

# St. Joseph Church

March 1, 2015

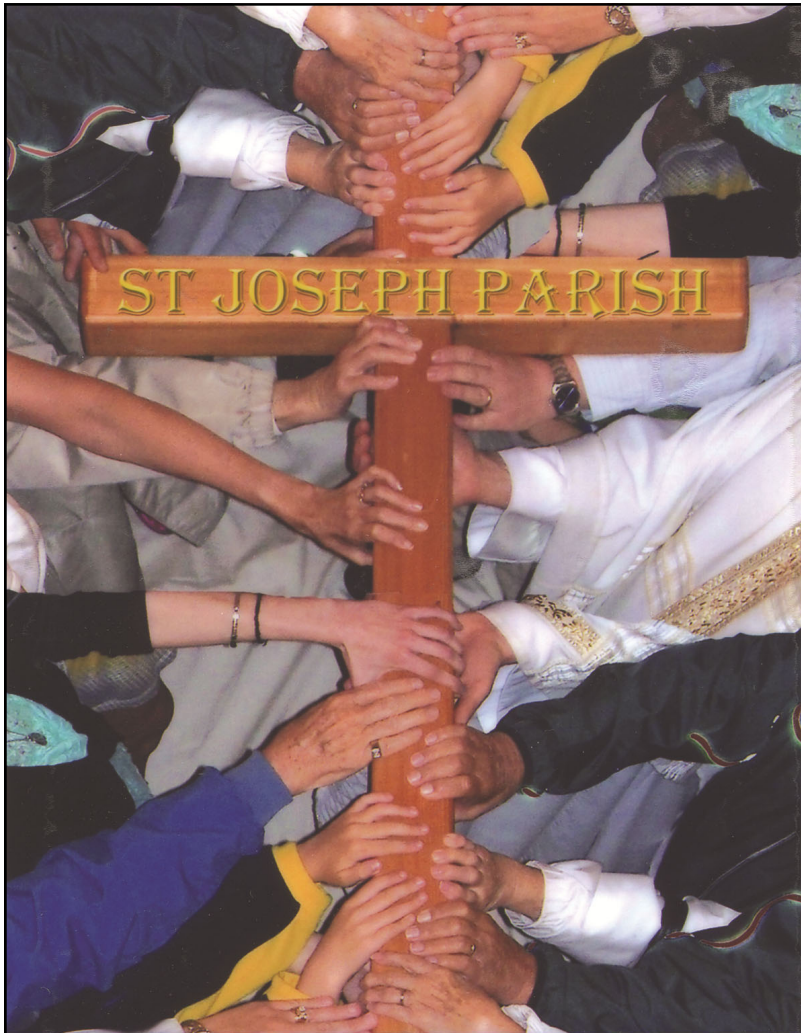
Second Sunday of Lent

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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

**Parish Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Email .....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

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, March 2, Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, March 3, Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Weekday**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the  
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families  
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Walter Evans

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 7, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

**Sunday, March 8, 3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Joseph R. Pacholski  
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Hospital & Nursing Home Visits**

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home. Also let us know if they would like their name published in the bulletin to be prayed for by the parishioners.

Thank You.

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 7th & 8th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

**“The Light is ON for You”**

Has it been a while since you’ve been to confession? Interested, but worried you don’t remember how to seek heartfelt forgiveness? No problem—our parish priest will help you find your way! 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 is in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions and penance services. We pray all will seek the abundance of God’s healing grace, forgiveness and love during this Lenten season.

**Diocesan TAPT Retreat**

High school teens are invited to attend TAPT, a Diocesan Catholic weekend retreat, held March 20-22 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: March 6. For complete details, visit [garytapt.com](http://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.

**Come and See Vocation Weekend**

March 20-22, 2015

Do you have questions about what God is calling you to do with your life?

Come on retreat at Our Lady of Grace Monastery and share in the life and prayer of the sisters as you learn more about the Benedictine way of life. Enjoy the opportunity to explore your questions and experience religious life firsthand. Beech Grove, IN. For single, Catholic women ages 18-44. For info, call 317-787-3287 ext. 3032.

