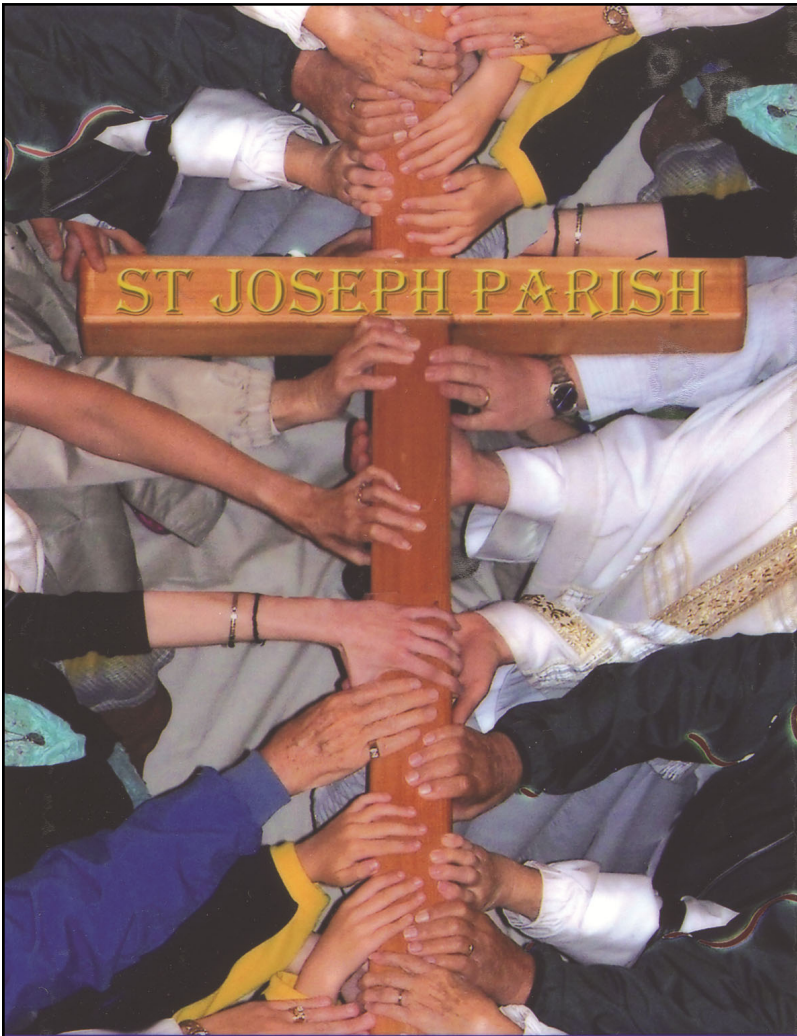


St. Joseph Church

February 17, 2013
First Sunday of Lent

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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 Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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, February 18, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Raymond Heintz

Tuesday, February 19, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Denis Kinsella

Wednesday, February 20, Lenten Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, February 21, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Parot-Smith Family

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 23, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Dominic John Valesano

Sunday, February 24, 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Poor Souls

10:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Northwest Indiana Catholic

Sharing faith through communications! Enjoy the Good News of your Catholic Church with subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. For less than the cost of a soda or a cup of coffee, welcome into your home each week, current, positive and informative news about our faith to be enjoyed by the entire family. The subscription rate remains at \$26 for 43 issues, including our annual diocesan directory. Renewals, as well as new subscriptions, are available by using the envelope provided in your parish collection packet or by dropping a check into the collection basket now through March 10. If you would prefer to use a credit or debit card, no problem! Go to nwicatholic.com.

St. John the Evangelist Church would like to invite you to participate in the powerful and highly acclaimed "Life in the Spirit" seminar. Take this opportunity to build your faith, and develop a relationship with God, the Holy Spirit, by making this Lenten journey, every Wednesday evening throughout Lent at 7pm in our Day Chapel.

The program begins on February 20th. Each session will begin at 7:00pm in the Day Chapel, which is the old church building located at 11301 West 93rd Avenue in St. John. The sessions will include music, prayer, teaching, and discussion.

