

St. Joseph Church

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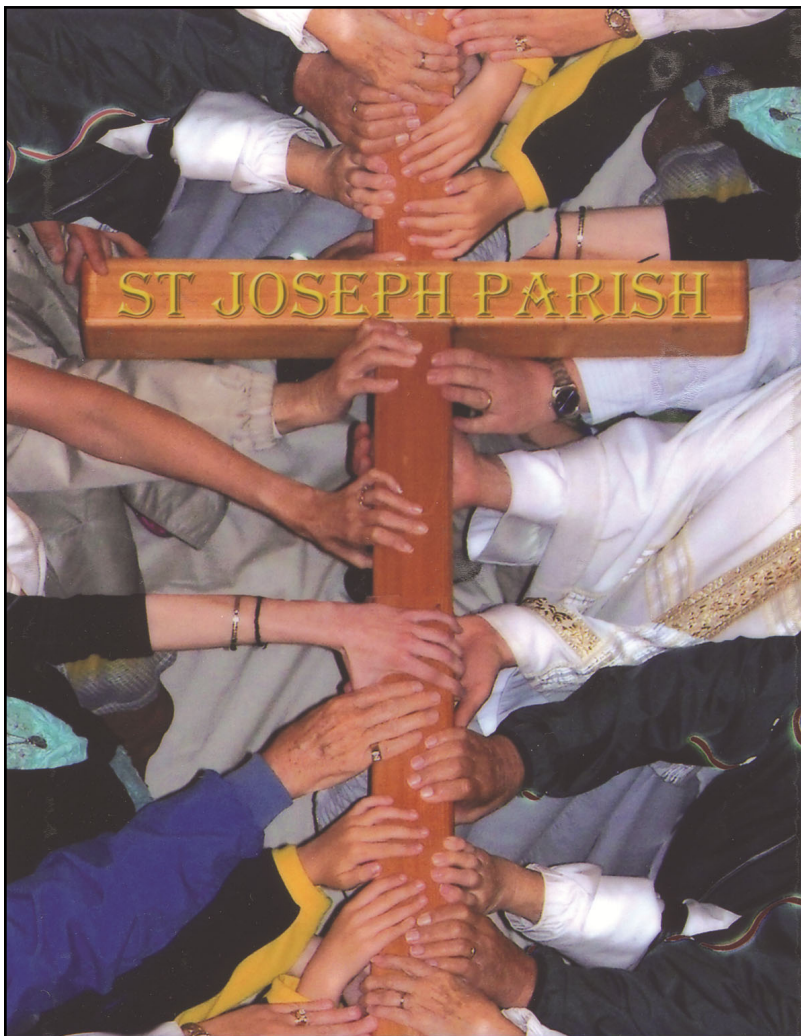
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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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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 11, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford
Wednesday, March 13, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, March 14, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Corky DePinto
 6:30 PM Family Rosary
Friday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Father Bill Truesdale
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Angelo & Caterina Micheli
Sunday, March 17, 5th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM For the Children & their Families of
 Sandy Hook School
 10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Mantel
 Family
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Please Note!

Their will be no morning mass on Monday, March 11th.

**Fostering Community Banking
 In the Dominican Republic**

- CRS Rice Bowl invites us to learn about the Dominican Republic this week, where CRS helps women form savings and lending communities that help them save money and access small loans for new businesses. Pray for these women who have the courage to start their own businesses, and make a contribution to your Rice Bowl to support people working to provide a better livelihood for their families.



**St. Joseph Parish Lenten
 Communal Penance Service**

Wednesday, March 20th
 7:00pm

Please join our family.

Catechetical Liturgical Day

Dan Schutte, liturgical composer and former member of the St. Louis Jesuits and Dr. Sandra Kennedy, catechetical consultant for W.H. Sadlier are the two main presenters at this year's spring Catechetical—Liturgical Conference to be held at St. Matthias Church, 101 West Burrell Drive, Crown Point, Indiana 46307. This year's theme: "Heralds of the Good News" will offer a keynote address, catechist recognitions, workshops, exhibits, food, door prizes and evening prayer with Bishop Dale Melczek from 12:00 noon—6:60pm. 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, PAREFF and Diocesan Music Committee. All are welcome!

