

St. Joseph Church

February 23, 2014

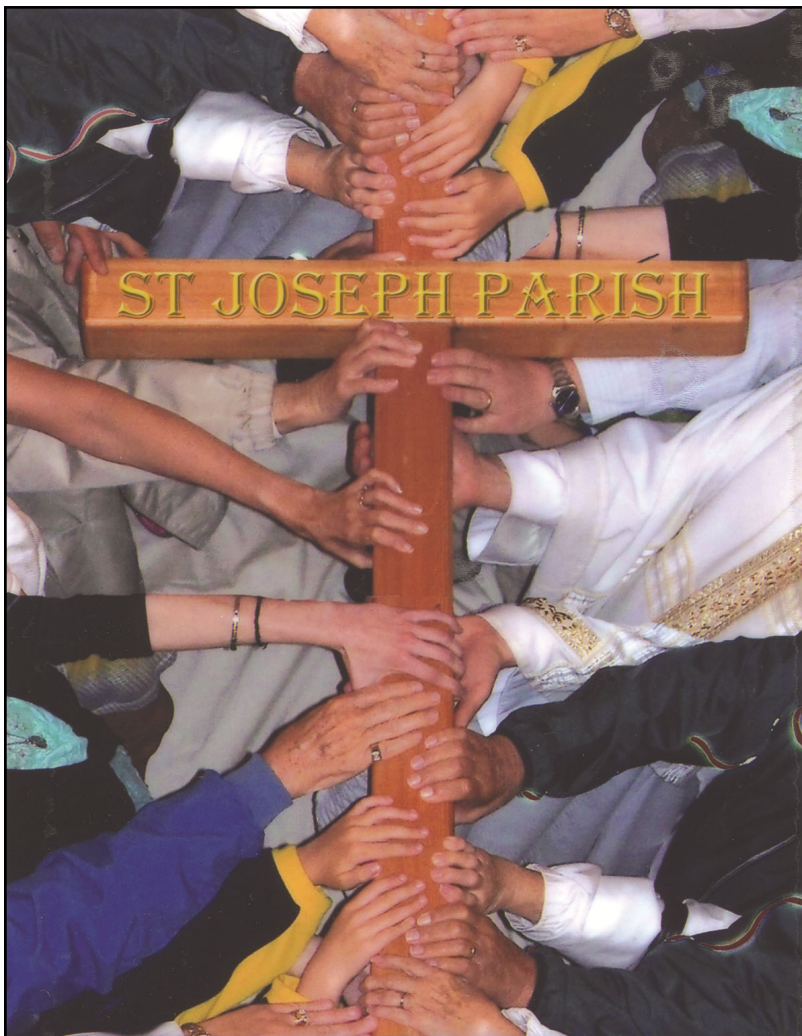
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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DIRECTOR: Yvonne Weaver

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 24, Weekday

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Tuesday, February 25, Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Yvonne Weaver Family

Wednesday, February 26, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, February 27, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, February 28, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 1, Vigil: 8th Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:30 PM The Deceased Members of the Joseph Nowacki Family

Sunday, March 2, 8th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Poor Souls

10:00 AM Father Terry Steffens

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

We Need Your Help!

Next Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday. We need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers for the 9am Mass and 7:00pm Mass. Please call the parish office, 865-2271, with your willingness to serve.

“The Light is ON FOR You”

This Lenten season, Catholic parishes (with resident priests) throughout the Diocese of Gary will offer confessions from 6-8pm on Wednesday, March 12, including here at St. Joseph Parish. This special date and time will be in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions and penance services. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away from some time, or just find it difficult to attend a Saturday confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church.

Catechetical/Liturgical Day

Marty Haugen, liturgical composer, Nancy Bird, catechetical consultant for RCL Benziger, and Miriam Hidalgo are the three main presenters at this year’s spring Catechetical—Liturgical Conference to be held at Nativity of Our Savior Church, 2949 Willowcreek Road, Portage, Indiana. This year’s theme is taken from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation: “The Joy of the Gospel”. It will offer a keynote address, catechist recognitions, workshops, exhibits, food, door prizes and evening prayer with Bishop Dale Melczek from 1:00pm—6:30pm on Sunday, March 23rd. Miriam Hidalgo will offer two sessions in Spanish. Cost is \$20.00. Go to www.dcgary.org *Upcoming Events* for more information and on line registration. Or call 219-769-9292 ext. 230 for a printed brochure. This event is a collaboration between the Offices of Religious Education, the Office of Worship, Office of Hispanic Ministry, PAREFF and Diocesan Music Committee. All are welcome!