There is no charge to participate in this program. Members of other parishes are invited to attend. Please contact Deacon Paul (219) 365-5217 or Jim Hamilton (219) 934-1947 for additional information.

"The Light Is On For You"

St. Joseph Parish as well as other parishes in the Diocese is having the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confessions) on Thursday, **March 7th from 6:00 to 8:00pm**. All are invited!

Growing Food in Burkina Faso

- In the small West African nation of Burkina Faso, 80% of the population are farmers.
- Frequent droughts make it difficult to produce enough food for the entire year. Often, farmers can only grow enough to feed their families for seven months. The rest of the year is called "the hungry season." This
- week, we pray for families in Burkina Faso and give to CRS Rice Bowl to help small-scale farmers.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) impacts people this time of year because of the decreased amount of sunlight. Some people will use a special light box to help lift their spirits. A lack of light is a legitimate concern for the human person far beyond the mental and psychological. From the spiritual standpoint, Jesus is the light of the world year round. Not to say that SAD is not a real concern for some; however, could it be that some people are sad because of a lack of trust in Jesus as the light of their lives?

Lack of sunlight is an issue for some, but, perhaps, an even bigger issue is a lack of Jesus lighting up our daily lives with His new life joy and peace that is not restricted by the calendar. A light box can help with SAD but the risen Christ within us (Holy Communion) radiates the constant light of salvation.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 2nd & 3rd

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5730.29

Children's Collection: \$15.74

Charity: \$44.00

Religious Education: \$3.00

Food Pantry: \$10.00

Northwest Catholic: \$389.00

50/50 Raffle: \$380.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 5th
Was # 626

The Winner Would Have Won \$3403.00
(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.**

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.

Service of Light Mass

The Elizabeth Ministry of Northwest will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass to remember children who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or any other death at St. Joan of Arc, 200 East 78th Street in Merrillville at 3:00pm on Sunday, February 24th. During the Mass, we will recognize the children by name. For further information or to leave a name, please contact Jill at 730-9199 or Sue at 838-5755. Items of remembrance may also be brought to be displayed near the altar.

SPARC

The next SPARC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19th at 10:00am at Casa Maria Hall (St. Maria Goretti). All seniors are welcome to attend.

In 1994, The Diocese of Gary began a four year theology based program to prepare men and women as Ecclesial Ministers. Since then over 200 men and women have graduated from the program and received certificates of completion. Ecclesial Ministers are defined as lay men and women who have been prepared professionally for specific roles of service and leadership in our parishes and our diocese. The four year program includes 24 hours of theology, spiritual formation and pastoral development. This program is a prerequisite for the Deacon program.

In September of this year, 2013, a new class will begin on Tuesday evenings for men and women interested in becoming an Ecclesial Minister or a deacon. To learn more about the program two information sessions have been scheduled. One will be on Wednesday, February 27th and the second on Tuesday evening, March 5th. Both meetings will begin at 7:00pm and will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville. The information will be the same at both meetings. If you have any questions or are in need of more information please contact Anne Verbeke at 219-769-9292, ext. 280 or be e-mail at averbeke@dcgary.org.

Churches in Eastern Europe

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations that offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps restore the Church in the region and build its future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous in today's collection. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about the important projects funded by the Collection.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.
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St. Joseph Religious Education

We Listen to the Holy Spirit

This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on the Holy Spirit who helps us make good decisions. The Holy Spirit gifts us with the courage to overcome obstacles that stand in our way of loving God and others, and with the wisdom to value God above all creatures. How do we as a parish show that the grace of the Holy Spirit is alive in us?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sung in the context of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Sundays during Lent, 3pm from February 17th through March 24th.

Holy Name Catholic Church
11000 W. 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Ministry Schedule
February 23rd & 24th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,
Lee Kobza
8:00am—Perla Garcia, Judy Kline,
Steve Kline
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Mike Klausman & Diane Giovane
6:00pm—Brian Blue

Past and Future

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner
without a future. —Anonymous

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am—J. Hearne
6:00pm—J. Navarro



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*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*
— Romans 10:8

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