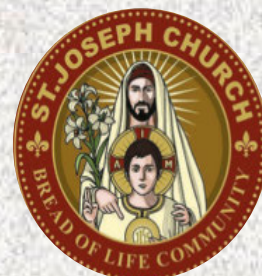


Our Parish Community exists to satisfy Hungry Hearts with the real presence of Christ

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and
Saint Joseph/Bread of Life Community
St. Paul Church (mission)



February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus declared... **I am the
bread of life**

Whoever comes to me
will never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me
will never be thirst

John 6:35

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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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February 16, 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**To my Family of Sacred Heart (St. Paul) and St. Joseph/BOL Parishes,
A PARISH WITH PURPOSE:**

Last week, the Parish Leadership Team had an all-day training session with Nate Schaaf, our Amazing Parish coach. We worked hard on clarifying such questions as: (1) Why does our parish exist? (2) What exactly do we do? (3) How do we act as leaders and volunteers? (4) How are we to succeed? Certainly, Christ is THE answer to why a Catholic parish exists, but dependent upon demographics and ministries and the like, each parish has a purpose that is unique to itself, one that responds to the particular needs of that parish's people and circumstances. By identifying this purpose, a parish family is more likely to row in the same direction and fulfil God's will more readily. Every parish community, like every human person, receives distinct gifts from God. Every parish community, like every individual person, also is given a distinct way in which God asks us to love Him and to serve others. During the Parish Leadership Team session, we wrestled with formulating a succinct way of summarizing our parish family's core purpose. Eventually, we formulated this response: **We exist as a parish community to satisfy hungry hearts with the real presence of Christ.** I'm excited about this statement of our purpose! It speaks to the desire for God that cries out from each of our hearts, and it also recognizes our urban setting and the numerous folks we encounter who are literally hungry for bread. This core purpose acknowledges the primacy of Christ's sacramental presence – especially in the Eucharist - but it also calls us to the reality that Christ is very much present whenever we minister to our neighbors. We exist to satisfy hungry hearts! What a beautiful purpose God has called us to.

BITS AND PIECES: Please remember that we have Sunday office hours (9:45-11:00 am) at Sacred Heart. If you need a Mass offered or wish to obtain a sponsor certificate or whatever else it may be, we offer the Sunday offices hours for your convenience . . . our Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark begins on February 27. There is still time to register, but please contact Jean or Trish this week . . . Thanks to the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus for refilling our “poor fund” with a recent gift of \$1,000. Much appreciated . . . The Parish Family Dinner for this month is happening on Saturday, February 22, 5:00 pm in the St. Paul social center. Please join the fun!

SOAK IT IN PRAYER: Jesus Christ is the center of all human history. He is what gives purpose and meaning to every created thing. As I said above, Christ is the ultimate reason for why our parish communities exist. Jesus is the very source of my life and yours. Everything we do, then, individually, and as a parish, should be soaked in prayer. Yet, we forget. As we move forward together, let's really commit to making prayer a prerequisite for all we do. For example, I love praying before Mass each weekend with the deacons, altar servers and ushers. It prepares our hearts to serve well at the liturgy. We need the Lord's assistance for every endeavor. Imagine the graces the Lord will shower upon us if we lift everything up in prayer! Food pantry days, clothing locker distributions, refugee resettlement efforts – all intentionally lifted up in prayer. Encounters in the parish office, encounters in the back of church, encounters at the funeral home – all lifted up in prayer. Parish guests, contractors, the mail carrier, families inquiring about baptism – all lifted up in prayer. Everything and everyone – lifted up in prayer. Soaking each moment in prayer is like pouring fuel on a fire. The fire of God's love is what we wish to see ignited. Pray! Pray! Pray!

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



Send prayer requests to bfaithful@verizon.net
Or the Prayer Line at Sacred Heart/St Paul,
Call Debbie Knecht at 814-504-0294 or
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prayer request button to submit your prayer.



