

# St. Joseph Church

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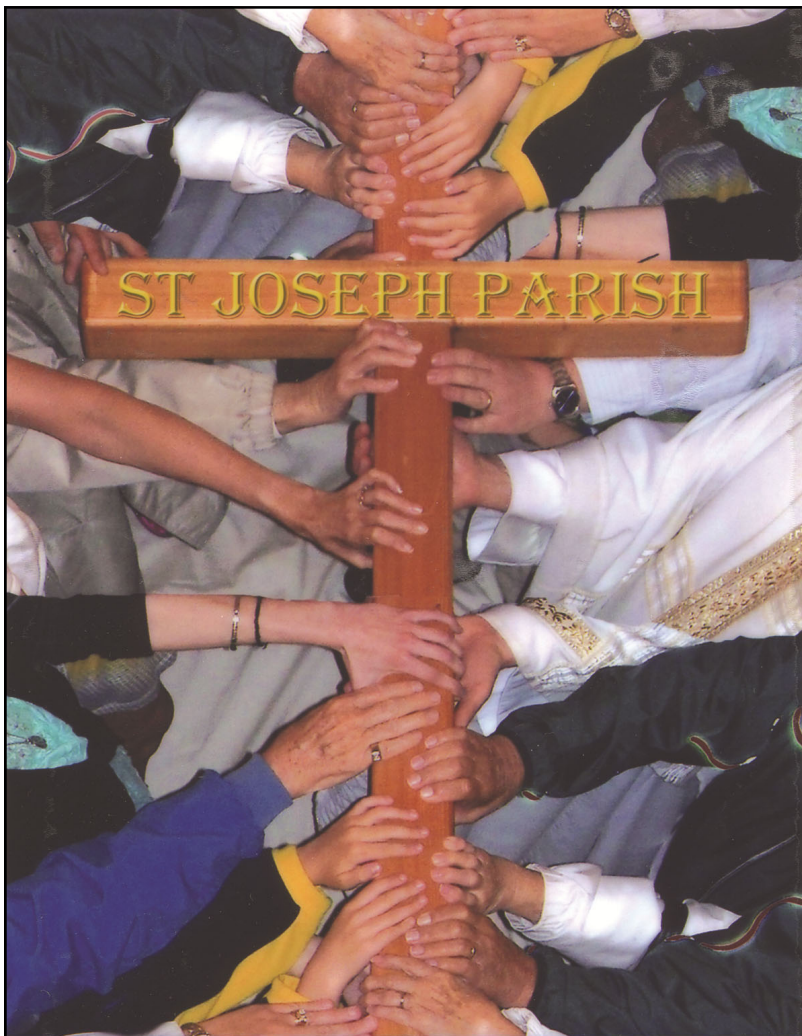
**Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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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

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

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

**Religious Education Office:**.....865-2355

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-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, March 3, Weekday**

9:00 AM Helen Hebert

**Tuesday, March 4, Weekday**

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Timothy Pawl Family

**Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

7:00 PM Poor Souls

**Thursday, March 6, Thursday after Ash**

**Wednesday**

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the John Solar Family

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, March 7, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM Clayton Heintz

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 8, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent**

4:30 PM Joseph Skvarek

**Sunday, March 9, 1st Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Stanley & Anna Kaczocha

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

6:00 PM Nick & Ernesta Zarlenga

**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.

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 8th & 9th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

**The Lenten Fast**

**Ash Wednesday**

This day is commemorated by fasting and by abstinence from meat.

**Lenten Fridays**

These days are marked by the discipline of abstinence from meat.

**How Do We Fast?**

**The Customary Fast**

This fast allows for only one full meal to be taken during the day. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Age Guidelines for Fasting**

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday and who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday.

**Age Guidelines for Abstinence**

Abstinence is to be practiced by all who are 14 years of age and older.

**Why Do We Fast and Abstain?**

The practice of the Lenten Fast is a practice of the whole parish community. Though the fast is carried out personally, we are united in our action through Jesus Christ. Our united fast and abstinence is our prayer to the Father through Jesus. Those who have already celebrated their 59th birthday are welcome to share with the community in these practices. However, they should take appropriate care regarding their personal health.



**Ash  
Wednesday**

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Masses for Ash Wednesday will be on Wednesday, March 5th at 9:00am and 7:00pm with ash distribution.

**Pastor’s Column**

Dear Parishioners:

So the Olympics have been “percolating” for several days, “brewing” bronze, silver and gold medals for the athletes. The amount of dedication required to be an Olympic champion is amazing. Fractions of seconds are at stake based on years of training. Such intense competition; why do people do it? For love of the sport? To test their abilities and their limits?

Now why do people follow Christ Jesus? I don’t see any medals at stake. In fact the only indication of victory is a wooden cross and empty tomb.

Competition for Christ consists of faithfulness in loving God and neighbor without expecting “pay-back” from God or neighbor. The only “glory” is to give God all the glory out of gratitude that God loves us first in Christ.

The Olympics are a special way to accentuate and celebrate God-given abilities to athletes. The potential for the medal winners to become famous is there but fame comes and goes. As disciples of Jesus we “compete” for an imperishable “prize” based on the infamy of the way of the cross. The dedication required to be a faithful follower of Christ is eternally more significant than short-lived Olympic competition.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

February 15th & 16th

**Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4620.39**

**Children’s Collection: \$20.10**

**Charity: \$12.00**

**Religious Education: \$22.00**

**Northwest Indiana Catholic: \$182.00**

**Food Pantry: \$450.00**

**50/50 Raffle: \$270.00**

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on February 18th**

**Was # 27**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$930.00**

(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, March 4**

- 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
- 6:00pm—Decorating church for Lent

**Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday**

- 9:00am—Mass with ash distribution
- 7:00pm—Mass with ash distribution

**Thursday, March 6**

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

**Friday, March 7**

- 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 8**

- 1:00-6:00pm—Confirmation Retreat at SS. Peter & Paul in Merrillville

**Sunday, March 9**

- 11:15am-12:30pm—Reflection of Holy Mass in Gathering Room

**Diocesan TAPT Retreat**

High school teens are invited to attend TAPT, a Diocesan Catholic weekend retreat, held April 4-6 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 21. 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.

**MARKET DAY**

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for February. We earned \$103.11. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, March 19th**. The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church. **This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget. The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm.** If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271. **(Remember, Easter!)**

**“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 12. 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.

**St. Michael’s**

Will host a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner on Saturday, March 15 from 5pm-8pm at their St. Patrick’s Hall. A menu of Corned Beef, Cabbage & Carrots, Sausage & Sauerkraut, Irish Potatoes, Chicken Tenders, Coffee & Desserts will be provided by **Rob’s Homestyle Catering**. Cash Bar. Tickets \$12 at door/Children 6-12, \$6 & 5 & under, free. Questions, call 219-736-6999.

**The Environment & Art Committee**

The Environment & Art Committee will be decorating the church for Lent on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00pm. Even if your are not a member of our ministry we would welcome your help. Please feel free to stop by and lend a hand!

**First Reconciliation Reflections**

**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?

**Ministry Schedule**

**March 8th & 9th**

**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, Ron Reichelt (choir)  
6:00pm—Dawn DeBold, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht,

**Lectors**

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

**Possessions**

The only things we actually keep are those we give away. —Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule**

**March 8th & 9th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Need Servers  
8:00am— Joe Stankovich  
10:00am— Andrew Huffman, Kevin Huffman  
6:00pm— Need Servers



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her  
womb?

Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

— *Isaiah 49:15*

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