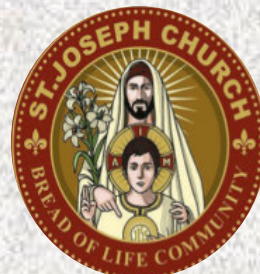
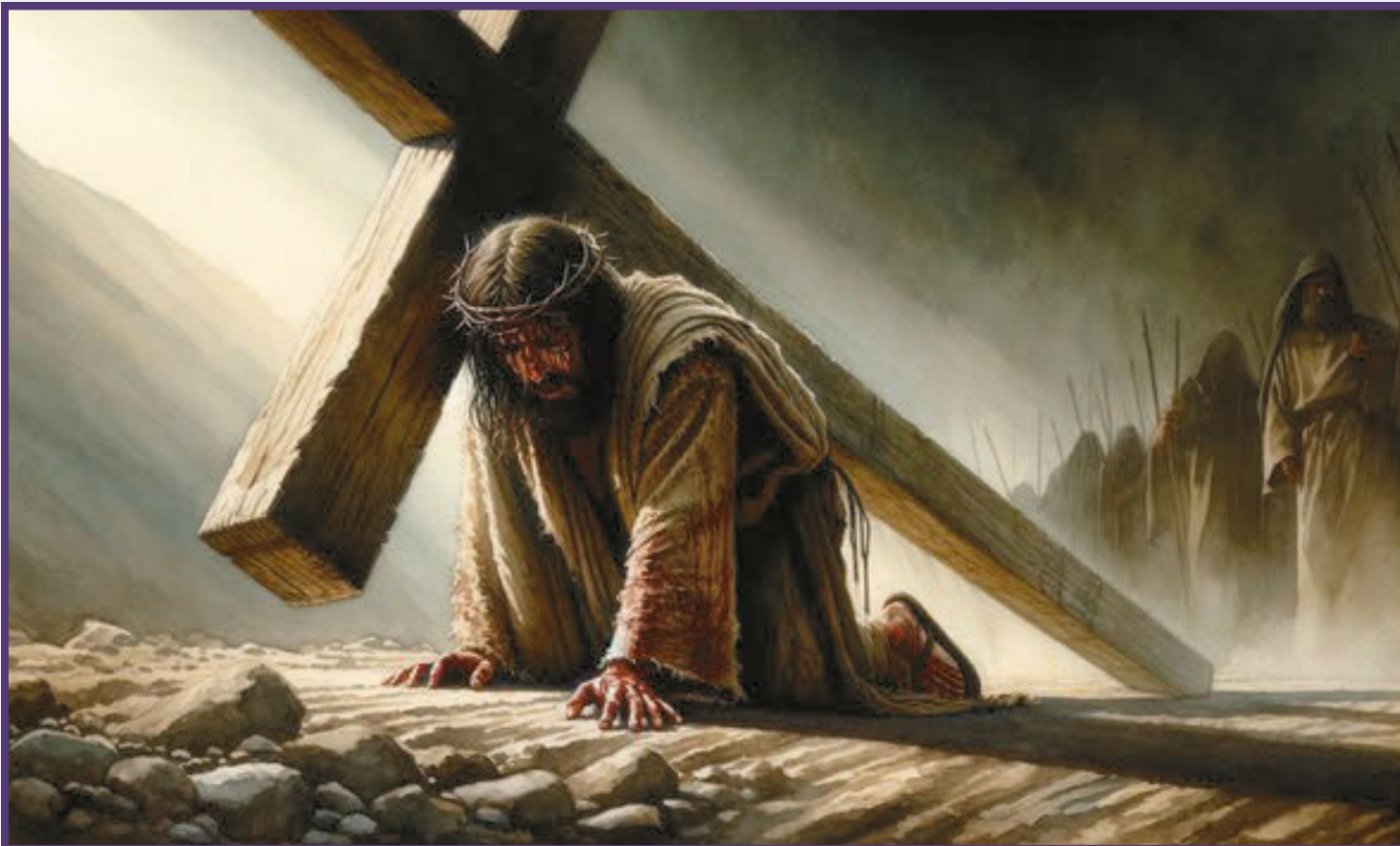


