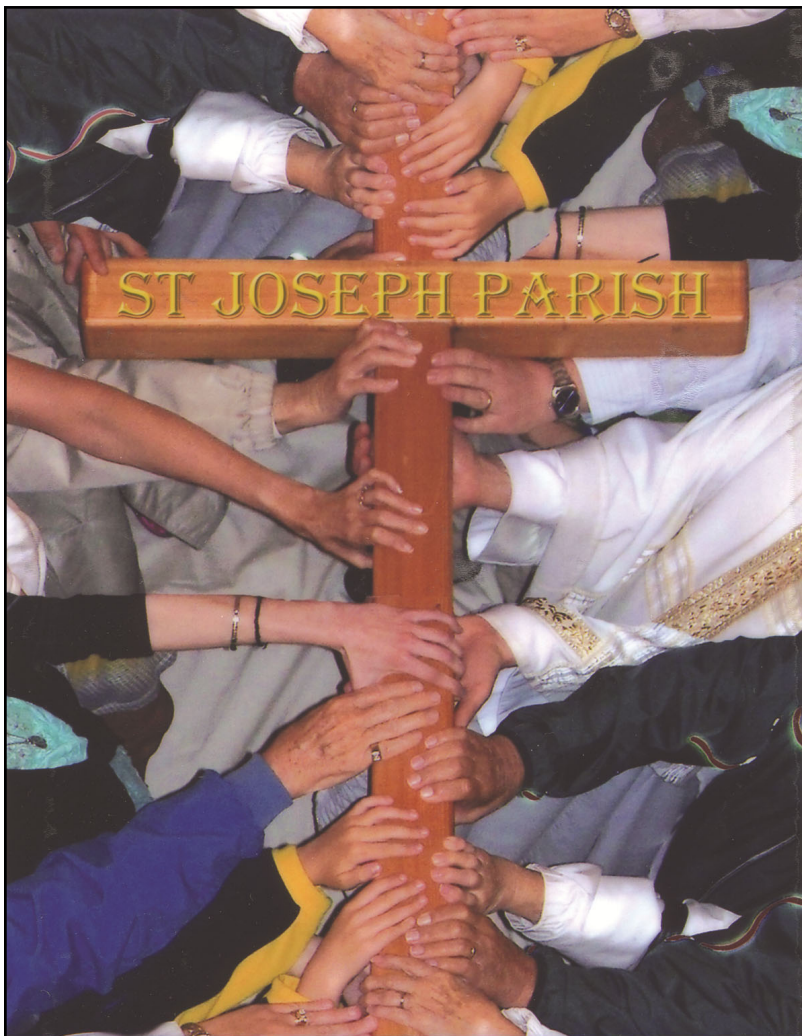


St. Joseph Church

March 15, 2015
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.

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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 16, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, March 17, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, March 19, St. Joseph
 9:00 AM Father Terry Steffens
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, March 20, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Br. Gerald Hall, CPPS

Sunday, March 22, 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 The Deceased Members of the Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

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.

Beauty in Forgiveness

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another. —Jean P.F. Richter

Easter Liturgy Schedule

Parish Penance Service
 Wednesday, March 25—7:00pm

Individual Reconciliation
 Monday, March 30 —7:00pm
 Tuesday, March 31—11:00am
 Wednesday, April 1—7:00pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Thursday, April 2—7:00pm

Good Friday, April 3
 1:30pm Good Friday Services
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4
 12 Noon—Blessing of the Food Baskets
 7:30pm— Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5
 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
No 6:00pm mass

**St. Joseph,
 Pray
 For Us**



Fish Fry

St. Michael the Archangel's Knights of Columbus Council 12177 will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 20th from 4:00pm—7:00pm. This is an ALL YOU CAN EAT MEAL!! The cost of an adult meal is \$12.00, children (ages 5-14) \$6.00. Extra charge for desserts, pop & bar. Carry Outs will be available. For info, call 219-775-5774.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

We might wonder about the last judgment, what it will be like. In fact we may have fear about how God will judge us at the end of our lives. We need to remember that Jesus comes to reveal God's mercy for all of humanity. God's judgment is rooted in mercy flowing out of unconditional love.

Now this does not mean that we can live a free-for-all with no accountability. However, God's merciful judgment reminds us to live humbly but let go of our fear of God. Jesus the Son of God made man sets us free from fear of God so that we commune with God out of love. The end result of living in God's mercy is that we will love our neighbors with more mercy. Somehow in the mystery of God's merciful judgment, the issue of how we treat our neighbors including the least of our neighbors will come up.

Stewardship of sharing generously with the least of our neighbors is an important part of discipleship in Jesus, and sets the tone for how God will judge us. God does not want any of us to be lost in selfishness, and that is where Jesus communes with us in depths of mercy and compassion. To live Christ is to let go of selfishness and observe how Jesus is energizing us to be more loving to our neighbors, including the least. Our Holy Communion with Jesus is the way to prepare for the last judgment because mercy will already be our mainstay on earth.

In Christ's Mercy,

Fr. Terry

Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 7th & 8th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5988.00
Charity: \$12.00
Religious Education: \$155.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$190.00
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$214,740.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$10,412.90)
Food Pantry: \$1602.00
Easter Flowers: \$10.00
50/50 Raffle: \$270.00

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the dissipation of the catechumenate's energy since almost everyone was born into the Church, Lent began to be seen more as a preparation to follow the Passion of Christ with devotion. In the city of Rome, creative spirits settled on "stational churches" as a way of keeping the energy flowing. Everyone would be directed to a certain "station" each day, and the name of that church provided a theme for the liturgy. So, for example, on certain Saturdays in Lent, everything centered on the church of St. Vitale. Now, this poor fellow had been thrown into a hole and covered in stones at his martyrdom, so the readings recalled Joseph thrown down the well by his brothers, and the wicked servants killing the son of the owner of the vineyard. Gradually, travelers to Rome noted the celebration and worked it into liturgical schedules back home. Eventually, calendars everywhere bore the curious footnote on a Lenten Saturday: "Station S. Vitale." This served the priority of getting ready to hear the Passion fairly well, but was hardly satisfactory for Lent's baptismal character. Now, at last, our liturgy is reorganized to serve the deepest level of our tradition exceedingly well. Lent, once again, is all about baptism.

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 16

7:00-8:30pm—Lenten Book Study—Gathering Room

Tuesday, March 17

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

Thursday, March 19

6:30pm—Family Rosary
7:00pm—Choir Practice

Friday, March 20

7:00pm— Stations of the Cross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18- Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

STMCareer Networking Group

Thursday, March 19th from 7-9pm.

Marketing YOU!

How to Make YOU the main product, Tell IT & Sell IT on your Resume, Give to Get
HelenMarie Harmon, Assistant Director, School of Business & Economics at Indiana University Northwest.

Where: STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave in Munster.

Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

Free—OPEN TO ALL

For those who are unemployed (in transition), new to the job market, change careers or who can offer employment opportunities through their current professional connections.

Also have your Cover Letter, Resume or Thank You note critiqued by a professional.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 3rd

Was # 386

The Winner Won \$919.50

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.

Andrean High School

Will be hosting a **College Fair on Thursday, March 20th from 6:00-7:30pm.** 5959 Broadway in Merrillville. Admission representatives from over 50 colleges and universities across the Midwest will be available. The program is free & open to all area high school student & parents.

Ministry Schedule

March 21st & 22nd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,
Fran Lisac
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Irene Magana

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am— Tom Heffernan, Diana Giovane
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

Blossoms and Fruit

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn. —Walter Scott

Ministry Schedule

March 21st & 22nd

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Ian Gruver
8:00am— Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Jed Burgos
6:00pm— Need Servers



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God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved
through him.

— *John 3:17*

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