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Russell Fisher (Sam & Jess Laus)

Tuesday, February 18 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Tom Doyle (Carol Doyle)

Wednesday, February 19 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Joseph Garofalo (Colleen)

Thursday, February 20 / 7:00 am, St Joseph

Weekday

+Dennis Manendo (Lucia DiPalma & Mike DeDad)

Friday, February 21 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Saint Peter Damian

+Ron Snippert (Barb & Don Matson)

Saturday, February 22 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

+Nancy Comi Bell (Family)

Sunday, February 23 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Ron Dalton (Sharon Bond & Family)

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

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes



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

(SH) Elizabeth and Albert Feikls from Robert Feikls

(SP) Lola DiPlacido from Barb Jackson & Family

(SJ) Ron Snippert from Sherry D'Amico

Adoration Chapel:

Silvio Scavella from Friends and Family

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing/Peace—Beth, Lori

Successful job interview-Brandon

Healing—Shelly, Jamie

Eternal Rest—Barbara

Deceased Members of the Parishes

God Hears Our Prayers



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 61 hours are in need of another committed adorers.

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

Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM(X2), 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, 6 AM

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 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!

KEEP US SAFE!

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let anyone in the building / office that you do not know! We are taking care of them through the monitor.

Thank You

There will be a brief informational meeting after 8:45 Mass on Sunday, February 23, in the Findlay room at Sacred Heart for anyone who is interested in pre-planning their funeral.



Dear Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers & Lectors:

Please check in on the schedule in the vestibule of church when you arrive. It helps our sacristans know that you are here for your scheduled Sunday.

Thank you!



Gift Bearers Needed

Now that all three churches are bringing the gifts of Bread and Wine to the altar during Mass, we need volunteers to help with this part of the liturgy. We have a schedule in the vestibule to sign up for any available Sundays, or ask an usher for help.

Thank you!



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February 2, 2025

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CSA ONLINE— \$ 355.00

TOTAL— \$ 7,066.26

WEEKLY EXPENSES — \$ 9,197.00

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Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

February 2, 2025

Offertory: \$ 9,670.50

Weekly Expenses \$ 7,498.00

***Please make your offertory and CSA checks
payable to Sacred Heart Church.***



**Kinship Korner
Refugee Resettlement Ministry**

The presidential executive order ceasing immigrant arrivals in this country means that Catholic Charities (CC) will no longer have new families arriving in Erie. However, Kinship will continue to work with Catholic Charities to service the refugee population currently in Erie. New families receive financial assistance for only 3 months and then they are responsible for all their expenses. Families here for less than a year, often struggle to meet their financial obligations as they seek to become proficient in English and obtain gainful employment. Kinship will now provide household items to families identified by CC as needing specific items. These items will be assembled into boxes labeled with the family name, picked up at the St. Andrew's annex, and delivered by CC. When we get a sense of what items are most often requested, we will develop a needs list and post it in the bulletin so we can keep those items always in stock. We committed SH to assisting Catholic Charities for 1 year in May of 2022 and here we are approaching our 3-year anniversary in May. You are the heart and soul of everything we do.

Bags of Hope and Feeding the Hungry Ministries

These ministries remain active in our community. Feeding the Hungry purchases and prepares a meal for approximately 100 men, women and children the 2nd Monday of every month. Bags of Hope provides seasonal clothing and personal care items to the Community of Caring on the east side which serves men and women who are chronically homeless by providing shelter, meals, and case management.

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



Sign up today for the
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph/BOL/St Paul
**FEBRUARY CHURCH
FAMILY DINNER**

February 22nd at 5:00 PM at St. Paul Center.
next to St. Paul Church
right after Saturday 4PM Mass.



What's on the menu?
Rigatonis & Meatball dinner

(including salad, bread & Italian Love Cake for dessert)

RSVP by February 17th on the sign-ups at church entrances.

