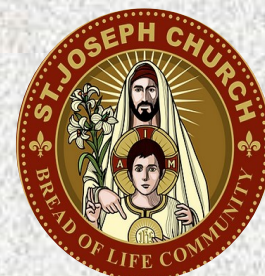
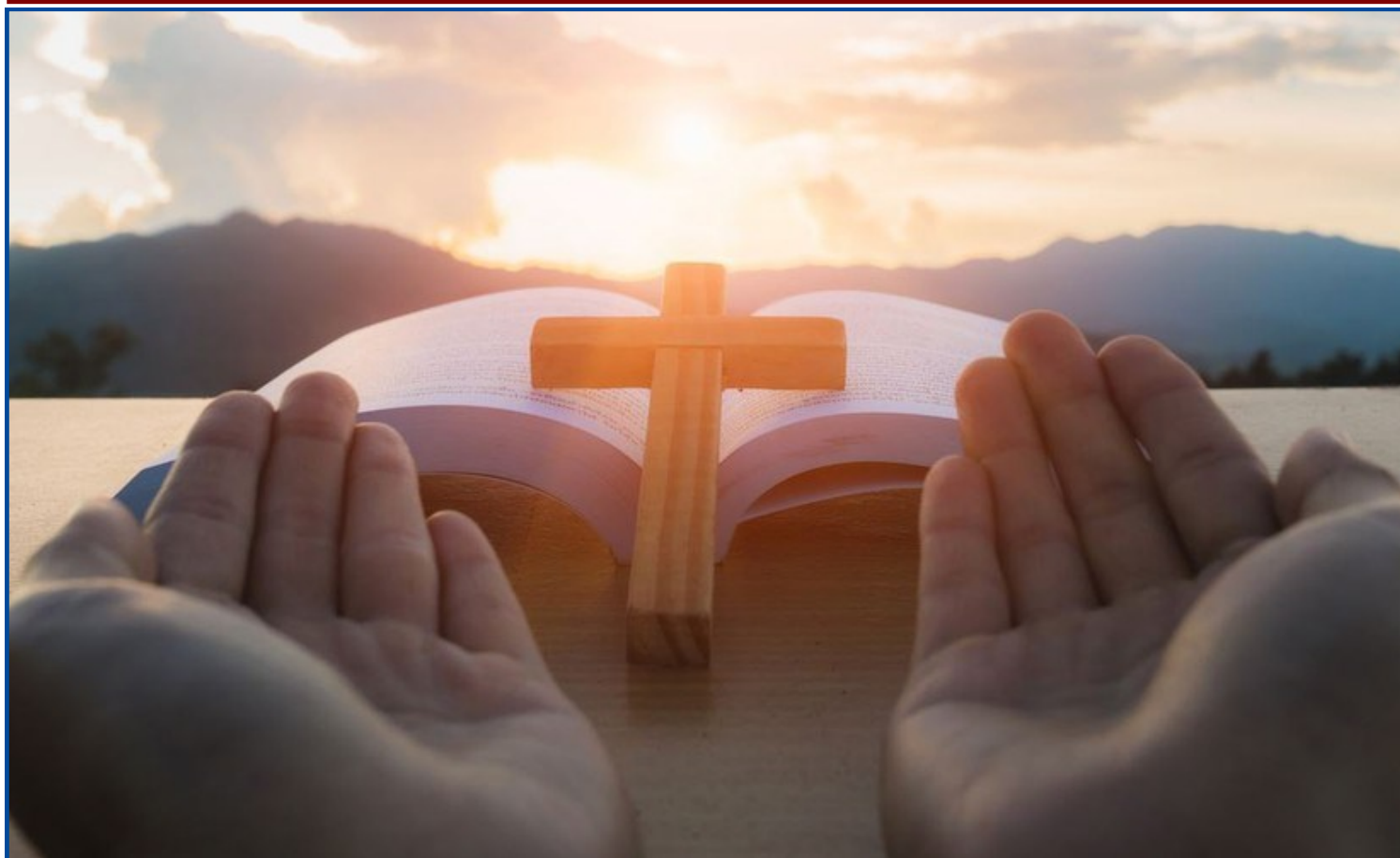


Our Parish Community exists to satisfy Hungry Hearts with the real presence of Christ

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



March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

816 West 26th St, Erie, PA 16508

ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE

147 West 24th St, Erie, PA 16502

ST. PAUL CHURCH (Mission)

1617 Walnut St, Erie, PA 16502

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri, 8-4

at St. Joseph Bread of Life

Phone: 814-452-2982

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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March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

HOLY SEASON OF LENT: The time of turning away from sin and believing in the Gospel arrives again on Wednesday. Noah spent 40 nights in the ark, the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert, and Christ spent 40 days in the desert. Now you and I are called – during the 40 days of Lent - to prepare our hearts for Easter. Through the time-honored traditions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we are given this sacred season to enter deeply into the mystery of our salvation in Christ. Please, use these days wisely and well. Do penance, pray fervently, and seek opportunities to bless the poor. Make a firm commitment. As a parish family, there are several opportunities for us to come together in worship and prayer:

- Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent, 7:00 pm @ Sacred Heart
- Lenten Parish Mission – March 17-19, 6:30-8:00 pm @ St. Joseph BOL
- 24 Hours for the Lord – March 28-29 @ St. Peter Cathedral
- The Easter Triduum – April 17-20

Holy Lent provides us such a beautiful moment in which we can draw closer to God. You will be in my prayers, and I very much appreciate yours.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: One way of combining Lenten penance with Lenten almsgiving is to make a pledge to our diocesan CSA. As your pastor, I am donating equally to both of our appeals (Sacred Heart/St. Paul and St. Joseph BOL). I am only asking you to support the parish you “officially” belong to. By doing so, you support our entire parish community and the wider work of our bishop. Please remember that we must pay our assessments (\$67,632 for Sacred Heart/St. Paul and \$56,147 for St. Joseph Bread of Life) to the diocese no matter how much money we bring in. These funds, you recall, are used to support all the varying ministries that the Catholic Church in our area provides. Above and beyond our assessments, we can use the funds that you donate to support our 2025 CSA project – upgrade of the sound systems at all three churches. Thank you so very, very much for your generosity and your support of our parish family!

NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM: This coming Sunday – March 9 – we are pleased to welcome members of the National Evangelization Team (NET) for our middle school retreat day. The young people of NET commit to a year of serving the young Church through retreats and personal witness. We are grateful for their presence!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Deacon Doug has been faithfully working with our OCIA candidates as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Their preparation becomes quite visible during Lent as they are prayed for during Mass on Sundays. Next Sunday, March 9, the 1st Sunday of Lent, they will join Bishop Persico at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Please lift up in prayer Dale Campbell, Tyson Fones, Suzanne Emmons and Zoey Visnosky as they enter into these important final weeks of preparation!

KIDS TRACK: Finally, please remember that we are offering a track of the Lenten Parish Mission that is especially tailored for kids (grades 1 – 8). Our Mission is an all hands, everyone in the family event. We very much look forward to your participation!

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, March 03 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Katherine

+Robert DeMarco (Rene Rinderle & Family)
+Joyce & John Adler (70th Anniversary) Bud & Mary Penquite

Tuesday, March 04 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Casimir

+Walter Peskorski (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Wednesday, March 05 / Ash Wednesday

SH 12:15 pm +Bernadette Gunter (Mike & Carol MacWhirter)
SJ 6:00 pm +Ron Snippert (Rob & Gina Lintelman)

Thursday, March 06 / 7:00 am, St Joseph
Thursday after Ash Wednesday

+Sandra Verbish (Nancy Murray)

Friday, March 07 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph
Saint Perpetua

+Maria Gonzalez (Bud & Mary Penquite)

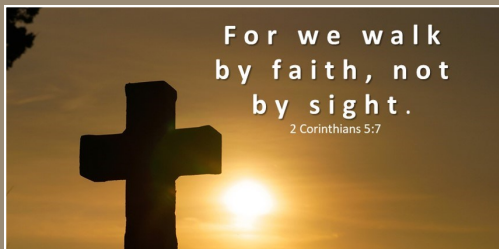
Saturday, March 08 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul
Saint John of God

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes

Sunday, March 09 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart
First Sunday of Lent

+Richard J Birk (Sharon Bond & Family)

Sunday, March 09 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL
+Thom Haraczy (Jay & Earl Mittelmier)



Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Andy, Chris

Peace/Strength—Sue

Acceptance—Andre

Housing/God's Plan—Richard

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, 11 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 PM

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!



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

(SJ) Joe Garofalo from Pat Marshall
Adoration Chapel:

Tom Doyle from Carol Doyle

If you would like to schedule a sanctuary candle or Bread and Wine memorial in memory of a loved one, please call the church office at 814-452-2982.

FIND YOUR MISSION

JOIN the Knights of Columbus
Meetings held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

In the Sacred Heart Auditorium.

NEXT MEETING: March 10th



Sacred Heart Altar Society March Meeting

March 12th beginning at 6:00 with Rosary
Followed by business meeting and hospitality.
Join us! All women from Sacred Heart, St. Paul, and St. Joseph/Bread of Life encouraged to join us in our mission and adventures.



Lenten

Activity Projects for families

Will be available every week at every church After Masses. Join in this journey of Lent with Fun activities featuring ways for your children to learn more about Prayer, Fasting, and Giving during Lent.

Look for your packet every week!

Thank you for your generous support of our churches!