**Pastor’s Column**

Dear Parishioners:

There can be some confusion about our humanity being created in God’s image and likeness and the divine presence in us through Jesus. They are not opposed to each other but rather Jesus reaffirms and amplifies our being God’s image and likeness in the world. Jesus is born into our humanity on Christmas to enhance our human dignity and respect. Jesus saves our humanity by bringing us Holy Communion with the divine in our flesh and blood humanity. There is no division between the human and the divine. That’s the Good News! God is one with humanity, period.

Because we are God’s highest creatures, we have a major stewardship responsibility to take care of the rest of creation. We are to use creation in ways that affirm the dignity and respect for all humans. Hoarding or wasting creation is to be avoided and generous sharing is to be our God-focus.

Our Creator God gets to the heart of humanity through His Son, Jesus. Although we are created in God’s image and likeness, what takes our humanity to the eternal level is our savior Jesus who frees us up from thinking that the divine is in conflict with the human. Holy Communion with Jesus is at the heart of our humanity and is in concert with the divine.

In God’s Oneness,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**  
 February 21st & 22nd

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4480.99**  
**Charity: \$225.00**  
**Religious Education: \$11.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1248.01)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$202,810.00**  
**Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$9810.30)**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$225.00**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Within the tradition of the Christian church, there are differing ways of observing a Lenten fast. For Eastern Catholics and Orthodox, the discipline is close to our understanding of “abstinence.” Certain foods are eliminated from the diet entirely. The rules are basically monastic rules, and the customs of a monastery table are embraced in the home. This year, “Meatfare Sunday” is February 26, and it is the last time that meat is admitted to the diet until Easter. The following Sunday, known as “Cheesefare Sunday,” takes cheese and all dairy products from the table. It is also known as “forgiveness Sunday” because a true fast is about crowning life with love, holding back harsh words, and cutting off anger.

The Eastern churches fast even from celebrating the Eucharist from Monday through Friday. We don’t count Sundays as fast days, but Eastern Christians fast through the weekends. People are expected to come as close to the ideal as possible, and the Lenten services keep reminding them not to take pride in their fasting, since the devil himself never eats! What’s left on the menu? Grains, vegetables, eggs (maybe), and fish. Imagine the joys of the Easter table after such a fast!

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**Dyer Lady Lions**

Dyer Lady Lions is hosting a fundraiser chili dinner on Sunday, March 15th from Noon until 4:00pm. It will be held at the St. John Township Hall on Route 30 in Schererville. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes two bowls of chili, corn bread, crackers, pop/coffee and a dessert. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Dyer Lady Lions is a service organization that has been helping the community for over 40 years through a variety of donations.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, March 2**

7:00-8:30pm—Lenten Book Study—  
Gathering Room

**Tuesday, March 3**

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

**Wednesday, March 4**

6:00-8:00pm—”The Light is on For You”  
(confessions in church)

**Thursday, March 5**

6:30pm—Family Rosary  
7:00pm—Choir Practice

**Friday, March 6**

7:00pm— Stations of the Cross

**Traveling With God**

Life is just a journey  
That everyone must make;  
Sometimes it leads to sorrow,  
In this land of give and take.

You can encounter danger  
When the storms of life pass by,  
Or you can feel warm sunshine  
As you stop and rest awhile.

Cold winds are often blowing,  
Then ice and snow we see;  
The glitter is like jewels,  
As it sparkles from each tree.

Sometime the birds are singing,  
and flowers are in bloom;  
there’s often clouds and raindrops,  
And life seems dark with gloom.

There’s beauty and there’s sorrow  
On the road that you must trod,  
But you can overcome all odds,  
If you travel it with God.

Frances Culp Wolfe

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on February 17th  
Was # 68

The Winner Would Have Won \$669.50  
(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.

**St. Stephen Men’s Club  
AYCE Soup and Salad Dinner**

The St. Stephen Men’s Club is having an All You Can Eat Soup and Salad Dinner on Saturday, March 14th from 4-7pm in Jacob Hall. The cost is \$6 and includes coffee.

**Ministry Schedule**

**March 7th & 8th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka  
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman  
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak  
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am—Bridget Cavanaugh, Mike Klausman  
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

**A New Idea**

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves. —Leo Tolstoy

**Ministry Schedule**

**March 7th & 8th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Lillian Smith  
8:00am—Joe Stankovich  
10:00am—Andrew & Kevin Huffman  
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 1, 2015**

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*

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