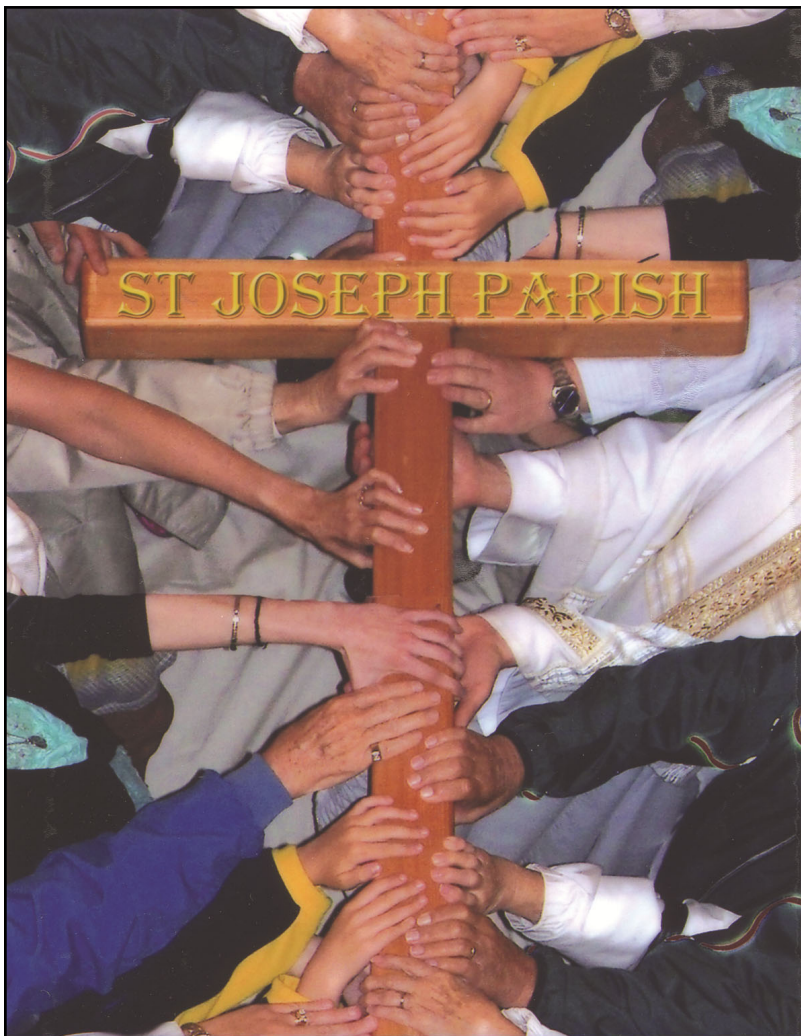


St. Joseph Church

March 13, 2016
Fifth 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

Email.....dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net

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, 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 14, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Patricia Lee Hunter
Wednesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, March 17, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Jonathan D. Mantel
Friday, March 18, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM The Holt Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19, Vigil: Palm Sunday
 4:30 PM Sharon Kramer
Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday
 8:00 AM Bernard Paulson
 10:00 AM Gerald S. Locasto
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish



Easter Schedule

Confessions

St. Joseph Parish

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 16—7:00pm

Individual Confessions

Saturday, March 19—3:30pm

Monday, March 21—7:00pm

Tuesday, March 22—11:00am

Wednesday, March 23—7:00pm

Holy Thursday, March 24

No 9:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 25

1:30pm Good Friday Services

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 26

12 Noon—Blessing of the baskets

7:30pm—Easter Vigil Mass

(No 4:30pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, March 27

8:00am & 10:00am Easter Masses

(No 6:00pm Mass)

PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence. The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

The Reflections for the Readings were not available for Palm Sunday.

