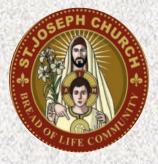
Welcome to our Parish



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

February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pove the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

- Mark 12:30

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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+ February 9, 2025 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SOUND AND FURY: The bishop's annual fundraising drive, the Catholic Services Appeal, will be kicking off for 2025 in a month or so. The monies you donate serve a wide variety of purposes, from the education of our seminarians to the support of the Church's social service activities. It's a well-run appeal, and we can be confident that the bishop and his staff are using these funds wisely. Like many of you, I contribute to the CSA as well. In fact, I've decided to make my pledge for this year at \$2,500. We are definitely moving forward together as partnered parishes, but remember that Sacred Heart (St. Paul) and St. Joseph Bread of Life each maintain their own financial holdings. Certainly, we share a lot of expenses - salaries, employee benefits, faith formation, and the like – but the CSA donations are kept in the separate accounts of each parish. Our "parish goal," though, is a united one. I think it's an important and exciting one, as well. Once we've paid off our CSA assessments, we are going to use any additional funds that are donated to upgrade the sound systems at all three churches! Scripture tells us that faith comes through hearing, and we want each of you to hear clearly and well when you come to church. JB Sound, an excellent Erie firm, has already toured all three of our churches. In fact, they are beginning to do the work that will upgrade our systems. I'm super anxious to see this project reach fulfillment. I'll keep you informed.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE: I understand and appreciate that you – the good people of our parish family – don't do the beautiful things you do in order to receive thanks and praise. Sometimes, though, I just have to offer some shout outs. Here are a couple: (1) Donna Carlino and Steve Henderson, our finance council chairs, have been going above and beyond in their work for our parishes. As you might imagine, the financial worklist for merging and partnering parishes is an extensive one. Additionally, there are human resource details to be worked out, maintenance issues to be addressed, and on and on. All the finance council members are doing great work on these things. Steve and Donna are leading that effort. Thank you! (2) Fr. Simmons and I are eating well! There is now a whole team of chefs that are feeding us on a weekly basis. We appreciate you so much! From chili to meat entrees to lasagna, we are very much enjoying the fruits of your culinary endeavors. Thank you all!

DEVELOPING CLARITY: I have not mentioned the Parish Leadership Team (Alleruzzo, Jennings, Malthaner, McDaid, Schreiber) in a while, but we continue to meet weekly for prayer, life sharing, and vital parish vision work. This week, we participated in an off-site, day-long clarity development session with Nate Schaaf, our *Amazing Parish* coach (he is based in Colorado). Nate is great. He works with me, individually, and he works with our PLT as a group. As our leadership and organizational health coach, he pushes us to be better leaders, and most importantly, better disciples of Christ. I plan to share the fruits of our day with Nate in next weekend's bulletin.

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, February 10 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph Saint Scholastica

+Tina Malone (Paul & Sally Iesue)

Tuesday, February 11 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph *Our Lady of the Lourdes*

+Elizabeth Lang (Bud & Mary Penguite)

Wednesday, February 12 / 6:00 pm, St. Joseph Weekday

+Jack Fischer (Darleen & David Wilkinson)

Thursday, February 13 / 7:00 am, St Joseph Weekday

+Ron Snippert (Belle Chylinski)

Friday, February 14 / 7:00 am, St. Joseph Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius

+Lola DiPlacido (Barb Jackson & Family)

Saturday, February 15 / 4:00 pm at St. Paul Weekday

+Robert DeMarco (The Mong Family)

Sunday, February 16 / 8:45 am Sacred Heart Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +James Ronan (Erie County Extension Family)

Sunday, February 16 / 10:45 am St Joseph BOL +Living & Deceased Members of the Parishes



This week the Church Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of: (SJ) Ron Snippert from Sherry D'Amico (SH) Cindy Ohlrich from Mike, Carrie, Emilee & Maddie (SP) Lucio & Dolores Zero from son David Zero Adoration Chapel: Silvio Scavella from Friends and Family

God Hears Our Prayers

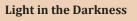
Please Pray For the Following: Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Peace—Becky, Scott Peace/Acceptance—Isiah, Keith

Healing—Dillon, Marie, Ann, James, Thomas, Mary, Lara

Birthday Blessings—Annet

2 Special Intentions



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 <u>60+</u> 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(X2), 12 PM, 1 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM

Tuesday: 2 AM(X2), 3 AM, 4 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 11 PM

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

SAVE THE DATE: **Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner**

March 9, 2025

50/50 tickets



Dear Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers & Lectors:

Please check in on the schedule in the vestibule of church when you arrive. It helps our sacristans know that you are here for your scheduled Sunday.



