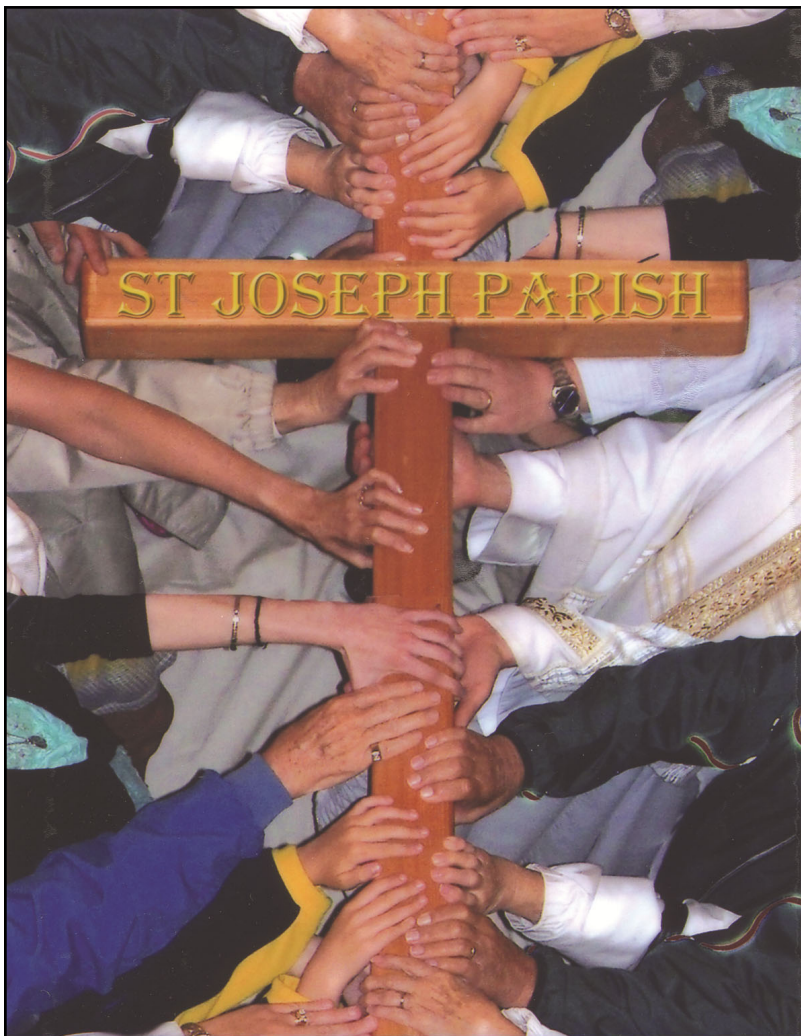


St. Joseph Church

April 13, 2014
PALM 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

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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 14, Monday of Holy Week
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday, April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week
 9:00 AM Nick & Ernesta Zarlenga
Wednesday, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday
 6:30 PM Family Rosary
 7:00 PM People of the Parish
Friday, April 18, Good Friday
 1:30 PM Good Friday Services
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

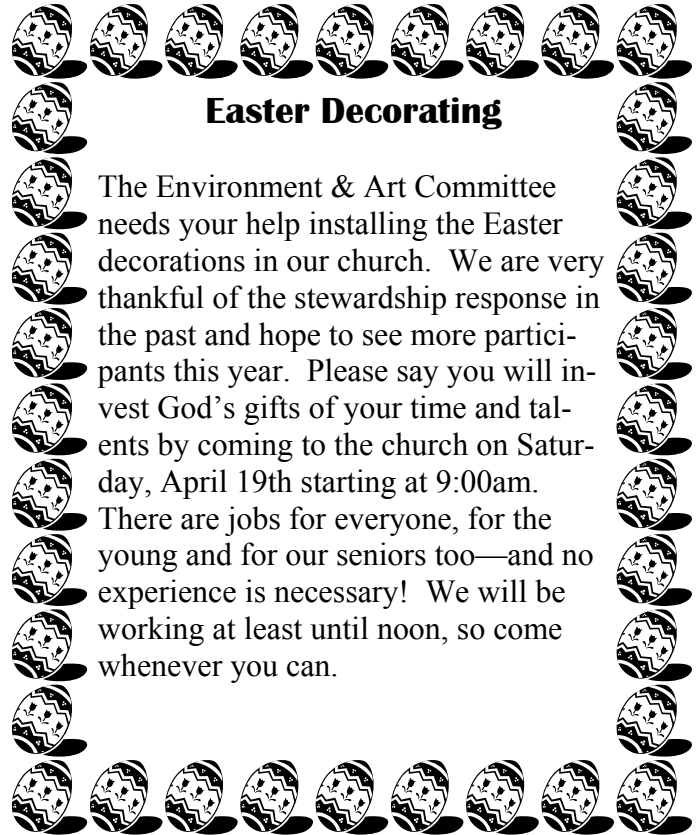
Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday,
Vigil: Easter
 8:00 PM The People of the Parish
Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM The People of the Parish
NO 6:00 PM MASS

**St. Joseph Religious Education-
 First Eucharist**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on their baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and his Body, the Church. Our membership in the Christian community is both a privilege and a responsibility. How are we as a parish witnessing the Holy Spirit's presence to others?