Weekly Offerings-2/16/25

| | Offertory + CSA |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| St. Joseph BOL CSA 2025 | \$ 5,407.32 \$ 2,044.00 |
| Sacred Heart / St. Paul | \$ 5,076.00 |

You may give online at easytithe.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2, 2025

SUNDAY: SIR 27:4-7/PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (See 2a)/1 COR 15:54-58/LK 6:39-45
MONDAY: SIR 17:20-24/PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/MK 10:17-27
TUESDAY: SIR 35:1-12/PS 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 AND 23/MK 10:28-31
WEDNESDAY: JL 2:12-18/PS 51:3-4, 5-6aB, 12-13, 14 AND 17/2 COR 5:20-6:2/MT 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY: DT 30:15-20/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6/LK 9:22-25
FRIDAY: IS 58:1-9a/PS 51:3-4, 5-6aB, 18-19/MT 9:14-15
SATURDAY: IS 58:9B-14/PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/LK 5:27-32

Praise God!

**Clare's Clothing Store
Is in need of:**



- * Kids clothing
- * Towels



- * Sheets
- * Blankets



**Kinship Korner
Kinship Korner News**

Oh, God, when I have food,
 help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work, help me
 to remember the jobless;
 When I have warm home,
 help me to remember the homeless;
 When I am without pain,
 help me to remember those who suffer;
 And remembering, help me
 to destroy my complacency
 And bestir my compassion.
 Make me concerned enough
 to help, by word and deed, those who cry out
 for what we take for granted.

Samuel F. Pugh

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



**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
BUFFET DINNER AND TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE
ADULT: \$15.00, CHILD: \$10.00,
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



Live LENT

as a selfless servant.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025

12:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart-Mass and Distribution of Ashes

6 p.m. at St. Joseph/BOL Community-Mass and
Distribution on Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays during Lent

7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church

Here are five reasons to pray the Stations of the Cross:

- *They offer strength in times of suffering. ...*
- *They instill in us a compassion for those who suffer. ...*
- *They remind us of the vast love of God. ...*
- *They give us a sign of great hope. ...*
- *They enable us to feel Jesus' suffering.*

Join us for this powerful prayer practice.



Fasting Guidelines on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

We know that fasting and abstinence are observed on Ash Wednesday. Use these simple tips to guide you. Catholics aged 18 until sixty are required to fast.

This involves eating one full meal and two smaller meals. The total amount of food consumed in the two smaller meals should not be equal to a full meal. Additionally, all Catholics over the age of fourteen are expected to abstain from meat on these days.

Parish Mission Kids Track for all 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 attendees in church for adoration, confession and Mass.

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

Faith Formation

Clint Badowski

faithformation@stjoesbol.org



"Our Confirmands and their sponsors spent a faith filled day together for a confirmation day of reflection. They got to spend some time together in some great conversations about each other and their faith journeys. They also got to talk with Fr Steve or Fr Ferrick about their upcoming sacrament. Overall, it was a great day for the Confirmands to slow down and really focus on their upcoming sacrament with their sponsors. Please continue to pray for these youth as they continue to grow closer to Jesus and their next step in their faith journey!"



Deacon Dabblings

LEAD ME LORD

This past Saturday evening, my wife and I attended the PAL (Police Athlete League) Gala at the Ambassador. I dropped my wife off in front of the door and I drove around searching for a parking space. Those of you who may be familiar with the Ambassador know that it is quite large and several entrances and exits. After driving around for several minutes, I finally found a space just East of Cleveland, (not that far but it seemed like it in 3-degree windchill). When it was time to go, Mary said that I didn't have to get the car that she would just walk with me. As we began walking, it dawned on me that I don't remember where I had parked the car, so I started hitting the door switches on my remote – nothing. I pressed the panic button – nothing. This elicited a response from my wife that went something like this, "Grr %\$#*." She went into the nearest entrance and bid me good luck as I went back out to search for the car. After 15 minutes, don't ask me how, but I found the car. Problem solved! Not quite! Now I can't remember at which exit I left my bride. As I am driving around, my phone rings and lo and behold it was my precious darling wondering where I was. When I told her that I was having a bit of trouble finding the entrance where I had left her, she helped by describing the view outside her doorway, (IT'S NEAR THE BURGER KING SIGN), at which point I came upon the right doorway and we lived happily ever after, (sort of).

I'll be the first to admit that I am not at all good with directions and I will be forever grateful to the person (s) that came up with GPS because without that, I would never find my way to an obscure address that I needed to visit. So, I got to thinking, wouldn't it be great if we had a Jesus GPS to guide us through life, so we don't get lost on our journey to heaven? Well, wouldn't you know it, there is a GPS, in fact, many forms of GPS that have been around for 2000+ years. If you think of our journey to heaven as sort of a road trip, we have Scripture. With Lent on the horizon, I would encourage you to, if you are not already doing it, to read Scripture daily. Not only will this provide somewhat of a map for the journey, but it will bring you closer to God, and I can't think of anything better to help us get to heaven than having a close relationship our Lord.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony