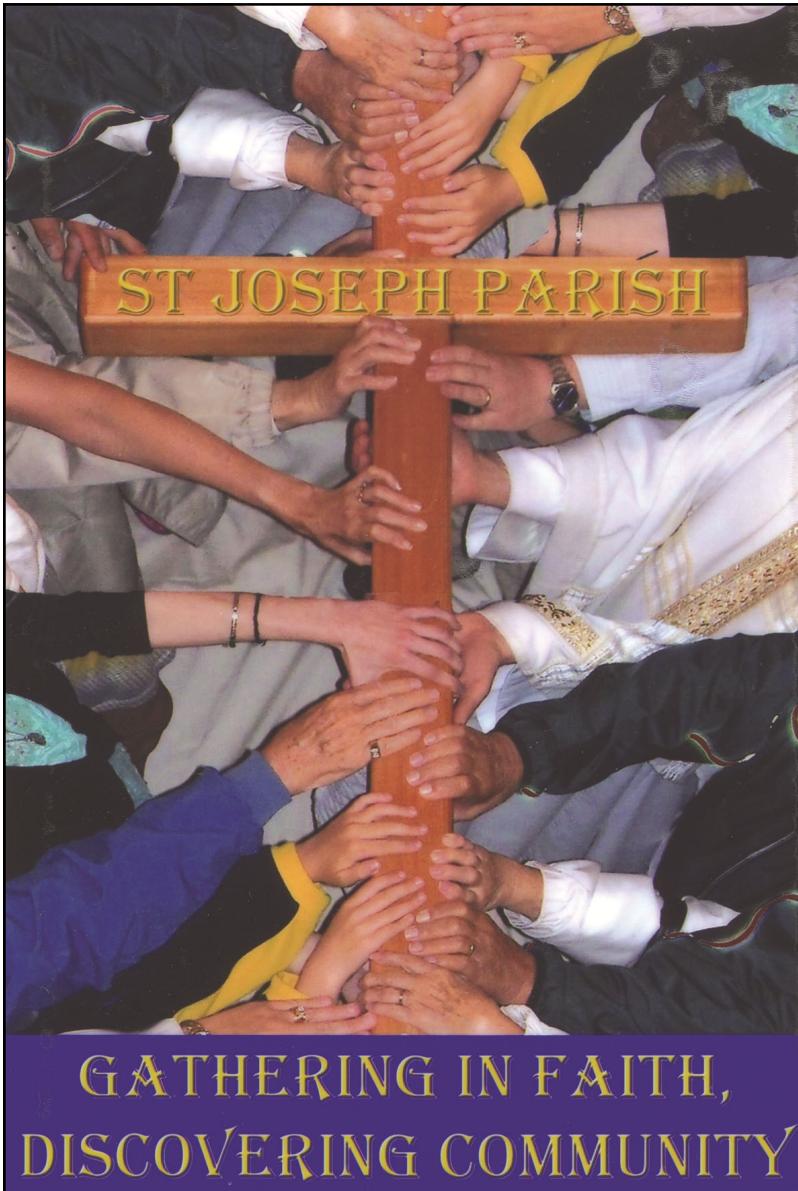


St. Joseph Church

January 8, 2017
The Epiphany of the Lord

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Rev. Ted J. Mauch, Administrator



**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, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Joseph Nowacki Family

Tuesday, January 10, Weekday
9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, January 11, Weekday
No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, January 12, Weekday
9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, January 13, Weekday
9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Frank Ziolkowski Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 PM Jane Nowacki

Sunday, January 15, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM The People of the Parish
10:00 AM Paul Graegin
6:00 PM Joseph Bacich
(celebrated by Fr. Ronald Zgunda)

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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Sunday Readings Reflections

1/15/2017

First Reading -- The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm -- Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading -- All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel -- John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

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Please welcome the following new families into our parish:

William & Jacqueline Bryk
James & Theresa Flamini
Jack & Janice Keilman
Joyce Nagy
Rogelio & Margarita Paniagua
Fhemiyeh Sang & Family



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SYNOD 2017

Now that the Christmas and New Year's holidays are over, we return to our focus on the diocesan synod. The deanery discussion sessions are coming up in February, so we need to pray for our delegates who will be participating as our parish representatives. This is a chance for our parish voice to now be heard on the deanery level. Also, watch for upcoming opportunities to discuss some of the fruits of our parish discussions from last October.

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 Saturday, January 14th at 9:00am. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!



Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 24th & 25th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$6791.00
Charity: \$326.00
Religious Education: \$0
Christmas: \$14,742.00
Food Pantry: \$20.00
50/50 Raffle: \$205.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 31st & January 1st

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$7972.00
Charity: \$8.00
Religious Education: \$10.00
Christmas: \$545.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$1215.00
50/50 Raffle: \$180.00

Shake, Rattle and Roll

Are you ready to **Shake, Rattle and Roll** on the evening of Saturday, February 18, 2017? It's time for the sweet sound of the **Harbor Lights Doo Wop Acappella Vocal Band**. The tickets are \$25.00 per person which includes dinner serving at 6:30pm (Italian Beef Sandwich, baked beans, hash browns, cole slaw, dessert and soft drinks) and their fabulous show beginning at 7:30pm.

This is our 4th year to have them perform at St. Edward Church and they never disappoint! They are high energy and they spin their comedy into their performance. This year we will also feature a special halftime entertainer that will blow you away with his fascination of the past. Please join us here at St. Edward Parish, 216 S. Nichols Street, Lowell, IN. For advance tickets only, please call Nancy at 219-696-7221 as soon as possible. We usually have an early sell out!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, January 9**

7:00pm—Finance meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 109:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
4:30-5:45pm—RE Classes in school**Thursday, January 12**6:30pm Family Rosary
7:00pm—Choir Practice**Saturday, January 14**

10:00am—Deconstruct Christmas decorations in church

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere. Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 29th Was # 302

The Winner Would Have Won \$565.00
(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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 17-19, 2017, April 7-9, 2017 or June 9-11, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. Call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778.

Ministry Schedule
January 14th & 15th**Extraordinary Ministers**

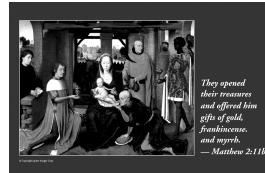
4:30pm—Lee Kobza, Joe Nowacki,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—Dennis Bork, John Hearne,
Tamara Fredrickson
6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabella Skurka,
Frances Vasquez

Lectors

4:30pm—Gary Blue
8:00am—Rita D'Arcy
10:00am—Diana Giovane
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

Ministry Schedule
January 14th & 15th**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Lillian Smith, Andrew Yuraitis
8:00am— Joe Nowacki, Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Jim Morris, Mary Shutoski
6:00pm— Mary Howe, Dominic Rizzo



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—Matthew 2:11b

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TRUE HAPPINESS

Abandon yourself utterly for the love of God, and
in this way you will become truly happy.

--Blessed Henry Suso

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