

St. Joseph Church

May 3, 2015

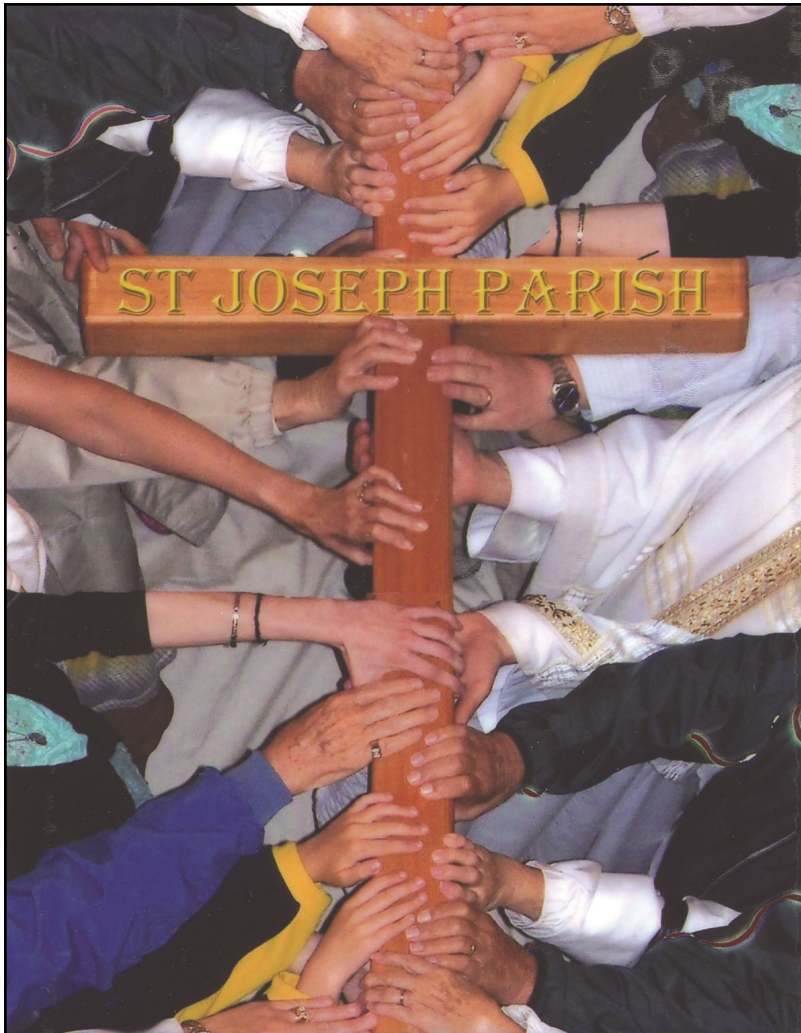
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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.

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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, May 4, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Melina Pietras

Tuesday, May 5, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Timothy Pawl Family

Wednesday, May 6, Easter Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, May 7, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families
6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, May 8, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the William O'Neill's Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 9, Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

Sunday, May 10, 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
10:00 AM The Deceased Members of McNally & Whitmore Families
6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, May 9th & 10th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

Mass with Bishop Donald Hying

On Friday, May 15th at the 9am Mass, Bishop Donald Hying will be concelebrating Mass with Father Terry Steffens. After mass, the Bishop will be here for approximately 1-1/2 hours and will meet with the staff and with parishioners who will be attending this mass.

We welcome your presence at this mass

Catholic Services Appeal

As of April 26th, we have collected \$8,529.00 toward our goal of \$26,093.00. Remember, anything past our collection of \$26,093.00 comes back 100% to our parish. If we do not receive \$26,093.00 in pledges and/or payments, we must take that amount from our savings. Please consider a pledge/payment this year.

Many thanks to the following parishioners for their donations to the CSA: Anonymous, Edward Dorman, Terry & Carol Farkas, Dorothy Ferguson, M/M Richard Fingar, Tom Formoso, Denise Frevert, Wayne & Emma Gallenberger, Tim & Sheila Huffman, Marie Jagiella, Peter & Diana Kesheimer, George & Mary Beth Kucka, M/M Kenneth Mantel, Ron & Emily Reichelt, M/M Kenneth Rybicki, Barbara Sargent, John & Caroline Sherly, Joseph Termini, and Joan Trombetta.

