

St. Joseph Church

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

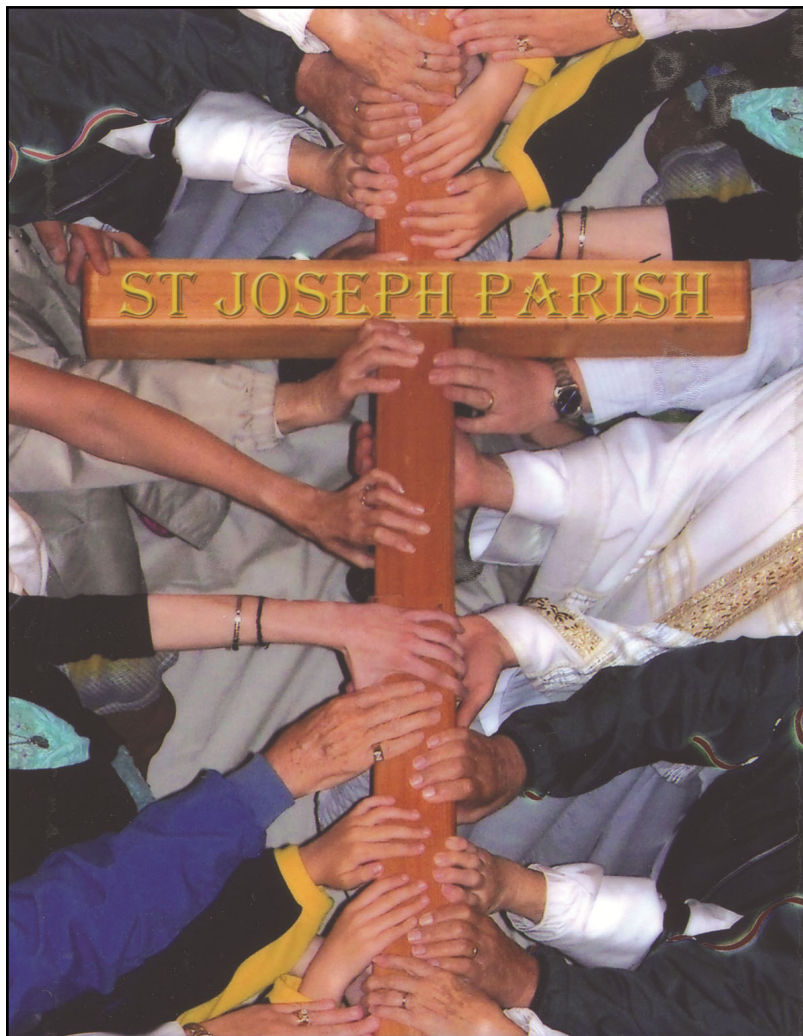
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Rev. Mr. Gary Blue, Deacon



**GATHERING IN FAITH,
DISCOVERING COMMUNITY**

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

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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.



Monday, December 4, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Larry & Mary DeBoer

Tuesday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Scott DeBoer Family

Wednesday, December 6, Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 7, St. Ambrose

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Wayne Gallenberger Family

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Thursday, December 7, Vigil: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00pm Victor & Marjorie Banter Family

Friday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Paul Graegin

7:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lee Klausman Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

Sunday, December 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Mike Klausman

6:00 PM For All The Departed Souls
Celebrant: Fr. Ron Zgunda



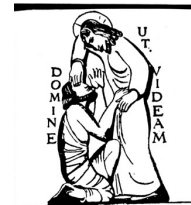
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Friday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation.

We will have a vigil mass on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00pm and there will be a 9:00am Mass and a 7:00pm Mass on Friday, December 8th.

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers for all the masses.

Please call the parish office, 865-2271 or email paty.office@stjosephdyer.org to volunteer.



You Are Invited!

Fr. Ted Mauch will be celebrating Mass with an Anointing Service at St. Maria Goretti Church,. 500 Northgate Drive in Dyer on December 4th at 10:30am .

Anyone from our parish is cordially invited to attend. A light lunch at Casa Maria Hall will follow.

Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art committee will have a special challenge with Christmas decorating this year. The 4th Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 24th. We will need all hands on deck to transform our church and to give glory to God! We will be decorating:

Thursday, December 21st at 6pm until ???

Friday, December 22nd at 6pm until???

Sunday, December 24th after the 10am Mass—must finish by 4pm!!!

There are many opportunities to participate and times to fit the busy holiday season. Bring your ladders, tools and please ask your families and friends to also come to share in the fellowship. There are jobs for everyone—we need “decoration fluffers” and “light untanglers”. If you have a hard time getting around. Your stewardship makes this a very happy and enjoyable experience. The presence of Jesus in our midst really fills your heart with joy! Please mark your calendars now so you will be able to come.



