

St. Joseph Church

March 6, 2016

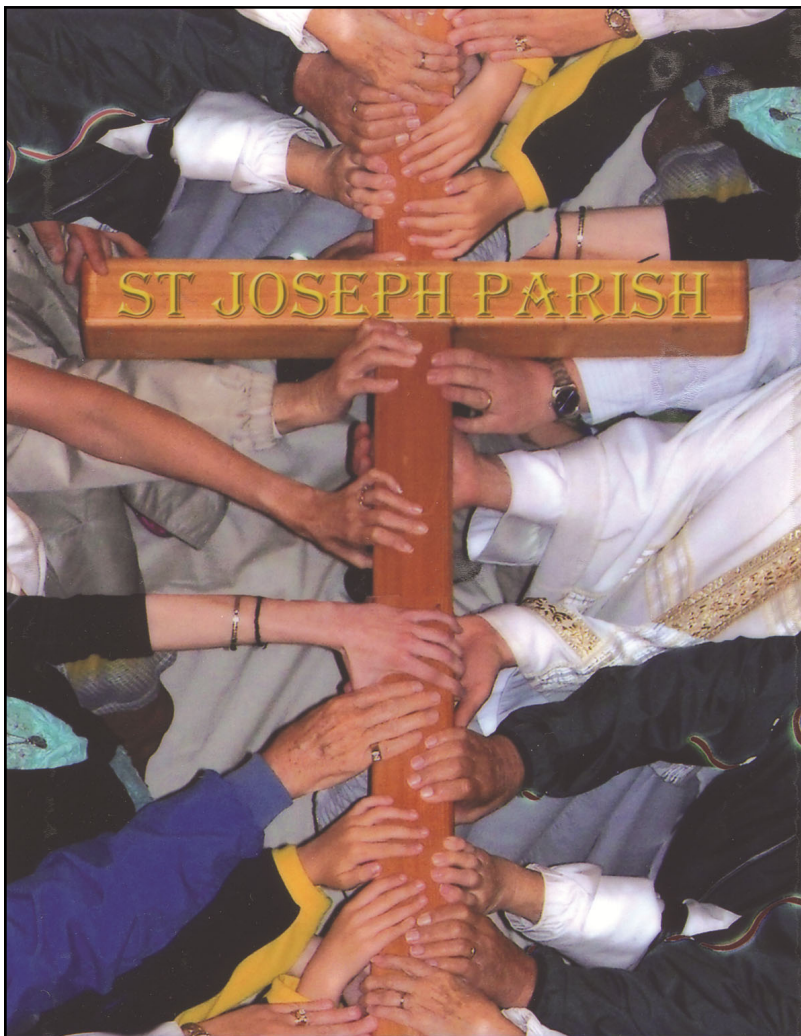
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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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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 7, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Jonathan D. Mantel

Tuesday, March 8, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Ted Korabel

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

Thursday, March 10, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Dolores Kaczocha

Friday, March 11, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Robert Rybicki Family
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Andrew Babusiak

Sunday, March 13, 5th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Mantel Family
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza



Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family:
 Nancy Hanck, Jim Hines, Dolores Kaczocha, Mike Klausman, Fran Lisac, Mark Maicher, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 12th & 13th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

Marian Catholic High School

Congratulations to the following students who earned 2nd Quarter Honor Roll status: Ashley David, Joshua David, and Ryan Schmidt.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 3/13/2016

Reading 1 Isaiah 43:16-21

To stir up their hope about what God would do for them in the future, the Israelites often looked back to see what God had done for them in the past. The prophet helps them to do just that in today's reading. He recalls their exodus from Egypt and how God provided for them in the desert. Then he says, "Look ahead!" In other words, whatever great deeds God had done in the past, God can always do something new and greater.

Reading 2 Philippians 3:8-14

You have probably noticed that Paul often talks about himself and his own faith experiences in order to convince others to follow Christ. Today he recalls that he has given up everything to make room for Christ in his life. He knows it isn't easy to do this. But in the end he will share in Christ's Resurrection. That is why Paul describes himself as a runner, pushing on toward the finish line.

Gospel John 8:1-11

Once again the scribes and Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus. They bring him a woman caught in the act of adultery. The Law of Moses requires that the adulteress should die. If Jesus does not agree, he will look like someone who does not respect the Law of Moses.