You may also call or email Trish or Jean in the church office.

Triparish.secretary816@gmail.com or 814-452-2982

ALL are welcome! FREE will donation accepted.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph/BOL, St. Paul

"The Gospel of Mark"

Deacon Tony Alleruzzo and Dale Jennings
Facilitators

Thursdays 6:30 to 8PM

February 27/March 6, 13, 27

April 3, 10, 24/May 1, 8, 15

Sessions held at Sacred Heart Auditorium
25th and Liberty-plenty of parking

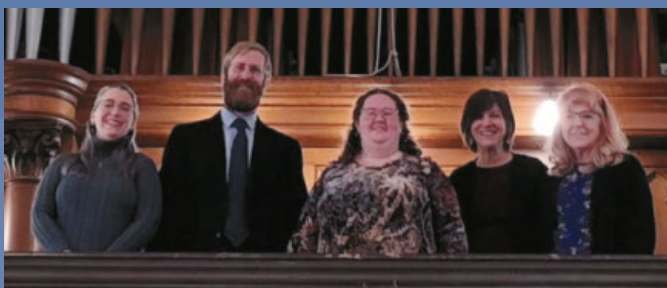
The cost is \$10 for the book and materials. You can call the
office for more information at 814-452-2982



We are looking for volunteers for the Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner

We need theme baskets, ticket sellers, set up and clean up volunteers, meatball makers and bake sale bakers. Please sign up by filling out the volunteer sign up forms in the pews or call Judy Oros at (814) 449-0123. Please join us!

To make a monetary donation, please call Joyce Sral at (814) 449-7492.



Many thanks to our St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community organist Maria Caulfield. Thank you for your many years of music for church Masses and celebrations, your kindness and service to our community, and the spirit that you add to each song. We say goodbye with joy as you pursue a new road in your work for the people of God. And we continue to pray for you with Psalm 98 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025
 SUNDAY: JER 17:5-8/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 COR 15:12, 16-20/LK 6:17, 20-26
 MONDAY: GN 4:1-15, 25/PS 50:1 AND 8, 16BC-17, 20-21/MK 8:11-13
 TUESDAY: GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/PS 29:1a AND 2, 3aC-4, 3B AND 9C-10/MK 8:14-21
 WEDNESDAY: GN 8:6-13, 20-22/PS 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/MK 8:22-26
 THURSDAY: GN 9:1-13/PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23/MK 8:27-33
 FRIDAY: GN 11:1-9/PS 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/MK 8:34-9:1
 SATURDAY: 1 PT 5:1-4/PS 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/MT 16:13-1

Family Perspective

When you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow, or exclusion, you don't have to look far. These struggles often occur within families. Children feel 'insulted' when constantly criticized. Spouses 'hunger' for affection. Grandparents feel 'excluded' by divorce and custody decisions. Parents 'weep' because they feel alienated from their children.



SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH NOON TO 5 P.M. SACRED HEART AUDI
BUFFET DINNER AND TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE
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 BUCKET OF MEATBALLS & SAUCE TO GO: \$10.00

50/50 tickets: \$1.00 each and winner announced on March 9th

Theme Basket Raffle: if you are interested in contributing items towards a basket, please contact Linda Wagner 814-490-8022

Meatball Ministry: This groups helps make the meatballs for the dinner. We meet on February 28th and would love for you to join us! Call Debbie Salamon to volunteer or if you have any questions at (716) 957-4567

Bake Sale: Drop off baked goods Saturday, March 8th at Sacred Heart in the morning in the church basement or Sunday March 9th before Mass



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Clint Badowski

faithformation@stjoesbol.org



Some important dates coming up:

- **February 23rd** for our confirmation students - Confirmation day of reflection
- * This is such an important day for you and your sponsors - Make sure to plan on attending
- **March 9th** for our 6th-12th grade students- NET Retreat (all students welcome not just religious education students)
- * This is required for our 6th-8th graders and highly highly recommended for our 9th-12th graders of our parish

PLEASE register soon - we only have 50 spots available and we want to make sure our parishes have priority first

COME AND JOIN US!!!!

