

St. Joseph Church

April 17, 2016

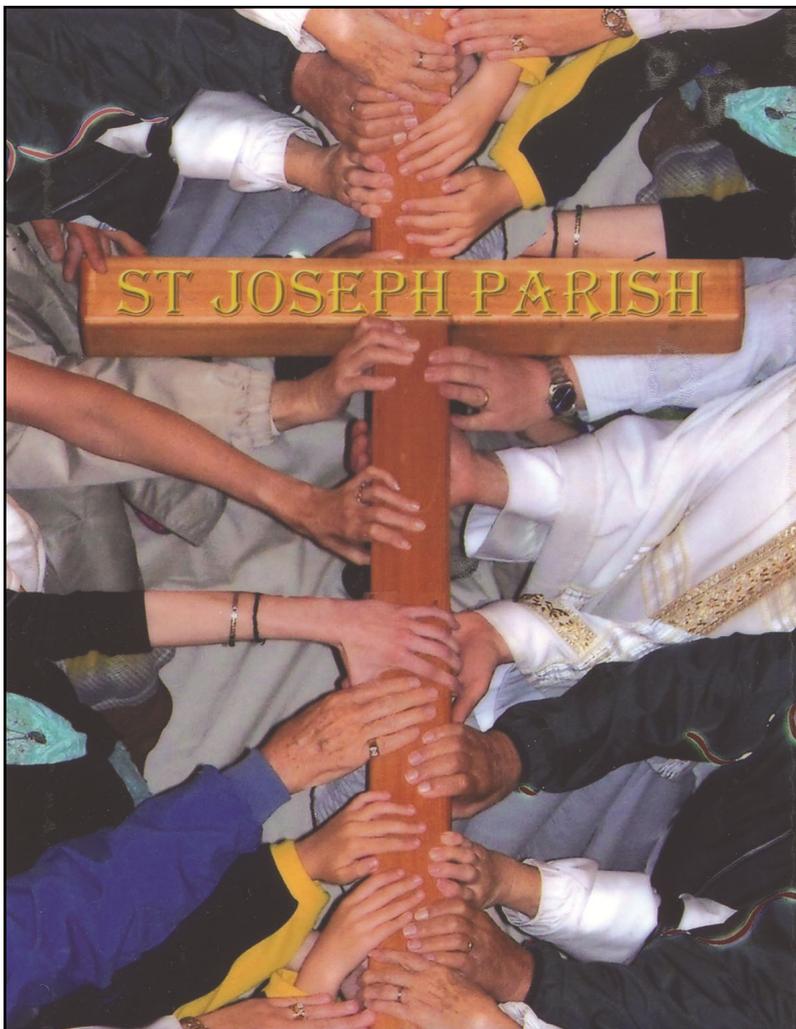
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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.

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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 18, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM James & Helen Monlesong
Tuesday, April 19, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Helen Allen
Wednesday, April 20, Easter Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, April 21, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM The Topoll Family
Friday, April 22, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Ted Korabel

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter
 4:30 PM Caterina & Angelo Micheli
Sunday, April 24, 5th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
 Whitmore & McNally Families
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Catholic Services Appeal

Today the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Gary. Our campaign theme “One Heart, One Mind, One Community of Believers” comes from the Acts of the Apostles, and reminds us that through our baptism we are called to share out gifts and blessings in order to continue the ministry Jesus started.

Your sacrificial gift does make a difference!
 Please support the work of the many offices and ministries throughout our diocese: vocations, education, formation, social outreach, lay leadership training, youth ministry, as well as national collections. Please be as generous as God has been to you. Each gift, regardless of size, is important to the success of the CSA

Please support the 2016 CSA Campaign.

St. Joseph Parish’s parish goal is \$27,083.00. All monies received past this goal will come back 100% to our parish. This really helps our budget. Please consider giving a pledge or payment this year.

**Sunday Readings Reflections
 of 4/24/2016**

Reading 1 Acts 14:21-27

This account of Paul's and Barnabas' first missionary journey reminds us that those who first planted the Church on foreign soil did not have an easy time of it. They had to travel great distances by sea and by land. After they had founded Christian communities in several cities along the way, they had to return to those same cities to build up the believers' morale. Why? Because there was harsh opposition to this upstart new religion.