Thank vou!

Gift Bearers Needed

Now that all three churches are bringing the gifts of Bread and Wine to the altar during Mass, we need volunteers to help with this part of the liturgy. We have

a schedule in the vestibule to sign up for any available Sundays, or ask an usher for help.

Thank you!



ST. JOSEPH BREAD OF LIFE OFFERINGS

<u>January 26, 2025</u>		
OFFERTORY—	\$ 1,615.00	
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TOTAL—	\$ 3,779.00	
WEEKLY EXPENSES —	\$ 9,197.00	



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Sacred Heart / St. Paul Offerings

<u> January 26, 2025</u>

Offertory:	\$ 3,620.03
Weekly Expenses	\$ 7,498.00

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





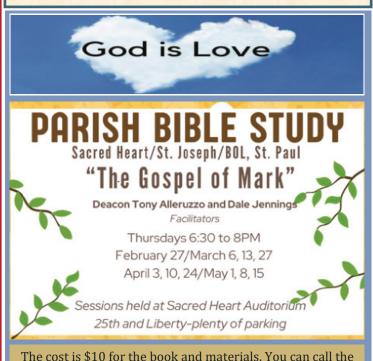
Kinship Korner Bags of Hope

This ministry lives out our Catholic value of caring for the poor by creating bags that

are filled with personal care items and seasonal clothing which are distributed through partners such as St. Pat's Haven, the overnight shelter for men, and Community of Caring which serves men and women who are chronically homeless by providing shelter, meals, and case management services. Clothing that was quarantined in the Sacred Heat gym during asbestos testing has been moved to and sorted in St. Andrew's Annex. During the sorting process, the mother and father of a family of 8 from the Republic of Congo were brought to the annex for basic winter clothing by an individual from St. Andrew's. They were able to secure anything they were currently lacking in clothing and were also provided with toys from Refugee Resettlement. 5 large bags were also filled with men's and women's outdoor winter wear, pants, fleece tops, sweaters, sweatshirts, socks, shoes, and personal care items and delivered to Community of Caring. Thanks to Mary Temple's "Sew What" group, we were also able to provide many sturdy tote bags as well as double fleece mittens and hoods.

Recently, St. Pat's Haven received "Sew What" tote bags filled with personal care items, socks, a few pair of boots, outdoor winter items, jeans, sweatshirts, and sweaters. This assistance to people in need in our community is only possible because of your continued support of the ministry. The current need for both of these agencies is for men's and women's <u>new</u> underwear-panties, briefs, or boxers of all sizes. These items can be placed in the storage totes marked Kinship in the entryways of SPs or SJ/BOL or in the box located under the Holy Family statue at SH.

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



he cost is \$10 for the book and materials. You can call th office for more information at 814-452-2982

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-

Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as "a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet." One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really listen to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit <u>www.eriercd.org/childprotection/</u>

Knights of Columbus



SACRED HEART Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight, Mike Groszkiewicz Meetings 2nd Monday of the month. NEXT MEETING-2/10 at 6:30 pm in the SH Audi

The Knights of Columbus supporting FAITH/ FAMILY/ COMMUNITY/ LIFE Apply on-line to receive all the benefits of membership. Visit KofC.org/Join.



SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

All ladies of Sacred Heart, St. Paul, and St. Joseph/BOL are invited to join in Next Meeting- Wednesday Feb 12 at 6PM in Sacred Heart Auditorium (25th & Liberty)

We begin with Rosary and Prayer Business Meeting and hospitality February Topic: Spaghetti Dinner March 9th SPEAKER: Fr. Steve Schreiber

Come Worship with Us....

