

Welcome to our Parish

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



November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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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**Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

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

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE: “Jesus said in reply, ‘Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?’ Then he said to him, ‘Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.’ (Luke 17:17-19).” You and I are children of the most high God! Each of us is loved with a love that is absurdly rich and unending! We have reason to offer thanksgiving! We have reason to offer Praise to the Lord! Please join us on Thanksgiving Day to do exactly that – to give thanks and praise to God. Mass will be 9:00 am at Sacred Heart. While the pies are cooling and the turkey is defrosting, you and I can be listening to the good news of the Gospel and sharing in the heavenly banquet of the Eucharist. Hope to see you there!

A SIMPLE ADVENT: The Advent season begins for our three-church family with the vigil Mass at St. Paul next Saturday evening. Together, we’ve been through a lot of change and realignment and general craziness these past several months, so Advent offers us a beautiful opportunity to slow down, to simplify, and to breathe deeply the peace of Christ. Therefore, we are not planning any parish missions or similar events. Let’s keep it simple. We will provide a weekly “Advent Project” for our wonderful kids (thank you, Meghan Buzas), and because we simply have to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe’s feast day, there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour on the evening of December 12. Otherwise, we will keep it simple. Please enjoy this Advent season. Rest in the love of Christ. Turn off the devices and open up the Scriptures. Go to confession (so important!). Let silence envelop you and your family. Jesus wants to give you his peace. Do not be afraid to open the gift!

HOLY COMMUNION: Our “33 Days to Eucharistic Glory” ends today (Sunday, November 24) with a 3:00 pm Holy Hour with Consecration at St. Joseph Bread of Life. All are invited to come and to adore. I’ve heard from a number of “33 Days” participants about the positive impact that this study has had on their Eucharistic devotion. How easily we can forget that the Eucharist is not so much a something as it is a someone – Jesus Christ – truly present in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity! Are you and I receiving him with reverence and awe when we step forward during Mass? Recall that the Church asks that we make a visible manifestation of our reverence in the moment before receiving Holy Communion: a bow of the head is customary, while some are moved by the Eucharistic Glory to receive the host on their knees. Some of you receive Communion on your tongue, a fine and devout practice, while others make a throne with your hands and carefully lift the host to your mouth. We want to avoid reaching out for the host with our fingers in a pinching movement. We definitely want to consume the host before beginning the walk back to our pew. If we choose to receive the Precious Blood, we should do so with great care. These things are not incidental or unimportant. I mention them because they are integral to our Eucharistic piety. Our outer actions and gestures reflect the inner dispositions of our heart. We want to honor our Eucharistic Lord in every possible way! The Eucharist is the very “source and summit” of our life. Let us always humble ourselves in gratitude before the Presence of Christ’s Eucharistic Glory!

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, November 25 /7:00 am, St. Joseph

Last Week in Ordinary Time

+Fr. Slavko Barbaric (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

Tuesday, November 26 /7:00 am, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Ron Snippet (Therese & Mike Brown)

+Norbert Malthaner (Steve & Maggi Minick)

Wednesday, November 27 /6:00 pm, St. Joseph

Weekday

+Jim Teed (Susan Falvo)

+Eileen (Betza) Romeo (Sue & Jerry Verga)

Thursday, November 28/9:00 am, Sacred Heart

Weekday—Thanksgiving Day

+Robert Guifre (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

+Janet Eiser (Michaelis Family)

Friday, November 29 / NO MASS

Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, November 30 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul

Saint Andrew, Apostle

+Louis & Thelma Manendo (Lisa Manendo)

+Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes

Sunday, December 1 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart

+All Souls (Carbonelli Family)

Sunday, December 1 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL

+Brittany Thomas Connell (Darleen & David Wilkinson)



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

(SH) The Swoger Family from Family

(SP) Louis & Thelma Manendo from Lisa Manendo

(SJ) Nicholas & Joan Konzal from Michael Tarasovitch

Please Pray For the Following:

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Good test results—Cindy

Peace—Shelby, Jenine

Reunite with baby—Kayla

Healing—David, Rob, Rich, Margaret, Suzy, Luke, Melanie, Dorothy

Eternal Rest—Carol Ann, Audrey, Alexandra, Dan, Kathy, Joe, Jim

Healthy Pregnancy—Julianna

Safe Travels—Dorothy, Rick

Healing/Peace—Steve

Living and Deceased Parishioners



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 adorers.

