

# St. Joseph Church

March 20, 2016

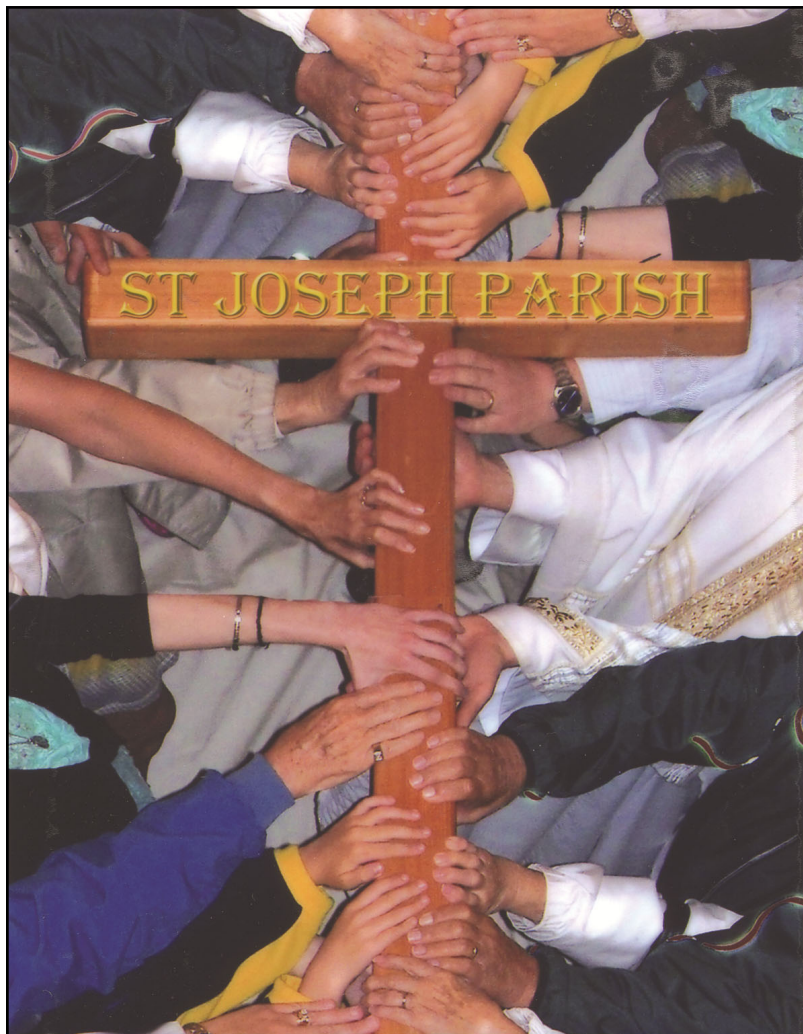
Palm Sunday

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**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 Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Email.....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

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, 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 21, Monday of Holy Week**  
 9:00 AM Ray & Kaye Smitka  
**Tuesday, March 22, Tuesday of Holy Week**  
 9:00 AM Dolores Kaczocha  
**Wednesday, March 23, Wednesday of Holy Week**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass  
**Thursday, March 24, Holy Thursday**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass  
 7:00 PM The People of the Parish  
**Friday, March 25, Good Friday**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass  
 1:30 PM Good Friday Services  
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 26, Vigil: Easter**  
 7:30 PM The People of the Parish  
**Sunday, March 27, Easter Sunday**  
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 No 6:00 PM Mass

**Easter Schedule**

**Confessions**

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)

**Sunday Readings Reflections  
 of 3/27/2016**

**Reading 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Alleluia! This is Easter, the day of Jesus' rising from the dead, the most meaningful day of the year for all who believe in him. Things are different today. Bells are ringing and we are singing Alleluia. In the first reading, which comes not from the Old Testament but from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives us a mini-version of the entire Gospel Reflection. He reviews the key events in Jesus' life, proclaims his resurrection, and describes the ministry of the apostles. Peter assures his listeners that Jesus has the power to forgive their sins. Jesus gives everyone the freedom to live a new life!

**Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

Alleluia! In this reading we are urged to live in union with the risen Christ. Set your hearts on higher things, we are told. Be intent on the values of God's reign rather than those of the world. We have died to the old life of sin and hopelessness. Christ is risen and he will come again! And we will be taken up with him into his glory.

