

St. Joseph Church

April 19, 2015

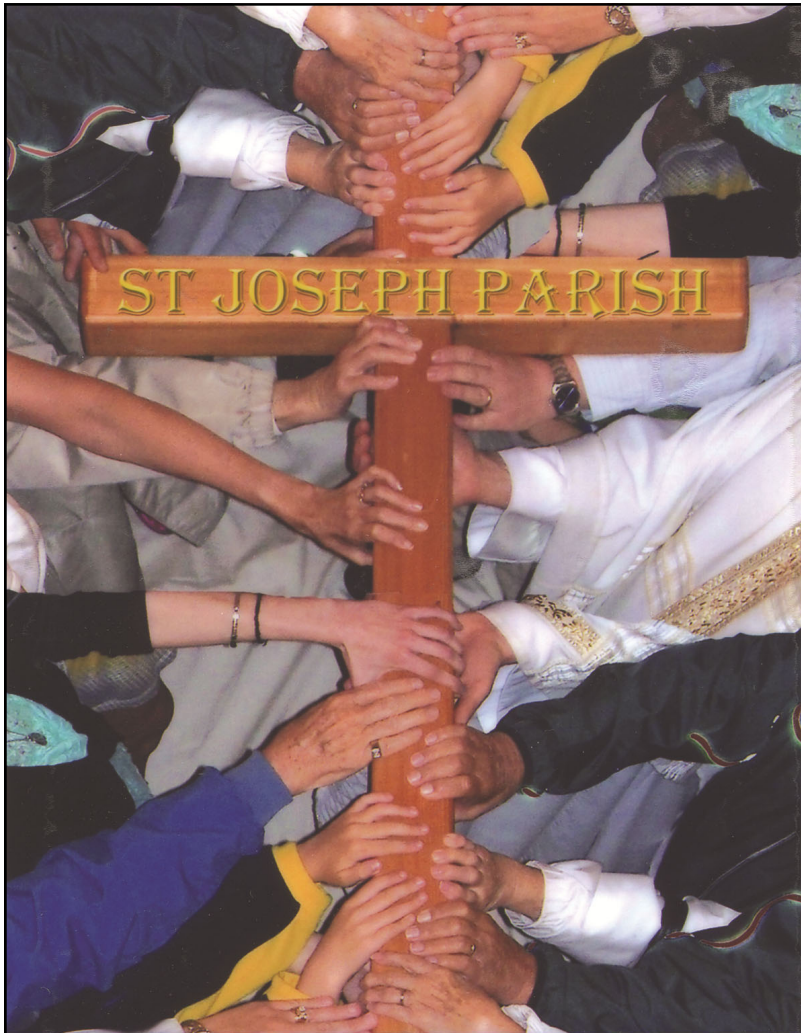
Third Sunday of Easter

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**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 20, Easter Weekday
9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

Tuesday, April 21, Easter Weekday
9:00 AM Betty Wozniak

Wednesday, April 22, Easter Weekday
No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, April 23, Easter Weekday
9:00 AM The Deceased Members of Salvatore
Giovane Family

6:30 PM Family Rosary
Friday, April 24, Easter Weekday
9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Michael Kulik Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter
4:30 PM Caterina Micheli

Sunday, April 26, 4th Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM The deceased Members of the
Robert Rybicki Family
10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Catholic Services Appeal

Today the annual Catholic Services Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Gary. The theme for this year's campaign, "We Are Called to Give Hope" reminds us that part of our Baptismal duty is to share our blessings in order to continue the ministry of Jesus.

Your gift is important. Please assist the works of the many offices and ministries throughout the diocese—vocations, education, social outreach, lay leadership training, youth ministry. Please be as generous as God has been to you. Every gift, regardless of the size, is important to the success of the CSA.

Please support the 2015 CSA

Our parish goal is \$26,093. Remember everything collected past \$26,093.00 will come back 100% to our parish. Due to your generosity in the past years we were refunded over \$10,000 per year. Please consider a generous pledge or payment this year.

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 Charities

Catholic Charities offers Counseling services to individuals, families and children on a sliding fee scale. For more info, please call 219-844-4883.

