

St. Joseph Church

January 24, 2016

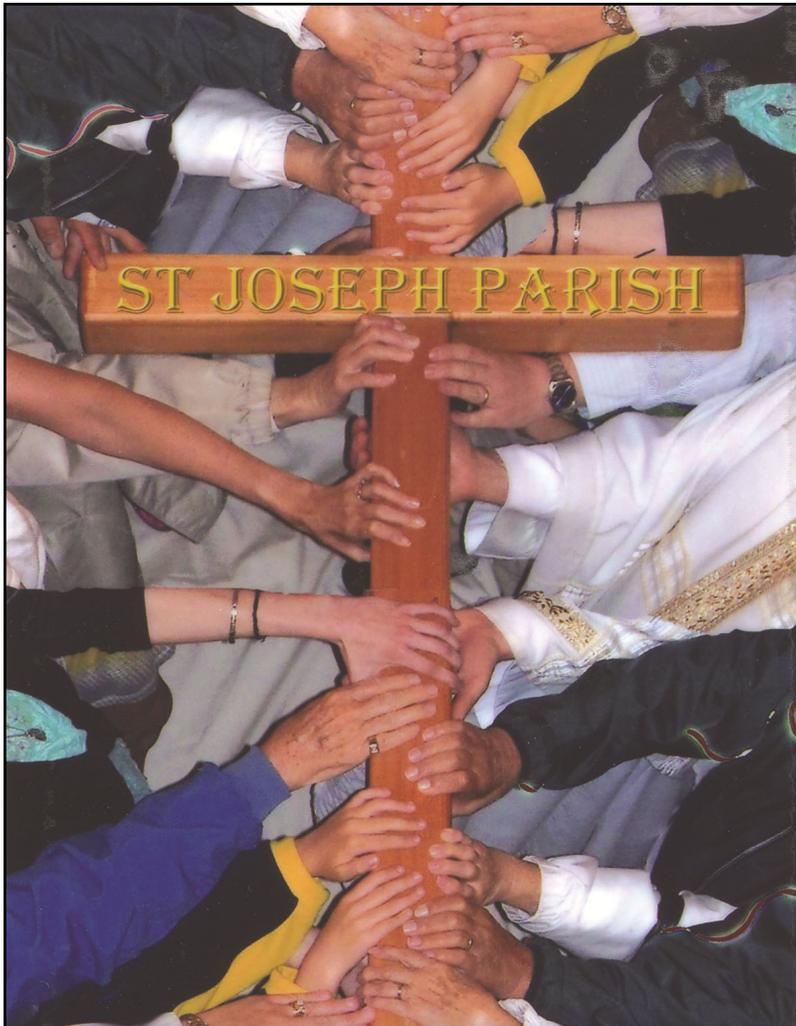
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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

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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 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 AM Anthony & Marie Poplawski

Tuesday, January 26, Sts. Timothy & Titus

9:00 AM Dorothy Vicari

Wednesday, January 27, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 AM Ted Korabel

Friday, January 29, Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Bona

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, January 31, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Tom & Betty Hilbrich

10:00 AM Richard Heffernan

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

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

Sunday Readings Reflections of 1/31/2016

Reading 1 Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Jeremiah was an insecure young man when the Lord appointed him as a prophet to Israel. In this reading, the Lord assures Jeremiah that he has always known him and loved him, even before he was born. In effect, the Lord says to Jeremiah, "You can do this. I will be with you all the way. I will make you strong."

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13

This is one of the most famous passages from the New Testament. It is read at weddings and also at funerals. It is written on plaques and wall hangings. It is even embroidered on pillows!

Why do you think so many people appreciate this passage on love? Read the passage quietly to yourself or listen to it as it is read slowly one more time. When you read or hear a verse or a line that means something to you, write it down. Then gather with your group and compare your choices. Try to explain why you wrote down the passage that you did.

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

In the first reading, we read that the Lord chose Jeremiah to be his prophet. However, the people did not listen to Jeremiah. However, Jeremiah never gave up, because he knew the Lord was with him.

In this reading from the Gospel, the people do not listen to Jesus. They did not really believe he was the Messiah, because they had known him all their lives. To them, Jesus was "Joseph's son" and nothing more. But Jesus never gave up, either. Jesus knew that his Father was with him always.

Pastor’s Column

Dear Parishioners:

Endurance is a state of physical conditioning that develops through regular exercise. With a New Year, some of us may have gotten lazy in recent weeks, sitting around too much. Now is the time to get moving again so that our laziness is transformed into endurance. However, we need to make a commitment to daily exercise, to daily get-moving-time so that our muscles get stronger with the resulting endurance that comes with it.