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, 9 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 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, 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!

St. Joseph/Bread of Life

Grief Ministry

Meeting on the 4th Monday
of every month

Next meeting-November 25th, 6:15 to

8 in the St. Joseph Community Center

Speaker: Dr. Jacqueline Phillips-Sabol

All are welcome.

Like to cook? We need your help!

We are looking for a few good men and women to cook up some home cooked meals for our priests, Fr. Steve and Fr. Simmons who live at Sacred Heart Rectory, 816 West 26th Street. If you want to join this meal train, you could choose how often you want to provide a meal, 1 time a month, or more often. Ideally, I would like to secure 8 cooks per month to provide 1 meal each. This would give our priests 2 meals per week.

To volunteer, please call Jean at the office

(814-452-2982 ext. 105 or email at triparish.secretary816@gmail.com)

Thank you for your help.



**ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE
OFFERINGS**



November 10, 2024

OFFERTORY—	\$ 3,209.00
CSA—	\$ 1,614.00
OFFERTORY ONLINE—	\$ 2,695.00
CSA ONLINE—	\$ 690.00
TOTAL—	\$ 8,208.00
WEEKLY EXPENSES —	\$ 9,197.00
SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	169
Families—	364

YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE AT :
easytithe.com

**Boy Scout Christmas Garage Sale
at Our Lady of Peace**

Drop-off nights will be Monday, Nov 25th & Monday, Dec 2nd, from 6-8 at Our Lady of Peace Scout House on the corner of 38th and Pacific Ave.

The sale will be Saturday, December 7th from 8 am-12 pm & 4-7 pm as well as Sunday, December 8th from 8 am-12:00 pm in Our Lady of Peace School Cafe.

Donations from this Christmas decorations sale will benefit OLP/West Lake FD Troop-59's Activities.

Questions Call Alyson Dana at
814-4903-493 or alysondana81@gmail.com

Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

November 10, 2024

Offertory:	\$ 10,014.25
Weekly Expenses	\$ 7,498.00

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

**December 1: HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
at Sacred Heart**



Coffee and Donuts after the 8:45 Mass
Hosted by Lectors. If you are a lector and would like to volunteer, call Jean at 452-2982

**St Joseph's
Saint Clare's Closet**

When going through your closets, keep in mind ...
We are in need of the following items:

- Sheets, Towels, Blankets
- Men's pants, shirts, underwear, socks
- Children's clothes—all sizes
- Teen clothes —all sizes

Clothes can be dropped off during office hours 8-4



Kinship Korner News

Refugee Resettlement Update

Since resuming our ministry in late October at the St. Andrew's annex, we have assisted Catholic Charities, as of this date, with providing some of the needed household items for 9 families. 4 families scheduled to arrive in early December have already had their items assembled and are ready for pick up. The total number of individuals arriving in these 3 months is currently 54 with the oldest being an 81 grandmother and the youngest a year and a half year old girl. We expect additional families to arrive in December. Since starting this ministry over 2 ½ years ago, you have assisted 176 families. Thank you for your support. We could only do this work because of you. We currently have sufficient items in stock to help through the end of this year. We will let you know when we need to replenish our inventory.

Debbi Tarasovitch 814-746-1496 Tom Hudson 814-864-1615 Kinship Ministry Co-Coordinator
Bags of Hope Coordinator
Sharon Bond 814-450-7748



There are free 2025 calendars and Advent Devotional Booklets available now. Get yours today. They are available by the church entrances. Have a Blessed Advent!

ADVENT PROJECT 2024

ATTENTION ALL children from Sacred Heart, St. Joseph/Bread of Life and St. Paul churches. The 2024 advent project will begin on **December 1**. Pick up your weekly project in the back of each church after Mass every week. Celebrate Advent with each week's creative activity!

