

St. Joseph Church

March 9, 2014

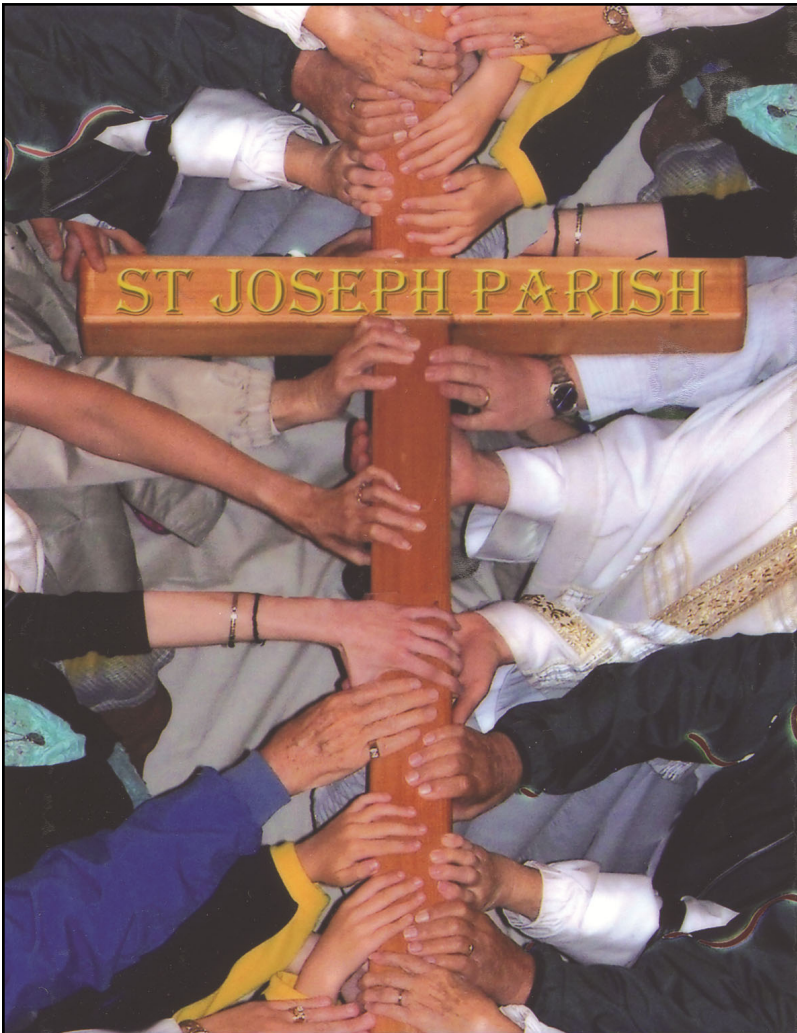
First Sunday of Lent

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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 Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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-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 10, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Ray & Kaye Sonite Family

Tuesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, March 13, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, March 14, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 16, 2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Leonard Witkowski
 10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Mantel Family
 6:00 PM Stanley & Anna Kaczocha

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. Thank You.

STMCareerNetworking Group

Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 7:00-9:00pm at STM Weis Center (St. Thomas More) 8635 Calumet Ave. in Munster. "The Elevator Pitch" - If you're looking for a job, one of the first tasks on your to-do list should be crafting an ideal 30 second "elevator pitch" that summarizes—who you are, what you do, and why you would be a perfect candidate.

"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 12. 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.

Come & See Vocation Retreat Sisters of St. Benedict—Beach Grove, IN

March 21-23, 2014

For single, Catholic women ages 18—44. Are you interested in learning more about religious life? Come on retreat at Our Lady of Grace Monastery and share in the life and prayer of the sisters. Enjoy the opportunity of talking with others who are discerning the call to religious life. If you can't come for the whole weekend, you are welcome to come for part of it. For more info or to register, contact: Sister Jennifer Mechtild Horner, OSB, 317-787-3287 ext. 3032—vocations@benedictine.com.

First Reconciliation Reflections

We Are Peacemakers

This 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?

