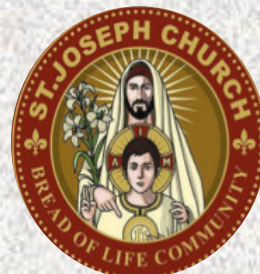


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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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Sunday 8:45 am @ Sacred Heart

10:45 am @ St. Joseph BOL

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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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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April 20, 2025
Resurrection of the Lord

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

JESUS IS RISEN: In the years immediately after Christ's resurrection from the dead, Christians lived with a palpable sense of joy. When they met each other on the street, they would often share this exchange: "Jesus is risen! He is risen, indeed!" Today, Easter Sunday, we too share in the joy of the Risen Lord. Sin brought darkness and death to the human race. Christ's victory over the grave has bought us light and life. You and I share intimately in this victory. Jesus really did undergo the Paschal Mystery for me and for you. Rejoice! Exult! There is no need to be afraid. The grave has no power over those who are in Christ Jesus. Happy Easter! Jesus is risen indeed!

THANK YOU: I am so appreciative of the graced moments we spent together in church during this Holy Week and Easter Triduum. God is so good! Many of you made real sacrifices of time to be with us. Thank you. I am grateful. Thank you as well to the Parish Leadership Team, our parish staff, our musicians and vocalists, our sacristans, our servers and our readers, all of our liturgical ministers, Deacon Doug and the OCIA team, and everyone who contributed to planning and preparing for the beautiful liturgies we have experienced. Baptizing and bringing into the Catholic Church our new members was a particularly satisfying experience. They say that the Church is ever young. These new Christians are proof of that aphorism. Blessings on them all! I say it again – God is good!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: "This is the time of mercy!" St. Faustina Kowalska, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, is one of the "unofficial" patron saints of our parish family. In fact, on the right side of St. Joseph Church, she is prominently portrayed (along with her Polish contemporary, Pope St. John Paul II) in a large fresco. Faustina, in her mystical revelations, learned that Christ – even at the final moments of life – calls out our name. The Lord wants us to be saved! He wants us to be with him forever in heaven. I make it a practice to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily. In particular, I like to pray the Chaplet when I know that one of our parishioners is near death or has in fact died. God's mercy is powerful! Please join us at St. Joseph Bread of Life Community next Sunday, April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday – as we recognize and thank God for his mercy. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur at 2:00 pm. I will be hearing confessions during the holy hour. At 3:00 pm, the Chaplet will be sung. Benediction will follow. Under the usual conditions, an indulgence is available for observing Divine Mercy Sunday.

FIFTY DAYS: Remember that the liturgical season of Easter lasts a full 50 days – all the way until Pentecost Sunday! Here in the Northern Hemisphere, the onset of spring coincides with our Easter celebration. Nature itself speaks of new life: trees are budding, flowers are blooming, temperatures are rising, and there is cause for new hope. Enjoy these days. Savor the beauty. Rejoice in the Lord. Allow the graces of Christ's presence to fill your hearts with peace. And as I like to say (mostly because of my own sweet tooth), don't feel bad for having an extra donut. The Church encourages us to celebrate!

*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
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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 21/ 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Monday within the Octave of Easter

+Diane Tubbs (Erin & Shawn Tubbs)

Tuesday, April 22 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

-Michelle Fladd (Lucia Lee)

Wednesday, April 23 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

+Janet Eisert (M. Dillon & J. Bargaheiser)

Thursday, April 24 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

+Doug Lasky Jr. (Erin & Shawn Tubbs)

Friday, April 25 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph

Friday within the Octave of Easter

+Ron Snippert (Cary & Georgia)

Saturday, April 26 / 8:30 pm at St. Paul

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

+Living & Deceased Members of the Manendo Family
(Lisa Manendo)

Sunday, April 27 / 8:45 am at Sacred Heart
Second Sunday of Easter/Divine mercy

+Carmela & Anna Faraglia (Family)

Sunday, April 27 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL

+Deceased Members of the Parishes

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing—Jen, Tony, Joseph, Carol, Beth, Tammy, Dylan

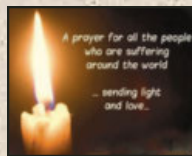
Eternal Rest—Maureen, Ron

Peace—Carol

Justice—Abrigo

Special Intention—Louises

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 adorers.

