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St. Paul Church (Mission)



March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

Lenten
Parish
Mission

March 17-19
2025

see details inside

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at St. Joseph Bread of Life

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SUNDAY HOURS:

9:45-11:00 am

at Sacred Heart

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:00 pm @ St. Paul

Sunday 8:45 am @ Sacred Heart

10:45 am @ St. Joseph BOL

WEEKDAY MASSES:

at St. Joseph Bread of Life

Monday & Tuesday at 7:00 am

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Thursday & Friday at 7:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays

1 pm – 2:00 pm @ Sacred Heart

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm @ St. Paul and

Wednesdays, 4:45 – 5:45 pm @ St. Joseph

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To my Family of Sacred Heart (St. Paul) and St. Joseph/BOL Parishes,

PARISH MISSION: Our Lenten Parish Mission begins tomorrow evening! I warmly invite you to attend. I encourage you to bring a friend. Mission days are important in the life of a parish community. Many parishes hold missions annually, and I intend to see that occur in our parish family. It is best to attend all three evenings, but if you can only be with us for one or two evenings – that is fine, too. Recall that the first night will feature a talk from me (you certainly may offer listening to me again as a Lenten penance ☺) followed by praise songs and Adoration. Tuesday, there will be a deep dive into the why and what of Confession. You will then be invited to seek God’s mercy in the Sacrament itself. Fr. Simmons, Fr. McElrath, Fr. Beran, Fr. Luke Dagher and myself will be on hand. Wednesday, the last night of our Mission, we will celebrate the patronal solemnity of one of our parish patrons – St. Joseph! After Mass, there will be a celebratory time of fellowship in the community center. Remember that we are offering a “Kids Track” for the mission. Please join us. Thank you!

A LOT OF DRAGONS SLAIN LAST WEEKEND: Wow! From meatballs to missionaries, y’all accomplished a lot last Saturday and Sunday! The spaghetti dinner was epic. The retreat for our kids – led by NET missionaries – was super powerful. Our candidates for entrance into the Catholic Church were able to pray with us and then meet the bishop at the cathedral. The Stations of the Cross were prayed (loved the young families in attendance). All of this in addition to a large funeral and our regularly scheduled Masses! My sincere gratitude goes out to the countless numbers of you who made all of this happen. I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. We are moving forward together. We are slaying dragons. We are satisfying hungry hearts. God is with us. Amen!

FLOCKNOTE NOTES FOR YOU: I so enjoy interacting with the over 300 folks who are signed up for my daily Flocknote texts. We also use this service for getting the word out regarding schedule changes and special events. If you are not part of our “Flocknote Family,” please join us! It’s easy. Just text LOVE-GOD to 84576. You’ll get a welcome message from me and be on your way. You can also register at sacredheartstjosephbread.flocknote.com. Thanks!

DEACON DOUG IS RETIRING: After many years of ministerial service – and an unfortunate number of health scares - Deacon Doug Konzel is retiring on April 1st. His love for the Church, his love for our parish community, and his love for the people of the Sarah Reed retirement home have marked his time as an ordained minister. I want to personally thank Deacon Doug for his friendship and his service. I’ve known Doug and Cheryl since the days when they were raising emus! Deacon is a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of our entire community, I wish him good health and peace as he begins retirement. May God bless you, Deacon Doug!

LENTEN PERSEVERANCE: Finally, I encourage you to persevere in your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus wants to set us free from sin and worldly attachments. Christ always offers more! Persevere!

Sacred Heart of Jesus – Have mercy on us!

Mary, Mother of God – Pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Pray for us!

St. Joseph – Pray for us!

St. Paul – Pray for us!

Fr. Steve



How can we
pray for you?

Send prayer requests to bfaithful@verizon.net
or the Prayer Line at Sacred Heart/St Paul,
Call Jeannie at (814) 866-3235 or Debbie at
(814) 504-0294, debKnecht004@aol.com.
or go to the NEW WEBSITE
stjoseph-sacredheart.org and click on the
prayer request button to submit
your prayer request.



