

St. Joseph Church

April 24, 2016

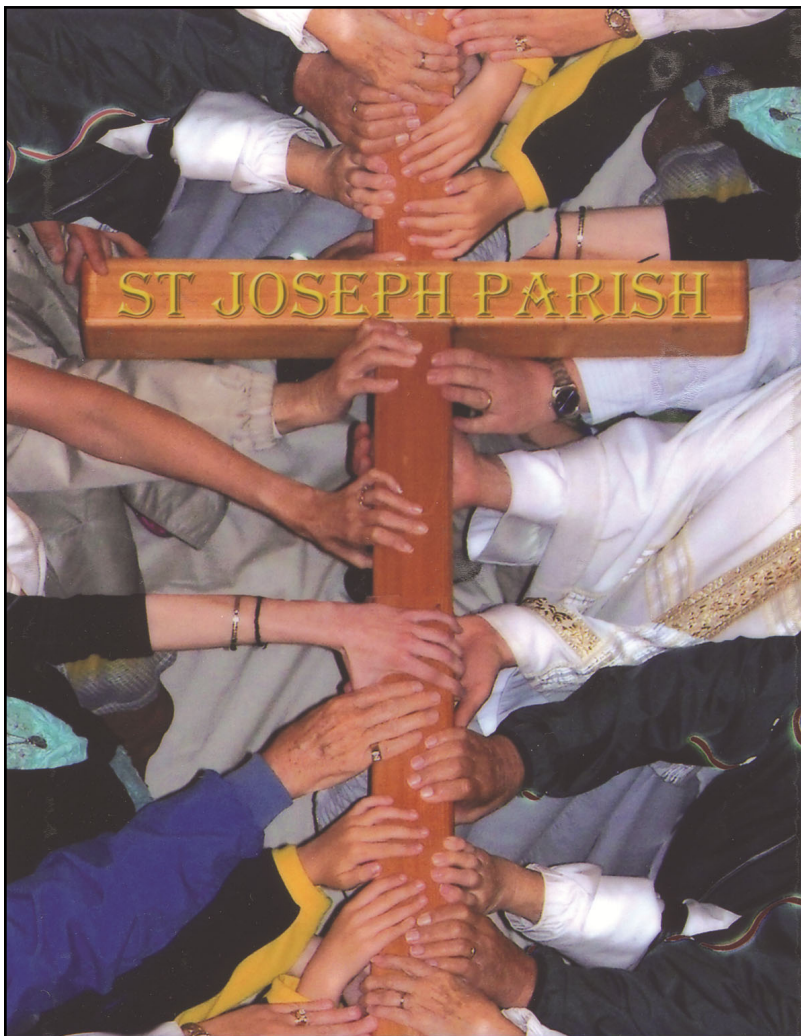
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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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Religious Education Fax.....865-3740

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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 25, St. Mark
 9:00 AM Peter & Jean Karlovich
Tuesday, April 26, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Joseph & Myrtle Bober
Wednesday, April 27, Easter Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, April 28, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Constance Heintz
Friday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena
 9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
 Brooks/Prystalski Family

Weekend Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 30, Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter
 4:30 PM Lester Komarowski
Sunday, May 1, 6th Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM Matthew Lesniewski
 10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

CSA

Many thanks to the following parishioners who pledged/paid to this year's CSA Appeal. We received \$10,650.00 in pledges and payments. Remember our quota is \$27,083.00. Anything we receive past this amount will come back 100% to our parish.

Thank you to: Fr. Terry Steffens, Henry Buczek, Daniel & Donna Doyle, M/M Robert Fredrickson, Dennis & Gina Geiss, Barbara Graegin, Janet & John Hearne, M/M William Klausman, Steve & Judy Kline, M/M Kenneth Mantel, Carol Opyt, Joseph & Katherine Perdue, Constance Peschel, John & Caroline Sherly, Rosemary Szymkowski, Joe Termini & Joan Trombetta.

50th Anniversary

The Community of the Salvatorians in Merrillville invite you to celebrate together **the 50th Anniversary of the Priesthood of Father Joseph Zuziak S.D.S.** The Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 12 noon.** Following the Mass there will be a banquet in the Salvatorian Millennium Hall. R.S.V.P. by April 30, 2016.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 5/1/2016

Reading 1 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Perhaps you have seen it coming. In recent weeks, our readings from the Acts of the Apostles have shown a growing split between Jews and Gentiles in the early Christian community. Many Jewish Christians in Jerusalem felt that the Gentile believers should be required to fulfill the law of Moses. So Paul and Barnabas went on a peacemaking mission to Jerusalem, where they met with Peter and the others. Together they chose a delegation to return to Antioch with a "peace treaty" letter. In it they assured all Gentiles that the Holy Spirit approved of them as members of the Church. They would not be required to abide by the Mosaic Law.

