

St. Joseph Church

May 1, 2016

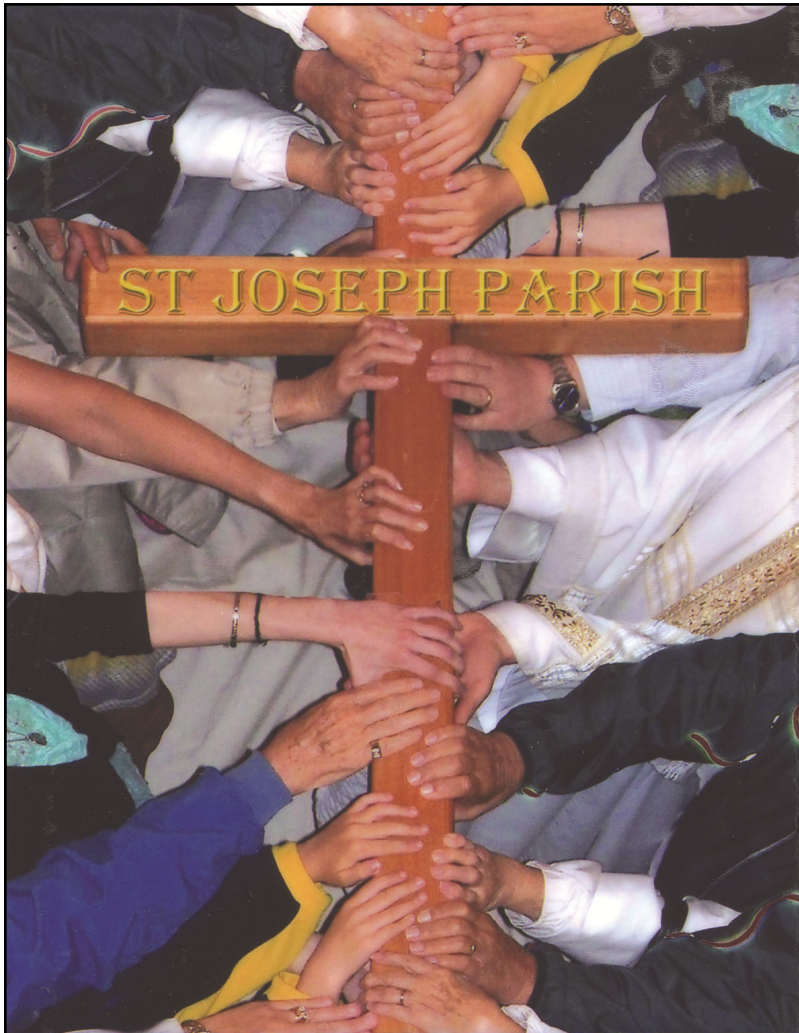
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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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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, May 2, St. Athanasius
 9:00 AM Elizabeth & Louis Hesch
Tuesday, May 3, Sts. Philip & James
 9:00 AM Melina Pietras
Wednesday, May 4, Easter Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, May 5, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Stanley & Anna Kaczocha
Friday, May 6, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7, Vigil: Ascension of the Lord
 4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger
Sunday, May 8, The Ascension of the Lord
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Mark Ashman
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 7th & 8th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

CSA

Many thanks to the following parishioners who pledged/paid to this year's CSA Appeal. We received \$7375.00 this week in pledges and payments. Our total is \$18,025.00. Remember, our quota is \$27,083.00. Anything we receive past this amount will come back 100% to our parish.

Thank you to: David Anastasi, Edward & Joan Dorman, Joan Dzyacky, Terry & Carol Farkas, Dorothy Ferguson, Joe & Chris Gillette, Lorraine Golon, Gruver Family, Marie Jagiella, John Lisac, Susan Magee, Mayre Meyer, Raymond Michuda, M/M Richard Narcisi, Betty Rose Paulson, Curtis & Maureen Rak & Sue & Mike Ward.

To view a CSA video with Bishop Hying & Debbie Tatum, please go to <http://www.dcgary.org/csa.htm>.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 5/8/2016

Reading 1 Acts 7:55-60

Picture the scene. A daring young man is surrounded by people who want to shut him up for good. His name is Stephen. He is a deacon who serves the needy of the Christian community at Jerusalem. Those who do not accept Jesus drag Stephen out of town and stone him to death. But they do not defeat him. Stephen, the Church's first martyr, imitates Jesus by asking God to forgive his murderers.