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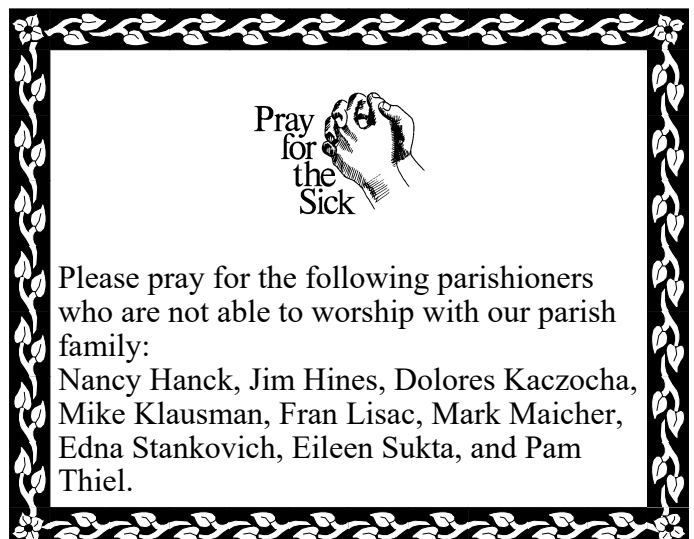
Camp Lawrence

Camp Lawrence in Valparaiso is looking for counselors, lifeguards and a student nurse to work the 2016 camp season. Please contact the Catholic Youth Organization for more information. 219-736-8931 or nwic-yo@comcast.net.



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, Eileen Sukta, and Pam Thiel.



Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

There may be times when we doubt whether God has brought salvation to the world through Christ His Son. Somehow we may not yet be convinced that Jesus has already died and risen from the Holy Spirit fills us with risen life now.

Our faith response is to give God constant praise and thanks which includes weekly Eucharist. Our main reason for going to Mass every week is to praise and thank God for giving us His Son to free us from sin and death. No need to get bogged down with layers of reasons for going to Mass. It's pretty simple: go to Mass to praise and thank God for loving us first as revealed in Jesus the Son of God made man. We commune at Mass with the risen Christ who confirms in the Holy Spirit that we are eternal life people.

So as Lent continues, let us give up our worries and fears about life and replace them with praise and thanks to God. This is a more energizing way to live and it testifies to our faith in Christ as the risen Savior now. Life is so much simpler when we live every day the Doxology proclaimed at weekly Mass: "Through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus, O God, Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever".

Praising and thanking God,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 5th & 6th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$6947.10

Charity: \$105.00

Religious Education: \$0

Weekly Treasure Support Surplus:

\$1227.10

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount

Needed: \$209,720.00

Fiscal Year Surplus: \$139.98

Catholic Relief Services: \$674.45

50/50 Raffle: \$215.00

Catholic Cruise Alaskan

Explorer with Glacier Bay

Come and sail away on a 7 night Alaskan Explorer with Glacier Bay Cruise with Father John Vakulskas, Jr., September 24th to October 1st, 2016 on Holland America's Westerdam out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call: Juneau, Alaska, Cruise Glacier Bay National Park, Sitka, Alaska, Ketchikan, Alaska, Victoria, British Columbia. Prices begin at \$1990 for two passengers including all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Dout or Eileen at 860-399-1785/Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

* **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 dis- *
* abled 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

Monday, March 14

7:00pm—150th Parish Anniversary meeting
in Gathering Room

Tuesday, March 15

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
5:30-7:30pm GOF in the Gym

Wednesday, March 16

10:00am-12 Noon—Food Pantry pickup
6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry pickup
7:00pm—Parish Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, March 17

7:00pm—Choir practice

Friday, March 18

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from "Benedict" to "Francis," we named a "treasure" in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, "overseers," good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament. Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone's name.

In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, "elders," or presbyters. That isn't a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men "stood in" for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop's Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church's unity around its bishop.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 1

Was # 230

The Winner Would Have Won \$620.00
(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.

Lawn Mowing

Spring is near! We need men and women who are willing to help with mowing the lawn and weed-wacking 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 19th & 20th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lee Kobza, 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—Gary Blue
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy
10:00am—Tim & Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

Ministry Schedule
March 19th & 20th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lillian Smith
8:00am— Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Jim Morris, Russell Wells
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.
-- Philippians 3:8

INSPIRED SCRIPTURE

The study of inspired scripture is the chief way of
finding our duty.

--St. Basil the Great

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