

St. Joseph Church

February 7, 2016

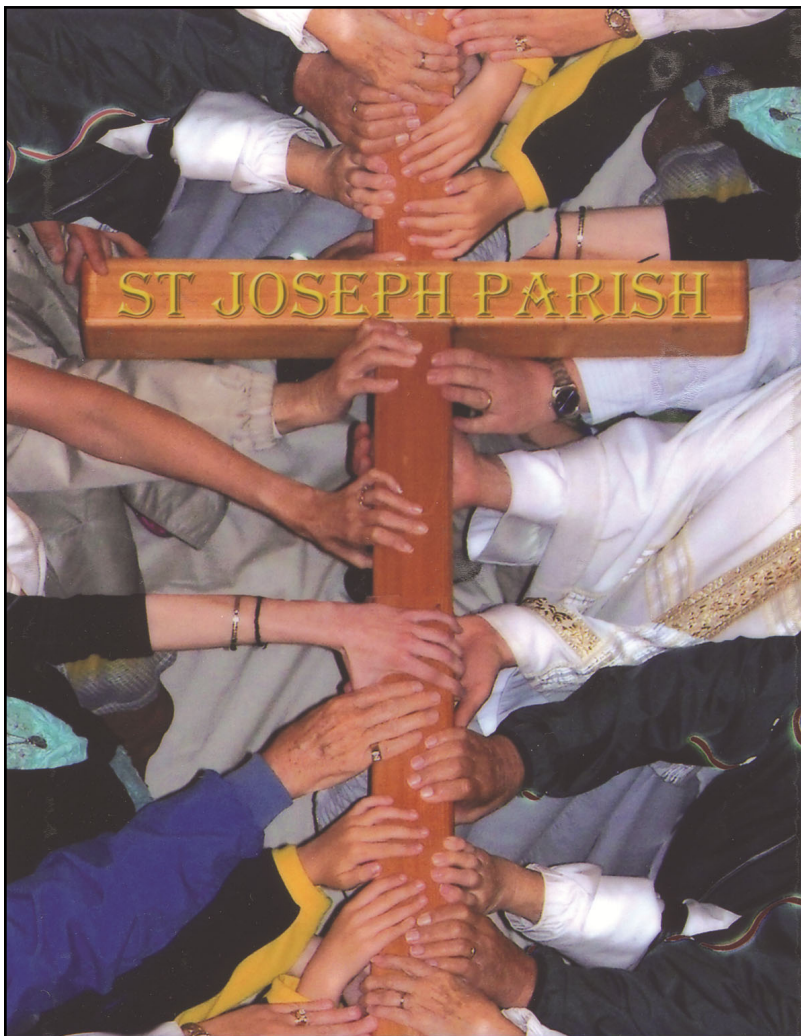
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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Religious Education Fax.....865-3740

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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, February 8, Weekday
 9:00 AM Peggy Madera
Tuesday, February 9, Weekday
 9:00 AM Jennifer Paul
Wednesday, February 10, Ash Wednesday
 9:00 AM Marie Heffernan
 7:00 PM Poor Souls
Thursday, February 11, Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 9:00 AM Eileen Sukta
Friday, February 12, Friday after Ash Wednesday
 9:00 AM Ted Korabel
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 13, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Bernard Paulson
Sunday, February 14, 1st Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Joseph R. Pacholski
 10:00 AM Josephine Banvich
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

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

Lent

Lent starts on Wednesday, February 10th with a 9am & 7pm Mass with ash distribution.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7pm starting February 12th.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 2/14/2016

Reading 1 Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 Lent is more than a season of preparation for Easter. It is a time for the Christian community to repent and be reconciled with God and one another. It is a time of journeying with and praying for the catechumens who will be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We also pray for those baptized candidates who will be confirmed and/or will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Finally, it is a time to appreciate and profess our faith, as God's people do in today's first reading. As they celebrate a liturgy of thanksgiving, Moses retells the story of the marvelous way God guided and saved them. He reminds the people that God sees their suffering and hears their cry for help.

Reading 2 Romans 10:8-13

Just as Moses wanted the people to express their faith, Paul calls on the Christians of Rome to "confess with their lips that Jesus is Lord." He reminds them and us that we must truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead if we hope to be saved. Through Jesus, God's great mercy embraces us and makes us "justified," or right with God.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Lent is a period of forty days during which the whole Church renews itself through prayer and fasting. Today we are reminded that the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert after God led them out of captivity. We are now observing the forty days of Lent. During the Easter Triduum, we will celebrate being led from slavery into freedom.

According to today's gospel, Jesus retreated to the desert for forty days to prepare for his mission after being baptized by John the Baptist. Luke dramatically describes what happened to Jesus while he was alone in that deserted place. The devil tempts Jesus with promises of bread (a symbol for material comforts), of power (authority over others), and of false glory (to be gained by daring to test God). But Jesus defeats the devil by defending himself with God's word from the Old Testament. Even then the devil does not give up. He "awaits another opportunity" to tempt Jesus.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Recent studies have indicated that we are wise to limit our salt intake each day. From a blood pressure management standpoint, this is good advice since many health complications result from high blood pressure. Salt is a blessed seasoning for food but only in moderation.

