

# St. Joseph Church

January 17, 2016

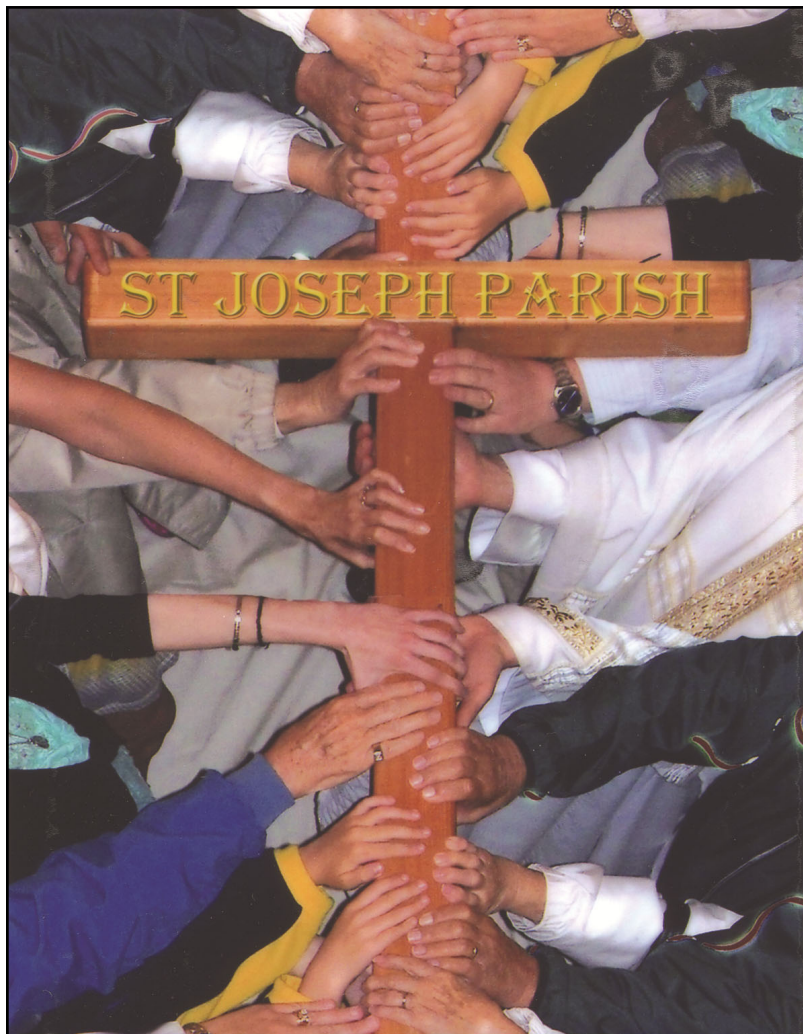
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Rev. Terry J. Steffens, Pastor



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 18, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Tuesday, January 19, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Wednesday, January 20, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes**

9:00 AM Joseph R. Pacholoski

**Friday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

9:00 AM Anita Kaiser

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 23, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Betty Rose Paulson

**Sunday, January 24, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Edna Stankovich

10:00 AM Ken Blue

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Please Note!**

There will be no 9:00am masses from Monday, January 18th through Wednesday, January 20th. Father Terry is on vacation.

**Please Also Note!**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th.

**K of C Council 8082—Dyer**

**6th Annual Paczki Ball Dinner/Dance**

When: Saturday, January 30, 2016; 5:30-11:30pm

Where: Casa Maria Hall on the grounds of St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer

Cash bar and family style Polish dinner followed by dancing featuring Jimmy Killan & Honky Chicago Polka Band. Ticket cost is \$25 per person. To purchase tickets or further info contact: **Ambrose**

**Kapitan (219-864-7343 or aampak@comcast.net**

**Sunday Readings Reflections  
of 1/24/2016**

**Reading 1 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Today's reading presents an interesting picture of the priest Ezra standing above the people to deliver his interpretation of the law of God. His reading goes on for hours and saddens the people as they consider how much they need to reform their lives. Perhaps their weeping finally convinces Ezra to "take it easy on them." He and Nehemiah, the governor of Judah, then encourage the people to celebrate their observance of the law. The people, they say, should have a great feast because "rejoicing in the Lord" will be their source of strength.

**Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27**

Human beings have a desire to belong—to another person, to a community, or to God. We can imagine how the Christians at Corinth welcomed Paul's letter assuring them that they were all "one body." They were not to create divisions among themselves by identifying as Jews or Greeks, slaves or free people, women or men. Because they had all been anointed by the Holy Spirit, they had become together the one body of Christ. Each was a member; no one was left out.

**Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Just as Ezra, in our first reading, read to the people from Scripture, Jesus reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah about the Servant of the Lord. He announces that he is the fulfillment of Scripture. Then he tells the crowd in the synagogue that he is the one sent by God. His presence is their guarantee that a "year of favor," or time of salvation, has begun. All eyes are glued on him as he puts down the scroll and takes his seat.

