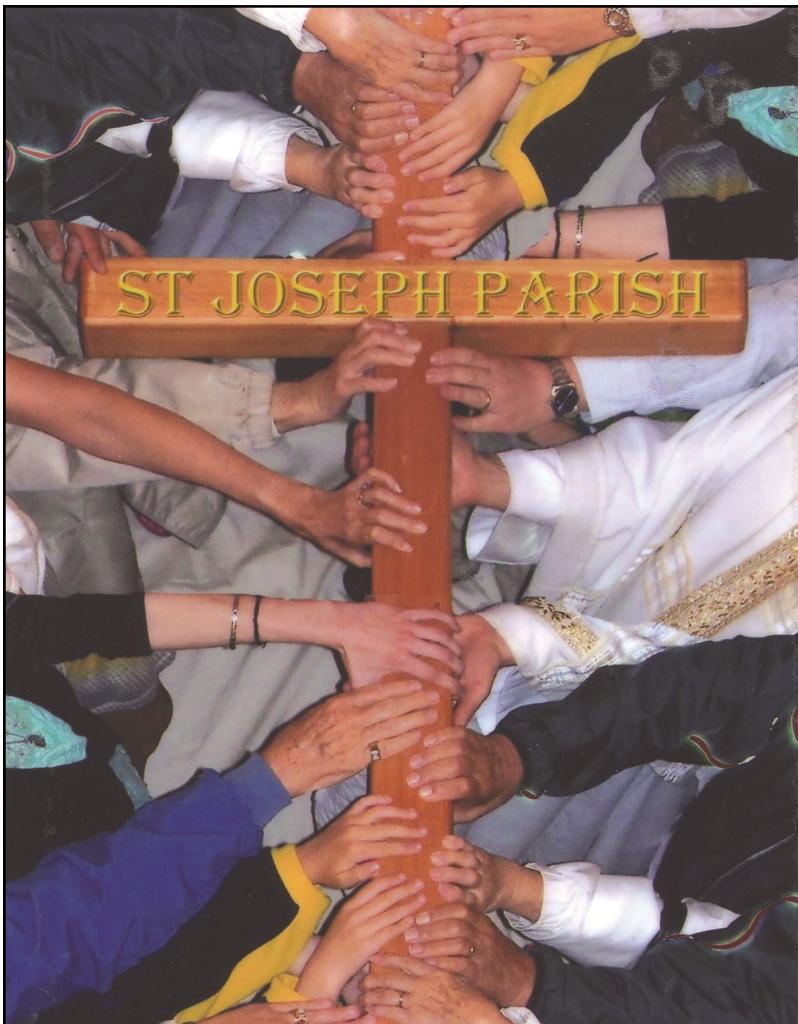


St. Joseph Church

April 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter

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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

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Religious Education Office:865-2355

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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 11, St. Stanislaus**

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, April 12, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM James & Helen Monlesong

Wednesday, April 13, Easter Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, April 14, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Melina Pietras

Friday, April 15, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM George Steffens

Weekend Mass Intentions**Saturday, April 16, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter**

4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, April 17, 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Henry & Christine Polochak

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Please Note!

There will not be a 9:00am Mass on Monday, April 11th.

Catholic Services Appeal

The annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will begin next weekend in all parishes of the diocese. The programs, services and ministries supported by the CSA meet the larger needs of Catholics and others not only in the Diocese of Gary but also throughout the universal Church. Our theme "One Heart, One Mind, One Community of Believers" gives witness to the goal of this annual appeal: to come together as one Body to continue God's work not only locally in our parishes and diocese but also throughout the world.

Please support the 2016 CSA Campaign

**Sunday Readings Reflections
of 4/17/2016****Reading 1 Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Today's reading allows us to share one of Paul's great victories on his first missionary journey. It is the Sabbath, and Paul goes to the local synagogue with his companion Barnabas. The city's large colony of Jews has gathered there to hear Paul's message. He proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ so well that many are converted on the spot. The word spreads rapidly and by the following Sabbath the entire city, Jew and Gentile alike, turns out to hear Paul.

Some of the leaders of the synagogue do not approve of including Gentiles in their midst. They expel Paul and Barnabas. Paul quotes Isaiah ("I have made you a light to the Gentiles") to show that Jesus will be recognized as Savior of the whole world. Not only the Jews, but the Gentiles as well prove Paul right by gladly accepting Jesus as their Lord.