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 17 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Patrick

+Connie Zambrzycki (Norm)

Tuesday, March 18/ 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Cyril

+Ron Snippert (Rob & Gina Lintelman)

Wednesday, March 19 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+Rachael Hager (Darleen & David Wilkinson)

Thursday, March 20 / 7:00 am, St Joseph
Lenten Weekday

+Paul Snyder (Nancy Murray)

Friday, March 21 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Lenten Weekday

+Arthur Tubbs (Erin & Shawn Tubbs)

Saturday, March 22 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul
Lenten Weekday

+Orienta Iesue (Paul & Sally Iesue)

Sunday, March 23 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart
Second Sunday of Lent

+Katherine "Katchy" Number (Thomas J. Loftus)

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes

Sunday, March 23 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL

+Hank Compennolle (Nancy Murray)



Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Tammy, Nancy, John, Jeff, Susan, Dorothy, Chayce,
Kimberly

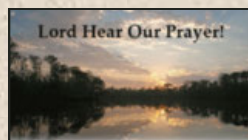
Healing/Peace—Joe

Healthy Pregnancy—Kaley, Isabel

Strength—Kim

Safe Travels—MJ, Joe

Living & Deceased Members of the Parish



Perpetual Adoration

We are always in need of Committed Adorers in our Adoration Chapel at St Joseph BOL. Please sign up for an hour with Jesus! Call or text Geoff & Amber Dietz at 814-403-3921 to sign up .

The following 62 hours are in need of another committed adorers.

Sunday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM,
2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM

Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 9 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM,
4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM

Tuesday: 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 11 PM

Wednesday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 3 AM, 12 NOON

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM(X2), 4 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM

Saturday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM,
6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour for Jesus!

This week the Church Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:



Week of March 16:

(SH) Patrick J. DiPaolo *from Family*

(SJ) Joseph Garofalo *from Ellen, Jimmy & Jenna*

Bread & Wine Memorial is dedicated this week in memory of:

Elizabeth & Albert Feikls *from Robert Feikls*

Adoration Chapel: Weeks of March 9th and 16th
Barbara Sayers from Gary Iaboni

24 HOURS for the LORD

MARCH 28-29, 2025

Friday — March 28

- 5:15pm Mass with Bishop Persico as Celebrant/Homilist
- Following 5:15pm Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Evening Prayer
- 10:00pm Night Prayer

Saturday — March 29

- 3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30am Morning Prayer
- 8:00am Mass with Bishop Persico
- 12:00pm Rosary
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:30pm Benediction
- 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Please take time out of your busy schedule to stop and visit with Jesus and receive His love and forgiveness.



Thank you for your generous support of our churches!



Weekly Offerings-3/2/25

	Offertory + CSA
St. Joseph BOL CSA 2025	\$ 3,726.00 \$ 7,284.00
Sacred Heart / St. Paul CSA 2025	\$ 6,738.00 \$ 10,525.00

You may give online at easytithe.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

SUNDAY: GN 15:5-12, 17-18/PS 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/PHIL 3:17-4:1 OF 3:20-4:1/LK 9:28B-36
 MONDAY: DN 9:4B-10/PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13/LK 6:36-38
 TUESDAY: IS 1:10, 16-20/PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23/MT 23:1-12
 WEDNESDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29/ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 MT 1:16, 18-21, 24a OF LK 2:41-51a
 THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6/LK 16:19-31
 FRIDAY: GN 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17B-28a/PS 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/MT 21:33-43, 45-46
 SATURDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/LK 15:1-3, 11-32

NEW~NEW~NEW

**Mass Intention and Candle Policy for COMBINED CHURCHES
Of Sacred Heart/St. Paul & St. Joseph Bread of Life**

ALL Sanctuary Candles will be scheduled for a 2-week period. (\$20)

The Adoration Chapel Candle will be for a 2-week period. (\$20)

Bread & Wine Memorials will be for a 2-week period. (\$20)

To schedule a MASS INTENTION (\$10):

Due to a large number of masses requested, you may only schedule 2 masses per deceased person per year. (1 on a weekend and 1 during the week) Any masses already scheduled will be honored. Also, we will only schedule masses for the current year. Once we receive the 2026 Mass Book we will announce that in the bulletin and you may call or email with your mass intentions for 2026 after that time.

We thank you for your patience and flexibility with this new process.

Trish McDaid, our church secretary, is the contact person/scheduler for masses, candles, and bread and wine memorials for ALL 3 CHURCHES. You may contact her at 814-452-2982 or trishmcdaid@stjoesbol.org.

**O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Rite of Election**

The Rite of Election will occur March 9, 2025 at Saint Peter Cathedral in Erie for our O.C.I.A. Catechumen and Candidates.

