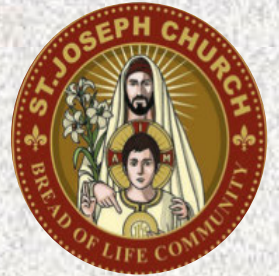


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Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and
Saint Joseph/Bread of Life Community
St. Paul Church (mission)



February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS THAT
ARE ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS THAT
ARE ON EARTH.**

COLOSSIANS 3:2

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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 23, 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MISSION READY: Lenten missions are a wonderful and longstanding Catholic tradition. I am growing ever more excited for our Lenten Parish Mission: the evenings of March 17–19. Those dates were intentionally chosen so that we can celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on the final night of the mission (recalling that we will celebrate the Feasts of the Sacred Heart and St. Paul on back-to-back nights, June 27 & 28). The first night of the mission (coincidentally, St. Patrick’s Day, the patronal feast day of our entire diocese) will feature a mission talk followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The second night will be preparation for the Sacrament of Confession, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions. On the final night, we will celebrate Mass and then share fellowship in honor of our holy patron, St. Joseph. The Mission will take place at St. Joseph Bread of Life each evening from 6:30-8:00 pm. Thought was given to inviting a guest preacher as our mission director, but I have decided to take on that task myself. I want to speak with you directly and share with you this experience. Please set aside these important days in the life of our parish community. We want young and old, singles and families, sinners and saints – everybody - to be with us for the mission!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD: The Diocese of Erie will again be celebrating *24 Hours for the Lord*, an initiative of the Holy Father which emphasizes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The home church of our diocese – St. Peter Cathedral – will open its doors from 6:00 pm on Friday, March 28 until 3:30 pm on Saturday, March 29. Adoration will continue throughout that period and confessions will be heard as well. **Our parish community has been assigned 2 hours of adoration:** 9:00 – 10:00 pm on that Friday evening and 10:00 – 11:00 am on that Saturday morning. We will share the first time slot with parishioners from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and the Saturday time slot with folks from Holy Trinity. If your group or your family or you individually are able to commit to one of these hours, please Flocknote Fr. Steve or contact the office. We will remind everyone about this beautiful prayer event as the time draws closer.

CORE VALUES: Last week, I shared with you our parish family “Core Purpose” – We exist to satisfy hungry hearts with the real presence of Christ. Now, I wish to share with you our three “Core Values.” These values describe how we expect parish leaders and key volunteers to act. First, we expect our parish leaders to be **Selfless Servants**, humble and generous, always aware that it’s not about themselves, but about the mission. Second, our leaders and key volunteers should be filled with **Contagious Joy**, positive and uplifting, with their love for Jesus overflowing to others. Finally, we want folks who are **Mission Driven**, hardworking and committed, dragon slayers who take initiative and get things. We hold these traits as indispensable characteristics for those who wish to be leaders in our parish family: clergy, paid staff, key volunteers, council chairs, catechists and the like. If someone is selfish, joyless, and uncommitted, they are certainly welcome as a parishioner, but not as a leader. Our work is the work of building God’s kingdom. The bar must be set high.

God bless you all and have a prayerful week!

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 bfaitful@verizon.net

Or the Prayer Line at Sacred Heart/St Paul,

Call Debbie Knecht at 814-504-0294 or

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stjoseph-sacredheart.org and click on the

prayer request button to submit your prayer.



Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Karen Miehl (Rose & Dave Colonna)

+Jeff Maynard (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Tuesday, February 25 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Joe Garofalo (Ellen Dagon)

Wednesday, February 26 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Firefighter Michael Smith (Toni Beraducci)

Thursday, February 27 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Saint Gregory

+James Schaaf (San & Dawn Schaaf)

Friday, February 28 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Adolpho Ramos (Erin & Shawn Tubbs)

Saturday, March 01 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

+Mark DiPlacido (Marcia & Michael Acri Sr.)

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes

Sunday, March 02 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+Janet Eisert (M. Dillon & J. Bargaheiser)

Sunday, March 02 / 10:45 am St. Joseph BOL

+Bill & Peggy Devlin (McGovern Family)

+Jean Crock (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)



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

(SP) Robert DeMarco from Rene Rinderle & Family

(SJ) Joe Garofalo from Pat Marshall

Adoration Chapel:

Tom Doyle from Carol Doyle

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing/Peace—Patti, Bobbie, Kim, Courtney, Zack

Peace/Strength—John, Beth, Teri, Brian, Patty, Reese's Family

God's Will—Patrice

Healing—Colette, Joe, Judi, Tammy, Reese, Bob, Michelle, Chris, Shelly, Dalton

Eternal Rest—Carson, Rich, Gretchen, Shirley, Piper, Dave, Darrell

Healthy Pregnancy—Ally

Freedom from Anxiety—Ava, Allan, Kerry

Freedom from Addiction—Jill, Julie

Safe Travels—Niken

Deceased Members of the Parishes



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!