Reading 2 Revelations 7:9, 14b-17

In this vision from Revelation, huge crowds of faithful believers from every nation gather before God's throne. To Christians who are suffering persecution, this vision is comforting. They need to know that their suffering will be rewarded by Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. When the end comes, he will be there to shepherd and protect them. He "will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel John 10:27-30

The words Jesus speaks in this reading were directed to some Jewish leaders who wanted to trip him up. They were hoping he would call himself the Messiah. Instead, Jesus refers to himself as "the Good Shepherd." He describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and his Father, no one can take Jesus' disciples away from him.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

It can happen that on some days we may think that this is just another day. Kind of "Ho-Hum" because nothing exciting is going on. Thus, we may end up simply "going thru the motions" of another day in a lifeless progression. Sometimes we may declare that life is boring today because it is just more of the same.

Lord Have Mercy on us, if we approach life as lifeless because the risen life of Christ is in our every moment for we are temples of the risen Holy Spirit of Christ. Let's see, do we believe this risen life faith mystery? Because if we do, then we need to give up boredom with life and start living life to the risen fullest in every moment. We will need to start living in each moment with freshness, not bringing up the past and not worrying about the future.

Every day on this earth is a blessed gift from God because every day is another opportunity to praise and thank God for Christ's risen life already within us. We are eternal life people now, so let's get celebrating every day because no day is just another day, but rather, every day is a risen life day in Christ. Alleluia!

With Risen Joy in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Religious Education

First Eucharist

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First 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 gifts us with the Spirit of Love that transforms our hearts and our minds.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 2nd & 3rd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$6554.40

Charity: \$102.00

Religious Education: \$0

Easter: \$575.00

Weekly Treasure Support Surplus:

\$1406.40

**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount
Needed: \$227,240.00**

Fiscal Year Surplus: \$3578.38

Food Pantry: \$120.00

50/50 Raffle: \$250.00

REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely!

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Smart Chicks & Old Bags

Auction and Sale of Preowned Purses & Jewelry on Sunday, April 17 from 1-4pm at St. Michael's Parish, 1 Wilhelm St. Schererville, 219-365-5355.

Tickets \$5.00—Door Prizes—Dessert, Tea, & Coffee

Sponsored by Respect Life Ministry. Proceeds for the purchase of ultrasound equipment.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, April 11**

No 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, April 12

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education
classes in school**Thursday, April 14**

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, April 177:00-8:30pm—Faith Formation classes
for Adult Confirmation—Gathering
Room**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

From the earliest centuries, we know that some Christian women desired to vow themselves to a celibate life to pray and serve. Some, but by no means everyone, wanted a kind of monastic life. Others wanted to stay in the family home. By the fourth century, the church was celebrating the "Consecration of Virgins," a rite performed by the bishop, and involving a "veiling" of the woman. It was looked upon as a form of marriage with Christ, partly because in the culture of the day a woman's status in society was linked to a man. The prayers and ritual for the consecration of virgins were exactly the same as the prayers and ritual for the consecration of a bride on her wedding day. The public character of the rite gave the bishop the opportunity to commend the virgin to the faithful, and to threaten with punishment anyone who tried to turn her from her commitment. Eventually, the rite fell into disuse for women living in the world, and was reserved for nuns. The Second Vatican Council directed that it be revived and restored, and in nearly every diocese, single women have embraced this form of consecrated life.

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Job Opening

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary is seeking a Part Time (15-20 hours weekly) Communications and Social Media Assistant. For more information, please contact Joanne Pivarnik at (219) 844-4883 or jpivarnik@catholic-charities.org.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle**The Number Drawn on March 29th****Was # 167****The Winner Would Have Won \$1025.00**

(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.

Prayers for the Sick

If someone is in the hospital or ill and they need prayers, please let us know so that we can publish their names for our parish members to keep them in their prayers. Please call the office, 865-2271, to let us know.

Ministry Schedule

April 16th & 17th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Joe Nowacki,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,
Tamara Fredrickson
6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabelle Skurka,
Frances Vasquez

Lectors

4:30pm—Gary Blue
8:00am—Rita D'Arcy
10:00am—Religious Education
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

BETTER THAN MIRACLES

Suffering out of love of God is better than working
miracles. --St. John of the Cross

Ministry Schedule

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith
8:00am—Joe Nowacki
10:00am—Andrew & Kevin Huffman
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor, Russell Wells



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"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing."
-- Revelation 5:12

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