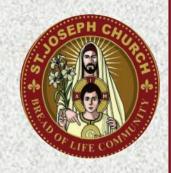
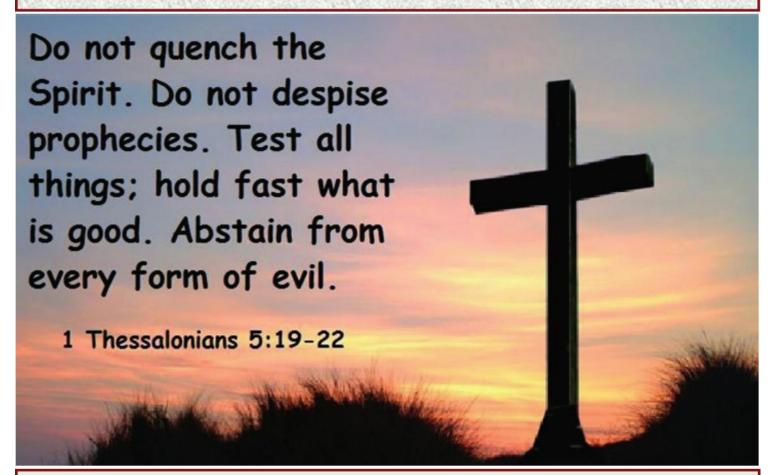
# Welcome to our Parish



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

October 27, 2024
30th 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





#### October 27, 2024

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

**PREPARING FOR DEATH:** In the autumn of 2019, an emergency room visit led to a grim diagnosis for my mother: she was filled with cancer. I remember well the conversation with my brother and the subsequent conversation with mom in her hospital room. As the oldest of the children, I had the duty to explain to her the severity of her health situation. Without much fanfare, she soon decided to forego treatment and enter hospice care. She wanted to go home. To her heavenly home, for sure - but in the interim - she wanted to go home to the house where my parents had lived since 1965. From her hospital bed in the living room, my mom's last days were filled with visits from my sister (then living in Boston), with friends and loved ones stopping by to chat, with countless florist deliveries, with oxygen bottles, bedside Masses, bowls of Cream of Wheat, sips on ice shavings, and eventually, with my brother and I serving as her morphine nurses. Throughout that period, the love and care mom received from the hospice volunteers was exceptional. She died with my brother holding her hand, with a hospice volunteer at her bedside – and with the sight (we believe) – of my father welcoming her into heaven.

THE TENDERNESS OF HOSPICE CARE: Not only in my mother's case, but also in the course of my priestly duties, I have often witnessed the tenderness and beauty that hospice care and hospice volunteers provide. Here in Erie County, there are plans to build *Julia House*, a home dedicated to providing palliative care. We had such a facility in Warren County when I was stationed there. It was a place where families were treated with the same attentive service that the dying persons themselves received. If you or a loved one are faced with making end of life decisions, please know that entering hospice care is an excellent choice to consider. The Catholic Church teaches that the palliative care offered by hospice is morally acceptable. The Church assures us that the use of extraordinary means to prolong life (a ventilator, for example) are not demanded of each critically ill person. Everyone's circumstances are unique, but for many, like my mom, hospice care is the best way to prepare for death.

**PREPARATION FOR JUDGMENT:** Most importantly, when the bells of death begin to toll for you or me, we want to be spiritually prepared to stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Although the term has gone out of fashion, our Catholic tradition speaks of experiencing a "happy death." This means that we die: (1) having confessed our sins to a priest, (2) having received the sacramental anointing, and (3) if the circumstances allow, having received "viaticum" as well. Viaticum is our last Holy Communion. Literally, it means *food for the journey*: the journey from this world to the next. The Church teaches that at the moment of death (the moment when our soul separates from our body), we will experience a Particular Judgment. If we are free from mortal sin, we will enter into the joys of heaven (possibly with a stop in purgatory along the way). If we die with a mortal sin on our soul that we have not repented of, we will enter into the despair of hell. The Church teaching is very clear on this. That's the reality of judgment. We must be ready. God's mercy is greater than even the most horrible of sins, so please do not be afraid to run to the mercy seat of Christ. Jesus wants us in heaven. Let's be prepared.

