick Hughes (Family)
- Wednesday** 7 am **05/01/24**—Saint Joseph the Worker  
 - Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ruthann DiSanza)
- Thursday** 7 am **05/02/24**—Saint Athanasius  
 + Joseph Bukowski (Deacon Doug Konzel)
- Friday** 7 am **05/03/24**—Saint Phillip & James  
 + Audrey Bargielski Deegan (Tim & Eileen Nowakowski)

### UPCOMING WEEK:

- Saturday** 4:15 pm **05/04/24**—Easter Weekday  
 + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Sunday** 10 am **05/05/24**—Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 + Howard Hain (Dave Geiger)

**The CHOSEN**

Livestream & small group discussion of **Season 4, Episodes 1-4**  
Sundays in May/June, 3:30-5 pm

*A collaboration between our newly partnered parishes, open to all!*

**Sacred Heart will host:**

May 5: Season 4, episode 1  
May 19: Season 4, episode 2

**St. Joseph/BOL will host:**

June 2: Season 4, episode 3  
June 9: Season 4, episode 4

A perfect occasion to gather our parishes together: To reflect on the story of Jesus Christ, the stories of the diverse disciples who love Him, & to meet one another as fellow disciples, too.

RSVP by May 1 to indicate which sessions & who in your family will attend. Either:  
Email Jessie Hubert (SH) [jessie.sacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:jessie.sacredheart@gmail.com) OR  
Call Diane Kiehlmier (SJ/BOL) 814.452.2982

*A brief small group discussion will follow the screening of each episode, as will time for fellowship. More details are forthcoming.*

+ Bring your family- free childcare provided!  
Refreshments included +

Childcare volunteers are needed for all sessions. If you're interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact Diane in the parish office.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help out the newly blended parishes.



*Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments*

**Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Recent statistics tell us one out of every ten children will be abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that every Sunday in our congregation, there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.



The Knights of Columbus in Erie and Crawford Counties are conducting our 3rd annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Your charitable donations thus far have enabled the Knights to purchase five state of the art Ultrasound Machines and a Mobile Ultrasound Clinic for the Women's Care Center of Erie. Since then, 661 babies have been born to women after they viewed their ultrasounds. They chose life for their babies even though they were originally abortion bound.

The Women's Care Center is now facing a difficult crisis. For the past thirty years, the State of Pennsylvania allocated funds to organizations such as the Women's Care Center that promote childbirth as an option, rather than abortion by providing pregnancy and parenting support services.

The current Governor of Pennsylvania made the decision to end this program. This has caused a significant loss of funding to our Women's Care Center's Erie locations that need our financial support more than ever.

Baby bottles will be distributed at the Church entrances on Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12th). Please take one home and fill it with spare change, cash, or checks. Envelopes will also be available as an option to the Baby Bottles. The bottles and envelopes should be returned the weekend of June 22-23.

We thank you in advance for your kind generosity, and pray you will once again join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.





## Thank you, Warren!

Warren Beaver, a dedicated parishioner of Our Lady of Peace Parish, embodies the true spirit of selflessness and service. His actions speak volumes about his commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. This past month Warren presented one of those instances to our St. Joe's Adoration Chapel. He took it upon himself to improve the comfort of the Chapel by refurbishing every chair, making sure that those who come to spend time in prayer are both physically and spiritually comfortable.

Warren's devotion goes beyond the Adoration Chapel. Alongside his wife, Christine, he invests considerable time and effort into supporting the Divine Mercy Encounter program. Together they manage inventory and ensure that all necessary items for the retreat are available for the participants allowing the leadership to focus on the weekend necessities.

Thank you, Warren, for your generosity to our community. You are an inspiring example for others to follow, reminding us of the power of faith and service.



## Thank You From The Priests

Last weekend our church took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.  
Thank You!!

### Altar Servers- May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Liam, Joe, and Xavier Dietz

10:00: Liam Reitzell, Gavin, and Olivia Grutkowski, Harper Travis

### Lectors-May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Steve Dzuricky

10:00: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion kids

### Extraordinary Ministers-May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Deacon Doug, Steve Henderson

10:00: Dan Schaaf, Jack Beaver

### Ushers- May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Ed Peszel, Rob Preedit

10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Communion kids with the help of Ushers

### Greeters- May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Bill and Nancy Smith

10:00: Donna Snippet, Mark Zink, Patty Jarrett, Leslie Jennings

### Sacristans-May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

4:15: Steve Henderson

10:00: Mary/Tim Milloy

### Fellowship-May 5<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Murray

**Need Volunteer**

## WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

*"God loves a Cheerful giver."*

**Thank You!**

## WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 380

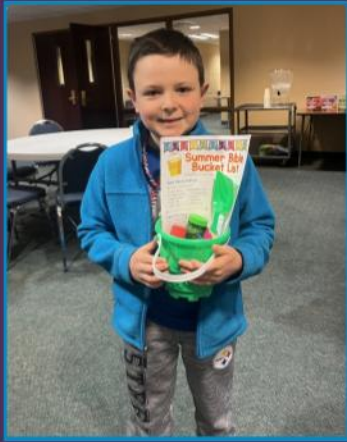
Offertory	\$ 3,162.75
CSA in Envelope	\$ 959.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,937.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,400.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,458.75</b>

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

**Attendance (For Both Masses) 296**

*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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Tyler

Another incredible year of Religious Education is drawing to a close, but don't worry, the learning and fun don't have to stop! This year, we're sending our amazing students off with a special "Bible Bucket List" – a collection of exciting challenges to keep their faith strong throughout the summer months.

These challenges will take them on a journey through the Bible, encouraging them to:

Explore amazing stories and teachings

Discover the wonders of God's creations

Practice kindness, compassion, and gratitude

Connect with their families and community through faith

The Bible Bucket List is designed to be flexible and fun, allowing families to explore at their own pace. Whether it's memorizing a favorite verse, catching fireflies, or creating Bible side walk chalk art, each challenge offers a unique way to engage with the Bible and strengthen their faith.

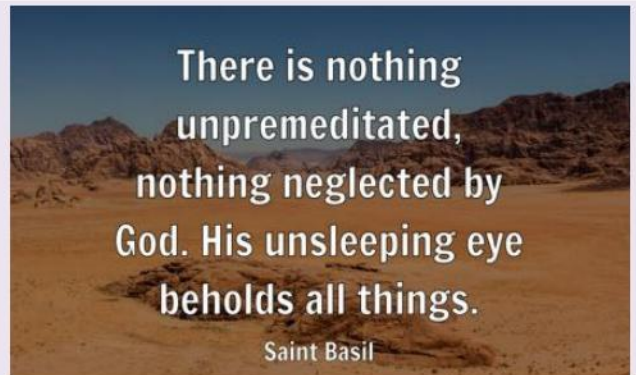
We can't wait to hear all about their faith-filled adventures this summer!

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

- Weekday Masses are at 7 am in the church and also live streamed.
- Father Larry's podcasts are Thursday's at 3pm. Go to YouTube and search Anchored in Hope Father Larry Richards.
- Confessions are Saturdays from 3–4 pm and Sundays 9:30–9:55 am.
- 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.
- Praise & Worship Thursday May 2nd at 7pm... "The last one with Father Larry"

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