

# St. Joseph Church

September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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[www.stjosephdyer.org](http://www.stjosephdyer.org)



## Vision

Enthusiasm and Love of God and Neighbor to inspire and encourage interpersonal relationships in the St. Joseph Faith Community in order that an atmosphere of sharing our faith, time, talent, treasure and hospitality will expand the Kingdom of God.

## Prayer

God of all peoples, how blessed we are to gather in faith at Eucharist, for it is in Your Word and Sacrament that we discover that we are the Community called the Body of Christ.

Our St. Joseph Parish Vision is filled with enthusiasm for loving God and neighbor because Your Kingdom expands, Creator Father, in an atmosphere of interpersonal relationships.

May we the members of St. Joseph Parish continue to grow in faith during our Pastoral Planning Process, so that our Parish Vision will be fulfilled as we discover that as parish we are Community in Christ.  
Amen.

## Welcome, New Parishioners

Please register by calling or stopping in the parish office.

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Parish Telephones

Parish Office:..... 865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Michael the Archangel) ..... 322-3077

## Staff Directory

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

### Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

## Sacramental Life

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

12:00 Noon.

Arrangements must be made previously.

Instruction class for parents required.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

Call the office any time.

## Knights of Columbus

**Grand Knight:** Steve Costa 219-365-4204

## Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



**Monday, September 7, Weekday**

9:00 AM Sharon Chadwick

**Tuesday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Michelle Berchman

**Wednesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, September 10, Weekday**

9:00 AM David A. Nowakowski

**Friday, September 11, Weekday**

9:00 AM For All Priests

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 12, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Joseph David

**Sunday, September 13, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the David Piekarczyk Family

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

6:00 PM Patrick John

Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)**

Is pleased to announce that we will proceed with Virtual Weekends starting in October 2020.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will come to you!

A virtual marriage encounter. RESTORE communication, REKINDLE romance, and RENEW commitment.

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 2020 at 7:00pm

For more information or to apply go to:

[www.wwme-Chicagoland.org](http://www.wwme-Chicagoland.org)

Or call 630-577-0778

**Catholic Services Appeal**

Many thanks to the following parishioners who pledged/paid to this year's CSA Appeal:

Deacon Gary/Susan Blue, Peter/Diana

Kesheimer, Mary Nero, Paul/Maureen Huizenga, Susan Vismek, and James/Nancy Bathurst.

As of August 31st, we now have \$70,555.00 in pledges and payments. Our goal is \$35,435.00. Last years CSA Appeal brought in over \$65,000.00 past our goal. Can we do this again? Can we surpass? Please prayerfully consider a pledge this year.



**Partners in Christ's Work**

The programs, services and ministries supported by CSA serve the needs of others in the Diocese of Gary and throughout the Universal Church. Your gift reflects your commitment to join others as "Partners in Christ's Work." Thank you for your generosity.

**"St. Joseph, Dyer, Helping Hands Food Pantry..."**

**"Drive-In & Drop-Off, No Contact Food Drive".**

We will be collecting Canned Goods & Non-perishable Food Items in our Parish Parking Lot on Wednesday, Sept. 9th (5-7pm) and Saturday, Sept. 12th (9-11am). Please help us help others."

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**Christ Is Present.** The readings today lay out our duty to dissuade the wicked from their ways (Ezekiel); to not harden our hearts (Psalm); to love, love, love (Romans); and to lead sisters and brothers out of sin (Matthew). Important. Necessary. Baptismal duty. But let the last gospel sentence become our guide this week: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.” Christ is always present. Christ is surely with us now in the liturgy, in Communion, in all the sacraments, in his word proclaimed, in the praying and singing Church—and in this pandemic. As few as two or three of us assures his presence.

- What is God saying to me about un-hardening my heart?
- Let me read a Bible passage each day this week, either reprising the Sunday readings or using this week’s gospels of Luke 7 and 8. What is Christ saying to me each day?
- With whom can I gather, even if kept from the church building, to sing God’s praise?

## A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

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## Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 29th & 30th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount**

**Collected: \$4558.24**

**Charity: \$37.00**

**Religious Education: \$20.00**

**Website Maintenance: \$30.00**

**Assumption: \$10.00**

**Food Pantry: \$40.00**

**50/50 Raffle: \$85.00**

## Grace to Consider the Call

Lord Jesus, just as You called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, so may You continue to make Your sweet call heard today: “Come, follow me.”

Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labors. Let our seminarians persevere, along with all who are achieving the ideal of a life totally devoted to Your service.

Reawaken in our communities the missionary commitment Lord, send laborers into Your harvest and do not let mankind go astray because there are not enough pastors, missionaries and others vowed to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, model for every vocation, help us to answer “YES” to the Lord who calls us to collaborate in the divine plan of salvation.

Amen.

*St. Pope John Paul II*



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Monday, September 7**

Parish Office closed

**Tuesday, September 8**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing

**Thursday, September 10**

6:30pm—Family Rosary

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

Next weekend is the second weekend of the month. As in the past, this would be the weekend we take up a second collection for the Food Pantry and also invite you to bring groceries to help restock our shelves. Our Food Pantry could use your help. You can bring any groceries into the main vestibule of the church. Many thanks for all that you do.

**SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)****September 9**

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream,” and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: “We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures” (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver’s enduring witness.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle****The Number Drawn on****August 25th****Was # 87**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$520.00**  
(This amount will be added to next week)

Drawings will be held every  
Tuesday at 9:45am  
in the Gathering Room

All registered members of St. Joseph Parish are eligible for the 50/50 raffle. **YOU MUST USE 2 SEPARATE ENVELOPES FOR THE CURRENT WEEK EVEN IF YOU ARE A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC, HOMEBOUND OR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTOR. ALL CONTRIBUTORS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY MUST MAKE THEIR SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND INDICATING ON EACH SUBSEQUENT WEEKLY ENVELOPE THAT IS PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET THAT YOU ARE EITHER A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC OR HOMEBOUND CONTRIBUTOR.**

You must use your current weekly treasure envelope with your sacrificial amount and the preprinted 50/50 envelope found in the pews with EXACTLY \$5.00. If you are paying by check, you must use **2 checks**, one for the weekly treasure made out to St. Joseph Church and the other check for \$5.00 for the 50/50 raffle made out to St. Joseph Church—50/50 Raffle.

The 50/50 raffle envelope is to be put in the collection along with your sacrificial weekly treasure envelope

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MATTHEW 18:20

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**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 12th & 13th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—  
8:00am—  
10:00am—  
6:00pm—

**Lectors**

4:30pm—  
8:00am—  
10:00am—  
6:00pm—

**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 12th & 13th**

**Cantors**

4:30pm—  
8:00am—  
10:00am—  
6:00pm—



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“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— *Matthew 18:19*

**LABOR**

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland

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