Reading 2 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

In this reading from the closing chapter of the Book of Revelation, we hear Jesus repeating his promise to come again at the end of time. He will reward those who have been faithful. When will Jesus come? We do not know, because God's time is not our time. But we make the words of Revelation our prayer each day by saying: Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel John 17:20-26

Today we are listening in on Jesus' prayer to the Father at the Last Supper. His voice communicates deep emotion as he prays for his friends? then and now. What Jesus wants most is unity? unity among all believers, and unity between believers and God. "That they may be one, as we are one," he prays.

Jesus' prayer reminds us that if the love of God is truly alive in us, the proof of that love will be in our unity with others. Divisions among Christians are a sign that we still have much work to do.

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Camp Lawrence

Camp Lawrence, on beautiful Moss Lake in Valparaiso, IN, is now accepting applications for residential summer camp.

Camp runs from June 19th through July 30th. For more information call 219-736-8931 or you can visit our web site: www.nwicyo.org.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Every now and then it is good for us to get some eternal perspective on true greatness. Our culture puts a lot of emphasis on doing a great job, that we excel at what we do. This can lead to endless disputes about what true greatness is because people can come up with endless criteria for what they personally believe is greatness. More than likely it points toward self-exaltation which is the antithesis of living in Holy Communion with Jesus.

Jesus reminds us that true greatness is based on humility of service to our neighbors. And Jesus reminds us that our neighbors include those people whom society has declared are ordinary. Our call in Christ to serve one another and not be served may leave us as perceived by society as unaccomplished. However, in Christ, our oneness with Christ clarifies that we are not seeking society's approval about greatness because we humbly admit that God's Ways of Greatness are not our Culture's way of viewing greatness.

Hopefully, we are relieved from the seeking greatness frenzy that can so consume us. Our Beloved Savior has set us free from false greatness and fills us with the Holy Spirit of humble service to one another. We may not get society's greatness ranking, but it does not matter because we are on this earth to do the Will of God Our Father which in Christ has everything to do with humble servants of the Lord.

With Humility in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Holy Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

Send your spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord and your church.

With renewed enthusiasm bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 23rd & 24th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$3945.21
Charity: \$206.00
Religious Education: \$0
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1673.79)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$244,715.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$65.04
Food Pantry: \$25.00
50/50 Raffle: \$195.00

Still There Is Hope

Cold winds blow merciless across my brow.
 Life seemed better yesterday, somehow.
 Happiness has flown with swallow's swift.
 Through ashes of my broken dreams I sift.
 Still there is hope that mounts on fairer wings.
 Sweet peace is mine, the aching heart still sings.
 This, too, will pass, this valley dark and lone.
 A still, small voice is beckoning, follow on.
 There comes another dream, set expectations high.
 Believe in the impossible, God hears your cry.
 And with the new born day allow new hope to rise;
 By faith stay on the path that veiled before you lies.

Totus Tuus

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours) a summer catechetical youth program is being held at St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point June 11-17, 2016. For grade school children the program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:30pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, games, songs, lunch and recess. For junior and senior high school youth, the program runs Sunday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Totus Tuus combines catechesis and having fun! The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is contagious. Come out and join us! Registration is now open. There is a \$20 fee for non-parishioners for the week.

Questions? Call 663-4281 or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 2

7:00pm—Finance Meeting—Gathering Room

Tuesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 5

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

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



SYNOD 2017

“A Catholic who believes, practices and explains the faith with conviction, simplicity and goodness will brig other people to Jesus Christ by the integrity and passion of their discipleship.”
—Bishop Donald Hying

As we continue this process for Synod 2017, be sure to visit:
<http://www.dcgary.org/synod.htm> for the latest videos, columns and information about what it means and how you can be a part of it.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on April 19th
Was # 244

The Winner Would Have Won \$1372.50
(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.

**Our Lady of Grace
Pre-School**

Located at 3027 Condit St. in Highland, is having an **Open House** on Wednesday, May 11th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We are currently enrolling children who will be 4 years old by August 1st for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information about our program, please call Mrs. Debbye at 219-972-6377.

Ministry Schedule

May 7th & 8th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Tom Heffernan
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Ministry Schedule

May 7th & 8th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Mary Howe, Joe Nowacki
8:00am— Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Abigail Holmes, Mary Shutoski
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

-- Psalm 67:6

ALL THE ADVANTAGES

We want to give our children what we didn't have;
but let's make sure we give them what we did have:
our faith. --Anonymous

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