**NET MINISTRIES
PRESENTS:
TRUE PRESENCE: THE
EUCHARIST**

March 9th, 2025

10:30am

st Joseph's
Community Center

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Erie, PA 16502

6th-12th Grades

Any Questions Contact:

Clint Badowski -

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Be at peace with your
own soul, then
heaven and earth will
be at peace with you.

Isaac of Nineveh

Deacon Dabblings

ROSES ARE RED VIOLETS ARE BLUE...

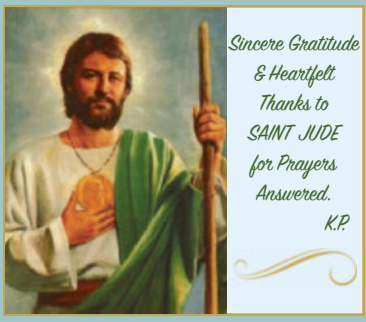
This past Friday was Valentine's Day or, as men like to call it, Extortion Day! It's amazing that a dozen long stem red roses on January 31 or February 16 will cost around 30 bucks and from February 11 to February 15 the price starts at \$12,000. The same with chocolate, a one lb. box of chocolates in the off season might be \$20 but get close to Valentine's Day, they cost \$6,000 or something like that. Despite some women's speculation that men don't put a lot of thought into Valentine's Day as much as they do, my unofficial survey based on many conversations that I had with my old cronies, would argue against that premise. Men do think about it, actually a lot. Whether they end up doing anything or not is an entirely different issue. Commercialism has invaded every single holiday from Easter to Christmas to Dingus Day. All these assaults on our pocketbooks result in diminishing the spirit of the holiday to make room for the material rewards that come with them.

With Valentine's Day being the most recent victim of this exploitation, let's see what gets lost in the hoopla. Valentine's Day is of course, about love. But it is not limited to romantic love. Yes, romantic love is certainly a big part of the celebration, but there is a much deeper component to love that needs to be addressed. It is about sacrifice and devotion, love and honor, in the face of overwhelming odds. C.S. Lewis writes, "To love at all is to be vulnerable." The vulnerability comes in the form of selfless love and unconditional love. Sound Familiar? Didn't Jesus make himself vulnerable by preaching His mission and ultimately dying on the Cross to open the Gates of Heaven for us? Jesus did not love us because we were perfect, He loved us in spite of the fact that we were not. We too must look beyond one another's imperfections and practice that kind of love.

In the musical, "Les Misérables" there was a line in a song that went, "To love another person is to see the face of God." How true that is, especially when it's put in the context of the Two Greatest Commandments of loving God with your whole heart, mind, and soul and loving your neighbor as yourself. I saw a Valentine's Day card that showed a drawing of a couple embracing and when you opened it up, the line inside was, "True love is never having to say you are sorry." Don't believe it! I have been married 58+ years and I'm sorry has become my second language. Like I wrote earlier, no one is perfect and to say I'm sorry is an ultimate expression of love because those words lead to healing and a deepening of a relationship. Isn't this part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to be sorry for your sins?

So yes, there is nothing wrong with buying flowers, candies, or whatever we purchase to show our love, but let's make the ultimate gift that we share with our loved one(s) the unconditional love that Christ showed us and wants us to share with all whom we meet.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony



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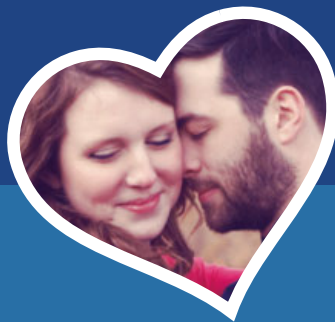


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