Christmas Angels are back at Sacred Heart

Our anticipated number of children who are in need of the Christmas Angels support has grown to 95! These are all under the age of 17 and reflect the increased need of our food pantry families. Please consider giving a gift--no amount is too small. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's and JC Penny are very much appreciated. Monetary gifts of cash or check are also appreciated. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked Christmas Angels and placed in the collection basket, mailed to the Parish office or dropped off at the rectory. Please pray for the success of the Christmas Angels.

Remember: We--not our building--are the church!

Thank you in advance and God Bless!!

WE NEED COOKIE BAKERS:

We would like to serve homemade cookies at Light Up For Christ. So if you have some homemade cookies looking for a home, or you want to bake a batch for our event, the Knights of Columbus would be grateful for the donation. DROP OFF: Sacred Heart auditorium during the day November 30th or after Mass on December 1st. Thank you so much and see you at Light Up for Christ on December 1.



Making Christmas better for Families in our Community

Sacred Heart Church-**Christmas Angels** Gift Card Donations
Benefitting Sacred Heart Food Pantry families
St. Joseph/Bread of Life-**Operation Assisting Santa**
Supporting the Erie VA -Veterans and families in need
St. Paul Church **Christmas Wishes Giving Tree**
Providing a better Christmas for the SSJNN Children's Activity and Tutoring Program



Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Paul: SSJ Neighborhood Network Sleigh

All donations will be given to those who attend the St. Paul Soup Kitchen served every Monday Night at St. Paul Center

Wish List: \$10 gift cards to Country Fair, Dollar Tree or Walmart. Bath towels / washcloths, Full size Blankets, Hygiene items - including the 3-in-1 body wash/shampoo and other items that can fit in a gallon Ziploc bag (often we have received enough for almost every adult to get a hygiene bag)

For the children: Kid kits - slime making kits, jewelry kits, etc., Slippers. Themed hat/glove sets, Kid blanket/pillow. Small bags of candy to give to all Soup Kitchen attendees.

Pick up a shopping list is the vestibule of the church.

All items should come unwrapped. Just drop off in the bins in the back of church by December 11th and we are so grateful for your support. If you have any questions, please call Jean in the Church office at 814-452-2982.

THANKSGIVING MASS TIME

Start off your Thanksgiving Day with Mass!

Time: 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Bring your family and join us before football, family, and feasting!

Church office will be closed on November 28th and 29th.

Thank You



Ministry Schedule: November 30/December 1

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

LECTOR: Roy Sambuchino

EMs: Lew Nordin, Kathie Iarussi, Mary May



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

Lit of the Word with Children: Tom & Mary Lee

LECTOR: Joyce Sral

EMs: Team 3 COUNTERS: Team 4

Sacred Heart Cleaning Team-12/7

TEAM 5-Jay and Earl Mittelmeier

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

Altar Servers: Alexander Bara-Zewe, Michael Brown, Emma & Tyler Frank

Lector: Bill Smith

EMs: Bread-Deacon Tony, Cathy Geiger

Cup-Mike Giannamore, Debbie Henderson

Ushers: Chuck Swantek, Ed Root, Peter Frezza, Al DeLuca

Greeters: Donna Snippet, Patty Jarrett, Dawn Schaaf, Mark Zink

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

SAINT PAUL CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

benefits Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network's Children -The Tree is located in the back of St. Paul Church and it has tickets on it.

-On each ticket is a child's first name, age, and gender.

-We ask you to take a ticket, purchase gifts for the child and place them under the tree OR

bring them to St. Joseph Rectory on or before December 11.

-We suggest that you purchase 2 gifts (1 article of clothing and 1 toy) Keep the total cost under \$50.

-If you choose, you may give a cash donation by placing it in the offertory or send it to St. Joseph Church at 147 West 24th St, Erie, PA 16502 ATTN: St. Paul Christmas Wish Tree

If you have any questions, please contact

Deacon Tony at 814-452-2982

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Holiday Feast

Sacred Heart KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Holiday Feast

Tickets are FOR SALE!

