

St. Joseph Church

March 8, 2015

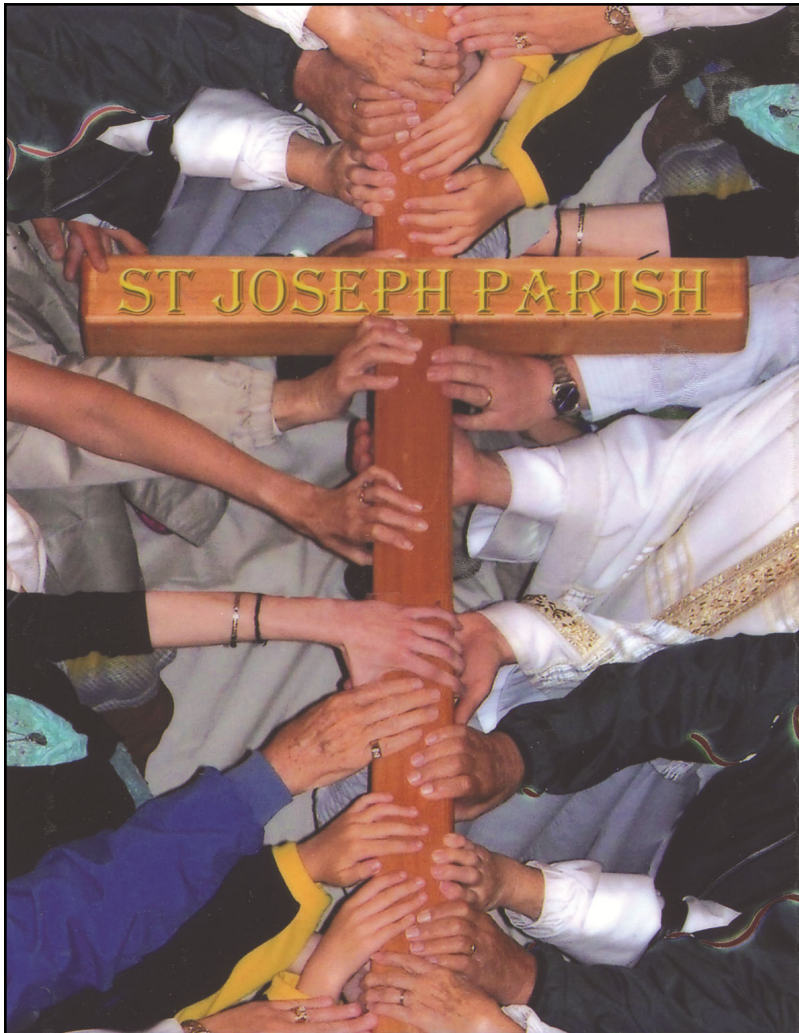
Third Sunday of Lent

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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.

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

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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 9, Lenten Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Dolores Kaczocha

Wednesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Angelo Micheli

Sunday, March 15, 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Leonard Witkowski

10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no 9am Mass on Monday, March 9th.

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.

Catechetical/Liturgical Day

Fr. Michael Joncas nationally known liturgical composer, author, and speaker is the keynote presenter at this year's spring Catechetical— Liturgical Conference to be held at St. Matthias Parish, 101 West Burrell Drive, Crown Point, on Sunday, March 15, 2015. This year's theme is: *Pope Francis' Vision for being Church in a Post Modern World.* The afternoon will include a keynote address, catechist recognitions, workshops, exhibits, food, door prizes and evening prayer from 1:00pm—6:45pm. Marco Lopez offer two sessions in Spanish. Cost is \$20.00. Go to www.dcgary.org Recently Updated for more information and on line registration. Or call 219-769-9292 ext 230 for a printed brochure. This event is a collaborative effort between the Offices of Religious Education, the Office of Worship, Office of Hispanic Ministry, DGPCL and Diocesan Music Committee. All are welcome!

High School Retreat

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration will be offering a High School Retreat at our Motherhouse on the weekend of March 21-22, 2015.

The retreat includes the following opportunities:

Confession and Holy Mass

Eucharistic adoration, time for personal prayer and prayer with the Sisters, Marian devotions, conferences offered by the Sisters and time for sharing with others.