2013 Contribution Statement

There will be (3) ways to obtain your contribution statement for 2013:

- (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

Stations of the Cross

Starting Friday, March 7th, Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Joseph Church at 7:00pm. The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7:00pm ending on Good Friday, April 18th. We need (3) Altar Servers to help. Please call the parish office, 865-2271, with your willingness to serve.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Vows are usually associated with marriage vows and priest/religious life vows. Commitment is the foundation to vows such that stability is brought into people's lives. Baptism vows kind of get lost in the vow "shuffle" because they are less visible in society. But God's initial vow to us in Christ is revealed to us in the waters of Baptism.

Baptism Vows proclaim faithfulness to our Catholic Creed and a willingness to say "No" to the Evil One. Faithfulness to our Baptism Vows helps us to be faithful in marriage vows, priest/religious life vows and other vows we may undertake.

God is committed to us always in Christ the Son; that is, God is vowed to us in an eternal covenant. God is always faithful to us as revealed in the Eucharist Covenant of Christ broken and poured out for us. And when we receive Holy Communion at Mass we are strengthened to be more faithful in our vow to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbors in the way of Christ.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 8th & 9th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5305.20

Children's Collection: \$20.10

Charity: \$220.00

Religious Education: \$130.00

Northwest Indiana Catholic: \$442.00

Food Pantry: \$1404.48

50/50 Raffle: \$300.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on February 11th
Was # 559**

The Winner Would Have Won \$795.00
(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.

Reflections of Holy Mass

We will continue to offer the DVD Series "*Reflections of Holy Mass*" after the 10:00 Mass on the Sundays of Lent beginning March 9 in the Gathering Room. There are often questions as to the meaning of this or that particular part of the liturgy. These DVDs conducted by: Abbot Marcel Rooney, O.S.B. are presented to help our understanding form a deeper prayerful appreciation of the Gift of Holy Mass.

Come join us as together we welcome this opportunity to grow in our faith as we reflect upon: "*The Word of God*". We will begin at: 11:15am and dismiss by 12:30pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 25

- 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 27

- 6:30pm—Family Rosary
- 7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Religious Education

First Reconciliation Reflections

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?

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?

Service of Light Mass

The Elizabeth Ministry of Northwest Indiana will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass to remember children who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or any other death at St. John the Evangelist, 10701 Olcott Avenue in St. John at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 25. 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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Olive oil looms large in the vocabulary of baptism. There are other oils in the pantry closet, from grapeseed to safflower to canola, but only olives yield the proper meanings. Olives don’t just happen; they are cultivated, nurtured, pruned, and fussed over; they are a sign of human and divine cooperation. Olives can thrive in poor soil, but they cannot survive without human ingenuity, planting shoots and pruning branches. They can’t be popped from a tree and munched like apples: they are inedible without long curing; neither do they yield their oil to hand pressure alone, but only to huge stone mills. Abundant patience is needed as sediment sinks to the bottom of storage barrels and pure oil rises to the surface.

Olive oil is a byproduct of peace: war keeps harvesters, planters, and pruners within city walls and turns millers into soldiers. To obtain oil from olives you need vast measures of hope, patience, faith, and ingenuity. Olive oil is a sign of God’s bounty and the way we human beings collaborate with God to bring about impossibly wonderful results. It is creation at its finest. Some people give chocolate eggs for Easter; perhaps olive oil is a more appropriate gift!
—Rev. James Field, Copyr

Andrean High School Honor Roll

- Congratulations to the following Andrean High School students who earned Honor Roll status:
- A Honor Roll**—Gabrielle Alcott, Daniel Gomez, Jaclyn Schneider
- B Honor Roll**—Aileen Garcia, Jason Schichner

Palms for Ashes

The Environment & Art Committee will be burning palms to make the ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms to church and place them in the baskets at all of the entrances.

Ministry Schedule

March 1st & 2nd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Alice Fogarty, Barb Graegin,
Laura Hays, Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Brad Zielke, Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

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

Strong Beliefs

Strong beliefs win strong people and make them stronger. —Walter Bagehot

Ministry Schedule

March 1st & 2nd

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lillian Smith
8:00am— C. Kline, J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am— Jed Burgos, ZJ Grino
6:00pm— Brian Blue



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Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

— *Leviticus 19:2b*

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