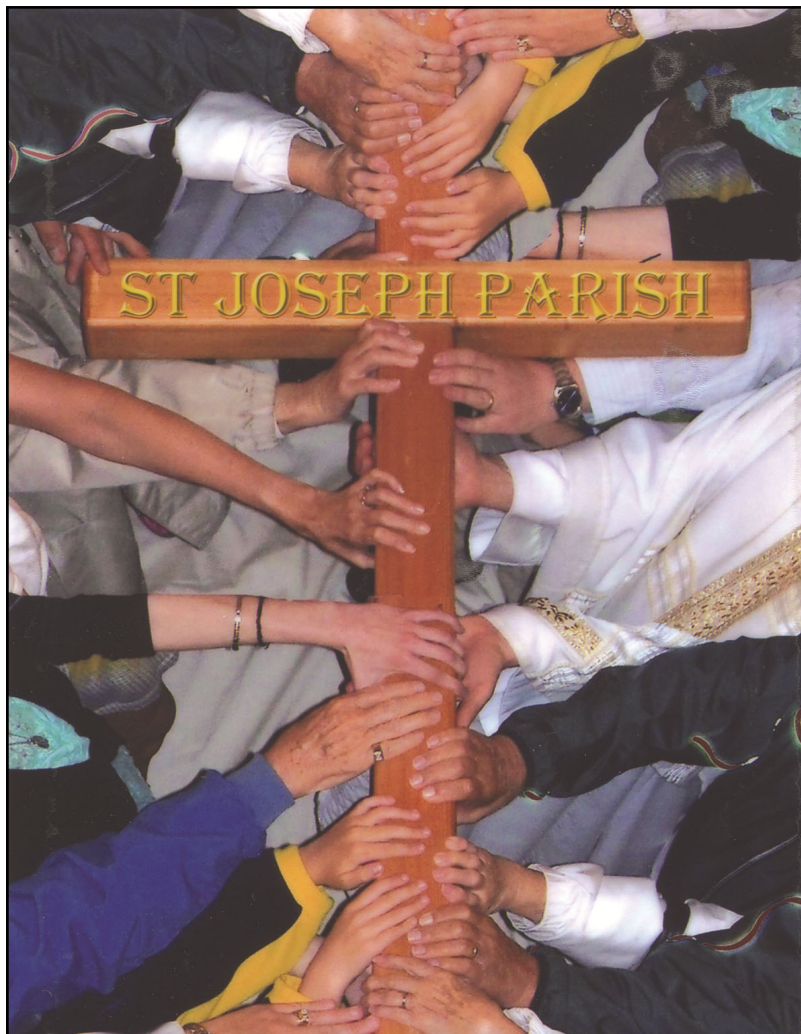


St. Joseph Church

February 21, 2016
Second 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

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 AM Nick & Esther Zarlenga

Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Ted Korabel

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Bacich

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Brother Gerald Hall, CPPS

Sunday, February 28, 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Stanley & Anna Kaczocha

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Diocesan TAPT Retreat

High school teens are invited to attend *Teens Are Praying Together* ("TAPT"), a Diocesan Catholic weekend retreat, held March 11-13 at Camp Lawrence, north of Valparaiso. Retreat activities include: talks, discussions, prayer, recreation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. TAPT is designed to bring teens into a more intimate encounter with the Incarnate Jesus Christ. Cost: \$85. Deadline: Feb. 29. For complete details, visit garytapt.com, [facebook.com/garytapt](https://www.facebook.com/garytapt), or contact Kevin Driscoll at the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth & Young Adults: 219-769-9292 x229.

ADORATION

St. Joseph Parish will be having Adoration for 24 hours starting with 9am Mass on Friday, March 4th including the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Confessions will be after the Stations starting at 7:45pm—9:00pm. The adoration will continue through Saturday, March 5th till 9:00am. There will be confessions on Saturday, March 5th, 9:00am—9:30am.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 2/28/2016

Reading 1 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

What a dramatic scene the Book of Exodus depicts for us today! Moses, who had escaped from Egypt, is now a shepherd. He has been leading a simple life tending sheep. But all that changes in an instant when he encounters a burning bush at Mount Horeb. As he takes a closer look, he hears God calling him by name and instructing him to take off his sandals as a mark of respect for this holy place. God assures Moses that the cries of the people in captivity have been heard. God will not only rescue the people but will lead them to the Promised Land.

When Moses realizes that God wants him to return to Egypt and lead the Israelites, Moses says that the people will not believe him because he does not know God's name. Moses learns God's name. It is Yahweh, meaning "I am who am."

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul's letter to the Christian community at Corinth is filled with advice about keeping the faith. In today's reading he reminds the people that they cannot take their new faith for granted. Faith means that we are called to conversion, to turn to God each day.