The retreat will be held at our Motherhouse: St.

Francis Convent, 1515 Dragoon Trail in Mishawaka, Indiana. You can register online: www.ssfpa.org/retreat.

St. Matthias Grief Support

St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point will be hosting a four session series dealing with the loss of a loved one. It will commence beginning March 22 at 11:15am. This series will offer education in understanding what grief is in a supportive environment. For more information or to register, please call Joe Faulstich at 663-2201.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

People tend to enjoy the sensational, the thrilling, something new and exciting. As if we are vigilantly looking for something more and more to finally satisfy us. It seems to be a never-ending search for that something more. And when it comes to Jesus, we may project this wanting more and more out of Jesus when the faith fact is that Jesus is our constant fulfillment now. This is the result of Jesus' death and resurrection and how his risen peace lives within us at all times. Specifically, Jesus lives within us in the silence. Yup, we need to ponder in silence Jesus' all-consuming presence. He encompasses all sensations, thrills, newness and excitement. Jesus' grace-filled presence is sufficient for all the "more and more" in our daily desires.

As for proof of this, we need to enter the silence within us; it's there but we need to let go of trying to monitor the silence. Simply be in the silence and observe how present Jesus is to us in our every moment. Nothing is missing in our lives where our depths are filled with Jesus' constant presence. Only the silence of faith in Christ crucified and risen is our inner peace. And when we live inner peace in Christ, our lives simplify in Christ's eternal abundance within us.

In Christ's Sufficiency,

Fr. Terry

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, facebook.com/garytapt, or contact Kevin Driscoll at the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth & Young Adults: 219-769-9292 x229.

Stewardship of Treasure Report
 February 28th & March 1st

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:	\$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected:	\$5107.40
Charity:	\$15.00
Religious Education:	\$50.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit:	(\$792.60)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed:	\$208,775.00
Fiscal Year Deficit:	(\$10,602.90)
Food Pantry:	\$140.00
Collection for Eastern Europe:	\$579.15
50/50 Raffle:	\$270.00



THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase 'the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 9

No 9:00am Mass

7:00-8:30pm—Lenten Book Study—

Gathering Room

Tuesday, March 10

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

6:00pm—RE Penance Service in church

Thursday, March 12

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Friday, March 13

7:00pm— Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

10:00am—1st Reconciliation of RE students

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Participating in Lent, we are engaging in patterns that have endured across the centuries. From very early times, we have the sense of accompanying the elect on their journey to the font. From as long ago as the fourth century, we receive Lent as forty days to shake the dust from our spirituality and reorder our conduct. Then, fasting was not seen as a strict duty, yet it seems it was widely observed. Think of the rules of politeness and courtesy that everyone agrees on. Fasting was also seen as a social duty, since food was in short supply as winter wore on, and the weak and the sick had the first claim on what remained on hand.

As a boost to the fasting of the body, the church developed a richer spiritual fare, including celebration of the Eucharist every day. This practice began in Rome by the sixth century. Week-day Mass was only at designated “stations.” The pope would arrive on horseback at the stational church. In those days, although the catechumenate was already in eclipse, there were pre-baptismal activities at the stational Masses: the giving of the Lord’s Prayer, prayers for the godparents, and constant references to baptism.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 24th
Was # 11

The Winner Would Have Won \$782.00
(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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Ashley David, Joshua David, Meghan Schmidt and Ryan Schmidt.

Ministry Schedule
March 14th & 15th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Joe Nowacki,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,
Tamara Fredrickson
6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabella Skurka,
Frances Vasquez

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy
10:00am—Religious Ed Students
6:00pm—Gary Blue

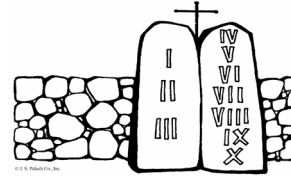
Reminders

People more frequently require to be reminded than
informed. —Samuel Johnson

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lanie Taylor
8:00am— Need Servers
10:00am— Religious Ed Students
6:00pm— Need Servers



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I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.
— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

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