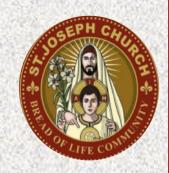
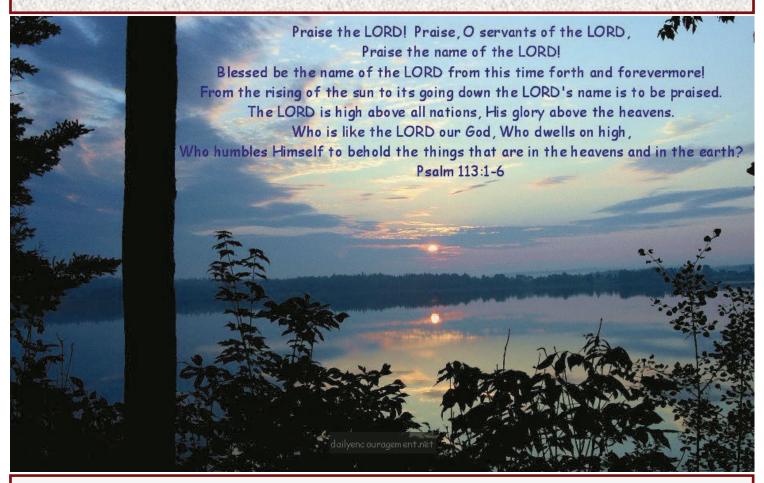
Welcome to our Parish



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

January 19, 2025 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**





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Saturday 4:00 pm @ St. Paul Sunday 8:45 am @ Sacred Heart 10:45 am @ St. Joseph BOL

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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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January 19, 2025 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

EXTRAORDINARILY ORDINARY: Ordinary time. The Church uses this term to describe the periods of the Liturgical Year that lie outside of Advent, Lent and the Easter Season. The root of "ordinary," as we use it in "Ordinary Time," is from the Latin word, *ordinalis*. It refers to a sequence of numbers. You read in the header above: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next week will be the 3rd Sunday and so forth. "Ordinary time" refers to this ordering of the weeks. Ordinary certainly doesn't mean that God doesn't work as actively during these days as in Lent or the Easter Season. In God's grace, every moment is truly extraordinary. That is the absolute truth. We have a little less than two months of ordinary time until we enter Lent again on March 5. Let's make these days extraordinary through our prayer and our love of others. Yes, the ordinary can be extraordinary!

OUR MORAL SHAME: This Wednesday, January 22, is the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This day is a commemoration, but certainly not a celebration. In any given year in the United States, there are hundreds of thousand preborn babies who die due to induced abortion. I strongly believe that this is our nation's greatest moral shame. Unless we stop killing children in the womb, we will never get our other ills right. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said: "The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want." No doubt, many women who seek an abortion (often coerced by the child's father or by family or by friends) are afraid. After having an abortion, so many women suffer from depression and other wounds of the heart. Please, pray for these suffering souls and offer them your love. Remember as well, that abortion is a very grave and serious sin. Nonetheless, God's mercy is always greater than our sin. If you have had an abortion, encouraged a woman to procure an abortion, or paid for an abortion – please – go to confession and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. For many, sacramental confession is the first step in a process of healing. Do not be afraid. Be forgiven and be healed! And on January 22, may we all pray (and maybe even fast, too) for a conversion of hearts, so that abortion may become unthinkable and unknown.

GET EXCITED: 2025 is a big year for our parishes and our Catholic community! Not only is the Universal Church celebrating the Jubilee Year of hope, but our Sacred Heart/St. Paul/St. Joseph Bread of Life Community family also has some wonderful things planned! In early March we will welcome a group of young people from the National Evangelization Team who are offering a retreat for our 6-8 grade students. Later in March, we will hold a Lenten Parish Mission in anticipation of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. In April, we will celebrate the Easter Triduum, welcome OCIA candidates into the Church, offer Divine Mercy Sunday devotions, and rejoice with our First Communicants and Confirmandi. The beautiful month of May will find us hosting a Mother-Daughter tea. In June – and this is really exciting – will be host our first annual Vacation Bible School for the young ones. If that isn't enough for June, celebratory Masses and meals for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and the Solemnity of St. Paul will crown our month on back-to-back days! When August is upon, we have a special "Great Mass" planned. Then, looking all the way to November, we are inviting our high school students to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. Whooo! That's a lot! Please get excited!