Silence is the ultimate endurance that resides within us through the gift of faith. To exercise Silence requires us to make a daily commitment to Silence. It seems so obvious but Silence is a mind/heart-set that frees us from being wagged around by life’s experiences. We join Jesus in the back of the boat during the storm and “sleep” in Silence. Nothing in life disturbs us because we have the endurance through the faith muscle of Silence.

The great paradox of Silence is we don’t have to do anything but simply be in the Silence. Physical Endurance requires movement, but Silence Endurance requires being Silent no matter how busy or noisy life may be. This is faith at its’ deepest because we are manifesting trust that all is well in God’s constant faithfulness. We may end up being very active in word and deed in the Silence, but what a difference we will experience because the Wisdom of good judgment surfaces out of the Silence.

Loving you in the Silence,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

January 16th & 17th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$5031.00

Charity: \$0

Religious Education: \$9.00

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$785.00)

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$168,925.00

Fiscal Year Surplus: \$3635.21

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Aid to Latin America: \$337.00

50/50 Raffle: \$240.00

Retrouvaille

Few of the more than 10,000 couples who enroll in marital-skills programs each year ever imagined they’d find themselves in these circumstances. Yet their frustrations are completely predictable, experts say. “The research shows that the couples who stay madly in love disagree to the same degree as couples who divorce, says Diane Sollee, director of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education (CMFCE), an umbrella group based in Washington, DC. “They argue over the same topics—money, time, sex, kids. The difference is, they know how to handle it.

On a Retrouvaille weekend, spend time learning strategies for airing grievances and sustaining intimacy while free from everyday distractions. Follow-up Post Sessions held on 7 consecutive Sundays will build upon the communication skills of the weekend and include additional relationship building and conflict management techniques. All facets of the program are led by couples who have rebuilt their own relationship.

Do not lose hope! For more information, call 708-802-1830. Confidentiality is guaranteed. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins on February 12, 2016 in Schererville, Indiana. For additional dates and weekend locations visit, www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

2015 Contribution Statement

There will be (3) ways to obtain your contribution statement for 2015:

- (1) - Call the parish office, 865-2271, and have your statement ready for pickup.
- (2) - Call the parish office, 865-2271, and have your statement put in a box in the main vestibule for your pickup.
- (3) - Send in a self-addressed stamped envelope for your statement

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 25
7:00pm—Finance meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, January 26
9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education classes in school

Thursday, January 27
7:00pm—Choir practice

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Roman Catholics, our marriage practices have their pedigree in ancient Rome. One of the major players in shaping our practices was the warfare involved in building an empire. Soldiers vanished and sometimes never returned. Women began to manage their lives and to make decisions. The old family values were replaced by patriotic ones, and religion was more attuned to the gore and glory of battle, a religion of the state, not of the family. Weddings were still family celebrations, but had a public face. The bride wore a white toga and a red veil and walked to her new home. There, she and her husband joined their right hands and gave consent to each other, not relying on her father to give consent for her. Religion was optional: a pagan priest might be invited or not, and even without the ceremony, society agreed by common law that a year of living together equaled marriage consent. By the same token, marriage by consent also meant divorce was on the same legal footing, and did not require the courts or civil declarations. This is the world-view the first Christians inherited, and it was up to them to determine what was good and to hold marriage up to the light of the gospel.

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

Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on January 12th
Was # 265
The Winner Would Have Won \$655.50
(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, 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.

MANY THANKS!!

The Environment & Art Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone for their very generous stewardship response this year for our church's Christmas decorating and un-decorating. We couldn't have done it without your help! Your kind assistance was invaluable and very much appreciated.

Ministry Schedule
January 30th & 31st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy or
Joe Nowakci, Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Mike Klausman,
Margaret Quinn
6:00pm—Tamara Fredrickson, Frances Vasquez,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Volunteer needed
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Tom Heffernan
6:00pm—Volunteer needed

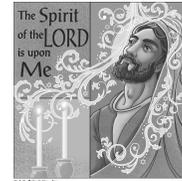
WINTER WARMTH

One kind word can warm three winter months.
--Japanese proverb

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith, Andrew Yuraitis
8:00am—Christopher Kline
10:00am—Andrew & Kevin Huffman, Gian
Abangan
6:00pm—Need Servers



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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

-- Luke 4:18a

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