Marian Catholic High School

Congratulations to the following Marian Catholic High School students who earned **Honor Roll Status** for this past quarter:
Joshua David, Meghan Schmidt and Patrick Schmidt.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

How often do you laugh at yourself? I mean break into laughter about ourselves based on some of the things that happen to us. A slight slip on a wet floor, a dropped jar that splatters, a jammed finger with an inadvertent bump. I'm not suggesting laughter at a serious injury, but let's face it, some of the things that happen to us each day warrant some laughter! We are such characters, aren't we? (Yes, we are!) Self-laughter is letting the joy of the risen Christ help us to keep perspective on our earthly lives.

Can we confidently assume that Jesus let out a big laugh after he rose from the dead? Out loud laughter at death! Yes, now this is Good News for our earthly, human lives! We can laugh at death which is technically our hardest "fall" on earth.

In Christ the risen savior, we have reason to chuckle every day because our human limitations are redefined in Christ's risen presence. As we slip, slide, drop or jam ourselves, we can smile/laugh at what a collection of weaknesses, we are but how eternally precious we are at the same time in the risen Christ.

I propose to you that a good sign of our faith in the risen Christ is our freedom and peace with laughing at ourselves a few times each day/night. It is good for our blood vessels and it is eternally good for our spiritual lives.

With a smile in Christ,
Fr. Terry

Collection for the Churches In Eastern Europe

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be as generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about the important projects funded by the Collection.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 22nd & 23rd

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4514.93

Children's Collection: \$17.10

Charity: \$249.00

Northwest Indiana Catholic: \$130.00

50/50 Raffle: \$300.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on February 25th
Was # 465**

The Winner Would Have Won \$1080.00
(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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 10

7:00pm—Stewardship meeting in Gath. Room

Tuesday, March 11

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 12

6:00—8:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (The Light is on For You)

Thursday, March 13

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Friday, March 14

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

10:00am—First Reconciliation of Religious Education Students

Sunday, March 16

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

Catechetical/Liturgical Day

Marty Haugen, liturgical composer, Nancy Bird, catechetical consultant for RCL Benziger, and Miriam Hidalgo are the three main presenters at this year’s spring Catechetical—Liturgical Conference to be held at Nativity of Our Savior Church, 2949 Willowcreek Road, Portage, Indiana. This year’s theme is taken from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation: “The Joy of the Gospel”. It will offer a keynote address, catechist recognitions, workshops, exhibits, food, door prizes and evening prayer with Bishop Dale Melczek from 1:00pm—6:30pm on Sunday, March 23rd. Miriam Hidalgo will offer two sessions in Spanish. Cost is \$20.00. Go to www.dcgary.org *Upcoming Events* for more information and on line registration. Or call 219-769-9292 ext. 230 for a printed brochure. This event is a collaboration between the Offices of Religious Education, the Office of Worship, Office of Hispanic Ministry, PAREFF and Diocesan Music Committee. All are welcome!

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 Emmaus Program

An Adult Formation Series for Parish Ministers/ Teachers/Catechists & All Parishioners Begins on March 19th at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall, 3025 Highway Ave. in Highland. The Dates: Wednesday, March 19th, Wednesday, March 26th, Wednesday, April 2nd & Wednesday, April 9th. Hours are 6:30-8:30pm each evening. Ms. Deborah Tatum will be the Presenter. Ms. Tatum has MA in Pastoral Theology from Catholic Theological Union at Chicago, and a Certificate of Completion from the Diocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program. Fee: \$20 for the four week session. Registration forms at all the entrances. Questions: contact Anne Verbeke at 769-9292 ext. 280.

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

Ministry Schedule
March 15th & 16th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan, Tamara
Fredrickson, Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Isabella Skurka, Brad Zielke,
Paula Zielke

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy
10:00am—Young People’s Mass
6:00pm—

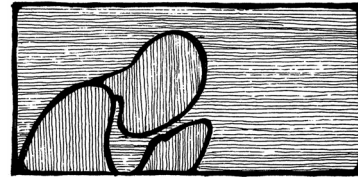
Prayer

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.—William McGill

Ministry Schedule
March 15th & 16th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lanie Taylor
8:00am— Need Servers
10:00am— Young People’s Mass
6:00pm— Need Servers



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“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”
— *Matthew 4:10*

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