Lent is a season of penance, a time for conversion. Our challenge is to give evidence that we are truly followers of Christ. Pray together: Lord, teach us the meaning of conversion. Help us to live lives of service and love.

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Sometimes when we see a terrible accident or hear about people who are being persecuted, we may think that such things will never happen to us. Some people in Jesus' time believed that those who suffered such tragedies and injustices were being punished because they were great sinners. Jesus sets them straight in today's gospel reading. He says that suffering comes from injustice in our world.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever observed a lighthouse? There is one in Michigan City on the shores of Lake Michigan. It flashes its light to alert ships of the shoreline and where to find their port of entry. Without a lighthouse the waters are dangerous to try to navigate such that we get lost or crash into the breakwater. Lighthouses are essential to wise navigation and they are strategically placed around Lake Michigan to provide this important guide.

Jesus is our constant lighthouse who communes in our depths, flashing away in the Holy Spirit guiding us to stay on the course of faithful love. There may be times when we get lost in the fog of sin but the light of Jesus flashes “come back to me with all your heart”. (Hosea) Jesus is always one with us so we don't have to panic about sin, but we do need to acknowledge that we do not want to stay lost or crash in our sin.

Jesus is always guiding us away from sin crashes so that we more consistently have inner peace. Lent points us to be more aware of Jesus as our lighthouse of saving love. Lighthouses on Lake Michigan serve a valuable purpose but Jesus serves an eternally valuable purpose for her loves us to death and into new life. We can humbly face our sin, trusting that Jesus is mercy, our port of forgiveness. The flashing light of salvation guides us to more faithfully follow God's Will as revealed by Jesus. This resulting Wisdom is our life-giving navigation for our daily faith journey with our beloved Jesus communing with us in our depths to deepen our inner peace given to us in the constant flash of saving love.

In Christ's Light,

Fr. Terry

Religious Education

We Are Sorry

This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on penance and the desire to heal the hurt caused by sin. Living a life in Christ demands a continuing conversion of heart, a life of penance, with hope in God's mercy and trust in his grace. How do we as a parish share in the Paschal mystery, the great mystery of Christ's love, the mystery of mercy?

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 13th & 14th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$6172.95
Charity: \$13.00
Religious Education: \$153.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$513.95
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$192,245.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$1251.21
Eastern Europe: \$361.00
Food Pantry: \$1646.36
50/50 Raffle: \$190.00

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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Soup Supper—Six for \$6.00

St. John Bosco Parish Hall—7111 Columbia Ave., Hammond

Wednesdays during Lent: Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16 & 23.

The March 16th Soup Supper will be held in the Cafeteria behind the Parish Hall.

4:30-6:30pm. For more information, call 219-844-9027.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 22

7:00pm—Stewardship meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, February 23

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 4:45pm—RE Penance Service in Church
 6:30-8:00pm—Faith Reflections in Gathering Room

Thursday, February 25

7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, February 26

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

10:30am—Opening Mass for 2017 Diocesan Synod at Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary

2016-2017 Tuition Assistance Program Now ONLINE!

The tuition assistance application for the 2-16=2017 school year is now available on the Diocese of Gary website at <http://www.dcgary.org/catholic-schools.htm>. Click the Tuition Assistance Application tab and you will be directed to the application. Parish DO NOT have paper copies this year. If you require a paper copy, you must contact the diocese of Gary Office of Catholic Schools and request a copy be mailed to you.

Catholic families who belong to a Diocese of Gary parish and have their children enrolled in any diocesan school, Kindergarten—Gr. 12, may apply. Pre-school students are not eligible. A \$30.00 non-refundable processing fee must accompany the application and will be paid via credit card, debit card, or checking account online. Approximately \$500,000 is distributed on the basis of need to assist Catholic parents in providing Catholic faith formation, strong academic programs, and safety for their children in our Catholic schools.

The filing deadline is Monday, February 22, 2016. This is the date that completed applications must be submitted online. PSAS will not accept any applications mailed directly to the company. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Parents will be notified of the results in writing by May, 2016.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 9th
 Was # 230

The Winner Would Have Won \$327.50
 (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.

Diocesan TAPT Retreat

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Ministry Schedule
February 27th & 28th

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

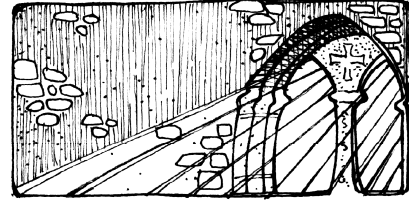
Lectors

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

Ministry Schedule
February 27th & 28th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Ian Gruver
8:00am—Christopher Kline
10:00am—Abigail Holmes, Dominic Rizzo
6:00pm—Mary Shutoski



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Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

-- Psalm 27:1

DIRECTION

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but
in what direction we are going. --Oliver Wendell Holmes

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