- *Dale Campbell *Tyson Fones
- *Suzanne Emmons *Zoey Visnosky

They now enter the final phase of preparation to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers for ongoing conversion during Lent.

Kinship Korner

May God Lead Us Forward



Due to a cessation of funding for refugee resettlement, Catholic Charities is closing down their entire resettlement program on March 14th. The International Institute, the other Erie agency engaged in refugee resettlement will also be closing down in the near future. This means that the refugee community in this city, which is home to approximately 4,000 refugee families, will no longer have the assistance of these 2 agencies to help them adapt to the many cultural changes they face. Kinship will be seeking guidance from the mosques and other cultural centers in Erie as to how we can help them help these families. We ask God to guide us as cannot give up our efforts to live out Matthew's gospel message to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and clothe the naked. We will keep you posted as to how God guides Kinship moving forward.

Easter Basket Collection

As Easter approaches this year, we will again be helping Community Shelter Services (CSS) by collecting Easter basket items for the homeless and at-risk children in their programs. The dead line for donations is April 13th. The following items are requested:

Easter baskets, Easter "grass", individual size wrapped Easter candy, and any small toys such as stuffed animals, plastic toys, Hot Wheel cars, coloring books, crayons, or any other small item you think a child would like to find in their basket.

This collection was a great success last year and because of that, they requested our assistance again this year. These items can be placed in the storage totes marked Kinship in the entryways of SPs or SJ/BOL or in the Kinship box located under the Holy Family statue at SH.

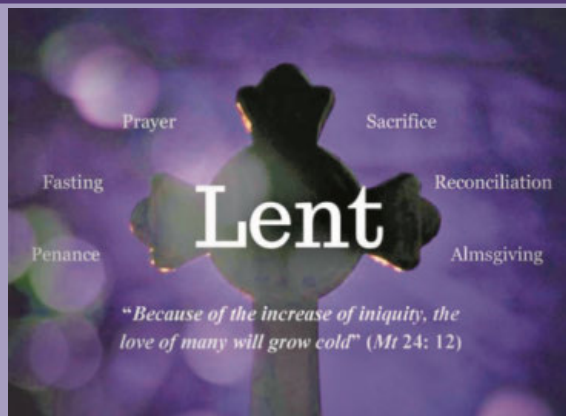
Tom Hudson 814-864-1615 Kinship Ministry and Sharon Bond 814-450-7748 Bags of Hope Coordinators



Building Greeters & Ushers Ministry

Sacred Heart Church is looking for more Greeters and Ushers. GREETERS will greet mass goers as they enter the church for Mass, hand out books, and smile. USHERS will gather the collection, make bulletins available, help with other duties as needed.

A SHORT Meeting for all interested will be held after the 8:45 Mass at Sacred Heart on March 23rd. If you have any questions, bring them to the meeting. We hope you can join us.



**BRAVO to the Cast and Crew of the
72nd Annual Sacred Heart
Spaghetti Dinner!**

We started the day with prayer and those prayers led us through an exhausting day! So much fun and so much food! And it was delicious!

Thank you to all the volunteers and diners who came to support this event!

Thanks especially to Head Chef Debbie Salamon and her kitchen volunteers! We are blessed!



LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MARCH 17-19, 2025

**at St. Joseph BOL Church
Hosted by St. Joseph Bread of Life and Sacred Heart (St. Paul) Parishes
Preacher: Fr. Steve Schreiber**

Monday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day - Diocese of Erie Patron)
6:10 Music, 6:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer
Mission Talk: The Epic Adventure of Following Christ
7:15-8 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Tuesday, March 18
6:10 Music, 6:30 Welcome and Prayer
6:35 Confession Preparation Talk: Coming to Their Senses
7:15 Individual Confessions with 5 priests

Wednesday, March 19
(Solemnity of St. Joseph - Patronal Feast)
6:10 Music, 6:30 Welcome, 6:35 Mass for the Solemnity
7:30 Fellowship in the Community Center

Everyone is welcome
147 West 24th Street, Erie

Parish Mission Kids Track for students in Grades 1-8

Please bring your school aged children to the Parish Mission. They will join in child friendly prayer activities in the Community Center with our Faith Formation Leaders Clint & Stacey Badowski while you attend the adult mission in church. They will join the mission in church for adoration, confession & Mass.