The first HOLIDAY FEAST drawing is November 25, 2024 and the second drawing is December 16. The Knights ask you to keep selling and buying tickets. Still just \$1 and more tickets are available at the rectory. The prize is the same~\$250 gift card from the Parish, and \$50 to the seller. Thanks to you and this raffle, needy families of all three churches will have a happier holiday season.

Faith Formation

Clint Badowski
faithformation@stjoesbol.org



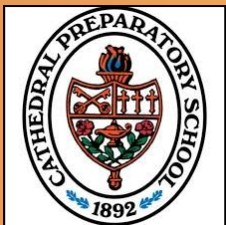
"Please join us in congratulating Ella Garofalo and Olivia Garofalo on receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation this past Sunday. These two girls were glowing with clean souls after receiving forgiveness from Christ for their sins!"



These students made the honor roll from St Joseph BOL

2nd honors

Michael Brown Jr.
Lily Gallagher
Sarah Lathan
Jared Montagna



Keep up the good work!!

Congratulations!!

Deacon Dabblings

THE MASS IS ENDED, GO IN PEACE

Growing up on 16th and Cherry, my parish was St. Paul's. I would walk to church and if I wasn't altar serving, I would sit with my parents and anxiously wait to hear the words, "Ite, Missa est." I heard these words, and it is my cue to bolt out the door, race down to either Majestic or International bakeries to pick up two loaves of that freshly baked, hot Italian bread. It had to be two loaves because by the time I got home, half of one loaf was eaten and the other half would be used for quality control, i.e., dip it in the sauce while it was cooking. Ite, Missa, est was Latin for, "It is over! You are free to leave," or since Vatican II, at the end of Masse we hear something similar to, "The Mass is ended, go in peace."

Remember when our biggest question was, "What is the bare minimum of attendance for the Mass to count toward the fulfillment of our Sunday obligation? Questions like: How late can you arrive and still fulfill the obligation? The general consensus was just before the Gospel. How early can you leave and still fulfill your obligation. The answer to that was after post Communion prayer, about 10 minutes before Mass ends. Were these really rules that the Church enacted? Of course not, besides, the Church frowns upon tardiness or skipping out early. And those that thought that these were unwritten rules of the Church would try to stretch the margin for error and arrive just before the collection and leave just after receiving Communion. In this case, instead of being a Mass of the Faithful, it would become a Mass of the Lazy Heathen. Of course, emergencies can happen but trying to be the first one out of the parking lot or racing out to get to the bakery while the bread is just coming out of the oven are not among what you would consider emergencies.

Most of us have probably done it at least once or twice. We make a beeline for the door with our heads down after receiving communion because we have something important to do and we hope the priest won't notice. Here are some reasons while I feel that it is important to stay until the dismissal. Besides the fact that I am a deacon and if I leave the Sanctuary early, Father Steve will chase after me. Seriously though, Communion Is About Communing. When we receive Communion, we receive Jesus himself. When we eat and run it is like visiting a friend and the moment he is present to us we jump up and run out the door yelling, "It was so great to spend time with you, see you next week!" Another reason is that Mass is not an activity on a to-do list. When people run out of Mass early, it seems like they are checking off an activity on their to-do list and want to be done with it. Attending Mass is not something on a to-do list. It is an invitation to be in relationship with God. A third reason is that the final blessing is important. Blessings are precious. When a priest, who by his ordination is configured to Christ, gives his final blessing, we are being blessed by Jesus himself. If Jesus were standing ready to give us a blessing before we left Mass and went back out into the world, wouldn't you forego the hot Italian bread and wait for it? I know I probably would!

Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony

Marriage Moment:

Thanksgiving week in USA: Whether or not you travel over Thanksgiving, remember those who can't afford a plane ticket, gas, or even a pair of shoes, or worse – don't have a loved one with whom to share the day. Our bounty is not deserved, but a gift.

Give some of it away.