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Monday & Tuesday at 7:00 am

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,

STILL THE ONE: When in his goodness, God chose the people of Israel to be a people peculiarly his own (see Exodus 19:5), and he led them out of Egypt - that place of slavery - God made a covenant with Israel. God's covenant commitment was this: that he would provide the people of Israel with land, security, fruitfulness, flocks, herds, ample provision and peace. For their part, Israel was responsible for one primary task: be faithful to God alone. Sadly, they failed repeatedly to uphold their covenant obligation. Despite the pleas of the prophets, despite punishment and exile, Israel continued to turn toward false gods. If only they had been faithful! But what about you and I? We, too, are asked by God to put him absolutely above all else in our life. "*The **LORD** is our God, the **LORD** alone! Therefore, you shall love the **LORD**, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength (Dt 6:5-6).*" Lent truly is a privileged time to strengthen our commitment to God. The season of Lent, its scriptures and its prayers, its devotions and its penances, moves us to turn away from sin and to give our hearts without measure to the God who created us. Prayer is the foundation. Fasting is closely linked to prayer. Self-denial expands our hearts. Almsgiving makes our love concrete. Easter is still two weeks off. Let's live this moment of Lent. Let's place God exactly where he belongs: #1 in our lives.

THE LIGHT IS ON: Wednesday, April 9, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, many of the parishes in Erie County will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "The Light is On" initiative is an encouragement for every Catholic, young and old, to receive God's merciful forgiveness during this holy season of Lent. I've already gone to confession, myself, two or three times this Lent. I've also heard hundreds of confessions during these Lenten days. People are going and there seems to be a renewed appreciation of this beautiful sacrament. Thanks be to God! I've always believed that a strong indicator of a healthy parish is that the confessional lines are long. Maybe you are reading this and you are uncertain. Maybe you haven't been to confession for many years. Maybe you are carrying the guilt of serious sin. Please, do not be afraid or hesitant. Trust in the mercy of Jesus Christ. He is greater than any sin we have committed! April 9th is just a few days away. Pick a church. Walk into the confessional. Be cleansed of your sin and guilt!

THE DAYS OF OUR SALVATION DRAW NEAR: I am begging. Again! Please be with us for the holiest days of the year, the days of the Easter Triduum. Parents, bring your young ones (even your crying babies or your sassy teens). Spouses, wrangle up your "but why should I go to church when it isn't even Sunday" husband or wife. Invite a friend. Provide a ride for an elderly parishioner. Bribe your curmudgeonly Catholic neighbor with a promise of post-Mass ice cream. Whatever it takes to get folks in the pews! I promise that God will bless you for your presence on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. And we, your parish family - we will be blessed by your presence as well. Thank you!

ALOHA: Finally, this week marks a transition in the office of our parish Finance Director. We thank Kim Cornell as she moves on to a new adventure – we will miss you, Kim! – and we welcome parishioner Cathy Evans as she begins her work in this role – excited to have you on board, Cathy! Please keep both Kim and Cathy in your prayers!

God bless all and have a beautiful Lenten 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 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, April 7 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Saint John the Baptist

+James Ronan (Family)

Tuesday, April 8 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Lenten Weekday

+Captain Rocky Versace (Sue & Jerry Verga)

Wednesday, April 9 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph

Lenten Weekday

-Intentions of Therese & Mike Brown (McGovern Family)

Thursday, April 10 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Lenten Weekday

+Katherine "Katchy" Nuber (Angelo A. Lombardi)

Friday, April 11 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Saint Stanislaus

+Jennifer Bluey (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Saturday, April 12 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul

Lenten Weekday

+Remo Iacobucci (Anna & Maria)

Sunday, April 13 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart

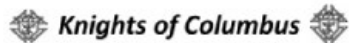
Palm Sunday

+Pasquale Giammario (Family)

Sunday, April 13 / 10:45 am St. Joseph BOL

+Chet Walkiewicz (TA Walkiewicz)

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes



Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 6th

9:00 until 12:30 in the Auditorium



Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fruit, Juice, Coffee & More

**This is a Free-Will Offering event
sponsored by Sacred Heart
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Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Marnie, Ken, Ann, Phil, Patty, George, Sarah, Steve, Carol

Eternal Rest—Marianne, Russell, Janet

Peace/Comfort—Holly, Jody, Tim

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 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:



Weeks of April 6th and 13th:

(SP) Dolores Corsi from Family
(SJ) Tom Doyle from Carol Doyle

ADORATION CHAPEL

George Chludzinski from OLP Bible Study

Knights of
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Meetings 2nd Monday of the month.