**Gospel John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12**

Alleluia! Imagine how you would have felt if you had been Mary Magdalene or Peter or John on that first Easter morning. What thoughts and emotions would the sight of that empty tomb have aroused in you? At first, Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus' enemies had stolen his body. Heartbroken, she ran to tell Peter and John. They raced to the tomb and found that the burial wrappings, which had encased Jesus' body, were cast aside. Seeing this, they believed.

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**Please Note!**

The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, March 25th.

### Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

One of the major challenges for many people is overeating. Portion control is a concern for many because it is so easy to over-order at restaurants and in our snack culture, we can easily overeat at home. Food is accessible just about everywhere and overeating follows all this food around.

To use a pun we might say that there is only a "fat chance" that we'll stop overeating. However, we don't have to despair because oneness with Jesus brings us portion control and breaks our overeating tendencies. That's how all-consuming Holy Communion is with Jesus. Pick any food that we might want to overeat and our faith in Jesus' oneness frees us from overeating. We can eat our favorite foods, but in Jesus we eat differently because Jesus is filling us with a balanced perspective about our caloric intake. Jesus' calories are energy in the Holy Spirit that fills us with wisdom about how much food is enough without overdoing it.

Our faith in Jesus' oneness with us is strengthened at weekly Eucharist in our Holy Communion with Jesus. The end result is that we view food less urgently and with less compulsiveness to overeat. We catch on that Holy Communion with Jesus affects every aspect of our lives including how we eat. Overeating and portion control no longer consumes us because in faith we are consumed by Christ Jesus.

In Christ's Energy,

Fr. Terry

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 12th & 13th

Due to the printing schedule of the bulletin, the Stewardship of Treasure Report will be printed next week.



### 2016 Catholic Charities WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND RECEPTION

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and over 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2016 and their families are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception.

Bishop Donald J. Hying will celebrate the Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, IN, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 beginning at 4:00pm.

These special couples and their families are invited to a reception following the Mass. There is no charge for this event, which will be in the Cathedral Hall.

Each couple will receive a wedding anniversary certificate signed by the Bishop.

There are reservation forms at the (3) entrances.

Your reservation deadline is **Wednesday, April 20, 2016**. Seating is limited, so please mail your reservation form early. Reservations are required.

Please call 219-886-3549 x331 for questions.



### 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.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, March 21**  
 7:00pm—Confessions

**Tuesday, March 22**  
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing  
 11:00am— Confessions  
**No RE classes**

**Wednesday, March 23**  
 7:00pm—Confessions

**Thursday, March 24**  
 No 9:00am Mass  
 7:00pm—Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Friday, March 25**  
 No 9:00am Mass  
 1:30pm—Good Friday Services  
 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 26**  
 9:00am—Decorating of Church  
 12 Noon—Blessing of Baskets in church  
 7:30pm—Easter Vigil Mass

**Sunday, March 27**  
 8:00am—Mass  
 10:00am—Mass  
**No 6:00pm Mass**

**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.

**Stewardship: A Way of Life**

“Take up your cross and follow me.” Today’s Christians look at the cross as a symbol of atonement, forgiveness, and agape love. But in Jesus’ time, crucifixion on a cross was the most humiliating and painful means of public execution. There was nothing redemptive about it. Today, to carry a cross is to die to self, to give up your creature comforts, your comfortable lifestyle, your own plan for your life, and to let God become the Master of your destiny. It’s a scary thought. It’s countercultural by western standards. But God has equipped you for a journey of service by endowing you with natural gifts and talents.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on March 8th  
 Was # 248**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$727.50**  
 (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.

**Las Vegas Benefit Night**

Casino Royale held at St. James Hall, 45th and Kennedy, Highland on April 9 from 6:10pm to 12am. Featuring BlackJack, Roulette, Beat-The-Dealer Dice, 3-Card Stud, Caribbean Stud, Let-It-Ride, Churck-A-Luck, Money Wheel and Live Poker. \$10 donation includes all foods & beverages. Must be 21 and older to attend. More info, call 718-3787.

**Ministry Schedule**  
**March 26th & 27th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

7:30pm— Emma Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk

8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,  
Pauline Rybicki

10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,  
Barb Graegin

No 6pm Mass

**Lectors**

7:30pm—

8:00am—Marianne Trembacki

10:00am— Sandy Riley

No 6pm Mass

**Ministry Schedule**  
**March 26th & 27th**

**Altar Servers**

7:30pm—C. Peschel

8:00am—Joe Nowacki

10:00am—Andrew & Kevin Huffman

No 6pm Mass



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

March 20, 2016

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

-- Isaiah 50:7a

**ESSENTIAL REDUCTION**

All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass:  
"Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."

--Archibald Alexander

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