To the Pharisees' amazement, Jesus at first ignores them. Then he stops them in their tracks with an unexpected challenge: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." One by one the judges and critics drop their stones and drift away. Now that they recognize their own need for forgiveness, they are not ready to condemn someone else. Neither does Jesus condemn the woman. He simply requires her to turn away from sin. Now she has a chance for a new beginning.

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The Men's Club of St. Stephen Martyr is having a Soup & Salad dinner on Saturday, March 19, from 4-7pm in Jacob Hall. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 12 & under.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

To build our faith on a solid foundation, we need to listen to the Word of God and put it into action. However, the action needs to flow out of our Holy Communion with Jesus. Our beloved Jesus is the Vine to our branching out in active love for God and neighbor. Christ Jesus guides us in the Holy Spirit to be solid in our faith foundation thanks to the Word of God.

So we cannot put God's Saving Word into action without faith in our Holy Communion with Jesus. Oneness in Christ frees us up as children of God to humbly admit that to do good in God's Word, we need to be attentive to Christ's guidance in the Holy Spirit. This point us to the importance of Silent listening to the Lord in the light of God's Word. By attentive Silence in the Lord's Word made flesh, we will be available to love-filled action that is consistent with God's Word/Will. Our solid faith foundation for action in Christ is based on our humbly admitting that any works of love in our lives need to be initiated through our Holy Communion with Christ.

Silence in God's Word is the solid faith foundation which keeps us grounded in God's Saving Love that needs to be humbly shared with many. Remembering at weekly Eucharist that Holy Communion with Jesus is constant can do eternal wonders for us by taking our being in Christ in Silence and doing God, Our Father's Will as it flows out of us in Christ His Son.

In God's Action of Love,

Fr. Terry

Religious Education

We Are Peacemakers

The week the young people of the parish preparing for Reconciliation reflected on God's gift of peace. All the baptized are anointed to announce the kingdom and make all people sharers in the peace of Christ. We are blessed and bring God's blessings to others. How do we as a parish strive to live as peacemakers and to make a difference?

Stewardship of Treasure Report
February 27th & 28th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4358.57
Charity: \$322.00
Religious Education: \$15.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1129.43)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$203,895.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$1087.12)
Food Pantry: \$0
50/50 Raffle: \$195.00

Share With The Handicapped

The Service League of Share Foundation With the Handicapped is planning a **Spring Luncheon** with broasted chicken, door prizes, a silent auction & entertainment on **March 16th, in the Halls of St. George, Schererville from 10:30am-2:00pm.** Sharing Meadows is a residence and camp for developmentally disabled adults in Rolling Prairie. **\$35/person.** For more information: call Share Foundation (219-778-2585) or Chairperson Emogene Grant (219-663-5271).
www.sharefoundation.org

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 26th 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 8
 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 10
 7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, March 11
 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

St. Matthias

St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point will be hosting a Singles Mingle. This event will take place on March 19, 2016 @ 5:30pm in our church hall and is open to singles 21 and over. The cost is \$10 per person which includes food, beer, and wine. Please call the parish office at 663-2201 to register by March 14th.

St. Stephen Martyr

St. Stephen Martyr Women’s Club is sponsoring a fundraiser: Qarters 4 A Cause
 When: Sunday, April 17, 2016
 Where: American Legion Post #430—7430 Broadway in Merrillville
 Doors Open at NOON:
 Auction starts at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$5 (1 paddle) or \$20 (5 paddles)
 Additional paddles will be available for purchase at the door.

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 your our 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.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 23rd
 Was # 319

The Winner Would Have Won \$522.50
 (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.

Lawn Mowing

Spring is near! We need men and women who are willing to help with mowing the lawn and weewacking around the church and school. We have the equipment and gas. We need the “manpower” and “womanpower”. There are sign-up sheets in all the vestibules. The more people who volunteer, the less often you will have to mow. You may also call the parish office, 865-2271, to volunteer. There will be a training meeting for those who need it.

Ministry Schedule
March 12th & 13th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabelle Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Tom Heffernan
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Ministry Schedule
March 12th & 13th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Mary Howe, Joe Nowacki
8:00am— Christopher Kline
10:00am— Abigail Holmes, Lanie Taylor
6:00pm— Ian Gruver



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Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

-- 2 Corinthians 5:17

CHARACTER

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me. --Anonymous

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