**NEXT MEETING-APRIL 14TH at 6:30 pm in the
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Weekly Offerings-3/23/25

	Offertory + CSA
St. Joseph BOL CSA 2025 wk	\$ 4,021.00 \$ 1,533.00
Sacred Heart / St. Paul CSA 2025 wk	\$ 3,955.00 \$ 2,625.00

You may give online at easytithe.com

	2025 Assessed	Pledges as of 3/30	Amount Paid
Sacred Heart (St. Paul)	\$67,632	\$47,125	\$27,460
St. Joseph Bread of Life	\$56,147	\$54,514	\$32,943
Number of Families who have made a pledge/total # of families			
Sacred Heart (St. Paul)	111/487	23% participation	
St. Joseph Bread of Life	101/349	29% participation	
<i>Please consider supporting your church with a 2025 CSA Pledge today!</i>			

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2025

SUNDAY: IS 43:16-21/PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/PHIL 3:8-14/JN 8:1-11 SCRUTINY: EZ 37:12-14/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ROM 8:8-11/JN 11:1-45 OR 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45
 MONDAY: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR 13:41C-62/PS 23:1-3a, 3B-4, 5, 6/JN 8:12-20
 TUESDAY: NM 21:4-9/PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/JN 8:21-30
 WEDNESDAY: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/JN 8:31-42
 THURSDAY: GN 17:3-9/PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 8:51-59
 FRIDAY: JER 20:10-13/PS 18:2-3a, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7/JN 10:31-42
 SATURDAY: EZ 37:21-28/JER 31:10, 11-12/ABCD, 13/JN 11:45-56

Would you like to receive the church bulletin in your email inbox each week?

Here's what to do:

1. Log into the parish website stjoseph-sacredheart.org.
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Kinship Korner News
 Easter Basket Collection



The donation of Easter basket items for the homeless and at-risk children both housed at Community Shelter Services (CSS) and for children living in their surrounding neighborhood has been remarkable. Remember that the dead line for donations is April 13th. CSS will be able to have a wonderful party for these special children because of your generosity.

Feed The Hungry

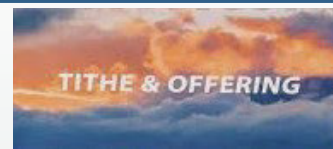
Debbie Salomon and her wonderful crew of minions are busy getting ready to serve a wonderful Easter ham dinner at the Neighborhood Network Monday Meal on the 14th. This monthly meal served in the name of Sacred Heart will feed between 100 and 110 men, women and children. The number of people that will be fed has been consistent over the past year. It indicates that hunger continues to be a significant problem in our city. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful team that has purchased and prepared a meal every 2nd Monday of the month for a number of years.

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

**Kinship Ministry
 Bag Giveaway**



On April 6th, the church is giving away free KINSHIP MINISTRY reusable shopping bags-1 per family. Inside will be a Kinship Ministry brochure and shopping list. We ask all parishioners from all 3 churches to go shopping! Take the bag with you as a reminder to think of the poor and purchase a few things for the Kinship cause.



ALL MAIL AND ANY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR THE CHURCH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

Or delivered to the Church Office at 147 West 24th Street, Erie, PA 16502.
 Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All checks should be made payable to "St. Joseph Bread of Life" for parishioners donating to St. Joseph Bread of Life. All checks should be made payable to SACRED HEART for parishioners donating to Sacred Heart or St. Paul. St. Paul is merged into Sacred Heart and all collected donations (*regular offertory and CSA*) are processed in and out through the Sacred Heart Church *combined* account. Thank you for your help!