First Sunday of Advent

Standing watch. Always ready.

We are challenged not to slide easily into this new liturgical year. We must be on guard. We must be ready to act in the ways Saint Matthew laid out last Sunday (Matthew 25:1-13). Simply stated, Christ the King says heaven-worthy acts are works of mercy. These spiritual and corporal works offer needed guidance for weekly behavior.

- ♦ What work of mercy needs doing?
- ♦ What will I do this week to work on it?
- ♦ How can I engage others to help?

Corporal Works of Mercy—Feed the hungry—Give drink to the thirsty—Shelter the homeless—Clothe the naked—Visit the sick—Visit the prisoners—Bury the dead—Give alms to the poor—Care of our Common Home

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counseling the doubtful—Instructing the ignorant—Admonishing the sinner—Comforting the sorrowful—Forgiving injuries—Bearing wrongs patiently—Praying for the living and the dead—Caring for our Common Home

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8, 2017

Blessed in Christ. Just like Mary, each of us is chosen in Christ, is adopted as daughter or son for a life filled with grace. Let us strive to be sinless in the works we do.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 18th & 19th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$5311.00

Christmas: \$75.00

Religious Education: \$20.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$1044.56

Food Pantry: \$190.00

Christmas Flowers: \$5.00

Immaculate Conception: \$15.00

All Saints: \$5.00

50/50 Raffle: \$185.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 25th & 26th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$4616.65

Charity: \$290.00

Religious Education: \$10.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Christmas: \$5.00

Christmas Flowers: \$15.00

50/50 Raffle: \$205.00

March for Life Chicago

Please save the date to join thousands at the March for Life Chicago on Sunday, January 14, 2018 to standup, protect and celebrate LIFE! Our bishop, Donald Hying will be celebrating a pro-life kickoff Mass at Nativity in Portage at 11:00am and will be a featured guest speaker at the rally/march in Chicago at 2:00pm. The NWI Pro-Life Coalition will be offering a free bus trip and lunch from Nativity (details will be coming soon) and encourages other parishes or groups to organize their own trip or join us. For details about the March for Life Chicago, visit www.MarchForLifeChicago.com.

Happy People

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

—Anonymous

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 4**

10:30am— Mass with Anointing of the Sick
at St. Maria Goretti

Tuesday, December 5

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education
Classes

Thursday, December 7

6:00-7:00pm—Exposition, Rosary,
Benediction

7:00pm—Holyday Vigil Mass for
Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8

9:00am—Holyday Mass for Immaculate
Conception

7:00pm—Holyday Mass

Certified Nurse Assistant Wanted

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart are seeking a part-time day shift Certified Nurse Assistant in their assisted living center at 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL. Every other weekend, rotate holidays. Inquire and apply by calling Karen Hannon at 815-464-3860.

Munster Networking Group

The next Munster Networking Group at the St. Thomas More Weis Center will be Thursday, December 21 for those who find themselves looking for employment opportunities. The topic is Crafting Your Elevator Pitch.

We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

It is our desire that all people find the right employment.

Catholic Services Appeal

Many thanks to all who pledged and/or paid to the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal. A few new contributions came in: Sam & Gloriane Angellotti, Robert & Tamara Fredrickson, Anthony Maicher and Joseph & Katherine Perdue.

We now have \$92,710.10 in pledges. To obtain your total paid/pledge amount for 2017 taxes, please send in your payments: Catholic Service Appeal, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!!!

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 21st
Was # 129

The Winner Would Have Won \$185.00
(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, HOME-BOUND 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.

Seeking the Light Retreat

College students and young adults, give yourselves a gift: "Seeking the Light," a retreat day Jan. 6 at Calumet College in Whiting. Father Kevin Scalf, C.P.P.S. will lead participants through a variety of faith experiences centered around the Epiphany, bringing to life its meaning in our lives today. Retreat begins 9am and ends with 5pm mass celebrated by Bishop Hying. Cost: \$25. Consider giving this retreat as a Christmas gift. Register/info: seekingthelighretreat.org. Deadline: Dec. 22.

**Ministry Schedule
December 9th & 10th**

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki, Kudy Nowacki,
Isabelle Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork,
Volunteer Needed
6:00pm—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht,
Volunteer Needed

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O'Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Dolores Chavez
6:00pm—Tom Roach

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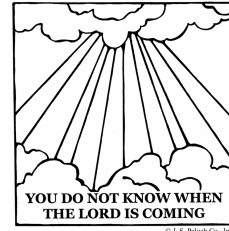
One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

**Ministry Schedule
December 9th & 10th**

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith, Russell Wells
8:00am—Joe Nowacki
10:00am—Dominic Rizzo, Mary Shutoski
6:00pm—Ian Gruver, Mary Howe



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Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— *Mark 13:33*

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