

St. Joseph Church

March 27, 2016

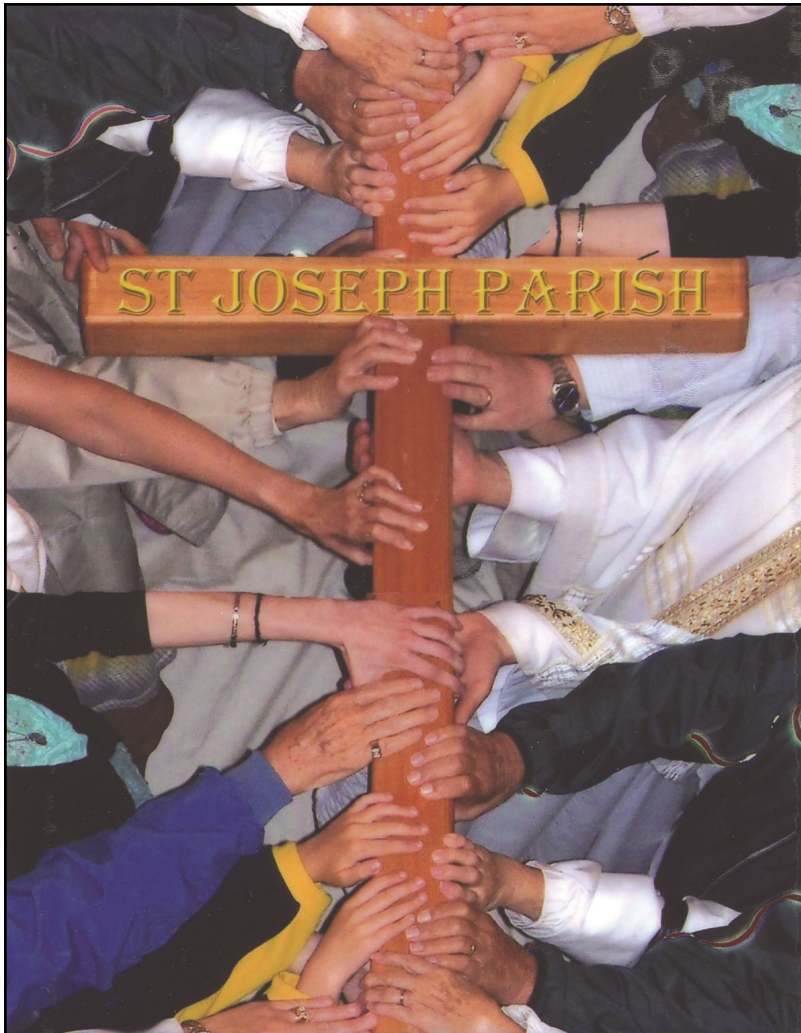
Easter Sunday

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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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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 28, Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Edwin Popiela

Tuesday, March 29, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Patricia Lee Hunter

Wednesday, March 30, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, March 31, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Ted Korabel

Friday, April 1, Friday within the Octave of Easter

No 9:00 AM Mass

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Caterina & Angelo Micheli

Sunday, April 3, 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Grosso & Harnett Families

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Please Note

There will not be a 9:00am Mass on Friday, April 1st.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, March 28th

Sunday Readings Reflections of 4/3/2016

Reading 1 Acts 5:12-16

During the Easter season, the first reading each Sunday is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. This book of the New Testament is like no other. It gives us a beautiful description of the early Church community as it grew. Filled with the Spirit of the risen Christ, the disciples brought the healing love of Jesus to those in need. In doing this, they carried on his mission.

Reading 2 Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Today's reading sounds a little different, doesn't it? It is filled with special symbols that were used to bring hope to the early Christians during a time of persecution. When we hear the words of the reading, we are filled with the hope of Easter, too. Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid." Christ has conquered death. He is truly "the one who lives" forever.