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home. Also let us know if they would like their name published in the bulletin to be prayed for by the parishioners.

Thank You.

98th Anniversary of Fatima

Wednesday, May 13th—Praying for our Country Special devotions will be held at the Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road in Munster, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Hymns, and outdoor candlelight procession.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Although we are flesh and blood humans on this earth, we need to remember that we are also temples of the Holy Spirit. Through Baptism we already have eternal life within our humanity which ought to change our perspective on our possessions. Many of us are blessed with many possessions; however, as risen life people in Christ we are far more than flesh and blood people with possessions. We are eternal life people already on earth and, thus, we are wise to detach from our possessions and be open to growing in generous stewardship. We need to hold loosely our prayer, time/talent, and treasure for it is temporary whereas eternal life in Christ is without end. Keeping a risen life perspective with our lives on earth frees us up to live more generously and with less clinging.

Humbly acknowledging the invisible blowing like the wind Holy Spirit within us can change our lives radically. No longer are we impeded by our flesh and blood human limitations. We will discover that as temples of the Holy Spirit, namely, temples of eternal life, we can lighten up about our possessiveness with our prayer, time/talent, and treasure. Instead, we can be more liberated with eternally grateful hearts for our purpose on this earth is to already live in the freedom of being God's children of eternal life.

In Christ's Eternal Love,
Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 25th & 26th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4674.11
Charity: \$284.00
Religious Education: \$10.00
Easter: \$150.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$846.89)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$256,495.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$318.77)
Food Pantry: \$65.00
50/50 Raffle: \$225.00



Please pray for the following parishioners who are ill or not able to worship with our parish family: Nancy Hanck, Laura Hays, Dolores Kaczocha, Joe Kozlowski, Fran Lisac, Donna Maicher, Mark Maicher, Bernard Paulson, Connie Peschel, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

Mother's Day Breakfast

On Sunday May 10, from 7:30am—12:30pm, the Knights of Columbus St. Pope John Paul II—Council 16008 will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast in the St. James the Less Parish hall. Breakfast is FREE for ALL Mothers and a Free Will Donation for everyone else!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In the second reading today John encourages us to love one another not in speech only but in deed and truth. Do you show your spouse that you truly love them, not just say it? Love your spouse in *deed* by giving the gift of yourself; make the time to attend the next Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming weekends are June 12-14, 2015 or August 7-9, 2015 or October 16-18, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 4

7:00pm—Finance meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, May 5

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, May 7

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over time, the crisis of last illness and the way the faithful met death changed. In earliest times, a sickbed vigil was an occasion for the community to gather and strengthen the dying person with assurances of love. A thousand years ago, in part because of massive upheavals in society, a new emphasis on individual repentance captured the imagination of millions. Death was to be feared, because it was about judgment. The delights of heaven’s banquet dimmed, since most people saw God’s just judgment and inevitable punishment intervening. If a community gathered at all, it was not to express faith in the Resurrection, but to seek forgiveness for those who were powerless to help themselves. The dead couldn’t improve their situation, but their loved ones, by expressing sorrow for sin, could. Better yet, the clergy could, if they intervened in a timely fashion, provide the absolution needed for everyone to relax. Ministry to the sick shifted away from a ministry of consolation toward a challenge to repent before it was too late.

As the sense grew that most people died with their work of repentance incomplete, the color black was reintroduced to funerals. It was the old pagan way of expressing despair. No wonder they call this time in history the “Dark Ages.” Many layers have had to be peeled away to reveal the deepest, most positive expressions of our tradition of care for the dying.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on April 21st

Was # 49

The Winner Would Have Won \$885.00
 (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.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Ministry Schedule

May 9th & 10th

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Lectors

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

Christianity

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule

May 9th & 10th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lillian Smith
8:00am—Christopher & Jake Kline
10:00am—Gian Abangan, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

— *1 John 3:18*

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