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

So here we are in the midst of Transition in the Catholic Church with the retirement of Pope Benedict XVI. I give thanks for his years of service to the Church and pray for his peaceful retreating into a life of prayer for the Church.

We as the Body of Christ throughout the world are wise to pray for abundant wisdom among the conclave of 115 Cardinals so that God's Will be done in the light of the Holy Spirit. The key to the selection process is prayer and discernment for the Cardinals and the global Body of Christ is an important prayer support to the conclave.

Times of transition are opportunities for new life and the retirement of Pope Benedict has initiated a new-life process for the Catholic Church. Within a few weeks we should know the name of the new Pope. In the meantime, let us keep prayerful vigil with the Cardinals that the Holy Spirit shall prevail in the selection process.

Loving you in Christ,
Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

February 23rd & 24th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4803.00

Children's Collection: \$10.00

Charity: \$314.00

Religious Education: \$60.00

Churches in Eastern Europe: \$10.00

50/50 Raffle: \$410.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on February 26th

Was # 261

The Winner Would Have Won \$3983.00

(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.** You must use your current weekly treasure envelope with your sacrificial amount and the pre-printed 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.

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for February. We earned \$154.62. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, March 20th.** The pickup area is off the Non-dorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

This is just in time for Easter. There are meats, vegetables, desserts and more. Why not try it!

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.

St. Joseph 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?

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 11

No 9am Mass

7-9pm—Stewardship Meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, March 12

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

6pm—Religious Education Penance Service (Confessions) in church (Both Sessions A & B)

Wednesday, March 13

5:30pm—Pickup food at Aldi’s for Food Pantry

5:45pm—Unload food from Aldi’s at St. Joseph

Thursday, March 14

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30pm—Choir Practice

Friday, March 15

7pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

10am—1st Reconciliation of Religious Education Students

Sunday, March 17

11:15am—The Last Things (DVD presentation) in the Gathering Room

Parish Mission

St. Thomas More Catholic Church presents its “Year of the Faith” Parish Mission: **Rediscovering Our Identity to Empower Our Future.** Presenter: Fr. Michael Yadron. Sunday, March 10th through Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm. On Sunday and Monday evenings, there will be a prayer service with a presentation. On Tuesday, the presentation will take place at the evening mass. For information, call 219-836-8610.

Catholic Relief Services

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Mt 25:40).

Today, we are reminded of the gospel message to love all our brothers and sisters around the world and treat them with respect. The Catholic Relief Services Collection sees Jesus in victims of human trafficking, those who seek to change unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. **How will you help Jesus in disguise?**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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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 that you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home. Thank You.

St. Michael—St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16, 2013—5-8pm at their St. Patrick’s Hall. The proceeds will benefit the St. Michael’s Foundation which provides tuition assistance for their educational programs. **Rob’s Home-style Catering** will be preparing the Corned Beef, Cabbage & Carrots, Sausage & Sauerkraut, Irish Potatoes, Chicken Tenders, Coffee & Desserts, Cash Bar. Dinner \$10 presale, \$12 at door. Call 219-322-4505 or www.stmichaels-parish.org.

Ministry Schedule
March 16th & 17th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Patti Pawl, Tim Pawl,
William Wikar
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—Barb Jurczak
10:00am—Religious Ed Students
6:00pm—Brian Blue

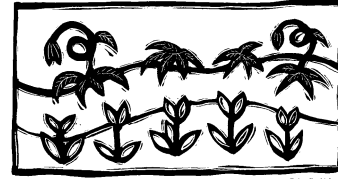
Only Halfway

You can only go halfway into the darkest forest; then you are coming out the other side. —Chinese Proverb

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—A. David, J. David
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Young People's Mass
6:00pm—J. Navarro



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2013

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

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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