Praying that you have a beautiful 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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph Saints Fabian & Sebastian

- +Mary Ann Nelson (Ann & Paul Krauza)
- +Jim Rutkowski (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)

Tuesday, January 21/7:00 am, St. Joseph Saint Agnes

+Rob & Gina Lintelman (Theresa Rula)

Wednesday, January 22 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph

Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children

+Joan Iarussi (Kathie Iarussi)

Thursday, January 23 / 7:00 am, St Joseph

Saints Vincent & Marianne

+Russell & Martha Verga (Jerry & Sue Verga)

Friday, January 24 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Saint Francis de Sales

+Jerry & Ginny Number (Jerry & Sue Verga)

Saturday, January 25 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul Conversion of Saint Paul

+Rose Ann Giamanco DelSandro (your little Italy friends)

Sunday, January 26/8:45 am Sacred Heart Third Sunay in Ordinary Time

+Bob Wehrer (Dan & Cheryl Heise)

Sunday, January 26 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL

+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes



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

(SH) Kay Griesacker from Sean & Bernadette Carroll (SP) In Honor of Laura Biaglow from Larie & Mary Zack (SJ) Sandy Norfolk Silvaggi from family

Chapel: Ron Snippert from Cary & Georgia Chludzinski

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Eternal Rest—President Carter, Ann, Loretta, Jean, Kelly **Strength/Peace**—Chris, Peter, Matt, Leah, Mary, Edgar, Bethany, Nathanial, Peggy, Dan, Richard

Success—Emily

Healing—Grace, Pat, Mary, John, Olga, Shelby, Carol, Maggie, Doug, Ron Jr, Laura, Bernadette, Gary, Matt, Jenny, Kim, Paul, Richard, Dave,

Peaceful Passing—Eileen, Bethany's Mom Warmth in the cold—Homeless among us **Safety**—All affected by the fires in CA **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 60 hours are in need of another committed adorer.

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, 3 PM, 11 PM

Wednesday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 6 AM

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



Q - What's better than a Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on February 2nd? A – A FREE Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 2nd! 9-noon in the Auditorium Sponsored by Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus





ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE OFFERINGS

<u>January 5, 2025</u>

 OFFERTORY—
 \$ 1,683.93

 CSA—
 \$ 569.00

 OFFERTORY ONLINE—
 \$ 2,875.00

 CSA ONLINE—
 \$ 705.00

TOTAL— \$ 5,832.93

WEEKLY EXPENSES — \$ 9,197.00

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Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

December 21, 2024

Offertory: \$ 7,091.00

Weekly Expenses \$ 7,498.00

Please make your offertory and CSA checks payable to <u>Sacred Heart Church</u>.

Did you know???



Please join us for an informational meeting for pre-planning on **January 26th after the 8:45 mass** in the Sacred Heart Findlay Room. No reservation needed

Rotary Club of Erie Invites you to

Join the Rotary Club on February 1, 2025, at BINGO at the Polish Falcons at 431 East 3rd St, Erie. Doors open at noon. Bingo begins at 1pm.

Tickets are only \$15!!! Prizes, 50/50 and Basket auction. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club projects.



Kinship Korner

Refugee Resettlement and Bags of Hope

We have been moving household items and Bags of Hope clothing that were in the Sacred Heart School gym, that were unavailable to us because of the asbestos testing, down to St. Andrew's annex where we have been working out of for the last three months. Gaining access to these items has definitely increased our supply of these items. Thank you to everyone who donated items of need listed in last week's bulletin. We will pause collecting items for the time being as we seek to determine the total of what have in stock. Know that your past donations helped us through the month of December where we took a van load of winter clothing to the Community of Caring, the residential program for men and women, and serviced 18 refugee families along with Catholic Charities. So far, we have assisted 7 refugee families this month and 4 families are already scheduled to arrive in February. Thank you to everyone for your efforts to feed the hungry, cloth the naked and welcome the stranger in our community.

