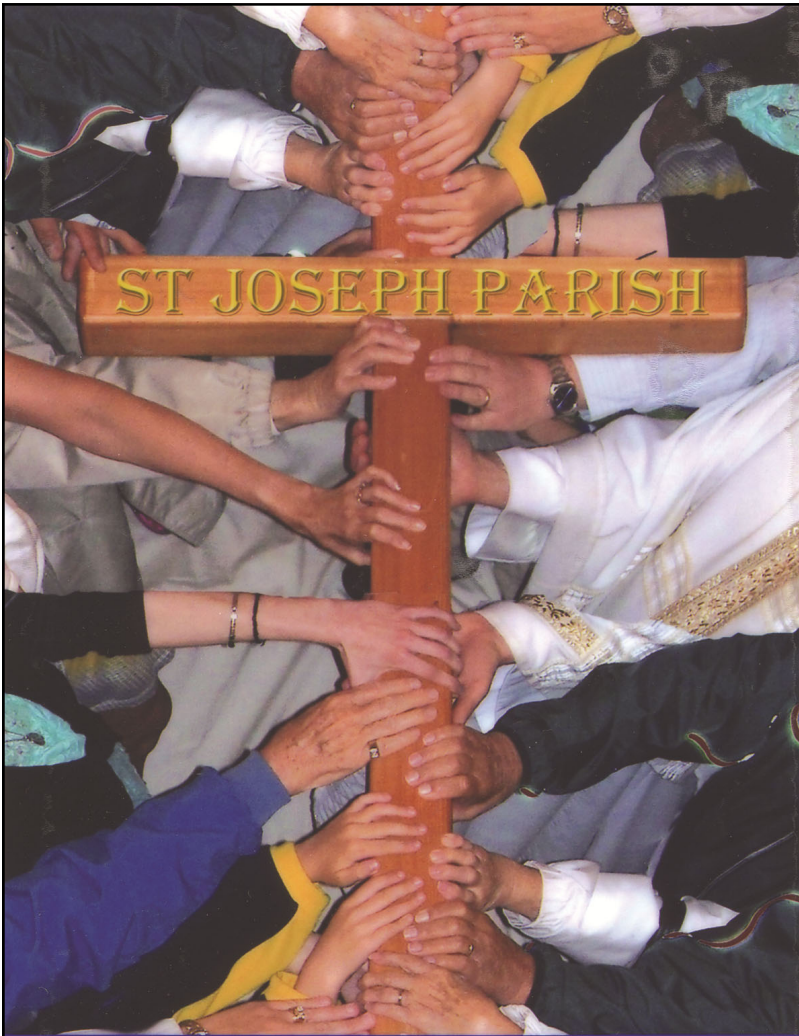


St. Joseph Church

March 30, 2014
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.

Parish Telephones

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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-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 31, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Joseph Emrick

Tuesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Marie Heffernan

Wednesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, April 3, Lenten Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, April 4, Lenten Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, April 6, 5th Sunday of Lent
 8:00 AM Poor Souls
 10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Grosso & Hartnett Families
 6:00 PM The Deceased Members of the Yvonne Weaver Family

Please Note!

There will be no 9am masses on Wednesday, April 2nd & Thursday, April 3rd.

Stewardship A Way of Life

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to his message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

A Mass in the Polish language will be celebrated by Fr. Steve Kosinski at 1pm April 6th at All Saints Catholic Church, 570 Sibley St., in Hammond. For more information, call 219-932-0204.

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, April 19th 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.

Easter Schedule

Confessions

St. Joseph Parish

Lenten Penance Service
 Wednesday, April 9—7:00pm

Individual Confessions
 Saturday, April 12—3:30pm
 Monday, April 14—7:00pm
 Tuesday, April 15—11:00am
 Wednesday, April 16—7:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 17
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18
 1:30pm Good Friday Services
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19
 12 Noon—Blessing of the Baskets
 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
 (No 4:30pm Mass)

Sunday, April 20
 8:00am & 10:00am Easter Masses
No 6:00pm Mass

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

There is conclusive nutritional evidence that eating breakfast every day is one of the healthiest things we can do. Breakfast gets our energy “furnace” stoked up for optimal use throughout the day. And it helps us burn the maximum number of calories to maintain a more steady weight. Pretty amazing what one early meal can do for our whole day. In “Breaking” the overnight “Fast” we get early in the day strength to set the energy “tone” for the rest of the day.

As important as breakfast is, the most important energy provider is the Holy Spirit. The zeal for life that the divine presence brings us at the “cereal bowl” cannot be measured in calories. The Holy Spirit enlivens us to view breakfast as an extension of Jesus’ resurrection charcoal fish breakfast that his disciples participate in and in the process recognize the risen Christ Jesus. Jesus risen from the dead fills us with joy and hope and becomes the eternal “break-fast” food from heaven. Sin and death are “broken fast” in the risen Christ and thus, we have the eternal life energy of the risen Christ in us. Jesus’ risen life transforms our cereal and eggs etc. into daily meals of eternal life already in our midst. Talk about energizing!

Loving you in Christ’s risen energy,
Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 15th & 16th

- Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5245.70
- Children’s Collection: \$47.10
- Charity: \$25.00
- Religious Education: \$67.00
- Food Pantry: \$350.00
- Easter Flowers: \$529.50
- 50/50 Raffle: \$335.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 18th

Was # 441

The Winner Would Have Won \$1540.00
(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 pre-printed 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.

Lenten Penance Service

St. Joseph Parish will have their Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00pm.

There will be several priests to hear your confession.

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 1

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
6:00pm—RE Penance Service in church

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 6

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

Pre-Easter Luncheon

Polish Women’s Alliance District 3, on Saturday, April 12th at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Dr., East Chicago, IN (across from the South Shore station). Doors open at Noon with lunch served at 1pm. Proceeds will benefit the organization’s scholarship fund. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$17.50 for children 12 & under. Call 219-398-9069 by April 7th for reservations.

Andrean High School

Due to the increased interest in the Class of 2018, Andrean High School has decided to offer a third entrance exam to prospective students. The exam is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 8am. Please enter through the front door of the school.

This will be the final opportunity for students to test for freshman admission for the 2014-15 school year. This will also be the final time Andrean will be offering a spring entrance exam. The Class of 2019 will choose between two test dates, December 6, 2014 and January 17, 2015.

There is NO FEE for our exam.

Bring two #2 pencils.
No calculators allowed.
No pre-registration required.

For more information, contact Dawn @887-5281 ext. 228 or dwojkovich@andreanhs.com

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

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Catholic Relief Services

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these lease brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt. 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today’s Collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.



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Ministry Schedule

April 5th & 6th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Dawn DeBold, Barb Graegin,
Laura Hays, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Brad Zielke, Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

Happiness

Happiness is a mystery, like religion, and should never be rationalized. —G.K. Chesterton

Ministry Schedule

April 5th & 6th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Jed Burgos, ZJ Grino
6:00pm—Brian Blue



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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— *Psalm 23:1*

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