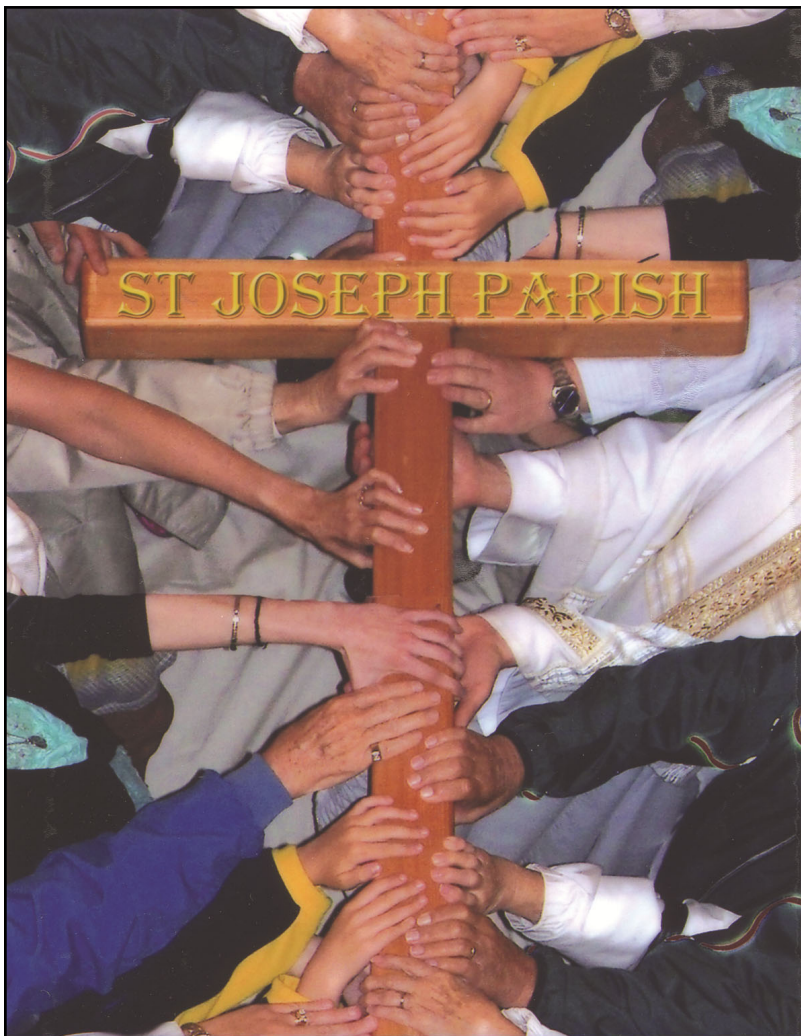


St. Joseph Church

February 24, 2013
Second Sunday of Lent

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311
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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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

Religious Education Office:865-2355

Religious Education Fax865-3740

Emailyseweaver@yahoo.com

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.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

One of the treasured sacraments in our Catholic tradition is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a treasure because it presents us with opportunities to be strengthened in goodness as we confess our sins. The grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is that the more we use it, the more goodness results in us.

Confessing our sins is the humble "avenue" to the growth of God's Kingdom which is the "main street" of more consistent goodness. Our faith journey in Christ is about growing in the ways of goodness throughout our lives. Going to Confession is not difficult but it is humbling.

Let's make a commitment to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometime during this current season of Lent. If it has been a while since your last confession it's ok. Come back to the Sacrament treasure and get ready for increased goodness in your life.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 9th & 10th

Sunday Ordinary Collections: \$6739.85

Children's Collection: \$9.00

Religious Education: \$205.00

Easter: \$25.00

Food Pantry: \$1707.92

50/50 Raffle: \$365.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 12th
Was # 322

The Winner Would Have Won \$3585.50
(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.**

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.

Andrean High School

Andrean High School is having its third and final Entrance Exam for the Class of 2017 on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 8:00am. The exam will end at approximately 11:30am. All incoming freshmen are required to take the exam for the 2013-14 school year.

Please enter through entrance A in the front of the school, bring \$30.00 for the exam fee and two #2 pencils. There is no pre-registration required and no calculators are allowed.

For more information go to andreanhs.com or contact Dawn @ (219) 887-5281 ext. 228 or dwojkovich@andreanhs.com.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Marian Catholic High School students who earned Honor Roll status for the 2nd Quarter:

Taylor Blue, Joshua David, Meghan Schmidt, and Patrick Schmidt.

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.

TRUST

“In God We Trust” marks the currency of our nation. It should mark our lives as well. In fact, however, we hesitate to trust others, including God, absolutely. We prefer to hold our trust in reserve, fearful of being hurt or betrayed. Today’s readings remind us that Lent is a season of trust—a trust that transforms.

God makes a remarkable promise to Abraham. To receive this promise, all Abraham need do is trust. Paul tells the Philippians that they too must trust that they are the beneficiaries of God’s bountiful grace; that they are not citizens of any earthly kingdom, but citizens of heaven. These two readings invite us to hear the Gospel account of deep trust—trust that God will fulfill all promises and that Jesus’ passage will lead to transformation and new life.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”
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Year of Faith Prayer

May this Year of Faith be a year to help
Appreciate the gift of faith,
deepen my relationship with God, and
strengthen my commitment
to sharing faith with others.

May I recognize the face of Christ
in those who are suffering, and help them
along the journey of life.

May I not grow lazy in the faith.

May I be enlightened in mind, and heart
by the word of the Lord.

May I be capable of opening the hearts
and minds of many to the desire of God,
and for true life, life without end.

Amen

Ministry Schedule
March 2nd & 3rd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Alice Fogarty, George Fogarty,
Stan Jurczuk, Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Brad Zielke, Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Rita D’Arcy & J. Hearne
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

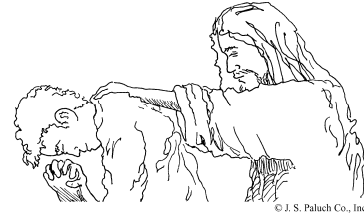
Best Inventions

I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill. —Thomas Edison

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—M. Schmidt
6:00pm—B. Blue



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The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
— *Psalm 27:1*

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