READINES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025

SUNDAY: IS 6:1-2a, 3-8/PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1C)/1 COF 15:1-11 OF 15:3-8, 11/LK 5:1-11 MONDAY: GN 1:1-19/PS 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35C//MK 6:53-56 TUESDAY: GN 1:20-2:4a/PS 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/MK 7:1-13 WEDNESDAY: GN 2:4B-9, 15-17/PS 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29BC-30/MK 7:14-23 THUFSDAY: GN 2:18-25/PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/MK 7:24-30 FFIDAY: GN 3:1-8/PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/MK 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/PS 90:2, 3-4aBC, 5-6, 12-13/MK 8:1-10

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus asked Simon to begin by 'going a short distance.' Later, he encouraged Simon to 'go into deeper water.' Similarly, the first step toward reconciliation is often a small one, which gives us the courage to venture further 'into deeper water.' Reconciliation begins with that initial short step!



Beatin the Winter Blues

The Polish Falcons Nest 123, 602 East 19th St., will be hosting a *Beatin the Winter Blues* event on Saturday, Feb. 22. Doors open at 4 p.m. and music provided by the Blues Beaters will be performed from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include: food, beer and pop. Cash bar also available. Proceeds benefit the St. Stanislaus Parish. For ticket information, please contact

Val: 814-636-9184 or text Chris: 814-572-1276.



"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Happy Feast Day of Saint Valentine!

Faith Formation Clint Badowski faithformation@stjoesbol.org



"This past weekend our Religious Education program participated in another Religious Education Mass at Sacred Heart. The youth followed that up with a service project. The confirmation students helped the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus with their pancake breakfast and the rest of the youth made encouraging cards for the Kairos Ministry. Keep up the great work everyone!"











Deacon Dabblings

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING? SIT DOWN!

Growing up pre-Vatican II, I attended Mass at St. Paul celebrated in Latin. Growing up on 16th and Cherry, I had the privilege and the terror of attending Mass and serving as an altar boy for Msgr. Marino. The good Msgr. was an enigma, a bit of a mystery in that you never knew what he was really thinking, or what his motives for doing things were. For example, our organist, Frieda Miller, would be playing the Communion song on the organ and if she went too far beyond the distribution of the Eucharist, he would yell up to the choir loft, "Hey Frieda, enough already, shut it down!" In the confessional, you would pray that everyone waiting their turn was deaf because he would repeat what you said in a loud voice to make sure that he understood you. But perhaps the biggest offence that would set him off was to leave before the final blessing and dismissal. There were many times that I would cringe in my cassock and surplus, waiting for the reprimand to be hurled at the poor soul or souls that tried to leave early.

You might think, what's the big deal, after all, I come to Mass put a couple of bucks in the basket, and go to Communion, isn't that enough? Circumstances happen that it might be necessary to leave Mass before the final dismissal but trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot or meeting friends at a restaurant at a certain time, is not among them. Why is it important to stick it out through the final blessing?

The Mass ends with one of four formulas for dismissal, "Go in peace, or Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life, or Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, or Go forth the Mass is ended." And we respond, "Thanks be to God." We're not saying "Thanks be to God" because it's over. We're saying it because of everything we have received. And there is a reason that there are formulas for dismissal. The first, "Go in peace," means much more than to leave with a good feeling. It means that we leave church with the intention of making peace happen in our personal lives and in what happens around us. We also may proclaim, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." We are challenged to go out and imitate Christ in how we treat one another and how we live our lives. The formula that challenges us with "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," the clergy have done their part, offered the sacrifice, and led the worship of God. Now it is up to the parish community to do what we were truly created to do, to love God with our whole hearts, mind, and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Finally, "Go forth, the Mass has ended," is not thanking God that Mass is over, as relieved parents of a two-year-old who just made it through the liturgy with Cheerios, picture books, and a minimum of trips to the bathroom might be inclined to do, we are thanking God for the faith that brought us to the Mass and for all those with whom we have shared that faith, from the saints to our deceased loved ones, all of whom we have remembered in the Mass. Each dismissal has meaning and our staying through the dismissal is an affirmation that we will take Christ's teachings outside the four walls of the Church.

This issue of Deacon Dabblings has ended, go in peace and line the bottom of the birdcage with it.

> Peace of Christ, Deacon Tony



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