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

February 2, 2025: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas



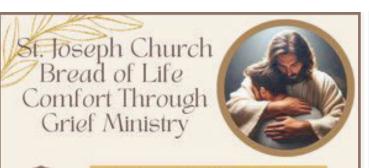
The Mass for the Feast of the Presentation includes the blessing of candles for the coming year, thus the name, "Candlemas." This practice came about sometime in the fifth century. It wasn't originally connected to the Presentation, yet it seems fitting to align this rite with the Presentation of Jesus, the light of the world. Originally the blessing was for the candles to be used in church, but parishioners also bring candles to Mass that day to have them blessed.

For Catholics, Candlemas is also a moment to renew their commitment to following Christ. Just as Jesus was presented to God in the Temple, the faithful are invited to present themselves to God again, offering their lives in service and love. It is a time to remember the call to live as "children of the light," walking in faith and trust

Candlemas is more than a feast day; it is an invitation to live by the light of Christ all year. The blessed candles are a reminder that each person is called to share this light with others. By following Jesus' teachings and bringing kindness, peace, and hope into the world, Catholics honor the meaning of Candlemas in their daily lives.

So, bring some candles to Mass on February 2 and have them blessed. These might be candles that you'll light during mealtimes, during morning or evening prayer time, or simply when you want to be reminded of Jesus, the light of the world.

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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, January 27th, the guest speaker will be T.A. Walkiewicz. Her topic will be "Comfort Through Hope."

For more information contact Barb at 814-323-2806 or dulcibarb@aol.atm

Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted Matthew S.4



Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



SAVE THE DATE: Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner

March 9, 2025

50/50 tickets and more information coming in the mail!

Family Perspective

At Cana, we gain valuable insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand, or manipulate. Instead, she simply pointed out the situation and trusted her son to make the best decision.



No. of Masses	Church ID	Parish or Mission Name	Capacity	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Chan 24 vs 23	
Erie West Deanery													
4	10301	Blessed Sacrament-Erie	800	940	973	929	908	604	658	682	753	10.4%	-33.5%
2	10302	Holy Cross-Fairview	567	507	440	408	324	244	264	275	288	4.7%	-24.7%
5	10303	O.L. of Peace-Erie	900	1,870	1,650	1,449	1,374	918	995	1,055	1,140	8.1%	-33.2%
2	10304	O.L.of the Lake-Edinboro	420	514	468	415	420	325	302	349	217	-37.8%	-22.6%
1	10305	Sacred Heart-Erie	640	548	416	362	338	160	181	192	177	-7.8%	-52.7%
3	10306	St. Francis Xavier-McKean	500	340	335	374	408	338	388	402	398	-1.0%	-17.2%
4	10307	St. George-Erie	900	1,198	1,174	1,163	1,167	668	674	750	767	2.3%	-42.8%
2	10308	St. John-Girard	375	298	248	269	251	177	175	198	193	-2.5%	-29.5%
1	10309	St. Joseph/BOL Community-Erie	550	686	676	679	681	435	345	409	209	-48.9%	-36.1%
4	10310	St. Jude-Erie	900	1,541	1,522	1,216	1,057	676	838	849	768	-9.5%	-36.0%
2	10311	St. Julia-Erie	250	310	306	277	297	176	170	196	222	13.3%	-40.7%
2	10312	St. Lawrence-Albion	680	258	159	152	144	105	118	123	120	-2.4%	-27.1%
1	10314	St. Stephen-Erie	200	206	237	241	230	147	138	193	114	-40.9%	-36.1%
1	10315	St. Andrew-Erie	425	273	245	176	175	96	106	111	73	-34.2%	-45.1%
1	10316	St. Paul-Erie	300	174	174	170	158	140	133	142	158	11.3%	-11.4%
4	10317	St. Peter-Erie	886	574	639	672	705	461	458	490	598	22.0%	-34.6%
2	10320	All Saints Parish-Waterford		298	300	287	236	168	142	172	170	-1.2%	-28.8%
41				10,535	9,962	9,239	8,873	5,838	6,085	6,588	6,365	-3.4%	0.0%

Faith Formation

Clint Badowski faithformation@stjoesbol.org







How long have you been a catechist and what grades have you

I have been a catechist for two years, teaching 4th-5th grades last year and 1st grade currently. I have also been active working as a volunteer with Divine Mercy Encounter (DME) serving our teens, young adults and older adults since making DME a little over seven years ago.

