

# St. Joseph Church

January 4, 2015

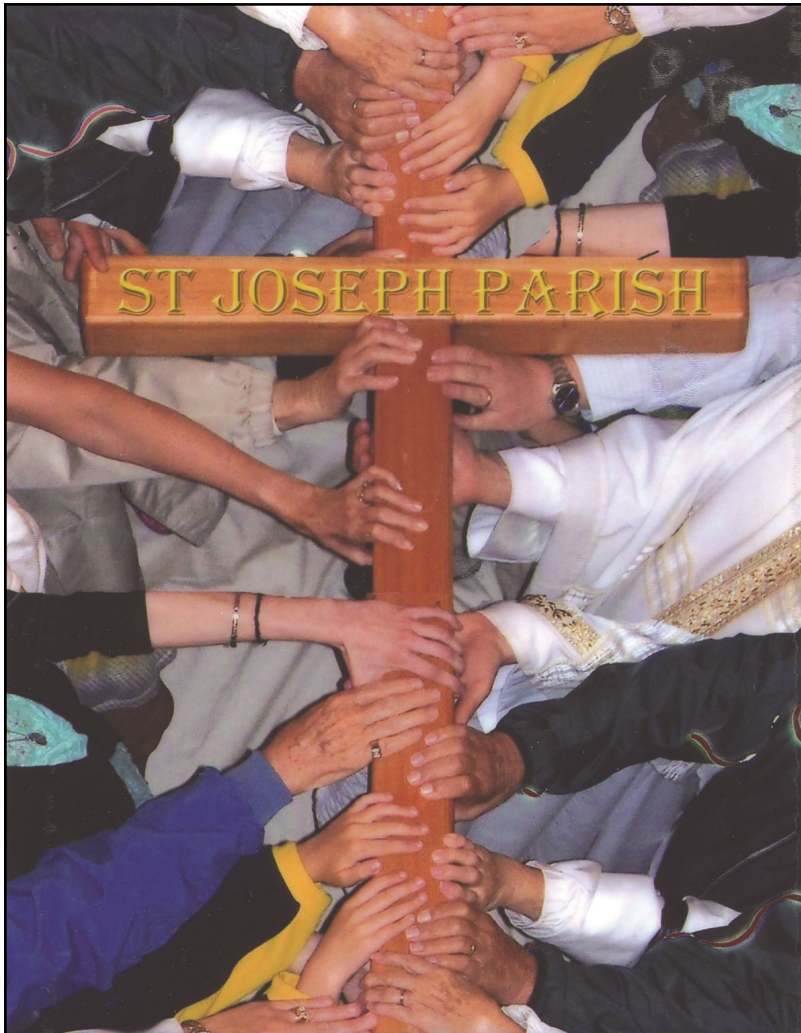
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.

## Parish Telephones

**Parish Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Email .....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

**Religious Education Office:** .....865-2355

Religious Education Fax .....865-3740

Email .....[yseweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:yseweaver@yahoo.com)

**DIRECTOR:** Yvonne Weaver

## 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 5, St. John Neumann**  
 9:00 AM Jacob & Helen Lerdinger

**Tuesday, January 6, Christmas Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

**Wednesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lillian Smith Family  
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, January 9, Christmas Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Norma Beiriger

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 10, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord.**  
 4:30 PM The Deceased Members of the Micheli Family

**Sunday, January 11, The Baptism of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM Autumn Dawn Koepl  
 10:00 AM Frank Kaczocha  
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Hospital & Nursing Home Visits**

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home. Also let us know if they would like their name published in the bulletin to be prayed for by the parishioners.

Thank You.

**MARKET DAY**

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for December. We earned \$147.53. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, January 21st.** The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church. The holidays are approaching. There are many easy food items to help you with your dinner menus.

**This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget. The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm.** If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

Please also note that Market Day has merged with GFS (Gordon Food Service). You are able to go to a GFS store and purchase some of Market Day items and mention St. Joseph Church in Dyer Indiana and we will received 5% back. You are also able to purchase any item from GFS, mention St. Joseph, and we will receive 1%.