Sunday: 12 AM(X2), 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM(X2), 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

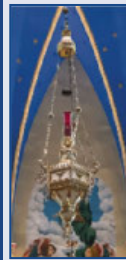
Wednesday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 3 AM

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
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Weeks of April 20th and 27th:

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(SP) Mike Veshecco Jr. from Bettie Veshecco

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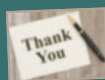
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Sacred Heart / St. Paul CSA 2025 wk.	\$ 8,033.00 \$ 1,425.00

You may give online at easytithes.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 20, 2025

SUNDAY: ACTS 10:34a, 37-43/PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8/

JN 20:1-9 OR LK 24:1-12

MONDAY: ACTS 2:14, 22-33/PS 16:1-2a AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/MT 28:8-15

TUESDAY: ACTS 2:36-41/PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 AND 22/JN 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 3:1-10/PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/LK 24:13-35

THURSDAY: ACTS 3:11-26/PS 8:2aB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9/LK 24:35-48

FRIDAY: ACTS 4:1-12/PS 118:1-2 AND 4, 22-24, 25-27a/JN 21:1-14

SATURDAY: ACTS 4:13-21/PS 118:1 AND 14-15aB, 16-18, 19-21/MK 16:9-15

Easter Sunday

"Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb." (John 20:1)



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Kinship Korner News Easter Basket Collection



A Heartfelt Thanks

As we start Holy Week, Kinship wishes to thank you for your generosity over the years addressing the pressing needs of our community. Without you, we are nothing. Your support of Kinship continues to feed the hungry in our immediate area through the SSJNN Monday meal, cloth the naked both at St. Pat's Haven the overnight shelter for men and at the Community of Caring, a 2-house residential program for homeless men and women, and welcome the stranger through our involvement with refugee resettlement. The city of Erie knows the compassion of Sacred Heart through your actions. The needs of community are many. Thank you for demonstrating your faith through your efforts.

The Green Kinship Shopping Bag Project

Thank you to those who picked up a green Kinship shopping bag as you left church last Sunday. As you shop for your Easter meal, check the shopping needs list in the bag and purchase an item or two to put in the bag. Drop off the items each week in one of the marked containers in the entrances of St. Joe's BOL and St. Paul's or in the box under the Holy Family statue at SH. Hold on to the bag and each time you shop, think of something for the bag. We will update the shopping list in the bulletin monthly.

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

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.
2. Click on "BULLETIN"
3. Click on "view bulletin" to read it or "RECEIVE BULLETIN VIA EMAIL"



You will receive the bulletin weekly. That's it!



Child Abuse Prevention Month: Be Vigilant: It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.



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**God's Mercy
Is So
Powerful**

Please join us at St. Joseph BOL
Sunday April 27th.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @ 2pm
Confessions during the Holy Hour.
Chaplet will be sung @ 3pm
Benediction will follow.

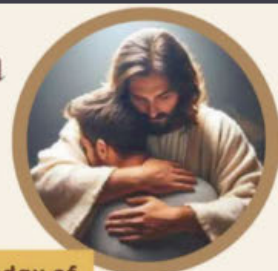
**The Office will be CLOSED
Monday April 21st and re-open
Tuesday April 22nd at 8 am**



Basket and Cash Bingo

Sperry Hall at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek will be hosting *Basket and Cash Bingo* fundraiser on April 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the 2025 youth mission trip to Bowling Green, KY. Tickets are \$20 for 12 games and can be purchased at the Our Lady of Mercy office or by calling 814-392-6517.