The Light is ON for You

Celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Blessed Sacrament	St. George
Holy Cross, Fairview	St. John the Baptist
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	St. Joseph/Bread of Life
Our Lady of Peace	Community
Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro	St. Jude the Apostle
St. Boniface	St. Julia
St. Francis Xavier, McKean	St. Luke
	St. Peter Cathedral



Wednesday, April 9, 2025
5:00-7:00 pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment. Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived. I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Lawrence T. Persico
Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 12th-4:00 pm at St. Paul
April 13th-8:45 am @ Sacred Heart, 10:45 am @ St. Joseph BOL

Holy Thursday

April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper-
7 pm at St. Joseph BOL
Followed by Adoration
until 11 pm

Good Friday

April 18th

Passion of the Lord-
2:00 pm at St. Paul
Confessions following

Holy Saturday- The Easter Vigil

April 19th- 8:30 pm at
Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday

8:45 am at St. Paul
and
10:45 am at
St. Joseph BOL



ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:(SH)

Rosary/Altar Tureen /Potluck
dinner April 9th at 6:00 in the
Sacred Heart Audi

Last name A to J-hot food,

K to P-cold food and Q to Z-dessert.

Join us at this fun and delicious meeting!

St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Annual Card Party

Thursday, April 24th - 6:00pm

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~ Please pray for the vocations of our seminarians.~

Faith Formation

Clint Badowski

faithformation@stjoesbol.org



Soup, Sandwiches, and Stations was a wonderful community event for our Youth Faith Formation program and parishes. Once our bellies were filled with sandwiches, soups, donuts and cookies, we traveled back to the Church for Stations written in a way for our youth to relate to. The program was so well received today, we cannot wait to have it again next year!



Deacon Dabblings

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

I have breaking news: Bishop Persico asked me and Fr. Steve to go to Rome and meet with the Curia to establish a set of guidelines for new priests and deacons who are assigned to parishes where the congregation speaks a language other than our native language. With the shortage of clergy, many of us may be asked to serve in foreign countries and to be successful, we must learn and follow the language and customs of that country. The guidelines, called *Ecclesia Sabortabum Linguiste* is a template that will be used to plug in our English language within the context of the readings at their mass. Culture differences can often turn a simple statement into something that is either not accurate or even embarrassing. For example, here we say, "let us offer to one another a sign of peace," can be interpreted in some countries to bring a slaughtered goat to mass and offer it to the person in the pew in front of you especially if you had a previous argument with them. At the dismissal, here we say, "go in peace and share your good fortune with others." In some less moral countries, they will go out and rob each other of possessions. We will meet with Cardinal Aprilius Foolsastario on April 31st to finalize the project.

If you haven't figured it out by now, (and Lord, I hope you did), this was my feeble attempt at an April Fool's joke. Have you ever been on the receiving end of an April Fool's joke? I have many times and find them to be funny and to be laughed off. However, occasionally an April Fool's joke will backfire and leave the targets scratching their heads. On April 1, 2010, a newspaper in Jordan ran an article claiming a UFO had landed near the town of Jafr. It's no wonder this was a prank gone wrong, as the mayor of Jafr's responded by issuing an order to evacuate 13,000 people. Facing a potential lawsuit, the newspaper staff apologized publicly, saying that they "meant to entertain, not scare people."¹

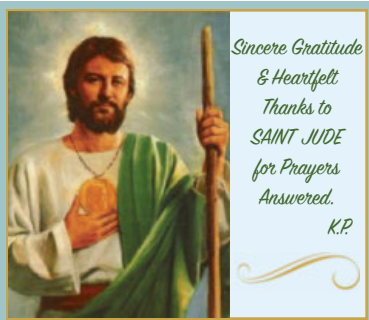
But perhaps the greatest April Fool's joke ever was played on the devil and the Jewish leaders who thought they were victorious when Jesus was crucified and placed in the tomb. The "joke" was then revealed when Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection means that Jesus not only defeated death for himself, but that he defeated it for us. The empty tomb assures us that sickness and suffering, death and disease will not have the final word. And that's no joke!



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¹<https://www.rd.com/list/april-fools-pranks-gone-wrong/>
²<https://pastorlisaj.com/2018/04/02/sundays-sermon-the-greatest-april-fools-joke-ever/>

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony



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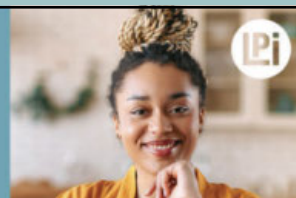
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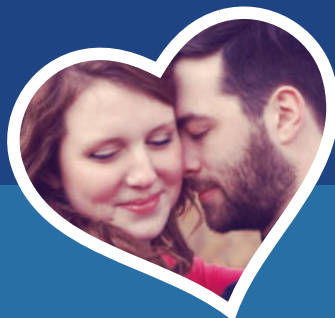


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