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

There will be a second collection next weekend, January 10th & 11th for our Food Pantry. You are invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

**Offertory Envelopes**

Your parish envelopes are ready for pickup in the main vestibule. Your names are on the boxes and in alphabetical order. Please pick yours up today.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following Mount Carmel High School student who earned Honor Roll Status:  
 Nicholas Lemler

**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

Faith and God's instruction flow together in the mystery of daily life. Sometimes we try to set up prayer time/experience that foster God's instructive guidance. But have we not noticed that God instructs us and guides us while we tie our shoes, wash a wall or make a peanut butter sandwich. The point is that God's instruction to us is not constructed by our designated prayer time and techniques.

It would be helpful if we simply "floated" in silence in God's presence. Yes, silent prayer that simply keeps vigil to the Holy Spirit promptings within us. The blessed gift of silent prayer is that it is not a prayer time or technique—it simply is. Silent prayer is always with us and, thus, no matter what we are doing or not doing, the silent prayer provides a constant atmosphere of openness to God's instruction. Chances are we have been surprised many times in our lives already at how God instructs and guides us in many unique and unpredictable circumstances. Silent prayer heightens our attention to God every sacred moment which includes every moment of our lives. Prayer becomes less something to do and more something to be. What a spiritual relief!

Faith and prayer go together and a deepening faith will lead us to more silent prayer and more consistent awareness of God's instruction and guidance in the risen Spirit of Christ.

With you in the Faith Journey,

Fr. Terry

**Andrean High School**

Andrean High School is hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 from 6-8pm. Come meet the Andrean family! Administration, faculty and staff will be available for questions, and tours of the building will be given by our students. Please enter through entrance L in the back of the school. Any questions, please contact Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dawn Wojkovich @887-5281 ext. 228 or admissions@andreanhs.com.

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

December 20th & 21st

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5641.30**  
**Charity: \$40.00**  
**Religious Education: \$30.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$253.70)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$149,125.00**  
**Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$4955.23)**  
**Christmas: \$680.00**  
**Christmas Flowers: \$65.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$240.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$265.00**

**PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE**

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.  
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**The Holy Star**

Oh Father, may that holy star  
 Grow every year more bright  
 And send its glorious beams afar  
 To fill the world with light.  
 —William Cullen Bryant

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, January 6**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing  
 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious Education classes in school  
 6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious Education classes in school

**Thursday, January 8**

6:30pm—Family Rosary  
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

In today’s gospel the magi came to present their gifts to Jesus and to honor him. Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. February 13-15, 2015 or April 17-19,2015 or June 12-14, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://www.mechicicagoland.org>.



Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family: Eileen Bork, Nancy Hanck, Laura Hays, Dolores Kaczocho, Joe Kozlowski, Fran Lisac, Donna Maicher, Mark Maicher, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on 23rd  
 Was # 570

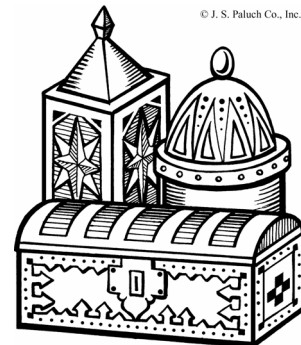
**The Winner Would Have Won \$773.00**  
 (This amount will be added to next week)

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 pre-printed 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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**Ministry Schedule**  
**January 10th & 11th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka  
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman, Ron Reichelt (choir)  
6:00pm—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak  
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am—Sheila Huffman, Bridget Cavanaugh  
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

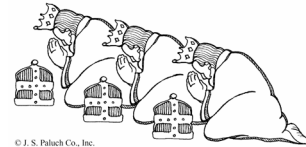
**Gentleness**

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.  
—J. Masai

**Ministry Schedule**  
**January 10th & 11th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Lillian Smith  
8:00am— Christopher & Jake Kline  
10:00am— Andrew & Kevin Huffman  
6:00pm— Ian Gruver



**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
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All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.  
— *Psalm 72:11*

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