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for Eucharist reflected on gathering together as a Church family. The Church is the assembly of those people, belonging to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. How do we as parish come together to pray and care for one another?



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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday, April 14
 No 9:00am Mass
 7:00pm Confessions
Tuesday, April 15
 11:00am Confessions
Wednesday, April 16
 7:00pm Confessions
Thursday, April 17
 No 9:00am Mass
 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, April 18
 No 9:00am Mass
 1:30pm Good Friday Services
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 19
 12Noon Blessing of Baskets in church
 8:00pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, April 20
 8:00am Mass
 10:00am Mass
No 6:00pm Mass

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

There are times when we are tempted to use religion as a way of escaping reality. People go to Church to get away from the “rat race” out there. As tempting as this may be, Jesus is all about facing reality with trust that God provides for us in our every moment. No need to try to escape reality because God is present to us in every moment one-at-a-time. The key is “one-at-a-time” because our hurry-some outlook about life can push us to trying to get God going at 2 or 3 moments at a time.

The discipline of “waiting on the Lord” requires us to savor each moment of reality one-at-a-time. We can do it with our mustard seed of faith that helps us to see that reality is not so bad after all. In fact in Christ, reality is just fine, period. Jesus as Savior of the World has saved us from sin and death “one moment at-a-time”. This means that in each moment of reality, Christ’s saving love is present, period! No need to try to escape reality for our faith in Christ proclaims “all is well” in every moment as it occurs. Truly, this is the mystery of faith but it is our salvation one moment at a time!

Loving you with faith in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 29th & 30th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5551.96

Children’s Collection: \$27.10

Charity: \$51.00

Easter Flowers: \$133.00

Catholic Relief Service: \$715.85

50;50 Raffle: \$325.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on April 1st

Was # 587

The Winner Would Have Won \$1845.00

(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.

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for March. We earned \$120.48. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, April 23rd**. The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church. **This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget. The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm.** If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

Remember, Graduation Parties!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 14

- No 9:00am Mass
- 7:00pm Confessions
- 7:00pm—Lawn Mowing meeting in garage

Tuesday, April 15

- 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
- 11:00am—Confessions
- 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious Education classes in school
- 6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious Education classes in school

Wednesday, April 16

- 10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup
- 6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup
- 7:00pm—Confessions

Thursday, April 17

- No 9:00am Mass
- 6:30pm—Family Rosary
- 7:00 pm—Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, April 18

- No 9:00am Mass
- 1:30pm—Good Friday Services
- 7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 19

- 9:00am—Decorating church for Easter (everyone welcome to help)
- 12Noon—Blessing of baskets in church
- 8:00pm—Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20

- 8:00am Mass
- 10:00 Mass
- No 6:00pm Mass**

**2014
Catholic Charities
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
MASS AND RECEPTION**

Couples celebrating their 25th 40th, 50th, and over 50 year wedding anniversaries in **2014** and their families are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception. Bishop Dale J. Melczek will celebrate the Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels in Gary, IN, on Saturday, May 10, 2014, beginning at 4:00pm.

These special couples and their families are invited to a reception following the Mass. There is no charge for this event, which will be in the Cathedral Hall. Each couple will receive a wedding Anniversary certificate signed by the Bishop.

There are Reservation Forms in the main vestibule. Please fill out and mail to: Anniversary Mass, c/o Catholic Charities, 940 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402.

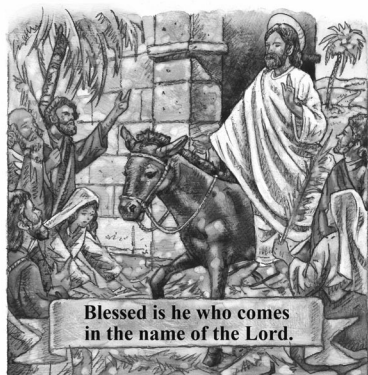
The deadline is Wednesday, April 16, 2014. For questions, call 219-886-3549 x 331.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer’s willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today’s feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ’s victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day’s opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday’s joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.



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Ministry Schedule

April 19th & 20th

Extraordinary Ministers

8:00pm—Gary Blue, Yvonne Weaver,

8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl

10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,
Tamara Fredrickson, Ron Reichelt (choir)

No 6:00pm Mass

Lectors

8:00pm—

8:00am—Rita D’Arcy

10:00am—Young People’s Mass

No 6:00pm Mass

Prayer

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more
you will do well in your work. St. John Baptist de la Salle

Ministry Schedule

April 19th & 20th

Altar Servers

8:00pm—Jesse Navarro

8:00am—Joe Stankovich

10:00am—Megan Harding, Jessica Hearne

No 6:00pm Mass



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 2014

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

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