

St. Joseph Church

February 28, 2016

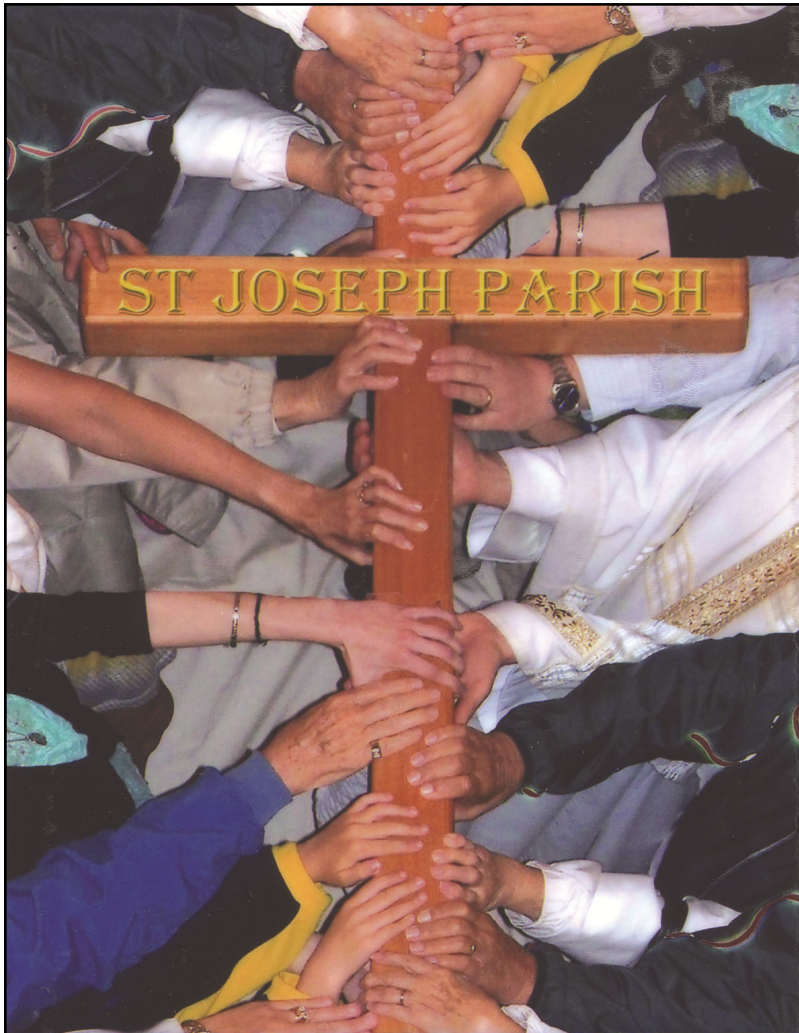
Third Sunday of Lent

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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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Religious Education Fax.....865-3740

Email.....yseweaver@yahoo.com

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 29, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM George Steffens

Tuesday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Bill R. Beaver

Wednesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, March 3, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Craig Lebryk Family

Friday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

Sunday, March 6, 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Joe Beaver

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Sunday Readings Reflections
of 3/6/2016**

Reading 1 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The Passover celebration described in today's reading is the first in the Promised Land. Because they have now settled in Canaan, the people no longer need the manna (the "bread from heaven") God has been providing on their journey through the desert. Their new homeland will produce all the food they need.

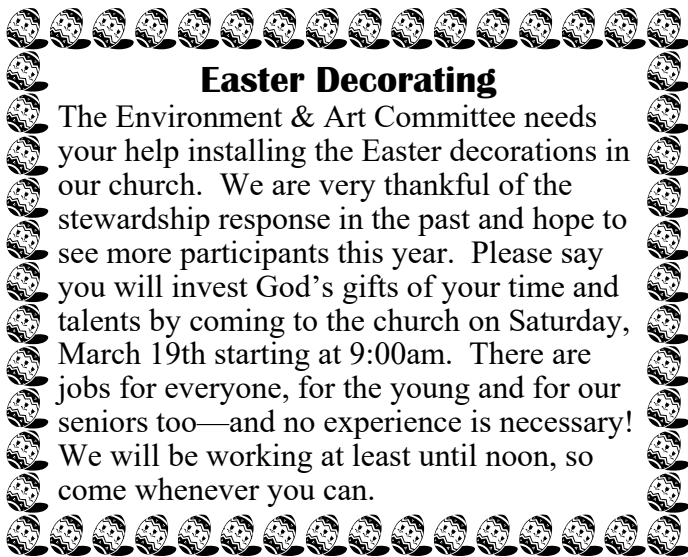
Reading 2 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul enthusiastically describes how God has made all things new through Christ. He pictures each of us as an ambassador of peace sent by God to our own little corner of the world. To be effective ambassadors, we must first experience God's peace in our lives. One way we can do this is through the sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of peace.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Religious people often criticized Jesus for eating and associating with sinners. But these people did not realize that everyone needs God's mercy and love. In today's gospel story, Jesus wants us to know what God's mercy is like. When anyone sins and is sorry for that sin, God rushes out at top speed to embrace that person. Even when we feel that we may be undeserving of God's love, Jesus tells us that God rejoices like the father in the gospel story.

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Easter Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help installing the Easter decorations in our church. We are very thankful of the stewardship response in the past and hope to see more participants this year. Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on Saturday, March 19th starting at 9:00am. There are jobs for everyone, for the young and for our seniors too—and no experience is necessary! We will be working at least until noon, so come whenever you can.

Religious Education

We Are Forgiven

This week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on the story of the prodigal son and the forgiving father. Each time we pray the Our Father we are reminded of God's forgiving love and our call, as children of God, to share that forgiving love with others. How do we as a parish welcome people unconditionally with a heart filled with joy?

