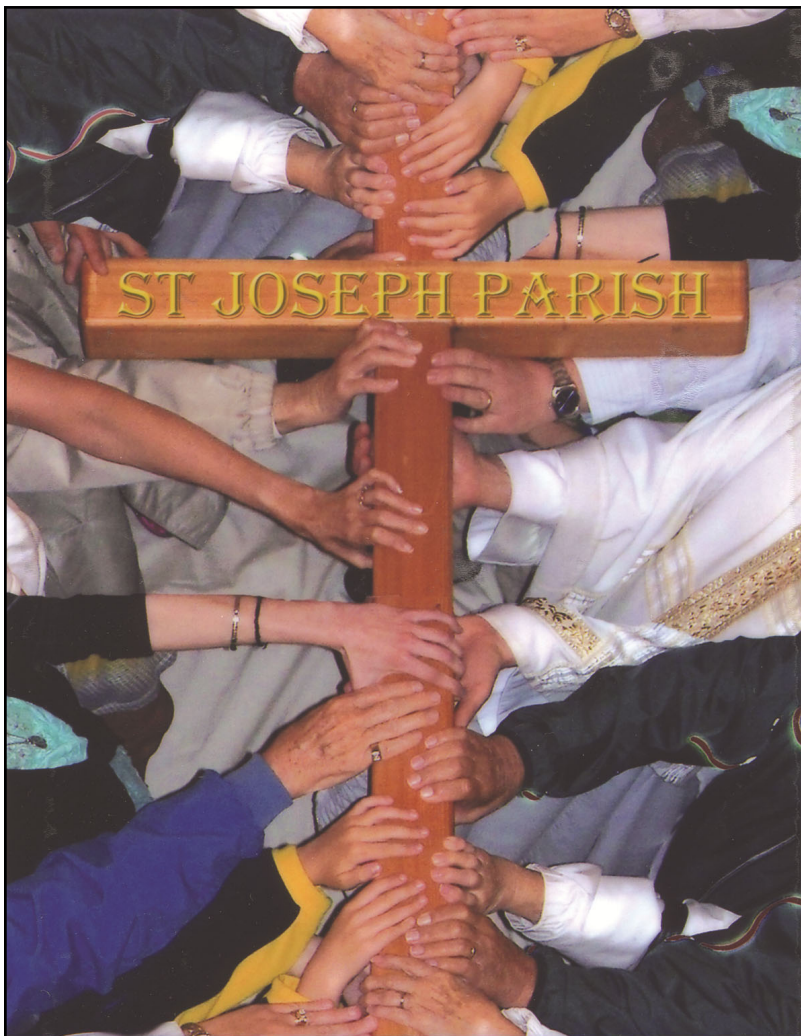


St. Joseph Church

March 16, 2014
Second Sunday of Lent

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www.stjosephdyer.org
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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Religious Education Fax865-3740

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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 17, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, March 18, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Martha, Thomas, Robert & Mark

Wednesday, March 19, St. Joseph
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, March 20, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, March 21, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM Angelo & Caterina Micheli

Sunday, March 23, 3rd Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Frank Ziolkowski Family
 10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

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.

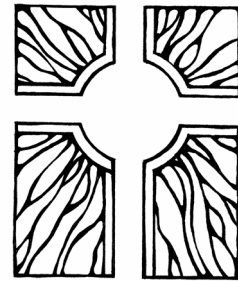
Thank You.

Please Note!

There will be no morning masses on Monday, March 17th and Wednesday, March 19th.

LAWN MOWING

Spring is coming! 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 you will have to mow. You may also call the parish office, 865-2271.



The Angel Award

The Office of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Gary is pleased to announce the annual **Angel Award** process.

The Angel Award, named in honor of the Holy Angels—the patrons of the Diocese of Gary—will be given to recognize three outstanding, creative and innovative teachers in the Diocese of Gary.

Nominations for this award may be submitted by students (past and present), parents, colleagues, principals, school committee members, pastors, parishioners—anyone whose life has been touched by an outstanding Catholic school teacher. The winners of the award will receive a monetary award, a scholarship award for classes at Calumet College of St. Joseph, a stipend for books, a plaque suitable for display purposes, as well as public recognition.

Nomination forms may be picked up from any school principal or on line from the diocesan web site: www.dcgary.org..SchoolsOfficeResources. **FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL WHERE THE TEACHER IS EMPLOYED.**

Pastor’s Column

Dear Parishioners:

I heard an interesting quote recently: “Americans want to live a long life, but they do not look forward to getting old”. Such an irony—we want long lives but not old lives! What’s the problem with getting old? Oh, there is a greater likelihood that we will lose our independence if we get too old. We don’t want to be a burden on others in our old feebleness.

Alright now, let us calm down and thank God for now. It does not matter how many years old we are when we die. And it does not matter what kind of mobile/non-mobile condition we are in when we die. All that matters is that we are faithful to God in Christ the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit. And we will be faithful to God when we realize that life is not about keeping our bodies alive! Rather, life is about love now. The more deeply we love in the present moment, letting go of fear, worry and anxiety about our body, the healthier we will be in total. Yes, our bodies will still wear out but that will not be our focus. Instead, our focus will be on living Christ’s presence which means to love.

To be emptied of self includes letting go of body preservation and embracing the risk of living life more fully as fear, worry and anxiety diminish thanks to our Holy Communion with Jesus. Unless we get over our fear of death, we will not be able to love. This is our call to love as an outgrowth of our faith in Jesus.

To rewrite that quote: “We are to live loving lives now, oblivious to our age”.

Loving you now in Christ,
Fr. Terry

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](https://www.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

March 1st & 2nd

- Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5177.50**
- Children’s Collection: \$46.10**
- Charity: \$31.00**
- Religious Education: \$53.00**
- Northwest Indiana Catholic: \$26.00**
- Easter Flowers: \$10.00**
- 50/50 Raffle: \$275.00**

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on March 4th
Was # 416**

The Winner Would Have Won \$1217.50
(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 17

No morning Mass

Tuesday, March 11

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

5:30-7:30pm—Generations of Faith in Gym

Wednesday, March 19

10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup

4:45-5:15pm—Market Day pickup

6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, March 20

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Friday, March 21

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 23

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

**Young Adult Catholic
Outreach Ministries**

Young adult Catholics (20’s & 30’s, married & single), the Diocese of Gary Young Adult Catholic Outreach Ministries has a new name but the same mission: we’re rooted in prayer, fellowship, and service to our neighbors in need. By following Christ’s call to serve, you can support great causes while meeting others like you who share a desire to explore their Catholic faith more deeply...and have fun too! Service opportunities, spiritual reflections, social activities, and more. Check out dgyoungadult.com for upcoming events this Lent and beyond, and we hope to see you soon!

**Collection for the Church
In Eastern Europe**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this Collection, you are helping to **restore the Church and build the future.** Please visit www.usccb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the “elect” for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the Eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven’s banquet.

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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.

Ministry Schedule
March 22nd & 23rd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,
Lee Kobza
8:00am—Perla Garcia, Judy Kline,
Steve Kline
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Sandy Riley, Diana Giovane
6:00pm—

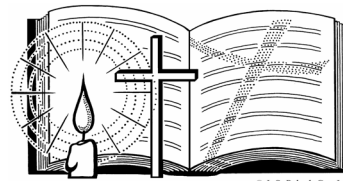
Sharing

It's easy to halve the potato where there's love.
—Irish saying

Ministry Schedule
March 22nd & 23rd

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Megan Harding, Jessica Hearne
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor



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Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.
— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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