Reading 2 Revelations 21:1-5a

If today's reading from Revelation sounds like a dream, that may be because it symbolically represents a dream most human beings share. That dream looks forward to a final union with God and the end of every suffering people have ever endured--no more starving children; no young people ruined by drugs or alcohol; no divided families or abusive parents; no broken hearts or cries in the night.

Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Jesus is saying farewell to his friends at the Last Supper. He tells them that he will soon be "glorified." They still do not really get the message about his death and resurrection. They love him too much to face the reality of his crucifixion. So Jesus gathers them close and says, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer." He tells them how they are to keep his presence alive within them after he is physically absent. "Love one another," he says.

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Governing Our Passions

Whoever governs their passions is master of the world. We must either command them, or be commanded by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.

St. Dominic

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

If Jesus rose from the dead only recently, CNN and the other cable News Stations would conduct an exhaustive investigation to determine how Jesus rose from the dead. They would want a detailed explanation of how the resurrection of Christ took place. It would be reported on for 24/7 until the News Reporters figured it all out. The News stories on Jesus' resurrection would go on and on.

Although Jesus' resurrection is the Good News story for all generations, no matter how thorough CNN and the other News cable networks are, they would never figure out the Resurrection of Christ. And thanks be to God because Jesus' resurrection is mystery and the proper approach to it is with Silence. We are to silently observe how the Risen Holy Spirit within us deepens our faith in the risen Christ.

Faith is about our becoming more accepting of the mystery of Christ's Resurrection: we are not expected to figure it out. However, the risen Holy Spirit within us through Baptism continually reminds us that Jesus' Risen Joy is within us always. We can't explain it but through faith we know it is real.

In Christ's Risen Joy,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report
April 9th & 10th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5149.00
Charity: \$0
Religious Education: \$188.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$488.00)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$233,065.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$3090.38
Food Pantry: \$1659.47
50/50 Raffle: \$215.00

THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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Andrean Trivia Night

The Andrean High School Alumni Assn. is holding its second Trivia Night on **Saturday, April 30th**, starting at 6:00pm with tablegating (tailgating at your table) and trivia begins at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 per person—\$80 for your team of eight. Bishop Donald Hying will be our special guest again and will be "auctioned off" to help the highest bidding team with answers in a special trivia category! A prize will be awarded to the team with the highest score. All proceeds will benefit Andrean High School for classroom renovations. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by April 22. Forms are available at the Andrean High School Alumni/Development office. You can download the flier from andreanhs.org/alumni. For questions, call 219-793-1375.

Religious Education

First Eucharist

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First Eucharist reflected on their gifts, which are blessings from God. At Eucharist (a word meaning to give thanks) we thank God for all His gifts and blessings. At the Eucharist through the power of the Holy Spirit we join with the living Christ to give praise and glory to the Father.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 19

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education classes in school

Wednesday, April 20

10:00am—12 Noon—Food Pantry pickup
6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 24

7:00-8:30pm—Faith Formation classes for
Adult Confirmation—Gathering Room

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Just as the early church consecrated women living alone in the world, today that consecration is available to women who take solemn vows as cloistered nuns (different from religious sisters), women who follow a way of life in communities called "secular institutes," and laywomen. Oddly, the ritual is not permitted for religious sisters. The prayers talk about the woman's self-gift to Christ, and her self-gift to the Church. Up until recent years, this was a solemn ceremony performed only for cloistered nuns under certain circumstances. In its new form, we have a ritual that revives a very ancient and little-known way of life. Today, a woman can live independently at home, without association with any religious sisterhood or institute, yet be consecrated to holiness and service. Normally, a ring and/or a veil may be given in the liturgy of consecration. It is a rite very different from religious profession, where the sister makes promises or vows, and is rather an expression of approval and blessing for a way of life already embraced. Unlike ancient times, which valued actual virginity, the new rite may be celebrated for anyone provided there has never been a marriage and the woman has always lived a virtuous life.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Damage

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on April 5th
Was # 304
The Winner Would Have Won \$1150.00
 (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.

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Ministry Schedule
April 23rd & 24th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,
Joe Nowacki
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Greagain
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Irene Magana

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am— Tom Heffernan
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Ian Gruver
8:00am—Christopher Kline
10:00am—Abigail Holmes, Dominic Rizzo
6:00pm—Mary Shutoski



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"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth."

-- Acts 13:47b

THE GIFT

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is
nothing without work. --Emile Zola

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