

St. Joseph Church

January 5, 2014

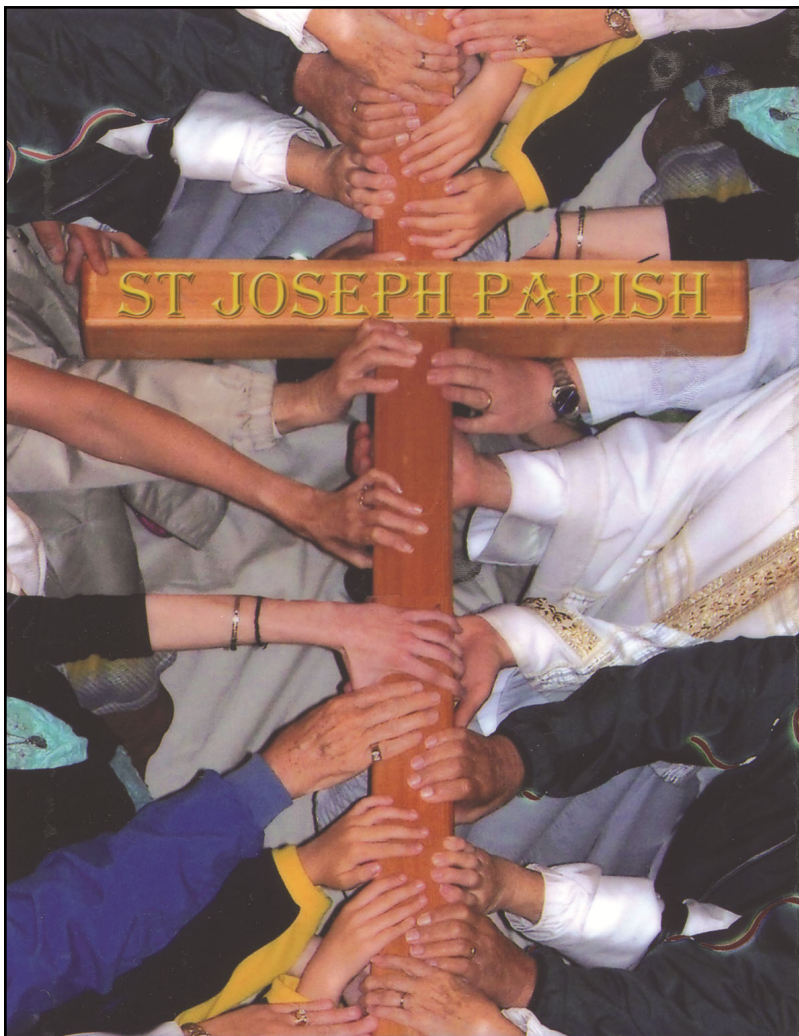
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

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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-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: Mike Kulik 708-906-6652

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, January 6, Christmas Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, January 7, Christmas Weekday
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

Wednesday, January 8, Christmas Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, January 9, Christmas Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, January 10, Christmas Weekday
 9:00 AM Stanley & Anna Kaczocha

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord
 4:30 PM The Deceased Members of the Huber & Paulson Families

Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 AM Autumn Dawn Koepf
 10:00 AM Germaine Wulf
 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.

Thank You.

No One's Enemy

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

—St. Eusebius of Vercilli

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for December. We earned approximately \$125.00. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our next Market Day will be on Wednesday, January 22nd. The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

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.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next week-end, January 11th & 12th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

Christmas Un-Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful of the stewardship response in the past and hope to see more participants this year. Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on Sunday, January 12th at 11:30am. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!



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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

I went to a rock concert way back and found the music played so loud that my ears were ringing for hours after the concert. I have learned from others with hearing difficulties that repeated loud noise can cause permanent hearing loss. Eric Clapton is one example of a rock star whose hearing has diminished over the years.

Be it loud music, factory noise, or hereditary factors, hearing loss is a hassle. However, whether our ears work right or not we can continue to be faithful “hearers” of God’s Word. After all, Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, born of Mary, to help us more faithfully “hear” God’s saving Word.

Sin points us to “hearing loss” when it comes to God’s Word because sin is like loud noise that can “ring in our faith ears” to the point of gradually “deafening” us to God’s wisdom and truth. To be “deaf” to God’s Word is our demise because we will end up making destructive choices.

Loud noise can cause hearing loss; ask Eric Clapton. Sin “noise” can cause “hearing God’s Word” loss. Neither hearing loss is desirable, but becoming “deaf” to God’s wisdom and truth is more serious because of it’s resulting loss of inner peace within the human heart.

Happy New Year in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 21st & 22nd

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4703.27

Children’s Collection: \$13.00

Charity: \$282.00

Christmas Flowers: \$15.00

Christmas: \$715.00

Food Pantry: \$50.00

50/50 Raffle: \$355.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on December 17th
Was #567**

**Karen & Ken Rybicki Won \$4040.50
The Number Drawn on December 27th**

Will be posted 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.

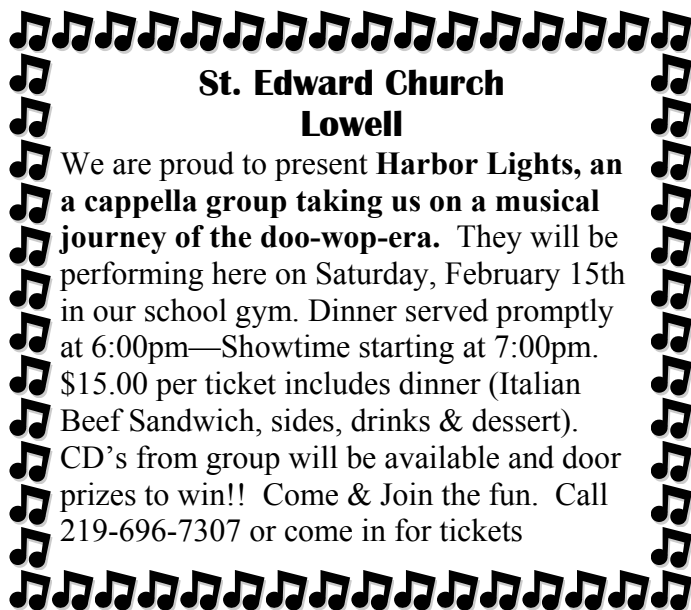
The 50/50 raffle envelope is to be put in the collection along with your sacrificial weekly treasure envelope.

**St. Edward Church
Lowell**

We are proud to present **Harbor Lights**, an a cappella group taking us on a musical journey of the doo-wop-era. They will be performing here on Saturday, February 15th in our school gym. Dinner served promptly at 6:00pm—Showtime starting at 7:00pm.

\$15.00 per ticket includes dinner (Italian Beef Sandwich, sides, drinks & dessert).

CD’s from group will be available and door prizes to win!! Come & Join the fun. Call 219-696-7307 or come in for tickets



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 6
7:00-9:00pm—Stewardship Meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 7
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 9
6:30pm—Family Rosary
7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, January 12
11:30am—Christmas Un-decorating in church

Contribution Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your contribution envelopes located in the main vestibule.

THE LIGHT OF FAITH

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or “wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God’s presence at the heart of our life’s journey.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Ministry Schedule
January 11th & 12th

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, Constance Peschel

Lectors

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

Fulfill Today

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule
January 11th & 12th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lillian Smith
8:00am— C. Kline, J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am— Megan Harding, Jessica Hearne
6:00pm— Brian Blue



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They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— *Matthew 2:11b*

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