What is something about our Faith that inspires you?

The Creed which is the essence of our faith in God as Catholics pretty much sums it all up: We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to be one with Him as part of His Body--One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic---united to Him who is the Head.

What is your favorite part about being a catechist?
The greatest joy of working with our kids—whether they are 1st Graders, 5th Graders and even high school teens making their DME retreat---is simply this---just watching Jesus work marvelous deeds in their lives, drawing their hearts and minds to Himself and His infinite merciful love for them, becoming His saints as they grow in faith.

What is something about your faith you wish you knew sooner? I wish to have known sooner than I do now is the how deep God's merciful love for each and everyone of us truly is. His merciful love for us, His children, is infinite. There is absolutely nothing that is more powerful, stronger and more uplifting than the merciful love of the Father that is is ours in Christ Jesus, His Son. The meaning of that word infinite means that our appreciation of that merciful love just grows as we grow in Him.

If you could ask Jesus one question in person, what would it be?

One question... that question would probably be the one that the first two disciples asked Jesus: "Lord, show us where You stay and more of who You are." And His answer to you and me---even a billion years from now---would likely be the one Jesus gave them 2000 years ago: "Come and see."



Deacon Dabblings

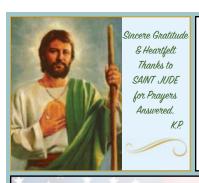
LET'S LIGHTEN UP

During the Advent and the Christmas season, most of the Deacon Dabblings lately have been on the more serious side. With the season now behind us and with the start of Ordinary Season in the Church calendar, I thought that it would be nice to lighten things up a bit. I came across some quips that I thought you might find entertaining.

- There is a fine line between a long sermon and a hostage
- If my bank account can just touch the hem of his garment.
- Cheers to us who can sing wrong lyrics in hymns with confidence.
- Biblical scholars believe that Noah made 977 trips to Home Depot while building the ark.
- If you went to church this Christmas, there is a 99.9% chance of there being church again next Sunday. Go again!
- Something about rent being due Monday after Jesus paid all your debts doesn't sit right with me.
- I drive so badly that when I am driving, my GPS doesn't speak,
- To encourage our congregation to sit in the front pews, I have installed cell phone chargers in the first three rows.
- Jesus loves you, but I am his favorite.
- And just like that, Santa is gone until next year, but Jesus is still here with gifts that never end.
- At this point, I have ordered so much stuff from Amazon, I don't know what is happening anymore. If UPS shows up with a llama tomorrow, it is what it is.
- Lord, I need money to organize your birthday.
- I'm so single that when they ask for an emergency contact, I put down Jesus.
- If St. Paul saw the Church in America, we'd be getting a letter.
- Missing church is a misdemeanor, the more you miss, the meaner you get.
- Apparently, when you treat people the same way, they treat you, they get offended.
- You know you need to lose weight when you start to pray, and the Lord immediately shows up because he thought two or three people showed up in his name.
- Christmas was God with us, Easter was God for us, Pentecost is God in us.
- Me yelling at squirrels in the street so they don't get hit by a car and die is the same feeling that God has watching me live my life most days.
- Every family has secrets until a Sunday School teacher asks a group of kids if they have any prayer requests.
- Dear Lord, please let me crave only lettuce this week.
- She asked God to remove everything fake from her life. Now, she is baldheaded, has no eyebrows, and her handbag is gone. Parent: God, why don't my kids listen to me? God: lol

The highlighted lines are not only amusing but also food for thought.

Peace of Christ, Deacon Tony



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