LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

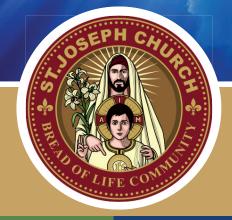
January 14, 2024 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Thank you for giving to the Lord

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now ...

(Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)



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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 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.

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PASTOR'S CORNER Fr. Larry Richards

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Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Thanks to everyone who was present for the Volunteer appreciation dinner! It is you who make this parish alive and vibrant, it is you who make this community a community of caring – thank you all so much! It was a great success, and the food was unbelievable! I really want to thank Diane Kiehlmier for all her hard work in setting up and making sure things ran smoothly. Every volunteer received a gift of a scriptural water bottle and if you are a volunteer, and were not present at the dinner, please stop by the parish office to pick up your present!

I also want to thank everyone who came during this past week and un-decorated the Church especially Mark and Dave – I am INCREDIBLY grateful for your great generosity towards our parish! We could not do a thing without people like you to go out of their way to help even when it is an inconvenience - THANK YOU!

Tomorrow, I leave for 7-day vacation to San Diego, California! I really, REALLY, need to get away! I leave you in the most capable hands of Jesus and various wonderful priests. I will be back, God willing, the night of Monday, January 22nd which is also Diane Kiehlmier's birthday – wish her a very happy 21st birthday. I will, of course, pray my Mass and Holy Hour every day and I will constantly be lifting you up before our Father and ask you to keep me in your daily prayers!

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!

Remember that I love you, and pray for you every day, please pray for me.

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 <u>75</u> 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, 4 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, 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:

Betty Ann—Healing

Julie—Healing

Justin—Healing
Rosalie—Healing
Mitchell—Healing
Mary—Healing
Hank Safe Travels
Rebecca—Strength

Mitchell's Family—Peace

Diane—Healing Lynn--Healing

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Howard Hain January 7th-January 20th, 2024 Mary and David Geiger

The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Betty Jean Sparks January 14th-January 20th, 2024

The Sparks Family







THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday 4:15 pm

01/13/24—Saint Hillary

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday 10 am 01/14/24—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + Howard Hain (Darleen & David Wilkinson)

Monday 10 am 01/15/24—Weekday

+ Kim Glancy (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Tuesday 7 am 01/16/24—Weekday

+ Donald Dacus (Don & Barb Matson)

Wednesday
7 am

01/17/24—Saint Anthony
- Intentions of Reason For Our Hope

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Thursday

01/18/24—Weekday + Jerry Riley (Fred & Jean Beckwith)

7 am

01/19/24—Weekday

Friday 7 am

+ John Toney (Theresa Rula)

UPCOMING WEEK:

Saturday 4:15 pm 01/20/24—Saints Fabian & Sebastian + Dom Morabito (Paul Morabito)

Sunday 10 am 01/21/24—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + Living & Deceased Members of the Parish



Child Protection

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments -January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Child Sex Trafficking is a form of child abuse that occurs when any child under age 18 is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act where sex is traded for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be anyone including friends, gangs, family members, foster parents, perceived trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk to your child openly about this reality and build resiliency. Address the myths and misconceptions that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Social media and gaming platforms are increasingly becoming the tool traffickers and other predators use to target, groom, and recruit victims. At some point your child will likely be confronted with inappropriate messages or see things online that they know are wrong. Teach your child how to handle these situations. You can report suspected child sex trafficking or make a tip at 1-800-843-5678 or CyberTipline.org. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

9 Days for Life Novena

You're invited to join thousands of Catholics, both locally and nationwide, and the Office of Social Justice and Life of the Diocese of Erie in prayer for the protection of human life during a special novena called 9 Days for Life. Go to the Social Justice and Life page at Catholic Charities, Inc. https://ccincerie.org/respect-for-life to sign up to receive daily prayers from Jan. 16-24, or contact Elizabeth Slaby at eslaby@ccincerie.org for more information.

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JANUARY 19, 2024

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HOLY HOUR

for the National Eucharistic Revival

At St. Mark Church - 695 Smithson Ave

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 3:15 pm

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

* SCRIPTURE READINGS*

REFLECTION

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Director of maintenance

St. Boniface Parish in Erie is seeking a qualified individual for the position of director of maintenance, with the responsibilities of regular cleaning and upkeep of all facilities, as well as performing routine and preventative maintenance. See the attachment for further details and how to apply.

Job openings in the diocese

See the classified section below for the latest position openings. Here's a quick link to diocesan, school and parish jobs: https://www.eriercd.org/employment.html. For Erie Catholic School System jobs only, go to https://ErieCatholic.org/careers.



Rest in Peace Bob

It is with great sadness we inform St. Joe's Community that Bob Hamilton AKA (The Mad Bavarian) has passed away. Bob has been a staple entertainer at Oktoberfest since the beginning. He was a gentle giant. For all that knew him he was tall in stature, a gentle soul, with such great faith. Many people were drawn to him for his fun, loving personality and his talent, that he loved sharing with all. Bob will be remembered and deeply missed at every German event.

Oktoberfest will never be the same without "The Mad Bavarian." "Auf Wiedersehen Bob"



St. Joseph Community

We are seeking a volunteer to assist a fellow parishioner in need with short-term help for her laundry. If you can spare some time to lend a helping hand, please call or email Diane in the parish office. Your support will make a meaningful difference in her life. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to come together as a community.



Altar Servers- January 20th-21st

4:15: Xavier, Joe, and Liam Dietz

10:00: Michael Brown, Landon, Lennox, and Landry Long Lectors-January 20th-21st

4:15: Bill Smith

10:00:

Extraordinary Ministers-January January 20th-21st

4:15: Deacon Doug, Jeff Pongratz 10:00: Nancy and Dan Schupp

Ushers- January 20th-21st 4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Glenn Holland

10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Al DeLuca

Greeters- January 20th-21s 4:15 Bill and Nancy Smith

10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Gretchen Scavella, Amy Beaver

Sacristans-January 20th-21st

4:15: Nancy Murray 10:00: Al/Renee DeLuca Fellowship-January 21st

NEED VOLUNTEER

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WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households - 384

Offertory	\$ 4,053.00
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On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,835.00
On-Line CSA	<u>\$ 1,035.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,023.52

Weekly Expenses \$11.522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 372

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 PA, the sum Community, Erie, % of the residue of my estate for its religious, education and charitable works.

UKnighted in Faith from Gannon University

First Reconciliation Retreat

February 17th 9 am – 12 pm in the St Joe's Community Center

First Holy Communion Retreat

March 9th 9 am—12 pm inn the St Joe's Community Center

If you have any questions you can email or call Julie at the office.



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. 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.

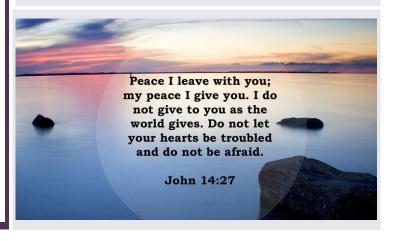
Sincerely in Christ

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico Bishop of Erie

What's going on at St Joe's?

- Weekday Masses are at- 7 am in the church.
- Parishioners who pay online, your envelopes will be available in the office until February 1st if you still want them.
- 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.
- We will be taking the large trees and creche down after the 10 am Mass on January 14th. We will need strong able men to help with this task.





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