**St. Joseph Church
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Comfort Through
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**Meeting on the 4th Monday of
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**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, April 28th, the guest speaker will be
Anne-Marie Welsh. Her program is entitled
"Hope Within Grief: Notes on a Conversation
With the Mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis."
Join us for this special speaker!**

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

Blessed are they who mourn for they will be comforted
Matthew 5:4

Faith Formation

Clint Badowski

faithformation@stjoesbol.org



PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

RECEIVING THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. You have provided for us richly through the gift of Your Body and Blood. Receiving the Holy Eucharist is a tremendous blessing, and we ask You to help all who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Help them to grow in love for You each day of our lives. Help them to always appreciate the great gifts You have given us for our salvation.

Amen



Prayer for Our Confirmandi



God of all ages,
You send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek
to hear your voice.

As they embark on this next step in their faith journey, we pray
that you send your Spirit to enlighten, guide, strengthen,
console, and open their hearts as they continue to seek a
closer relationship with you.

Help them to truly know the deep and abiding love you have
for each of them and fill them with the joy of your presence

As our community prepares these children for Confirmation,
make us an instrument of your love,

Teach us to reverence what is holy in others and to be
patience with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith and help us to pass it on by our example

We pray that you continue to guide and sustain us,
and teach us the Way of Love

We praise you through Christ our Lord

Amen

Deacon Dabblings

THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

Several years ago, there was a movie starring Charlton Heston called, "The Agony and the Ecstasy." It was about Michelangelo's struggle to paint the Sistine Chapel. The movie took you from the agony that Michelangelo experienced through the years in which he struggled to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, to the triumph and the ecstasy in the beauty of the finished work.

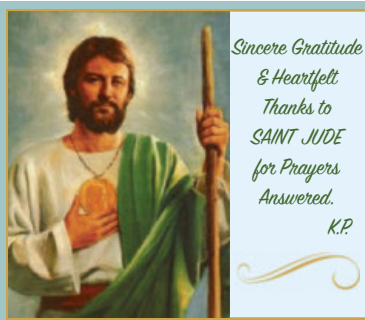
On Palm Sunday we set the stage for the agony and the ecstasy of Jesus' final days on earth. The door to Jerusalem was opened to Jesus and he rode in as a hero among his followers. This was what they expected in a Messiah! A hero; riding in triumph. What they didn't expect was that soon everything would collapse around him, and he would finish his role as the Messiah on a Cross, slaughtered like a criminal.

There are times in our life when the Lord opens a door for us and it looks good, like Palm Sunday, but as we go through that door, it begins to look like Good Friday, and we want to desperately turn back. Well, so did Jesus! In the Agony in the Garden, he was not looking forward to his death on the Cross, but he accepted the Father's will. Although Jesus walked through the door of his passion, it did not end on Friday in agony but concluded on Sunday in ecstasy. All those who suffer in this world, all those who feel the agony of life's obstacles, must look to Jesus now and identify with His suffering, for He identifies with ours. None of us can become really involved in the passion of our Lord unless we are willing to be more deeply involved in our world. Unless we allow ourselves to be moved by the sufferings of the hungry, the oppressed, and the powerless in the light of the Crucifixion, we will never understand the great love that God has for us in this salvific act.

For every human suffering, every human evil is focused on the one single event of the cross.

Don't let this week go by without thinking that. Don't let this holy week pass without remembering that each of us share in the agony of the Cross of Christ with the promise that one day, we too shall share in the ecstasy of His Resurrection.

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony



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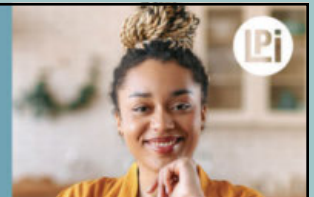
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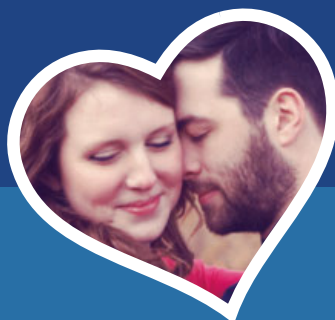


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