Lenten Activity Projects for kids

Look for your packet every week!
WEEK 1 PACKETS STILL AVAILABLE!
Pick up 1 and 2 today after Mass
in the back of Church
on your way home!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

**Fridays during Lent
at Sacred Heart Church
at 7 p.m.
Come pray with us!**

Faith Formation

Clint Badowski

faithformation@stjoesbol.org



"We had an amazing youth retreat this past Sunday for our 6th-12th grade youth put on by NET Ministries. The fire for Christ was definitely alive and well throughout the whole day. It was great to see these youth being filled with the Holy Spirit. Continue to pray for these youth that the fire continues to grow!"

"A special thank you to NET Ministries as well as all the volunteers that made this event possible. Thank you to our St Joe's BOL prayer shawl ministry for providing prayer shawls to the NET Ministers. They were so very grateful. Thank you for the volunteers that helped provide sustenance for our youth and the NET ministers. A special thank you to the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus (Council #11818) for funding our lunch and the Sacred Heart Altar Society for cooking such a delicious spaghetti dinner. Another special thank you to Mary Kubacki for providing a delicious homemade dinner for the NET ministers after a long day. We are truly blessed in our parish community to have so many people to support these youth in their faith journeys. Thank you all for the support and prayers!"



Deacon Dabblings

CAN I EAT ALLIGATOR ON FRIDAY DURING LENT?

Every year as we enter the Lenten season, I find myself having to field questions about why we do not eat meat on Fridays during Lent. The most common answer as to why the Church does not allow meat on Fridays during Lent is because the Pope owns Long John Silvers. I find this to be tasteless and insulting. The pope wouldn't own something as cheap as Long John Silver, I believe that it is the Red Lobster that he owns. After all, a delicious lobster tail in drawn butter is more to the Pontiff's taste than hush puppy and a breaded mystery sea creature from the cheaper chains.

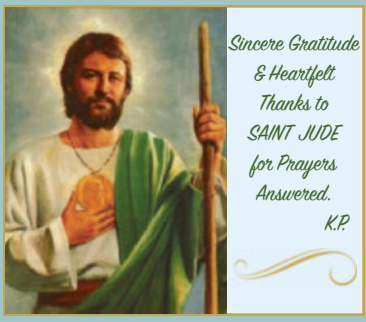
In all seriousness, do we believe in the idea of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of empty discipline that the Church establishes to increase the size of its list of rules and regulations? Who are our Lenten practices for? Do we do things like avoiding meat on Fridays or Lenten fasting because we were told we must, or do we believe there is something in this observation that could actually help us become closer to God? If we are doing these things just because someone said we must, and we're not getting anything out of it beyond that, one could reasonably ask whether they are worth doing. Lent was not invented so that Catholics could take another shot at their New Year's resolutions. The sacrifices that we are asked to make are not frivolous instructions.

Those who look upon Lenten fast and abstinence with disdain bring up the old joke of two men in hells asking each other what their crime was that landed them in hell. One man says, "I was a serial killer, what did you do? The other man responds, "I ate meat on Friday." There is more sadness in this so-called joke than there is humor because those who look at this joke as a way to discredit the Church's instruction on not eating meat on Friday during Lent, completely miss the point of being asked to make this sacrifice. Just eating meat on Friday will not send one to hell, it is the denial of the sacrifice that Jesus made on the Cross that may lead to condemnation. We **MUST NOT** look at abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent as a silly rule made by men to control the faithful. It is to be looked upon as a way to draw closer to God and acknowledge the fact that our redemption has been won by the Blood of the Cross.

When it comes down to it, our purpose in Lent isn't to do things or not do things just because we must, but because they can offer some meaning and growth in our lives. Finding God in that Friday Fish Filet meal from McDonalds may not be your cup of tea, but then again it might be the perfect adventure to try this Lent.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony

PS: Yes, you can eat alligator on Friday during Lent, but who would want to?



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& Heartfelt
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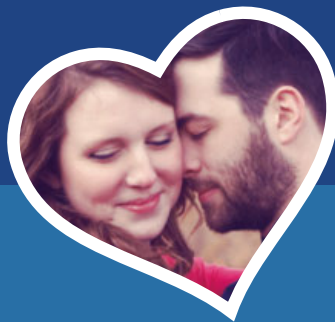


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