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### Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Jesus is the Word made flesh that enters into every part of our humanity, filling us with his divine presence. Our Lord's saving Word is how the divine permeates our humanity from head-to-toe. If we speak about God, then we must put into action God's Word that comes out of our speaking. God does not parcel out His presence only in our mouths, but rather, God's presence is all-encompassing through our Holy Communion with the Son of God made human. Thus, we cannot simply speak the Gospel message, but we must also put the Gospel into action. God's Word and putting the Word into action is living Holy Communion with Jesus.

Because God is eternally faithful to us in Christ the Son, there is no part of our humanity that is lacking in God's loving presence. From head-to-toe we are filled with God's faithful presence all the time. Weekly Eucharist strengthens our awareness that God's Love is not only Word, but in Christ born into our humanity, God's word is put into loving, healing, and reconciling action. God's saving word is always one in us with accompanying action, thanks to the dynamic Holy Spirit within us.

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that we cannot relate to God only with our lips voicing words. Christmas celebrates how God makes His Word flesh in Jesus born of Mary, that is, God not only speaks words of Love for the world but God also puts His Word into loving action thanks to Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' actions include many healings and reconciling moments which are indicative of how God loves us thru-and-thru every part of our humanity. God's Oneness with us is constant in Christ, so let us live God's Word from head-to-toe in our daily lives through our word and action Holy Communion with Christ and our neighbors.

In God's all-encompassing Love,

Fr. Terry

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

January 9th & 10th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4325.01**  
**Charity: \$5.00**  
**Religious Education: \$156.00**  
**Christmas: \$95.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1218.99)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$163,100.00**  
**Fiscal Year Surplus: \$4420.21**  
**Food Pantry: \$1787.83**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$205.00**

### St. Edward—Lowell

St. Edward Church is proud to present, for the third year in a row, the return of the Harbor Lights Doo Wop musical group on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Tickets are sold in advance only for \$20.00 per person which includes dinner at 6:30pm and live show at 7:30pm. This year we are encouraging guests to dress in their '50's apparel if they wish just for extra fun. There will be a photo area so bring your camera or phone. Door prizes will be drawn at intermission and CD's from the group will be available for purchase. Please join us for a very fun evening. Call Nancy at 219-696-7307 or visit our office at St. Edward Church, 216 S. Nichols Street, Lowell, IN for ticket purchase.

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### St. Andrew

St. Andrew Church, 801 West 73rd Avenue, Merrillville, IN—Annual All-You-Can-Eat Soup Kitchen & Salad Bar and Bake Sale in Ameling Hall on Sunday, January 31st from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Adults \$7.00, Seniors (62+) \$6.00, Children (12 & under) \$4.00, Family Plan (2 Adults & Their Children) \$18.00, Carry out \$7.00 Quart & \$4.00 Pint. All proceeds benefit the Deacon George Modrak Tuition Assistance Fund for Aquinas School.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Monday, January 18**

No 9:00am Mass

**Tuesday, January 19**

No 9:00am Mass

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education classes  
in school**Wednesday, January 20**

No 9:00am Mass

10am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup

6-7pm—Food Pantry pickup

**Thursday, January 21**

7:00pm—Choir practice

**You Are Invited!**

I joyfully invite all the people of our Diocese to celebrate a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels on Saturday, February 27th, at 10:30am, to mark the formal proclamation of our 2017 Diocesan Synod and the issuance of my pastoral letter which will lead off our preparations leading up to the Synod. I especially invite our clergy, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, pastoral council leadership and dedicated laity to pray with me that day, invoking the Holy Spirit on this important ecclesial work. The fruit of this pastoral process will be grown through prayer, reflection, conversation and action as we move forward together. Thank you for generous dedication to the saving mission of the Church.

- Bishop Donald J. Hying

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on January 5th

Was # 86

**The Winner Would Have Won \$553.00**

(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.

**STMCareer Networking Group**

Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 7-9pm at STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave. in Munster. Phyllis Steiner, IT Project Manager, "Preparing For the Ineffable". Free—**OPEN TO ALL** For those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, change careers. Have your Cover Letter, Resume or Thank You note critiqued by a professional.

### **Ministry Schedule**

**January 23rd & 24th**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,  
Fran Lisac  
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,  
Pauline Rybicki  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,  
Barb Graegin  
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,  
Irene Magana

#### **Lectors**

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan  
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki  
10:00am—Tim Huffman, Sheila Huffman  
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

### **YOUR BEST**

Give to the world the best you have and the best  
will come back to you. --Anonymous

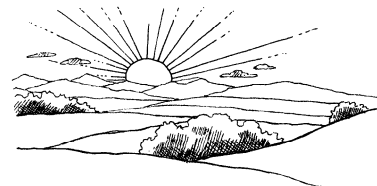
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**January 23rd & 24th**

#### **Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Ian Gruver  
8:00am— Joe Stankovich  
10:00am— Abigail Holmes, Jim Morris  
6:00pm—Jack & Orla Fingar, Lanie Taylor

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### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory.

-- 1saiah 62:2

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