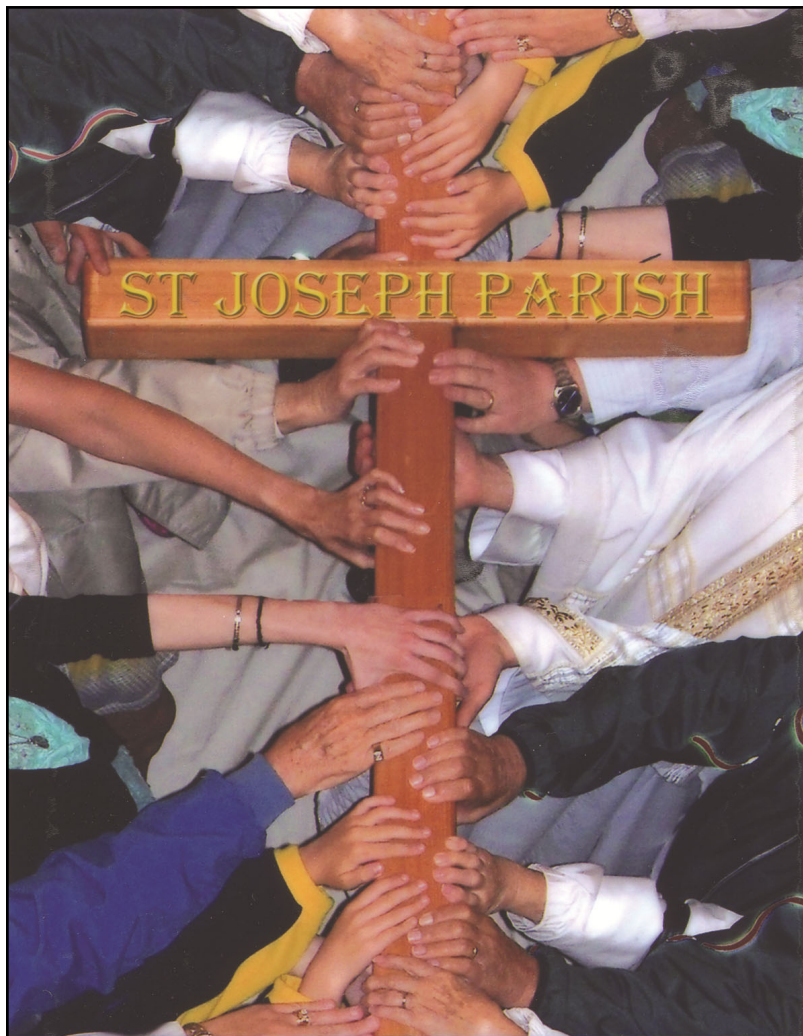


St. Joseph Church

April 5, 2015
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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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, 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, April 6, Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Donald Smith

Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Norma Beiriger

Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, April 9, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, April 10, Friday in the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Alice Bugaski

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, April 12, 2nd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Poor Souls

10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Michael Kulik Family

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Monday, April 6th.

Catholic Services Appeal

The annual Catholic Services Appeal will be held in all parishes in the Diocese of Gary the weekend of April 18-19. The CSA is an opportunity for the people of the diocese to give witness to their faith and to affirm their unity as the People of God by responding to one another's needs. The participation of all our parishioners is essential in order for our diocese to continue Jesus' mission of peace, love, and justice here on earth.

Please support the 2015 CSA

THANK YOU!

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

Accompanist
Janet Whitfield

Parish Choir

Frank Batnick	Ken Mantel
Celeste Dusek	Irene Narcisi
Phyllis Howard	Emily Reichelt
Rose Ilgin	Ron Reichelt
Lee Klausman	Arlene Stuchlak
Pauline Kozlowski	Dan Sullivan
George Kucka	Lad Tajer
Tom Lewandowski	Marianne Trembacki

**2015 Catholic Charities
Wedding Anniversary
Mass & Reception**

Saturday, May 9, 2015—4:00pm—at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over 50 year wedding anniversaries in 2015 and their families are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception. Bishop Donald J. Hying will celebrate the Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral beginning at 4pm. There is no charge for this event. Each couple will receive a wedding certificate signed by the Bishop. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, April 15th. Call 219-886-3549 x331.

