# LOVE GOD—LOVE OTHERS

St. Joseph Bread of Life—Sacred Heart of Jesus Church—St Paul Church

August 25, 2024 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Seminarians Visit St. Joseph's (see page 5)







**PRAY** 

LOVE

**SERVE** 

**GROW** 

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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

## **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday 7:00 am at St Joe's

#### Wednesday

6:00 pm at St Joe's Confessions 4:45—5:45 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday at St. Paul's — 4:00 pm Confessions 3:15—3:45 pm

**Sunday at Sacred Heart** — 8:45 am Confessions Saturday 1pm—2 pm

Sunday at St Joe's — 10:45 am

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## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Fr. Steve Schreiber 814-452-2982 SSchreiber@eriercd.org

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

A CULTURE OF PRAYER: The Missionaries of Charity, the order of religious women founded by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, serve the poorest of the poor in cities around the globe. They work daily with the dying and the destitute, with the abandoned and the broken. The work of these remarkable women is rarely easy. Yet they are known for their radiant joy. What is the source of this joy? It is Jesus. Before heading out to serve the poor each day, the Missionaries of Charity receive Christ in the Eucharist at Mass, and they spend an hour of prayer before Christ in the tabernacle. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source of their strength! Their time of prayer is their preparation for facing the hardships of this world! They cannot freely love the poor, until they are first freely loved by the God of the universe, present in the Eucharist. It is a simple, but profound, exchange of love. What about the role of prayer in your life and mine? Do we turn to Jesus in the first moments of a new day? Are we making time for Christ despite the demands of our family responsibilities and work? Are we allowing Jesus to be the source of our wisdom, our courage and our strength? Every saint is a person of deep prayer. Every family which bears fruit for the Kingdom is a "domestic church" characterized by prayer. Every amazing parish is a community where a culture of prayer pervades. You and I, no matter our age or our vocation, are invited by Christ to enter into an intimate relationship with him through prayer. Please say yes to that invitation! And if you are not sure how to begin, simply start with this heartfelt plea: "Jesus, teach me to pray!"

A PASTOR'S PRAYER: What is my prayer life, and the prayer life of priests, in general, like? That is a legitimate question. Through the years and during the maturation of my priesthood, I've become increasingly convinced that the time that I spend in prayer is the most important activity of my day. Afterall, it is God himself who works through us to bear fruit, and prayer opens our heart to his action. Daily Mass, of course, is the most powerful of prayers, so I offer a private Mass on days when I am unable to offer a public Mass (for example, when sick or away). Priests promise, upon ordination, to pray the Church's "official" prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours. Five times a day, therefore, I pray the Psalms and the other prayers found in those books. For me (as for many priests), a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament is a crucial element of my daily routine. Normally, I spend those 60-minutes with the Lord early in the morning (sometimes with a cup

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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 guestions.

> The following 62 hours are also in need of another committed adorer:

12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 9AM, Sunday:

11 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM

Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 5AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 3 PM,

4 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM

Tuesday: 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 11 PM

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

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 2 PM, 11 PM

1 AM, 2 AM, 5 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, Friday:

9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, Saturday:

5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour



Please Pray For the Following: Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Tony, Steve, Justin, Mary Kay, Jenny

Strength— Sue, Sarah

Peace—Dave

Salvation—Stephen, Katryna, Auggie

Safe Travel—Lisa, Dee, Darrell, Nathan, Jill, Shannon, Daniel, Michelle

#### SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Marilyn Pongratz August 25th-September 7th, 2024 Sally Busko



The Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Frank Chylinski August 25th-September 7th, 2024 Chuck and Sharon Chylinski







#### THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday 4:00 pm

08/24/24— \*Mass at Saint Pauls\*

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes

+ Vince "Cam" Cimino (Josephine "Jaye" Cimino)

Sunday 8:45 am (SH) 08/25/24—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Patrick J DiPalo (Family)

10:45 am

+ Chet Walkiewicz (TA Walkiewicz)

Monday 7 am

08/26/24—Weekday

+ Thomas J Sapienza (Jim Mikowski, Erie **Outlaws Youth Baseball)** 

Tuesday 7 am

08/27/24—Saint Monica + Frank Chylinski (Mary & Bud Penquite)

+ Julio Achille (Family)

Wednesday 6 pm

08/28/24—Saint Augustine + Maureen Arnold (Gerry Arnold)

+ Ruth & Jim Swoger (Family)

Thursday 7 am

08/29/24—The Passion of St John the Baptist + Georgia Chludzinski (Bud & Mary Penquite)

+ Donald McLaughlin (Family)

Friday 7 am

08/30/24—Weekday

+ Joyce & John Adler (Diane Kiehlmier) + Betty Steffers (John & Giovina Scheffner)

Saturday 4 pm

08/31/24 \* Mass at Saint Paul's\*

+ Frank & Vera Baskit (Baskit Family)

There are now 2-3 Mass Intentions during the days because of the partnership and Sacred Heart does not have morning Masses. The top intention is from St. Joe's and the Bottom Intention will be from Sacred Heart/St Paul's.



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coffee in hand). That Holy Hour each day is a gift and a blessing. I can't imagine thriving without it. I also pray a Rosary each day, normally offering the various decades for specific intentions (there have been a lot of decades offered for you all, lately). One or two Divine Mercy Chaplets rounds out my daily prayer schedule. Maybe that seems like a lot of prayer to you, but again, nothing I do (with the exception of offering the Sacraments) is more important. Please pray for me . . . that I may be a man of prayer for you.