Reading 2 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Christian artists would never run out of symbols if they went looking in the Book of Revelation. Our reading today is filled with symbols that gleam and sparkle. The author envisions the gathering of all Christ's faithful ones in the heavenly Jerusalem. It shines like a diamond; its unsurpassed beauty flows from those who have persevered in faith. Its foundation stones are beautifully inscribed with the names of the apostles. And, most magnificent of all, God is the temple in this shining city. And Jesus is the lamp glowing over all.

Gospel John 14:23-29

In the gospel today, Jesus continues to speak about love. Those who live will experience God's love in their lives and the gift of peace that only Christ can give. Jesus also promises to send the Paraclete, or the Comforter, to his disciples. The Paraclete is the Holy Spirit, who will guide the Church for all time. Jesus' followers will not be left on their own.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

In looking back at the Book of Genesis, we notice in the Creation Story that God creates people in God's image and likeness. God is in every cell of our bodies from the moment of our conception. After we are born, God remains in every cell of our bodies. We can call this Holy Communion from the beginning of Creation. This is most important for us on the faith level because there never is any separation from God.

The Original Sin was trying to separate us from God but the Savior, Jesus, is the New Adam who has reaffirmed our Holy Communion with God. Now with regards to our obedience to God, the Good News is that in our oneness with Jesus the Risen Savior, we don't have to go looking for God's presence. God is in our every cell of our person at all times. Obedience that is, listening to God flows out of every cell of our being thru the risen Holy Spirit within us. The point is that God's constant oneness with us in Christ frees us up to simply be in God's constant presence. No need to go looking for God for God is in our every cell. What a spiritual relief and what a blessed faith journey we are on in God's eternal oneness with us in Christ!

Celebrating God in every cell,

Fr. Terry

Rachel's Vineyard

In a survey of over 100 women who had suffered from post-abortion trauma, 80% expressed strong feelings of "self-hatred". Learn to love yourself again through God's endless mercy. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post abortion healing. Retreats scheduled for 2016: May 20-22 and Nov. 11-13. Contact Rosanne at 219-765-1396 or nwinv@outlook.com. All inquires completely confidential

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following Marian Catholic High School students who earned 3rd Quarter Honor Roll status:
Ashley David, Joshua David & Ryan Schmidt.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 16th & 17th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$4435.45

Charity: \$26.00

Religious Education: \$2.00

Easter: \$10.00

**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit:
(\$1351.55)**

**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount
Needed: \$238,890.00**

Fiscal Year Surplus: \$1738.83

Food Pantry: \$10.00

50/50 Raffle: \$230.00

TRUE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Can you imagine a world such as the one put before us in today's scripture readings? Communities of believers everywhere would support and encourage one another and be identified as Christians by the way they love each other. It would be a world with no tears, no death and mourning, no crying out in pain. "Behold, I make all things new," we hear the Son of God say in the second reading from the book of Revelation (21:5). Is this world of John's vision only imaginary? Are these faithful followers for whom Jesus prayed only a savior's dream? Today they are put before us as a worthy goal. How much closer can we come to this vision of a true Christian community in our lives today?

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**Religious Education
Confirmation**

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 25

6:00-7:30pm—1st Eucharist Rehearsal & Dinner in Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 28

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

Sunday, May 1

10:00am Mass—1st Eucharist of RE students



SYNOD 2017

In the April 24th issue of the Northwest Indiana Catholic, Bishop Donald J. Hying addresses the need for evangelization in the Diocese of Gary.

Evangelization reaches out to share the Gospel with every single person with the hope of bringing them closer to Jesus Christ. When we evangelize we bring the fundamental message of hope and mercy into the world. Evangelization is an essential part of our mission as Catholics and it is through our efforts of evangelization that we witness to others the power of the Good News.

Please take time to read the bishop’s column and reflect upon this question: “How do we fire up the lukewarm, disengaged or those who are hurt or disillusioned to discover Catholicism or recover a faith perhaps grown cold?”

If you do not receive the Northwest Indiana Catholic, you can access the bishop’s column at nwcatholic.com. Look for Bishop Hying’s video on evangelization at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsoWmC9tlqE>.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on April 12th Was # 106

The Winner Would Have Won \$1257.50 (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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In today’s Gospel Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as He had loved them. Do we reflect this love in our lives and relationships, especially our marriage relationship? Let God show you how to love your spouse and others as He loves you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are June 10-12, 2016 or August 12-14, 2016, or October 7-9, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. For reservations, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778.

Ministry Schedule
April 30th & May 1st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzewski, Emma
Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Edwin Abangan, Jessica Abangan,
Laura Hays
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—
6:00pm—Emma Weissbeck

Ministry Schedule
April 30th & May 1st

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith, Andrew Yuratais
8:00am—Joe Nowacki
10:00am—Gian Abangan, Jim Morris, Russell
Wells
6:00pm—Dominic Rizzo, Lanie Taylor



Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

"Behold,

God's dwelling is with the human race."

-- Revelation 21:3

CHURCH

"Church" in Greek means convocation, or assembly
in Latin, because all are called to be members of it.

--St. Isidore

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