THE MONTH OF SOULS: We enter this week into November and the month dedicated to the souls in purgatory. It's a reminder to pray for them. It's also a reminder to contemplate our own mortality. The Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) celebrates all who are in heaven. The commemoration of All Souls (November 2) allows us to pray for those in purgatory. Please join us at Mass. Thank you and God bless!

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

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#### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, October 28 /7:00 am, St. Joseph Saints Simon & Iude

- +MaryBeth Smogorzewski (Pam Kiehlmeier)
- +Debbie Sciamauda (Debbie & Neil Postas)

#### Tuesday, October 29/7:00 am, St. Joseph Weekday

- +John DiSanti Jr. (Rick & Dorothy Rutkowski)
- +Art Frawley (Kim Telliho)

#### Wednesday, October 30 /6:00 pm, St. Joseph Weekday

+Karen Miehl (Sharon Bond)

#### Thursday, October 31 /7:00 pm, Vigil Sacred Heart Weekday

+Joyce Adler (Dave & Mary Geiger)

#### Friday, November 1/7:00 am, St. Joseph

All Saints (See page 3 for Mass times)

- +Walter Peskorski (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)
- +Nicholas & Joan Konzel (Deacon Doug & Cheryl Konzel)
- +Ioe Salvia (Phyllis Adelman)

#### Saturday, November 2/4:00 pm at St. Paul

+Living & Deceased Members of the Church

#### Sunday, November 3 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart

+Howard Hain (John & Dottie Wurst)

#### Sunday, November 3/10:45 am St Joseph BOL

- +Samuel A Barzano (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wachter)
- +Ron Spero (Chuck & Lisa Priestap)

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

- (SH) Thomas Reisenweber from Joan Reisenweber
- (SI) Nicholas & Joan Konzel week of October
- (SP) Firefighter Michael Smith from *Mom-week of* October 20th
- (SP) Dominic Silvaggi from Family-week of October 27th

#### Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Employment/Housing—Katie, Brandon

Peace/Healing—Sherri, Terri

**Special Intention** 

**Safe Election** 



#### 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 **59** hours are in need of another committed adorer.

Sunday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM

Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 6 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

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 5 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 9 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!

#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalms: Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia: Second Timothy 1: 10

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

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#### HOLY DAY— ALL SAINTS DAY \*OBLIGATED

10/31/2024—Vigil @ Sacred Heart 7 pm

11/1/2024— 7am @ St Joseph BOL

6pm @ St Paul

#### ALL SOULS DAY—\*NOT OBLIGATED

11/2/2024— 9am @ Sacred Heart

All are invited to join the families and friends of our deceased in remembering these loved ones who have been called home to God this past year.

#### ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE **OFFERINGS**

October 13, 2024 OFFERTORY—

\$ 3,939.00

Thank

You

CSA-

\$ 1,539.00

OFFERTORY ONLINE—

\$ 2,545,00

CSA ONLINE—

\$ 965.00

TOTAL—

\$ 8,988.00

WEEKLY EXPENSES —

\$ 11,522.00

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE** 

194

Families—

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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

October 13, 2024

Offertory: CSA Pledged: \$ 3,923.75 \$71,370.00

CSA paid \$59,497

2024 Goal-\$64,411

Weekly Expenses \$ 7,498.00

#### Please make your offertory and CSA checks payable to Sacred Heart Church.

To ensure that you get credit for your offerings, please mark the amount on the outside of the envelope.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 16-17, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. One of the principles that has made CCHD successful at reaching people on the margins for more than 50 years is its support for community-based solutions rather than uniform, top-down programs that do not account for local needs or

All CCHD grants, national and local, are approved by the bishop in the diocese where the funded groups operate. When you give to CCHD, 50% of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Erie to help your own community.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please prayerfully consider helping us to whold burner distributed. uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for contributing to CCHD's outreach to those on the margins.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie

#### **Kinship Korner News** Refugee Resettlement

At this time, we need to restock our inventory to assist Catholic Charities with housing assistance. We have drop off containers marked for Kinship Ministry located within all 3 churches to assist with this effort. Items donated will be picked up weekly and moved to St. Andrew's. The specific household items we need are as

Kleenex, conditioner, laundry baskets, body wash, toilet paper, paper towels, toilet bowl cleaner, laundry soap, brooms, NEW hand towels, 13-gallon trash bags, 13-gallon trash cans, kitchen sponges, cookie sheets, measuring spoons, pitchers, hangers, 1 subject notebooks, pens, and drinking glasses (no plastic).

**Feeding the Hungry** 

On the 11th our Sacred Heart super chef and her sous chefs served a meal of pork and sauerkraut, spaetzle, and homemade apple sauce to 120 men, women, and children at the SSJ Neighborhood Network Monday meal. Food insecurity is a significant issue in our area.

Debbi Tarasovitch 814-746-1496 Tom Hudson 814-864-1615 Kinship Ministry Co-Coordinators

#### OPERATION ASSISTING SANTA with St. Joseph/BOL

This year St. Joseph/Bread of Life Church has graciously agreed to participate in Operation Assisting Santa. Our mission is to ensure local veterans have the Christmas they truly deserve.

People can help out in one of two ways:

"Good Kids" List. Starting November 9th, there will be cards honoring veterans on a table near the Christmas tree near the entrances of church honoring veterans. The cards will contain the age, gender, and what the child would like for Christmas. That card is to be returned with the unwrapped gift(s). On the other card, write your name and contact Information and place it in the box marked "Operation Assisting Santa."

A monetary donation can be made. Checks can be made out to ERIE VETS HOSPITAL and place in the box marked "Operation Assisting Santa."

Always remember: if not for the brave service of our veterans, military personnel, and the sacrifices of their families, no one, not a single person would be able to enjoy any of the tremendous freedoms this great country has to offer.

Questions? Call Mooch Zielewski, Coordinator Operation Assisting Santa, 814-823-6506

We thank you for your generous support. God Bless.





#### The Great Spaghetti Feast

Sunday, October 27th from Noon-4:00 PM Dine In or Take Out at St. Gregory School Gym 140 W. Main St.

Tickets are available at the Parish Office Monday-Thursday during normal business hours, or at the door the day of the event.

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FUNDRAISER: Italian Dancers of Erie are selling **Stanganelli's PIES, Pepperoni Balls, Calzones & More** Call Ruth DeFranco for ordering information at 814-440-6788.

LAST CALL: Coats for Kids Campaign October 1-31
You can help by donating new or gently used coats for the youth of all ages, as well, as winter accessories such as hats, scarves, mittens, snow pants and boots. Let's fill those bins up in the back of church! Or drop them off in the office at 147 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

Those who prefer to make a monetary gift can visit

icm@icmeriecounty.org
or mail a check to Inter-Church

Ministries at 250 West 7<sup>th</sup> St. Frie PA 16501. A gift of \$25 will

Ministries at 250 West 7<sup>th</sup> St, Erie, PA 16501. A gift of \$25 will provide a child with a new high-quality coat! Thank you for donating to Coats for Kids.

ALL MEN ARE INVITED to join the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Meetings-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month NEXT MEETING: November 11 at 6:30 in Sacred Heart Auditorium

#### **Bulletin Advertising**

Tim Weir is our new bulletin rep and is working on the new combined bulletin. If you own a business and would like it advertised in the bulletin please call Tim at 716-602-4588 or email twier@4lpi.com. He has special rates for parishioners or vendors.

