

St. Joseph Church

January 3, 2016

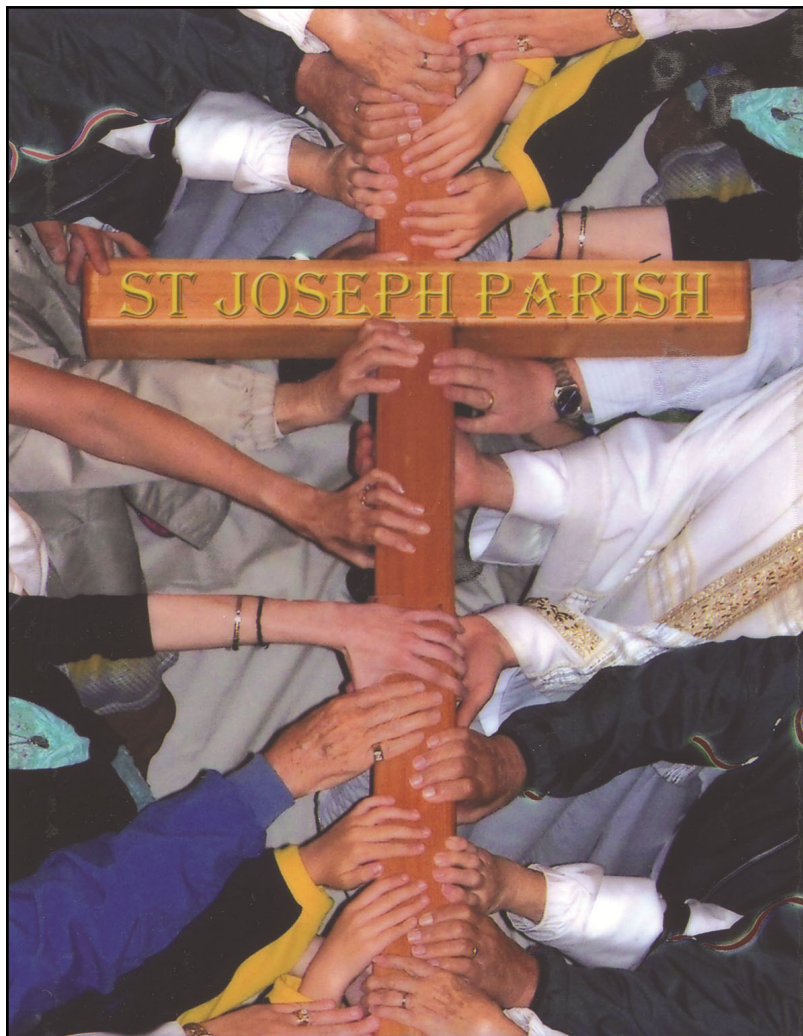
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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 with Father Terry in person. Please call the parish office, 865-2271 for an appointment.

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

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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 Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Ed Hebda 219-865-6922

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann

9:00 AM Joyce Adams

Wednesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Gerald Keilman

Friday, January 8, Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Jerry Magee Family

10:00 AM Tom & Betty Hilbrich

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

150th Parish Anniversary Update

The committee met on Monday, December 14th for a review of each committee's progression.

1. **New date for Celebration—Saturday, May 20, 2017 starting with 4:30pm mass** (with Bishop Don Hying) and continuing to Gathering Room for museum of artifacts and slide show. A potluck dinner will be in the gym after Mass. (still asking for artifacts, momentos, and photos during these 150 years.) Please bring to office or call 865-2271.
2. Start thinking what to make for our Potluck Dinner that evening. There will be sign-up sheets asking for main entrees, side dishes, desserts. (Put your thinking caps on)
3. We will be constructing a History Book of the past 150 years. To keep the selling cost to a reasonable amount, we will be asking for Companies or Individuals to take an ad to help offset the costs. More details to come after next meeting in March.
4. Entertainment is being investigated and will know more in our March meeting.

**Sunday Readings Reflections
of 1/10/2016**

Reading 1 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Today's reading might be called Jesus' theme song, even though it was written long before his birth. Known as one of the four "suffering Servant Songs" in the Old Testament, this reading describes someone who sounds exactly like Jesus. And Jesus himself quotes some of these lines from the prophet, who was probably describing Israel itself. By accepting his own suffering and remaining faithful to God, Israel could be "a light for the nations." For us, the reading is an inspiring portrait of Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who humbly brings justice, freedom, and peace to God's people.

