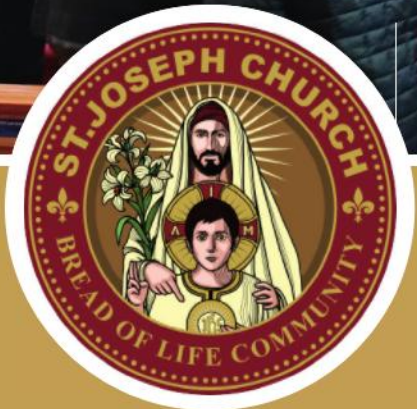


LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

January 21, 2024 —Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

814-452-2982

frlarryrichards@stjoesbol.org

Since Father was away during press time. Let us take time to count our blessings.

As God's children, we're fortunate to receive countless blessings daily.

However, the 'busyness' of life often makes it hard to appreciate those blessings. While you may be endlessly thankful for your life, it's hard to feel and express gratitude when you have things to clean, places to be, and an endless to-do list to complete.

So how can you effectively say "thank you" for blessings, even as the distractions of life fill up your time?

In this guide, we share five prayers of thanks and some guidance for Christians looking for practical ways to cultivate thankfulness in their daily lives.

Why we should say "thank you" for our blessings

Just as we say "thank you" when a loved one gives us a gift, we should say "thank you" to our Lord and Savior for our blessings on Earth.

As God's children, each of us was lovingly designed and created by our Heavenly Father. This gift of life is the most precious gift we will ever receive, so we should be eternally thankful for it.

We know that this gratitude is also one of God's commandments. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

But thanking God for his blessings isn't just about the act of verbally praising Him. Cultivating gratitude and thankfulness can make you a happier and more loving Christian, as it'll help you to:

- Stay optimistic and dutiful through hard times
- Inspire and support others
- Appreciate the things other people give you
- Appreciate everyday life more

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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 75 hours are also in need of another committed adorers:

- 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:

- Georgia—Healing
- Cindy, Sally, Rebecca—Strength
- Carol—Safe Travel
- Mitchell, Tim—Eternal Rest
- Fred—Healing/Strength
- Debra—Healing/Peace/Strength
- Samantha, Jen, Jeff—Peace
- Kelly, Mary—Healing
- Phyllis—Good News
- Jen, Peggy, Krystall—Healing

All affected by recent storms—Protection



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 01/20/24—Saints Fabian & Sebastian
+ Dom Morabito (Paul Morabito)
- Sunday** 10 am 01/21/24—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- Monday** 7 am 01/22/24—Day of prayer for legal protection
of unborn children
- Steve LaJohn (Theresa Rula)
- Tuesday** 7 am 01/23/24—Saint Vincent
+ John Verbish (Sherry D'Amico)
- Wednesday** 7 am 01/24/24—Saint Francis de Sales
+ Frank Christoph (Marilyn Gerrell)
- Thursday** 7 am 01/25/24—Saint Paul, Apostle
+ Eileen Chludzinski (June & Tom Klins)
- Friday** 7 am 01/26/24—Saints Timothy & Titus
+ Frank Christoph (Rich & Carol Wiler)

UPCOMING WEEK:

- 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)

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus want to deeply thank the support of parishioners this past year and always for their continued support and prayers.

In appreciation they will host a **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST on FEBRUARY 4th** Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. **ALL are welcome!**

So if you were looking forward to coffee and donuts that day, sorry. But come and enjoy some pancakes, sausage and eggs instead. It's a delicious way to say "thank you."




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.eriecd.org/employment.html>. For Erie Catholic School System jobs only, go to <http://ErieCatholic.org/careers>.

Diocese of Erie
Pre-Lenten Retreat
FEBRUARY 9-10, 2024

Step away from busyness and stress to join other single and married adults in a weekend of prayer and community. The Virtue & Integrity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a pre-Lenten retreat, which will include reflections on each person's call to holiness by Fr. Kevin Barrett. Opportunities for the sacraments, time for quiet prayer, and community will be available.



