

St. Joseph Church

April 12, 2015

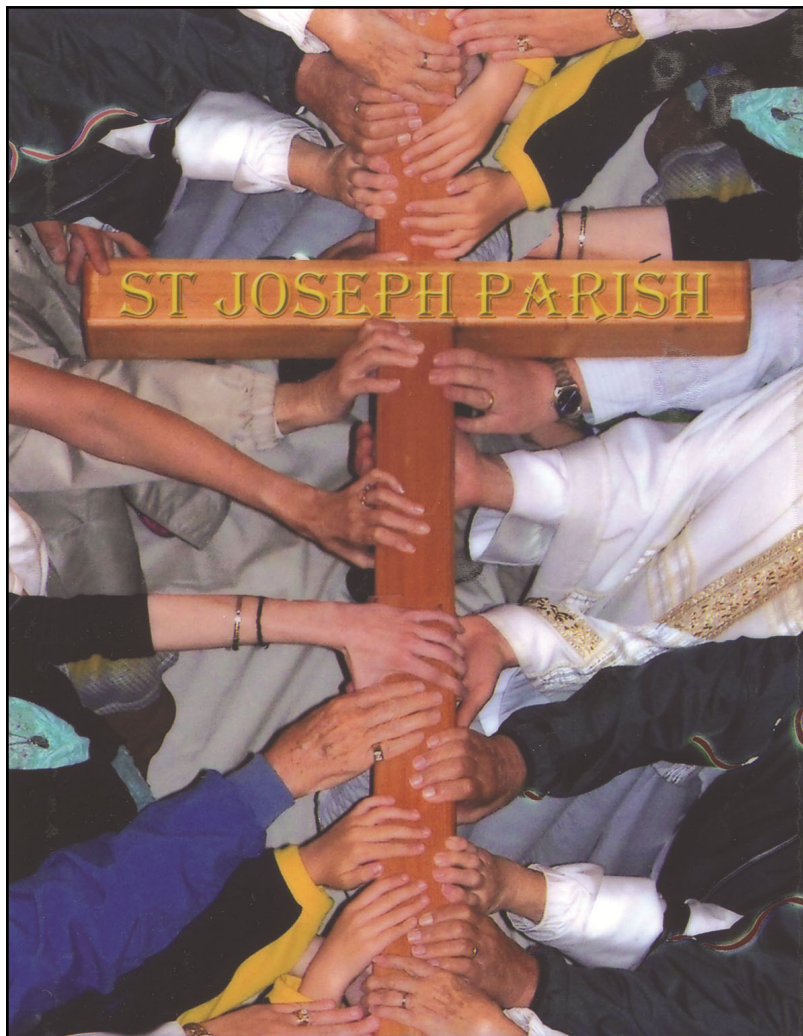
Second Sunday of Easter

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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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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, 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 13, Easter Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, April 14, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, April 15, Easter Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, April 16, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Norma Beiriger
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, April 17, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 4:30 PM Angelo & Caterina Micheli

Sunday, April 19, 3rd Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM For Deceased Msgr. F.J. Melevage,
 our former Pastor
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Please Note!

There will be no 9:00am Mass on Monday, April 13th.

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.

Thank You.

Religious Education

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First Eucharist reflected on their Baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and His Body the Church. The church belongs to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. As they continue on their spiritual journey, please keep them, their parents, and family members in your prayers.

Adult Confirmation

Faith formation for those baptized Catholics who, for whatever reason was not confirmed as a teenager, will begin: Sunday April 26, after the 6pm Mass, meeting on the following dates: April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 24.

Bishop Donald Hying will confirm adults on Sunday, May 31, 2pm at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary.

For registration or more information contact: Yvonne Weaver, DRE at 865-2355 or yseweaver@yahoo.com

Catholic Services Appeal

The annual Catholic Services Appeal 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. This year's theme is "We Are Called to Give Hope." Your support is needed to continue the work of God not only in our parishes and diocese but also throughout the world.

Please support the 2015 CSA

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Law is a part of civil society for without it, chaos would prevail and life would be a constant fear-trap. Going back to the time of Moses, Law is significant as indicated in the 10 Commandments. Jesus brings the fulfillment of the Law in the Gospel, the Good News, that Love sets the tone for all Law.