Reading 2 Acts 10:34-38

Today the Roman centurian Cornelius and his fellow converts to Christianity are delighted to hear the apostle say that "God shows no partiality." Some of the early Jewish Christians believed that the good news of Jesus was intended only for the Jews. But Peter insisted that Jesus' mission was to all nations. He pointed to the Baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his ministry, the day when he was "anointed with the Holy Spirit and power."

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

We all want to be recognized for who we really are. Today's gospel reading describes that memorable day when Jesus had the joy of being recognized by John the Baptist and approved by God as "God's beloved Son." Although Jesus did not need to be baptized (since he was without sin), he wanted to identify himself as closely as possible with God's people.

Take a few minutes today to be thankful for your Baptism. Ask Jesus to help you recognize yourself more deeply as a beloved daughter or son of God.

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Pastor's Column

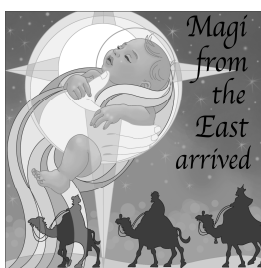
Dear Parishioners:

With a New Year almost upon us, a simple resolution would be to love God more faithfully and let it show it how we are more loving to our neighbors. At first reading that might seem so obvious but we tend to forget at times that the more lovingly faithful we are to God then inevitably we become more loving to our neighbors. Holy Oneness with Christ has a life-changing impact on our distorted views about our neighbors. The thought that God loves every person in the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” is a startling sacrament of Eucharist awareness that is proclaimed to us at every Mass. To eat the Body and Blood of Christ is to swallow God’s Love for all people. This is the cost of loving God deeply because then we can’t be selective about which neighbors we love.

It is true that we can love some people more easily than others until we get on the “Lamb of God” level of our Beloved Jesus. Here we notice that Jesus’ love for humanity is on the mercy and forgiveness level. And so more specifically, our New Year’s resolution ought to include something about treating people with more mercy and forgiveness. We cannot avoid this reconciling life-changing direction because it is God’s Will for us. Let us spend some time with “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” this New Year. Humbly admitting that we can only be faithful to God’s love for all people in Christ by loving God deeply is a simple and yet life-changing resolution for us as January approaches. This particular resolution continues to remind us that the core of being Jesus’ disciples is mercy and forgiveness.

In Christ’s Life-Changing Love,

Fr. Terry



Stewardship of Treasure Report
December 19th & 20th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$6317.77
Charity: \$20.00
Religious Education: \$16.00
Christmas: \$365.00
Christmas Flowers: \$82.00
Immaculate Conception: \$45.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$1385.77
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$145,625.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$7149.72)
Food Pantry: \$60.00
50/50 Raffle: \$245.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report
December 26th & 27th

**Due to Holiday Printing Schedule
 The Treasure Report**

**WILL BE PUBLISHED
 NEXT WEEKEND**

STMCareer Networking Group
 Thursday, January 21, 2016
 7:00-9:00pm
 Preparing For the Ineffable
 What Just Happened? Assess Your Job Skills
 Do Unto Others (be nice to everyone!) Keep the Faith
 At STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave..
 Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
 Free—Open to all

Dyer Chamber of Commerce

Let’s Boogie 70’s Style on Saturday, January 23rd at Casa Maria, 500 Northgate Dr. in Dyer from 6-11pm. DJ Jef Jarecki (from Main Event Music). Open Bar & Silent Auction. \$50/person. Tickets available at: Centier Bank, First Merchants Bank, Town Hall, Jethroe Smith DDS & Sandy

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 5

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education classes
in school

Thursday, January 7

7:00pm—Choir practice

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

"20 C M B 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar--although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names. The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 22nd
Was # 306

The Winner Would Have Won \$360.50
(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.



Ministry Schedule
January 9th & 10th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Mike Klausman, Sandy Riley
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Ministry Schedule
January 9th & 10th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Mary Shutoski
8:00am— Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Andrew & Kevin Huffman
6:00pm— Ian Gruver



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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature. --St. Peter Chrysologus

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