DO NOT

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

Thank You

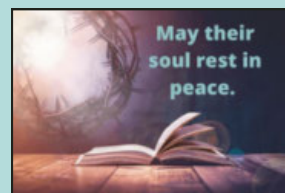
There will be a brief informational meeting after 8:45 Mass on Sunday, February 23, in the Findlay room at Sacred Heart for anyone who is interested in pre-planning their funeral.



Please keep these Parishioners as they have passed away this past week:

Darrell Hayes— Sacred Heart
Dave Gustafson— St. Joseph BOL
Rev. Tom McSweeney

Keep their families in you prayers during this difficult time.



Thank you for your generous support of our churches!



Weekly Offerings-2/09/25

	Offertory + CSA
St. Joseph BOL	\$ 6,535.00
Sacred Heart / St. Paul	\$ 4,805.00

You may give online at easytithe.com



Patriotic Rosary will be on Monday, Feb. 24th in St. Joseph's church at 10:30

Clare's Clothing Store
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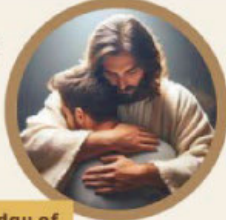


- * Kids clothing
- *Towels



- * Sheets
- * Blankets

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, February 24th, the guest speaker will be Barb Nagle. Her program will feature "Finding Comfort from St. Faustina's encounter with Jesus and His amazing Promises of Divine Mercy."

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

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



Kinship Korner

Bags of Hope

An extra-large bag full of shoes - mostly sneakers, a bag of fleece lined winter coats, a bag of sweaters and sweatshirts, jeans and heavy warm pants, and a bag of hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves were delivered to St. Pat's Haven the overnight shelter for men this month. The shoes and warm clothing mean everything to these men who walk the streets of Erie during these winter days. Lastly, a tote filled with personal care items was given to the shelter for distribution to its clients. The shelter is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network and one of Kinship's community partners.

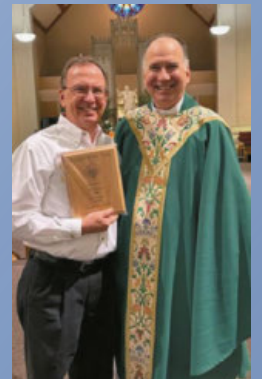
The current clothing need for St. Pat's Shelter and the Community of Caring is for men's and women's new underwear-panties, briefs, or boxers of all sizes. These items can be placed in the storage totes marked Kinship in the entryways of SPs or SJ/BOL or in the box located under the Holy Family statue at SH.

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

Congratulations to Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus "Knight of the Year" Al Kunz!

Thanks for all you do!

The Knights of Columbus are composed of Catholic men from Sacred Heart, St. Joseph/BOL, and St. Paul. They work tirelessly throughout the year supporting Catholic values and the needy in our churches and community. Thank you for supporting the K of C fundraisers at our churches; Pancake Breakfasts, Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Dinners, Men's Night Get Together, Baby Bottle fundraiser, Coats for Kids, Holiday Feast Raffle and some new ones for 2025! To find out more or to join the mission, visit kofc.org. Or join us for our monthly meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Sacred Heart Auditorium.



Come Worship with Us...





Can you help?
We are looking for volunteers for the Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner?
Sunday, March 9th, Noon -5

We need theme baskets, ticket sellers, set up and clean up people, meatball makers and bake sale bakers. Please call Judy Oros at (814) 449-0123

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SUNDAY: 1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 COR 15:45-49/LK 6:27-38
MONDAY: SIR 1:1-10/PS 93:1aB, 1CD-2, 5/MK 9:14-29
TUESDAY: SIR 2:1-11/PS 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/MK 9:30-37
WEDNESDAY: SIR 4:11-19/PS 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/MK 9:38-40
THURSDAY: SIR 5:1-8/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6/MK 9:41-50
FRIDAY: SIR 6:5-17/PS 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/MK 10:1-12
SATURDAY: SIR 17:1-15/PS 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/MK 10:13-16


Family Perspective

Research on the effects of religion on family relationships reveals that hostility and prayer cannot coexist. You cannot harbor hostility toward someone you are praying for. Today's gospel encourages us: 'Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you.'