“Swieconka”

The Polish Women’s Alliance Group #132 will celebrate the post-Easter luncheon on April 18th at the K of C Hall, 1104 Knights of Columbus Dr. in East Chicago. Doors open at noon with lunch served at 1pm. Cost is \$35 for adults & \$17.50 for children under 12. Reservations are due by April. 13th. Call Delphine Huneycutt at 219-218-4420 for reservations.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

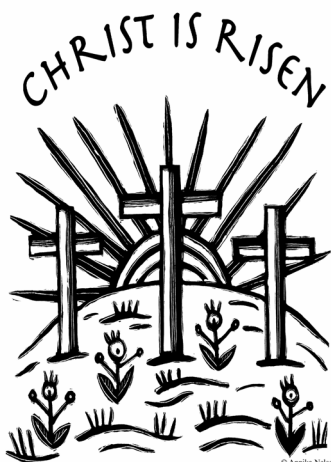
There may be times when we wonder if our lives will get better than they are now. That there is something more we need to fulfill our lives. Maybe some new clothes, new furniture, or a new job. Although these may be commendable undertakings, they will not bring us the fulfillment we are looking for. Not even a healthy, long life can bring us fulfillment without Jesus. To have a deep trust in Jesus in our every moment brings us eternal fulfillment already here on earth.

We can face a closet of old clothes, worn out furniture and a difficult job, peaceably when we live Jesus' constant presence. All these type of things become trivial when we embrace them in Christ. The issues of health and a long life also become trivial because in Christ's constant love within us, we have all that we need for peaceful contentment now. This is what is known as faith and it is our Holy Communion call as disciples of Jesus.

There is nothing irresponsible about living Christ as our top priority. It is our salvation every day of our lives and it helps free us up from worry and anxiety about our time on earth. As Jesus' disciples, all we need to do is live Christ and then we can face anything in life peaceably in Christ's faithful love.

In Christ's Fulfillment,

Fr. Terry



Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 21st & 22nd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4182.55
Charity: \$253.00
Religious Education: \$0
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1529.45)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$226,670.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$12,459.35)
Easter Flowers: \$15.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$883.15
50/50 Raffle: \$240.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 28th & 29th

Due to the Printing Company's Easter schedule, the figures will be published next weekend.

Marriage Encounter

He is risen! May the joy of Easter be with you. Let Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on April 17-19, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015 or August 7-9, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Next weekend, April 11th & 12th, we will have a second collection for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 6

Parish office closed
7:00-9:00pm—Stewardship meeting in
Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 7

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 9

6:30pm—Family Rosary
7:00pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, April 12

9:15-9:45am—Ministry of Care meeting
in Gathering Room

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Place 1 cup of pecans in a zippered plastic bag and let the children break them into pieces with a wooden spoon (Jesus was beaten by Roman soldiers). Have the children sniff the vinegar and pour 1 teaspoon into a mixing bowl. (Jesus was thirsty on the cross and given vinegar to drink). Add 3 egg whites representing life, to the vinegar (Jesus gave his life to give us life.) Sprinkle salt into each child's hand to taste and put a pinch into the bowl (these are the salty tears of Jesus' disciples and our sadness for our sins). Add 1 cup of sugar (how sweet it is to know that Jesus loves us so much he would even die for us). Beat with a mixer on high speed into stiff peaks (the white color is our purity when God forgives our sins). Fold in the nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a cookie sheet covered in waxed paper (each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid). Put the cookies in a 300 degree oven and turn the oven off. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door, like Jesus' tomb was sealed. Go to bed! On Easter day, open the oven and take a sample. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! The tomb is empty! Jesus is alive!

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 24th
Was # 227

The Winner Would Have Won \$387.50
(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.

New Born

For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born.

—Alice Freeman Palmer

Ministry Schedule
April 11th & 12th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Bridget Cavanaugh, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Easter People

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!
—St. Augustine

Ministry Schedule
April 11th & 12th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lanie Taylor
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Need Servers
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



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I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.
— *Psalm 118:17*

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