Gospel John 20:19-31

John's account of that first Easter night is filled with drama. Jesus appears through locked doors and gives his disciples his peace. He gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit and communicates God's power of forgiveness. Thomas, who misses out on this experience of Jesus, refuses to believe unless he can touch Jesus' wounds. A week later he has a chance to do just that! Thomas exclaims, "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus tells us how "blest" are we who have believed in his resurrection without having seen his risen body.

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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 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.

Catholic Men's Conference Save the Date!

The Diocese of Gary will be holding a Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, 9/24/16. Featured speakers include **Bishop Donald Hy-ing** and **Fr. Larry Richards**. Help is needed from every parish. For more information, to volunteer or to donate call John at 219-649-1708 or email: nwicatholicmen@gmail.com.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Labels are one approach we use to get control over people. For example, once we know a person's name we feel a sense of "I know who you are now". For Jesus, he looks for a label from Peter and the other early disciples about who people say Jesus is. However, Jesus knows that no label can define him for Jesus simply is. Jesus is God's presence in the world and in humanity and no label suffices for describing the mystery of God with us. God is in Christ the Savior and His authority is founded in His call "to serve and not be served".

We were given our names at Baptism and it is true that God's call for us in Christ is to take on the name of Christ since we are members of the One Body of Christ. And if we want to describe who we are in the Body of Christ, it is clarified by Jesus the Servant of all Servants. To be one in the Body of Christ is "to serve and not be served". Jesus is in us all the time through the Holy Spirit which means we live Holy Communion with Jesus all the time. This is the Good News and it is how we are Servants of the Lord. Jesus is eternally active within us, encouraging us in His Risen Love to rise out of our labels that we put on people and to love them in Christ where Christ is Love for all people.

United with you in the Body of Christ,

Fr. Terry

Adult Confirmation

Faith Formation Classes for those baptized Catholics who, for whatever reason were not confirmed as a teenager, will begin. Sunday April 10 after the 6pm Mass (approximately 7-8:30pm) meeting in the Gathering Room (lower level of the church) and continuing on:

- Sunday, April 17, 7-8:30pm, Gathering Room
- Sunday, April 24, 7-8:30pm, Gathering Room
- Sunday, May 1, 7-8:30pm, Gathering Room

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION celebrated on: May 15, 2pm, Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary.

For registration or more info, contact: Yvonne Weaver, DRE Office: 865-2355 (M,T,TH 10-4) yseweaver@yahoo.com (anytime)

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 12th & 13th

- Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00**
- Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4445.00**
- Charity: \$16.00**
- Religious Education: \$151.00**
- Easter: \$65.00**
- Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1148.00)**
- Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$215,545.00**
- Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$1008.02)**
- Easter Flowers: \$110.00**
- Catholic Relief Services: \$61.00**
- Food Pantry: \$1833.00**
- 50/50 Raffle: \$185.00**

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 19th & 20th

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 28

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, March 29

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Thursday, March 31

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Friday, April 1

No 9:00am Mass

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our dedicated Choir Coordinator and the Parish Choir Members for their Stewardship of time and talent in our Music Ministry during this Easter season:

Liturgy/Music Coordinator:

Janet Whitfield

Parish Choir

Frank Batinick
Celeste Dusek
Phyllis Howard
Rose Ilgin
Lee Klausman
Tom Lewandowski
Tony Maicher
Ken Mantel

Irene Narcisi
Henry Polochak
Emily Reichelt
Arlene Stuchlak
Dan Sullivan
Lad Tajer
Marianne Trembacki



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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 15th
Was # 127

The Winner Would Have Won \$820.00
(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.

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

April 2nd & 3rd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Emma Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski, Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Edwin Abangan, Jessica Abangan, Laura Hays
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke, Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—
6:00pm—Emma Weissbeck

Ministry Schedule

April 2nd & 3rd

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith, Andrew Yuraitis
8:00am—Christopher Kline
10:00am—Gian Abangan, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Jack & Orla Fingar, Lanie Taylor



Easter Sunday

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To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins
through his name.

-- Acts 10:43

BEGINNING AND END

Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

--St. Ambrose

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