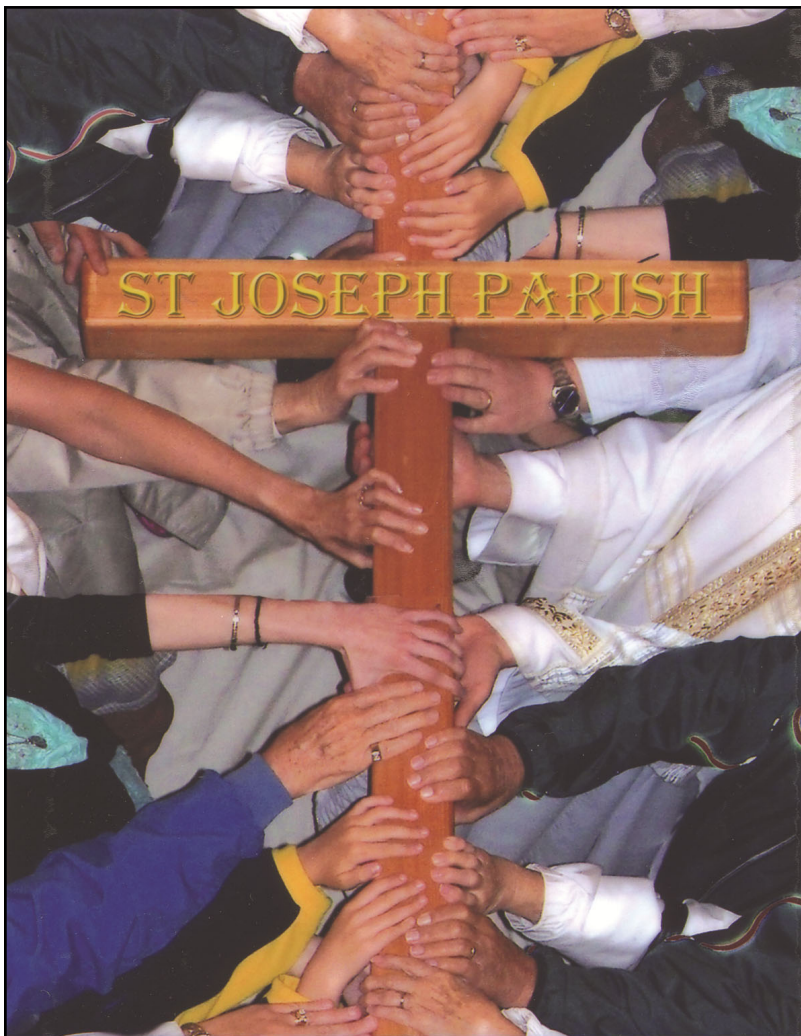


St. Joseph Church

February 22, 2015
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

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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, February 23, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

Wednesday, February 25, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, February 26, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Rod
 Keelan Family
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, February 27, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, March 1, 2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
 Michael Kulik Family
 10:00 AM Norma Beiriger
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

MARKET DAY

February was our last Market Day program. Due to the re-organizing of the Market Day Corporation, St. Joseph Parish no longer had a Market Day representative. Those duties now fell on the volunteers from our parish. We only have (2) people who help every month.

After much thought, we no longer could handle this fundraiser with only 2 people.

If you would like to still purchase Market Day food, go to their website, www.marketday.com and find the closest location.

Thank you to all those who ordered on a monthly basis to help raise funds for our parish.

“The Light is ON for You”

Catholics, especially those who have been away from the Church or the sacraments, are invited to experience God’s mercy and forgiveness. “The Light Is On for You” is a Lenten initiative of the Diocese of Gary designed to welcome Catholics back to the sacrament of reconciliation. Confessions will be heard at Catholic churches (with resident priests) throughout the diocese, including St. Joseph Parish from 6-8pm on Wednesday, March 4. This event will be in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions and penance services. We pray that all will take advantage of God’s abundant healing grace, forgiveness and love.

