

St. Joseph Church

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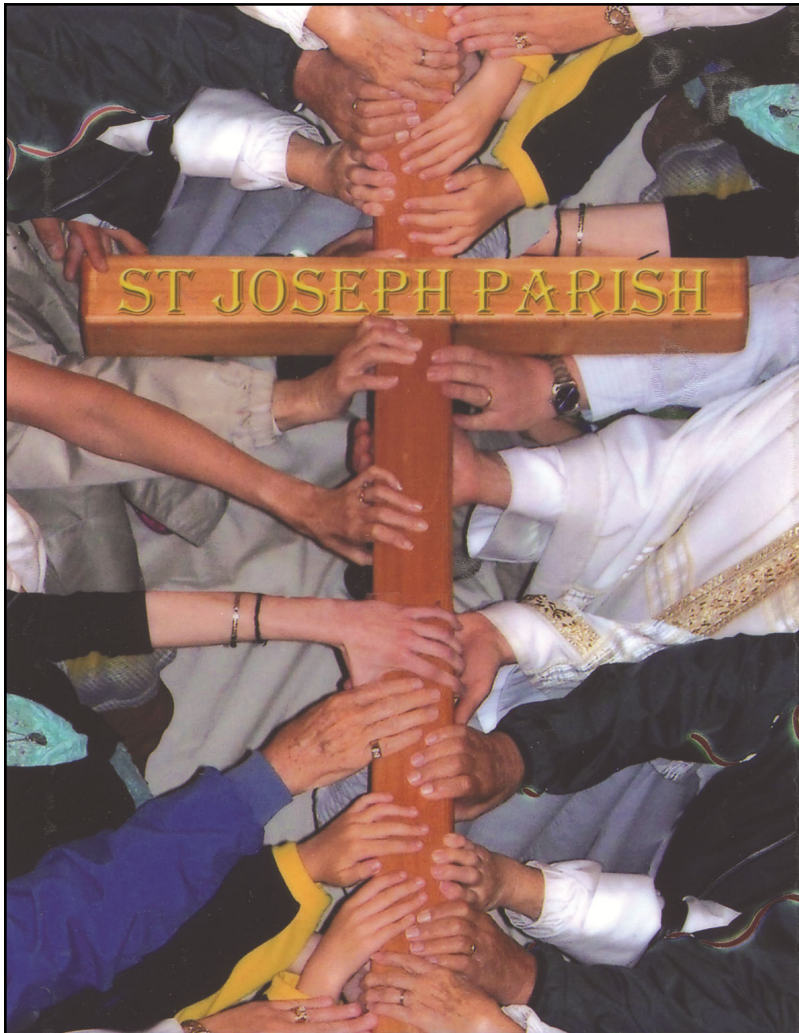
Easter Sunday

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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

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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-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, April 1, Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM John Kuhar

Tuesday, April 2, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Chester & Frances Lefko

Wednesday, April 3, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, April 4, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, April 5, Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Bill Heffernan

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, April 7, 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The Deceased Members of Grosso & Hartnett Families

6:00 PM Gino Strusi

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 1st.

Alleluia!

During the past six weeks, our parish community has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global community. Our lives were touched by stories from Burkina Faso, East Timor, Lesotho, Dominican Republic, Pakistan and the United States. Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. Please return your Rice Bowl. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph Religious Education

Listening

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist or Confirmation and Eucharist reflected on listening to the word of God. God's presence with us is manifested in the gift of the Scriptures, God's own word to us. How do we as a parish listen attentively to the word of God and allow the Spirit of love to transform our hearts and our minds—our very lives?

PLEASE NOTE!

50/50 Raffle—All 50/50 Raffle envelopes are to be put in the collection baskets during the 4:30pm Mass and on Sunday at the 8am, 10am & 6pm Masses. All envelopes received after the 6pm Mass are not eligible for that weekend's drawing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

“Come and See”

Life as a Sister of Providence

Is God calling you to something more? The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., invite single, Catholic women ages 18-42 to “Come and See” our contemporary life of prayer, service and community. The April 5-7 weekend at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will offer a chance to get to know Sisters of Providence, including young women in formation. Prayer, reflective sharing, a ministry visit and social time are all on the agenda. The weekend, including lodging is free. Contact Sister Editha Ben at 812-535-2895 or eben@spsmw.org or visit www.SistersofProvidence.org.



Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Welcome Pope Francis I! Thank you for being open to the call of the Holy Spirit as revealed in the Conclave process. Now a new chapter in the Pope's pilgrimage of faith and the world-wide Church's pilgrimage of faith begins.

Pope Francis I is an example of simplicity of life and utmost care for the poor. These are Gospel Values that I pray Pope Francis I inspires the world to more consciously embrace.

Let us pray for Pope Francis I that he consistently radiates the light of Christ to the world. We ask God to give our new Pope enduring health and the courage to address the challenges in the Church this year of 2013. And may our parish be inspired to grow in simplicity of life and continued outreach to the poor.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 16th & 17th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4845.14

Children's Collection: \$18.00

Religious Education: \$60.00

Food Pantry: \$359.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$21.00

Easter Flowers: \$468.00

Easter: \$25.00

50/50 Raffle: \$380.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 19th

Was # 622

The Winner Would Have Won \$4566.50

(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.** 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.

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.

Lake County Right to Life

Our 40th Annual Banquet will be on Friday, April 19, 2013 at the Avalon in Merrillville. Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Kiesling. Rebecca was a product of rape, twice targeted for abortion. She is a family law attorney, pro-life speaker/advocate, author, wife/mother. Special guest emcee will be Fr. Sammie Maletta. No charge for admission but must reserve by April 11 by calling 219-838-1138.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 1

Parish Office closed
7:00pm—Stewardship Meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 2

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious Education classes in school
6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious Education classes in school

Thursday, April 4

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

EASTER ENERGY

On Easter morning when the disciples saw the evidence of the Resurrection, they did not at first grasp it. John reports that “they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” We, on the other hand, have both scripture and church tradition to teach us. Jesus Christ’s resurrection is at the core of our Christian faith.

All of today’s readings tell us how compelling this event was for the first Christians. There is great energy in all the readings. Peter preaches with authority and conviction. Paul calls for Christians to change their lives. In the Gospel reading we see Peter and John in a footrace to reach Jesus’ tomb and see with their own eyes the evidence that they still could not understand or completely believe.

How can some of this Easter energy be restored to us today? Do we let the astonishing news of the Resurrection touch us now? Does it call us to action? To deeper faith? To conversion? What new life will be reborn in us and our parish community this Easter morning?

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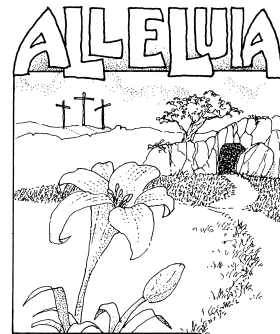
SPARC

There will be (2) SPARC meetings in April, April 2nd and April 16th. The meetings will be at Casa Maria at St. Maria Goretti.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture’s favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature’s perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring’s rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ’s tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ “Easter in us.”

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Catholic Services Appeal

The annual Catholic Services Appeal will begin in all parishes in the Diocese of Gary the weekend of April 13-14. The programs, services, and ministries supported by the CSA meet the larger needs of Catholics not only in the Diocese of Gary but also throughout the universal Church. Keeping in the spirit of the “Year of Faith” this year’s theme is “Sharing Our Faith.”

Please support the 2013 CSA

Ministry Schedule

April 6th & 7th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Alice Fogarty, George Fogarty,
Stan Jurczuk, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Brad Zielke, Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—R. D’Arcy & J. Hearne
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

Immortal Hope

Immortal hope dispels the gloom! An angel sits
beside the tomb. —Sarah Flowers Adams

Ministry Schedule

April 6th & 7th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— J. Navarro
8:00am— J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am— J. Burgos, ZJ Grino
6:00pm— E. Leicht



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When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
— *Colossians 3:4*

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