## Ministry Schedule: November 2 & 3

#### SATURDAY at St. Paul/4:00 p.m.

**LECTOR:** Lisa Manendo

EMs: Deacon Doug, Sr. Susan, Kathie Iarussi

#### SUNDAY at Sacred Heart/8:45 a.m.

**LECTOR:** Joyce Sral

EMs: TEAM 4-check new schedule

**COUNTERS**: Team 3

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning: OCTOBER 25

Team 8 - Diane Wisinski

#### SUNDAY at St. Joseph/BOL/10:45 a.m.

Altar Servers: Liam Dietz, Xavier Dietz,

Michael Brown,

**Lector:** Faith Formation

EMs: Amanda Beaver, Deacon Doug

**Ushers:** Chuck Swantek, Ed Root, Dave Gustafson,

Paul Miller **Greeters**:

Donna Snippert, Patty Jarrett, Jan Radomski, Leslie

Jennings & Faith Formation

Fellowship: Nancy Murray & Jason Young



The House of Healing, our next door neighbor, is a family-inclusive residential treatment program for women. St. Joseph/BOL House of Healing Ministry meets monthly with residents. At the October meeting, the group enjoyed a night of prayer, fellowship and fall crafting.





#### Special Patriotic Rosary Election Day

Special Patriotic Rosary to be prayed in our church on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th at 10:30.

We will still pray the regularly scheduled monthly Patriotic Rosary on the 4th Monday, November 25th at 10:30 in our church.



#### **ALL LADIES**

are invited to join the Sacred Heart Altar Society

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month Next meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in Sacred Heart Auditorium

#### Faith Formation

Clint Badowski faithformation@stjoesbol.org



We had a great altar server training held this past Saturday at St Joe's Bread of life. 9 new altar servers joined Fr. Steve for the training. They had a great time learning how to help on the altar as well as on how important it is to be an example for other kids during mass. We are excited to see the new altar servers during an upcoming mass!













#### Attention kids!

Come join us for some fun and games at our All Saints Day party on November 1st @ 6pm in the St. Joseph Community Center! Come dressed as your favorite saint (but don't tell anyone who you'll be ~ we'll have a guessing game!).

Each family please bring a bag of candy to share for prizes.

RSVP with the number of children attending to Jen Larimer by Wednesday, October 30th at 814-756-4160 or <a href="mailto:nialari@yahoo.com">nialari@yahoo.com</a>

Teens who need service hours and adults who want to help, please reach out to Jen as well. Thank you!

### **Deacon Dabbling's**

#### **PRIORITIES**

Remember the old joke, where the flight attendant asks the traveler if they would like lunch? The traveler asks, what are my choices? The attendant answers, "yes or no." We have all been there. Eggs or pancakes, golf or church, the front page or the crossword puzzles. Decisions, decisions, decisions! Yogi Berra used to say this about decisions, when you come to the fork in the road, take it! Life is one decision after another, from the mundane as to what toothpaste to use to jobs or relationships. These choices are a tug of war between our gut feelings and our reasoned thoughts.

We are faced with many decisions each and every day, but too many of us suffer from "but first" syndrome. You know, it's when you decide to do the laundry, start down the hall and notice that unread Sunday newspaper. OK, it's laundry time, but first I'll read the newspaper. Then, you notice the mail on the table. OK, I'll just put the newspaper back, but first check the mail, oops an unpaid bill, now where's the checkbook? How did that empty glass get there, I'll bring that back. I must find that checkbook. But first I need to put the glass in the sink. Head for the kitchen, look out the window, notice the poor flowers are parched, water them, put the glass in the sink, and well I be, there's the TV Remote. What's it doing here? I'll just put it away, head for door and... Aaaagh! Stepped on the cat. Cat needs to be fed. OK, I'll put that remote away. But first I need to feed the cat. End of day, laundry still undone, newspaper discarded, glass is in sink, bills are unpaid, checkbook is still lost, and the cat ate the remote control. And it's strange, because you know, you were busy all day.

The decision to follow Christ is one that must not be put into the "but first" category. At the end of our time on this earth God will not be concerned with dirty laundry, unread newspapers, or dirty glasses in the sink. The one and only question is, did we answer Christ's call by loving God with your whole heart, mind, and soul, and loving your neighbor as yourself?

Peace of Christ, Deacon Tony

#### **Family Perspective**

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say?

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