The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal *One Faith, One Family* will be held next weekend in our parish. Please be on the lookout for your personal invitation in the mail. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God's work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects of updating the sound systems in each church. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.



Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner
 Traditional spaghetti and homemade meatballs includes salad, bread, and cannoli for dessert


SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH NOON TO 5 P.M. SACRED HEART AUDI
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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




Faith Formation

Clint Badowski

faithformation@stjoesbol.org



Deacon Dabblings

HUNTING FOR JESUS


I love to go grocery shopping. It's fun to fill the cart with all those goodies and imagine the wonderful meals I can make. But the most fun I have at the grocery store happens at the checkout counter. Yes, the checkout counter. Not, paying the bill. Not bagging the groceries. But reading the Tabloid Newspaper covers. Ever do that? Some of them are a real hoot, aren't they?

Here are some "thought-provoking" headlines I've seen recently. From the Sun tabloid: "Hubby Sues Ex!" He says, "Give me back my kidney!" Or here's another: From the National News Extra: "Oatmeal Plant Blows Up: Omaha Buried in Goo!" No kidding. I really saw that one. I guess I just haven't seen the goo yet! Or how about this one: From the Weekly World News: "Hotcakes No Longer Selling!" (Well, I guess there's one cliché down the drain.) Here's another from the same Weekly World News: "Fountain of Youth Found in NYC Subway Toilet!" I'm not going to touch that one! And finally, my all-time favorite: From the National Enquirer: "I Found Jesus under My Wallpaper!" Now we know, don't we? Now we know where Jesus has been all this time. But you know what? There's a better place to find Jesus than under your wallpaper.

What do you see when you look into the eyes of the homeless woman pushing a cart down the sidewalk in front of you, the guy who cut you off in line at the grocery store, or the office colleague who just took credit for your hard work? Do you see someone to pity, to tolerate, to despise, or do you see the face of Christ? If we're honest, most of us would have to admit that seeing Christ in some of the people we meet in the course of a day is beyond challenging, and yet that is exactly what we are called to do. Even with the best of intentions, even with prayer and grace and self-acceptance, it can still be hard to look into the eyes of someone who is hurting us or someone that is marginalized and see Christ there.

Becoming Jesus to others and seeing Jesus in others is really a lifelong journey, one that may take us two steps forward and one step back. But as long as we are always focused on the end goal of loving one another as Christ has loved us, we will keep moving forward, however slowly, and in doing so we will transform our hearts, transform our lives, and transform our world. No need to strip the wallpaper in search of Jesus.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony



Heather Hedderman
4th/5th Grade

How long have you been a catechist and what grades have you taught?
I have taught off and on since 2008. I started as a 3rd grade teacher. Mostly subbing then assisting with middle school/EDGE for the previous two years. This is my first time teaching 4th/5th grade.

What is something about our Faith that inspires you?
I never stop learning about our faith. I am inspired to keep learning and broadening my faith knowledge. Relics are particularly interstate and inspiring as well.

What is your favorite part about being a catechist?
I love learning along with my students. I try to see a lesson through their eyes a make it relevant and interesting and meaningful for them on their faith journey.

What is something about your faith you wish you knew sooner?
I wish that I developed a stronger pray life sooner. For example, I first experienced adoration in 2004. I wish that I had this opportunity sooner in life.

If you could ask Jesus one question in person, what would it be?
Why do/did you trust me so much? It is stated that you do not give us more than we can handle.

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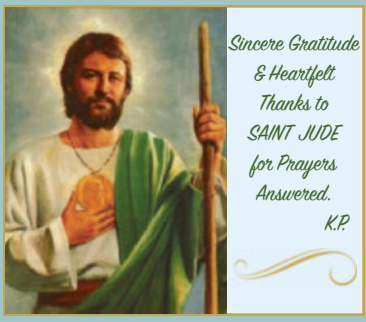
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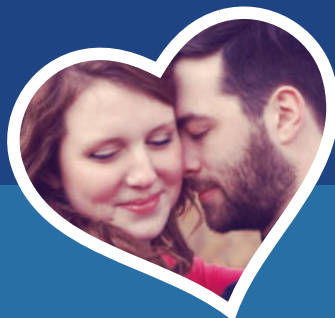


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