Religious Education

This week our young people who are preparing for Confirmation reflected on the first Pentecost and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Reborn in the Holy Spirit, all the baptized have been called and empowered to live as true witnesses of Christ and spread the faith by word and deed. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit guide us in remaining faithful to our baptismal promises.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

We are faced with our mortality on a daily basis because we are fragile and prone to mistakes which include falls, crashes and sudden illnesses. Plus many a news story focuses on people being injured or killed. We hear/read many stories about people's mortality.

And so it is understandable that we humans have a difficult time believing that we have the eternal within our mortality. It seems such a contradiction but on the faith level in Christ all is well, all has eternal meaning in Christ. Our mortality wants to rebel and say "No Way" to the eternal because our earthly lives are so finite. But in the risen Christ we have infinite, eternal possibilities thanks to God's faithful Love.

Accepting with faith that our mortal lives have eternal meaning in Christ enriches our time on earth, freeing us up to live more fully present to each moment. No need to try to escape reality now because each moment is eternally precious in Our Risen Lord. Talk about Love! We are blessed with the fullness of Love from God for God is Love, God is eternal life in our mortality thanks to Christ. In faith let us accept this most special gift of all.

In Our Eternalness in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Religious Education

This week they 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 4th & 5th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5894.35
Charity: \$31.00
Religious Education: \$0
Easter: \$4715.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$4675.35
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$238,600.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$2189.82
Food Pantry: \$275.00
50/50 Raffle: \$245.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 11th & 12th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4865.26
Charity: \$71.00
Religious Education: \$150.00
Deficit: \$50.00
Easter: \$615.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$213.74)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$244,565.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$1976.08
Eastern Europe: \$30.00
Latin America: \$20.00
Food Pantry: \$1846.76
50/50 Raffle: \$250.00

Shrine of Mother Theodore Guerin

The opportunity to "Journey with a Saint" is open to people of all faith traditions. Come visit the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin—Canonized as the eighth United States saint in 2006—daily from 7am to 5pm. There is no admission charge. To schedule a guided tour or pilgrimage, contact Rita O'Donohue at rodonohue@spsmw.org or call 812-535-2945.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 20

7:00-9:00pm—Stewardship Meeting in the Gathering Room

7:00pm—Practice for Confirmation at St. Michael’s

Tuesday, April 21

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 22

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Friday, April 24

5:30pm—Confirmation at St. Michael’s

Sunday, April 26

7:00pm—Adult Confirmation class at school

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

With the Easter season well under way, we now resume our survey of the sacrament of the sick. The pastoral care of the sick will be misunderstood if we start from the vantage point of the sickroom. Begin with the Sunday assembly, from which the sick person has been separated by the crisis of illness, and whose absence is given expression in prayer and service. The goal is to extend the consolation of the Lord’s presence at the table to those who are apart from it, and for the assembly to enfold them in prayer.

Secondarily, the goal is to teach people what the Church desires for all those who are sick. Seeing ministers dispatched to the sick from Mass every Sunday might help a caregiver realize that their dear one can also receive Communion. Witnessing the anointing of a woman facing surgery might help another person to overcome hesitation and ask for the sacrament’s healing and strength. Society’s impulse may be to marginalize the sick, but the tradition of our community is to see them at the center of our life. When Roman persecutors ordered St. Lawrence the Deacon to hand over the jewels of the church, he assembled a motley crew of the sick and the infirm and announced with all humility, “Behold, my lord, the treasures of the church of Christ.” —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on April 7th
Was # 263

The Winner Would Have Won \$640.00
(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, HOME-BOUND 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.

On Sunday, April 26, 2015, 3:00pm, the Cathedral Arts Concert Series of the Cathedral of the Holy Angels, 7th Avenue at Tyler Street in Gary, presents its Spring Recital. The program, a choir concert featuring the Diocese Gary Choir directed by Larua Monteen, will include music from different eras of Church history and liturgy. Admission is free and parking is secured. A free-will offering will be accepted. A reception will follow.

Ministry Schedule

April 25th & 26th

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Tim & Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

Martyrdom

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr. —English proverb

Ministry Schedule

April 25th & 26th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Ian Gruver
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Jim Morris
6:00pm—Need Servers



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You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

— *Psalm 4:9*

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