Jesus' Gospel Message is the salt of the earth and we are the salt-shakers of the Gospel. By our living the Gospel Message of Jesus faithfully, we season the earth with the covenant of God's eternal love for the world. This eternal covenant is gift to us at every Eucharist in our Holy Communion with Jesus in His Body and Blood. In addition, our awareness of God's eternal covenant in Christ by means of the Gospel Message can unfold in numerous directions, including in our daily quiet reflection time when we open the Gospels and ponder their meaning for us and the world. And with the help of our weekly Sunday Bulletin, we can prepare for weekly Eucharist in a far more enriching way because we will come to Mass already primed in the Scriptures that will be proclaimed and preached at the Mass.

Out of our commitment to Jesus in Word and Sacrament comes the salt of God's Love where we season every moment of our lives with Jesus' presence filled with the savory gift of mercy and compassion. The vigil of being aware of Jesus' constant presence through the Holy Spirit is what it means to pray always. This faith awareness in Christ is nurtured by silent attentiveness to God's faithful love for us no matter how daily life manifests itself. Also, a blessed outgrowth of our vigilance in Christ's constant oneness is that our blood pressure will lower and we will be more healthy people in mind, body and spirit. The salt of salvation in Christ that we are to season the earth with is to be generously shared with our neighbors; no need for moderation with God's Love.

In Christ's Eternal Covenant,

Fr. Terry

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Stewardship of Treasure Report

January 30th & 31st

- Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00**
- Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5107.10**
- Charity: \$10.00**
- Religious Education: \$10.00**
- Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$692.90)**
- Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$180,595.00**
- Fiscal Year Surplus: \$1491.16**
- Aid to Latin America: \$10.00**
- Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00**
- Food Pantry: \$120.00**
- NWI Catholic: \$338.00**
- 50/50 Raffle: \$215.00**

Northwest Indiana Catholic

How much is staying current with your faith worth to you? Consider the value of bringing a Catholic publication into your home each week by renewing or starting a subscription to the award-winning **Northwest Indiana Catholic**, the newspaper of the Diocese of Gary.

A one year subscription (43 issues), including our annual diocesan directory, is only **\$26**. Read Bishop Donald J. Hying's weekly column; follow the words of Pope Francis' learn about the good work being done by the Catholic Church all around the world. Stay current on national affairs as events apply to our faith and enjoy reading how our local parishes all around the world. Stay current on national affairs as events apply to our faith and enjoy reading how our local parishes and organizations are working to spread the Good News in our local communities. The wealth of articles, photos and commentaries will educate, inspire and encourage reflection and conversation for all ages.

All this for less than a weekly candy bar! Isn't it worth staying current with our Church? Subscribe by **Sunday, March 6, 2016** using the envelope in your treasure packet or make your check out to St. Joseph Church in the amount of \$26 (please note it is for the NW Catholic) and drop into the Sunday collection basket. To pay by credit card, go to our secure website at nwcatholic.com and pay using your Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 9

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

Wednesday, February 10

9:00am—Ash Wednesday mass with
 Distribution of ashes
 7:00pm—Ash Wednesday mass with
 Distribution of ashes

Thursday, February 11

7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, February 12

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 14

9:15-9:45am—Ministry of Care meeting
 in Gathering Room

Faith Reflections

Did you ever wonder how we got here or where we're going? I mean none of us chose to be born, right? These questions and others will be presented through three individual DVD's created and narrated by: Bishop Donald Hying. You are invited to view and discuss these DVD's beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30-8:00pm in the Gathering Room continuing on Tues., Feb. 23; Tues., March 1; and concluding with a Visual Meditation that explores Faith through Christian Art on Tue., March 8. Questions, please call Yvonne Weaver at 219-775-3654.

Sign-up sheets can be found at Main Church Entrance.

- Thank You!

Religious Education

We Belong to God

This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on Baptism, which marks us as belonging to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. One of the central images the writers of Sacred Scripture used to describe God's love for his people. How are we as a parish helping children to grow in a deep love for God?

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on January 26th
 Was # 255**

The Winner Would Have Won \$102.50
 (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, 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. Matthias

Will host a Polka Mass & Polish Luncheon on Sunday, February 28th with Mass at noon and luncheon immediately following in the parish hall. Tickets are \$25.00 per person for the luncheon catered by the Cavalier Inn. Tickets 1st come 1st served basis. Call 219-663-2201 for info.

Ministry Schedule
February 13th & 14th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

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

Ministry Schedule
February 13th & 14th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith, Andrew Yuratis
8:00am—Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Jack & Orla Fingar, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



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I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words
of my mouth.

— *Psalm 138:1*

WHERE GOD IS

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is,
all is well. --Anonymous

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