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

There are sign-up sheets in the main vestibule in 1 hour increments starting with the Mass at 9am on Friday, March 4th and ending on Saturday, March 5th at 9am.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

The Old Testament presents us with Moses going up on Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments. There is an “if” attached to this Ten Commandment covenant because God’s Love is contingent on the Israelites faithful response to the Ten Commandments. That things will go bad for the Israelites if they don’t obey God’s Law.

The Good News of the New Covenant of Jesus is how Jesus clarifies that God’s Love is unconditional, no “ifs” attached to it. During Lent we need to more deeply absorb God’s unconditional love and stop fighting it. We need to stop down-playing God’s unconditional Love and trust it more deeply. In particular, we need to repent of not trusting God’s constant Love. Sin results from not trusting God’s unconditional Love. Sin energizes us to want to fight God’s Love because God’s deep Love from the sin perspective is unbelievable.

Weekly Eucharist strengthens our belief in God’s unconditional Love thanks to Scripture and the Body and Blood of Christ. We let go of fighting God’s Love at Mass and more joyfully praise and thank God for loving us even when we don’t want God’s Love. Any “ifs” about God’s Love are transformed into “always” in Christ the Savior of the World.

Thankful for God’s Constant Love,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 20th & 21st

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$4551.10

Charity: \$50.00

Religious Education: \$15.00

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1208.90)

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$198,070.00

Fiscal Year Surplus: \$42.31

Eastern Europe: \$15.00

Food Pantry: \$0

50/50 Raffle: \$200.00

Northwest Indiana Catholic

Sharing faith through communications! At a time when people of faith continue to be concerned about religious freedoms, support the Catholic press with a subscription to the **Northwest Indiana Catholic** newspaper. For less than one fast-food dinner for a family of four, welcome into your home each week, current, positive and informative news about our faith. The rate for a year’s subscription is **\$26** for 43 issues, which includes the annual diocesan directory. Renewals, as well as new subscriptions, are available by using the envelope provided in your treasure support packet by **Sunday, March 6, 2016.**

Sisters of Providence

Do you want to live joyfully? Would you like to deepen your faith and live more intentionally? Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to attend a “Come and See” Weekend retreat with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Event is Friday, April 8 to Sunday, April 10. For more information, call Sister Editha Ben at 812-230-4771 or email eben@spsmw.org.

Save the Date!

Looking for an opportunity to go away with the Lord and learn about your Catholic Faith? Join us at the Diocesan Catechetical & Liturgical Day on Sunday March 6, 2016 beginning with noon Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Chesterton? Hear Bishop Donald Hying and members from Casting Nets Ministries talk about the Year of Mercy and the New Evangelization. Cost is \$25 per person. Visit the Diocesan Webpage to register today: www.dcgary.org/conference.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 1

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education classes in school
 6:30-8:00pm—Faith Reflections in Gathering Room

Thursday, March 3

7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, March 4

9:00am Mass & adoration starts for 24 hours
 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross
 7:30pm-9:00pm Confessions

Saturday, March 5

9:00am—Adoration is finished
 9:00am—9:30am—Confession

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ash Wednesday is not observed by Eastern Christians, perhaps because, at least in Orthodox practice, weekdays are not proper days for the Divine Liturgy. Typically, "Great Lent" has a bit of a prelude. On "Meatfare Sunday" the faithful have their last chance to eat meat for the entire period of Great Lent. A week later, "Cheesefare Sunday" has dairy on the menu for the last time until Pascha (Easter). At twilight on Cheesefare Sunday, officially called "Sunday of Forgiveness," the church gathers for "Forgiveness Vespers." The faithful identify with Adam and Eve, forgiving one another in order to experience God's forgiveness. The desire to set aside all bitterness, and to achieve harmony and reconciliation in the family and with one's neighbors gives a remarkable energy to the transition into the days of penitence. At the end of the vespers liturgy, the décor of the church is changed to reflect the new season. How is your Lenten fast going? Imagine the Eastern tradition. No meat, no fish, no dairy, no wine or oil. Some traditions permit vegetable oil; everyone goes without olive oil. Happily, strict fasting is not permitted on the Sabbath or the Lord's Day, so on Saturday and Sunday the fast is somewhat mitigated, and wine and oil are allowed. If the Feast of the Annunciation falls during Great Lent, then fish may be served.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 16th
 Was # \$422.50

The Winner Would Have Won
 (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.

The Knights of Columbus St. Pope John Paul !! - Council 16008 from Highland will be hosting a Breakfast w/the Easter Bunny at the St. James Parish Hall on March 6th, from 7:30am—1pm. This is a free will donation and we encourage you to bring your children to meet the Easter Bunny and get a picture taken. You can call Dan Lelito @ 219-218-7446 or visit us at facebook.com/KOC16008 for more information.

Ministry Schedule
March 5th & 6th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Emma
Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Edwin Abangan, Jessica Abangan,
Laura Hays
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—
6:00pm—Emma Weissbeck

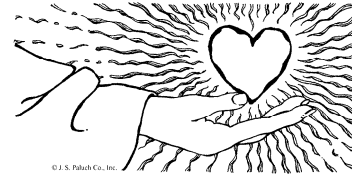
FORGIVENESS

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge
over which they themselves must pass. --Confucius

Ministry Schedule
March 5th & 6th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Mary Shutoski
8:00am— Joe Nowacki
10:00am— Gian Abangan, Jim Morris
6:00pm— Jack & Orla Fingar, Lillian Smith



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Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

-- Psalm 103:8

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