Friday, 2/9/2024
3:00 PM Early Arrival
5:15 Welcome in Foyer
5:30 Evening Prayer
6:00 Dinner Gathering
Introduction Conference I
8:00 Night Prayer, Holy Hour & Confessions
9:30 Social

Saturday, 2/10/2024
8:00 AM Morning Prayer / Mass
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Mid-morning Prayer Conference II
Mid-day Prayer
12:15 Lunch
1:00 Conference III
3:00 Mid-afternoon Prayer*
5:30 Evening Prayer
8:00 Night Prayer / Departure

**New Saint Joseph Ministry
Comfort Through
Grief Ministry**


**January 22
At 6:15**

**For more information you
can contact Barb at
814 323-2806**

**Or email
dulcibarb@aol.com**

All are Welcome

**St. Joseph Church
Bread of Life
Comfort Through
Grief Ministry**



Meeting on the 4th Monday of every month

**St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community
Center 147 W. 24th Street Erie Pa . 16502**
Meeting will be upstairs in the Multi Purpose Room
Doors open for Registration - 5:30 pm
Program 6:15 - 8:00 pm

The program will feature a speaker who will highlight the elements that our Catholic faith provides to assist us in our journey through Grief.

Monday, January 22nd the guest speaker will be Dr. Jeff McGovern. He will speak on "Grief and Medicine: A Physician's Humble Journey."

For more information contact Barb at 814-323-2806 or dulcibarb@aol.com

Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted
Matthew 5:4



A dedicated junior in high school and parishioner Elizabeth Golden, selflessly devoted her day off school to volunteer cleaning and vacuuming the church. Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of Duane and Laurie Golden is a junior at Prep. She stays busy with a part time job at Romolo's Chocolates and enjoys snowboarding, reading, swimming, and hanging with her friends in her free time. Elizabeth was a joy to have and had a smile on her face the whole time.

Thank you, Elizabeth.



Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
 bless us with the courage to defend all life
 from conception to natural death.
 Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples
 from east to west, from north to south,
 so that we may truly follow the call
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Altar Servers- January 27th-28th

4:15: Glenn Holland
 10:00: Iain and Anthony McGeary

Lectors-January 27th-28th

4:15: Cheryl Konzel
 10:00: Brian Calvelage

Extraordinary Ministers-January January 27th-28th

4:15: Deacon Doug, Bill McClellan
 10:00: Diane Kiehlmier, Patti Myers

Ushers- January 27th-28th

4:15: Tom Nichols, Tom May, Mike Wolfe, Rob Preedit
 10:00 Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Ed Root, Paul Miller

Greeters- January 27th-28th

4:15 Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski
 10:00: Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett

Sacristans-January 27th-28th

4:15: Glenn Holland
 10:00: Diane Kiehlmier

Fellowship-January 28th

Gretchen Scavella
 John Fitzgerald

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

"God loves a Cheerful giver."

Thank You!

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 384

Offertory	\$ 4,228.87
CSA in Envelope	\$ 1,470.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,780.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 880.00
Total Income	\$ 9,358.87
Weekly Expenses	\$11,522.00

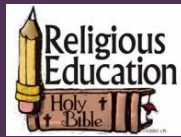
Attendance (For Both Masses) 327

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



My name is Tiffany Travis, I teach pre-k and Kindergarten for our religious ed program.



My husband Brooks and I live in Westfield N.Y. with our 4 children; Harper, Georgianna, Benjamin, and Eloise. I have been a teacher in public education for 18 years and teaching Religious Education at St. Joseph's for the last two years. I love being a teacher, and most importantly a Religious Education teacher because I get a hand in preparing these beautiful children in their path to sainthood.

Interested in learning more about becoming a permanent deacon?

The Diocese of Erie is launching a new five-year session for ten men seeking to study for and discern whether or not they are being called to this vocation. Visit www.eriercd.org/deacons for details. A general information and Q & A session open to all will be held via Zoom on Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.
 Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86833597833?pwd=WWJ2UTczQWNXRlpmMDErZ2tUbG5hZz09>
 Meeting ID: 86833597833
 Passcode: 083575

Questions also can be directed to Deacon Tom McArw, director of the Permanent Diaconate Program, by calling his office at 814.824.1148 or emailing tmcaraw@eriercd.org.



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.

It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey.

Saint Ignatius





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