Catechetical/Liturgical Day

Fr. Michael Joncas nationally known liturgical composer, author, and speaker is the keynote presenter at this year’s spring Catechetical—Liturgical Conference to be held at St. Matthias Parish, 101 West Burrell Drive, Crown Point, on Sunday, March 15, 2015. This year’s theme is: *Pope Francis’ Vision for being Church in a Post Modern World*. The afternoon will include a keynote address, catechist recognitions, workshops, exhibits, food, door prizes and evening prayer from 1:00pm—6:45pm. Marco Lopez offer two sessions in Spanish. Cost is \$20.00. Go to www.dcgary.org Recently Updated for more information and on line registration. Or call 219-769-9292 ext 230 for a printed brochure. This event is a collaborative effort between the Offices of Religious Education, the Office of Worship, Office of Hispanic Ministry, DGPCL and Diocesan Music Committee. All are welcome!

**Gathering in Faith,
 Discovering
 Community**

Pastor’s Column

Dear Parishioners:

The creation story in the Book of Genesis emphasizes that all of creation is good. And thus, the Creator God of creation is also good. This is beneficial in our relationship with God because it affirms that we don’t have to be afraid that God wants to hurt us. God is for us, not against us.

We are wise in our faith journey in Christ to get out in nature and ponder the goodness of creation. Even in snowy and cold conditions we can be outside in the flakes and frigidness with gratitude to God. Let’s face it, that Nature is the atmosphere in which any housing is built. To spend time outside year-round inspires us to remember the world’s and our origin in God’s goodness.

Being God’s highest creatures, we are blessed with the talent for being creative in many diverse ways. We thank God for our creativity by using it to the fullest, not burying our talent in the ground. God’s greatest good is His Son, Jesus, who reveals to the world that the greatest creativity is love for God and neighbor. Acknowledging that the God we put our faith in is all good can open us up to deeper love of God and neighbor thanks to our Holy Communion with Christ Jesus. Jesus spends a lot of time outside in Nature and prays often outside to His Father. We too can spend more time outside year-round and deepen our prayer life as well, for Nature is God’s haven of goodness.

In God’s Goodness,

Fr. Terry

Lenten Book Study

What are the four signs of a dynamic Catholic?

Come discover what Matthew Kelly in his book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* has learned and wants to share.

Four Mondays of March, March 2, 9, 16 & 23.
7:00-8:30pm in the Gathering Room.

Registration sheet at Main Church Entrance. You will be contacted for book pick-up.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 14th & 15th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$4498.50

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit:

(\$1416.50)

Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount

Needed: \$196,845.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$8562.29)

Food Pantry: \$275.00

50/50 Raffle: \$255.00

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, and are serving in our diocese as Pastoral Associates, DRE’s and Deacons. 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.

In September of this year, 2015, a new class will begin on Wednesday evenings. Two information meetings have been scheduled for those wanting to learn more about the program. The first information night will be on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00pm at the Pastoral Center. The second opportunity to learn about the program, will be on Tuesday evening, March 10th, at 7:00pm at the Pastoral Center. The Diocesan Pastoral Center is located at 9292 Broadway in Merrillville. Please park in the back of the Pastoral Center and enter the building through the back door. If you have any questions or are in need of more information, please contact Anne Verbeke at 219-769-9292, ext. 280 or by e-mail at averbeke@dcdgary.org.




THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 24
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious Education classes in school
 6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious Education classes in school

Thursday, February 26
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

Friday, February 27
 7:00pm— Stations of the Cross


 Pray for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family:
 Joyce Adams, Eileen Bork, Nancy Hanck, Laura Hays, Dolores Kaczocha, Joe Kozlowski, Fran Lisac, Donna Maicher, Mark Maicher, Bernard Paulson, Connie Peschel, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta

Church in Central & Eastern Europe
 Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to **restore the Church and build the future** in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on February 10th
Was # 108
The Winner Would Have Won \$542.00
 (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, 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.

Soup Supper—Six for \$6.00
 St. John Bosco Parish Hall—7111 Columbia Ave. in Hammond. Wednesdays during Lent: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1—4:30pm to 6:30pm. For info, call 219-844-9027.

Ministry Schedule

February 28th & March 1st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Lee Kobza,
Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Barb Graegin, Laura Hays
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Tim & Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

The Quality of Change

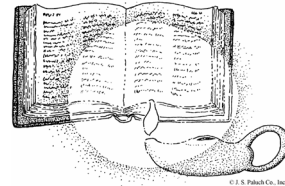
To change and to change for the better are two different things. —German proverb

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Mary Shutoski
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Jed Burgos
6:00pm—Brian Blue



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Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*

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