Jesus reveals that He is Lord of the Sabbath such that mercy and compassion take precedence over a rigorist interpretation of the Law about resting on the Sabbath. Jesus clarifies that to be law-abiding is to be love-abiding. Law is not an end unto itself, but rather it is the outgrowth of loving our neighbor and bringing stability to a society.

Sometimes the Law of society can come off as sterile, calculating, and insensitive. Our Lord Jesus is in our midst always in the Holy Spirit to temper the Law with the humanness of Love sustained by mercy and compassion. It is important that the Law be objective so as to foster justice including equality. However, in Christ Jesus we can do the Law with Love which fulfills justice and equality.

In Christ's Fulfilling Love,

Fr. Terry

Rummage, Bake & Pierogi Sale

St. James the Less, 45th & Kennedy Ave. in Highland. Friday, April 24th 8am—4pm & Saturday, April 25th 8am—1pm. Donations may be dropped off ONLY on April 22 & 23—8am-6pm.

We would appreciate any item that can be repurposed like books, pictures, frames, toys, jewelry, furniture, lamps, tools, men's, women's & children clothes, shoes, suits & coats and any kind of household items. Clothes will be \$2 a bag on Saturday & every else half price. Except for Pierogi & Bake Sale. For more info, call Pat @ 922-1961 or Rosie @227-9383.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 28th & 29th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5187.82
Charity: \$10.00
Religious Education: 0
Easter Flowers: \$20.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$747.18)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$232,635.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: ** (\$2485.53)
Food Pantry: \$200.00
50/50 Raffle: \$260.00

****FISCAL YEAR DEFICIT**

With our new summary of parish finances that were mailed to you in September of 2014, I found an error in the reporting of the Fiscal Year Deficit in the bulletin. The Christmas collection should have been subtracted from the yearly deficit. Our Christmas collection for 2014 was \$10,721.00. Our Fiscal Year Deficit as of March 22nd was (\$12,459.35). Our new Fiscal Year Deficit as of March 22nd is (\$1738.35). Easter collections will also be subtracted from the current fiscal year deficit. Please keep in mind that we are still operating at a deficit overall for the current fiscal year 2014/2015 approximately \$850.00 each week.

I am sorry for the confusion but this was the first time of reporting finances in this manner.

Patty J.

Fishing Trip

The annual St. James fishing trip takes place July 25-Aug. 1st. Fellow fishermen are welcome! Enjoy fellowship and the beauty of God's creation in the clear clean Canadian air of Eagle Lake Ontario. Package includes transportation, food, lodging, and guided fishing. The bus departs from St. James church. Price of the trip is \$1485.00. For more trip details call Mike Krupa, 219-923-8860 or 219-670-9601.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 13

No 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

10am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup

6-7pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, April 16

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir Practice

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

When we imagine the disciples cowering behind locked doors on the first Easter, it is a matter of the greatest urgency that the doors get opened. They are not locked in as if in prison; rather, they have chosen to marinate in fear. Both the lock and the key stand on their side of the door, in their control. Christ breaks through this significant barrier with a message of "Peace." The risen Lord's word propels them through the door and along the path leading to the consoling image of the community living in harmony in the first reading today. What do we pray for in our tradition? More than anything else, we pray for peace. Every Mass is an earnest prayer for peace with God, with self, with neighbor, and for peace in the world. Yet, curiously, the peace Christ offers is deeper than the mere absence of conflict. Our tradition treasures the memories of saints who were remarkably open to Christ's gift of peace even in the maelstroms of history. St. Edith Stein and St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyrs of the Holocaust, are but two examples. At the eye of a fearful storm, they stand as witnesses to the power of Christ's rising in our lives.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on March 31st

Was # 366

The Winner Would Have Won \$517.50

(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.

Meatloaf Dinner

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 4-7pm at Ameling Hall at St. Andrews Church, 801 West 73rd Avenue in Merrillville. Need tickets? Contact Rich Brown at 219-769-2833. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Joseph Ryder Council 4047.

Ministry Schedule
April 18th & 19th

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, Isabella Skurka,
Frances Vasquez

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy
10:00am—Religious Ed Student
6:00pm—Gary Blue

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 18th & 19th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith
8:00am—Christopher & Jake Kline
10:00am—Religious Ed Students
6:00pm—Mary Shutoski



Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)
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Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God?
— 1 John 5:5

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