**FAITH FORMATION RAMP UP:** Clint and Stacey, our Faith Formation directors, have been working extremely hard to prepare for the upcoming Religious Education year. I am most grateful for their zeal and enthusiasm! This weekend's "Blessing of Backpacks" is the next step. Remember that we will be together on Sunday mornings this year for our youth faith formation sessions (Sacred Heart, St. Paul, St. Joseph/BOL & St. Peter). If you have not yet registered your children, or if you have questions, it is easy to reach Clint and Stacey at <a href="mailto:faithformation@stjoesbol.org">faithformation@stjoesbol.org</a>. Please pray that our kids have a great upcoming year and that they grow more deeply in love with Jesus Christ!

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



## A Family Perspective

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

#### Diocese of Erie seeks switchboard/mailroom associate

The Diocese of Erie, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie, is seeking an energetic, organized and courteous individual to become our Switchboard/Mailroom associate. The essential functions of this full-time position include but are not limited to the following: answering incoming calls and directing inquiries to the proper office; greeting all visitors; announcing them to the appropriate party and directing them to that area following proper security protocol; scheduling conference rooms for meetings and gatherings utilizing the computerized registration system; and processing mail and applying appropriate postage. Details here: <a href="https://www.eriercd.org/employment.html">https://www.eriercd.org/employment.html</a>.



#### WELCOME SEMINARIANS

This past week Father Scott Jabo and Father David Renne arranged a guided tour of St. Joseph Church for the St. Mark's seminarians. The tour was hosted by our historian, Bill Smith. The visit allowed the seminarians to explore the church's rich history and beautiful architecture. Bill welcomed them and shared stories about the church's history. The seminarians enjoyed the glory of the stained-glass windows, the beautiful altar, and the peacefulness of the church overall.

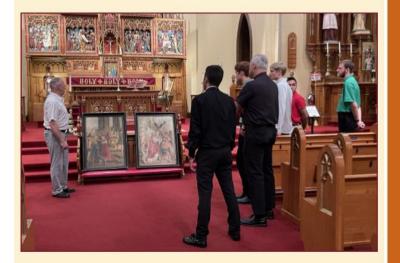
Through Bill's guidance, they gained a meaningful appreciation for the spiritual, cultural, and historical significance of the church. We thank Bill for always being faithful to this ministry. His passion and love for the church shine through when he is sharing the history and faithful traditions of St. Joseph Church.

Overall, the tour was an uplifting experience for the seminarians. Please keep them in your prayers as they start a new year of discernment and schooling. Wishing them all the guidance, wisdom, and strength they need on their journey.



Since I will do what You want of me, I pray You, send Your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, To show me what You want of me; into my heart, To give me the determination to do it, And to do it with all my love, with all my mind, And with all my strength right to the end.

Amen



#### Altar Servers- September 1st

10:45 Amelia Normand, Evie Yurkewicz,

Rosa Reisdorph

#### Lector-September 1st

10:45 Bill Smith

#### Extraordinary Ministers-September 1st

10:45 Deacon Doug, Karol Taylor

Ushers- September 1st

10:45 Chuck Swantek, Ed Root, Domenica Huston, Al DeLuca

Greeters- September 1st

10:45 Donna Snippert, Patty Jarret, Mark Zink,

Leslie Jennings

Sacristan-September 1st

10:45 Al/Renee DeLuca

Fellowship-September 1st

**NO FELLOWSHIP** 

# WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

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### WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households - 367

 Offertory
 \$ 2,667.00

 CSA in Envelope
 \$ 1,668.00

 On-Line Offertory
 \$ 2,022.00

 On-Line CSA
 \$ 1,185.00

 Total Income
 \$ 7,542.00

**Weekly Expense: \$11,522.00** 

#### Attendance on Sunday 210

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.



# clint Badowski faithformation@stjoesbol.org OR 570-419-7178

There is still time to register for religious ed.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR!



All sessions will be held at St. Joseph BOL Community Center on Sunday mornings from 9:50am-10:40am.

This time was chosen to benefit everyone from our partnered parishes to have catechesis between Liturgies.

#### Register at:

https://forms.gle/7YhqNzZfTbXXAthRA

or scan the QR code

Someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. James 2:18

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
OUR PROGRAM
CONTACT CLINT BADOWSKI AT
FAITHFORMATION@STJOESBOL.ORG
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The first day will start on September 22nd at 9:50 am upstairs in the Community Center.

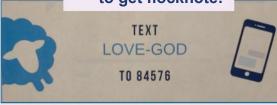
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OUR CHILDREN THE RIGHT
PATH THIS SCHOOL YEAR.
MAY THEY NOT BE
INFLUENCED BY THE UNWISE,
BUT SEEK YOUR PURPOSES IN
ALL THINGS. GUIDE THEIR
CHOICES. SHOW US THE
RIGHT PATH AS A FAMILY.
THAT WE WOULD PLACE OUR
TIME AND ENERGY ON THE
THINGS YOU WANT US TO
INVEST IN.
- LAUREN GAINES

## What's going on at St Joe's?

- Bulletin information is due Tuesday by 4 pm. Email Trish the info at trishmcdaid@stjoesbol.org.
- Need volunteers to help with fellowship on Sundays after Mass. Call the parish office.
- Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri Mass at— 7 am.
- Wednesday Mass— 6 pm
- Sunday Mass— 10:45
- Clothing Store—Wednesday— 9-11:30
- Food Pantry—2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

# WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS a part of our flock!

to get flocknote:



If anyone would like to give online in place of envelopes, go to the website listed below to sign up.

www.easytithe.com





We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence...

We need silence to be able to touch souls.

— Mother Teresa—



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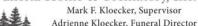
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