

St. Joseph Church

May 8, 2016

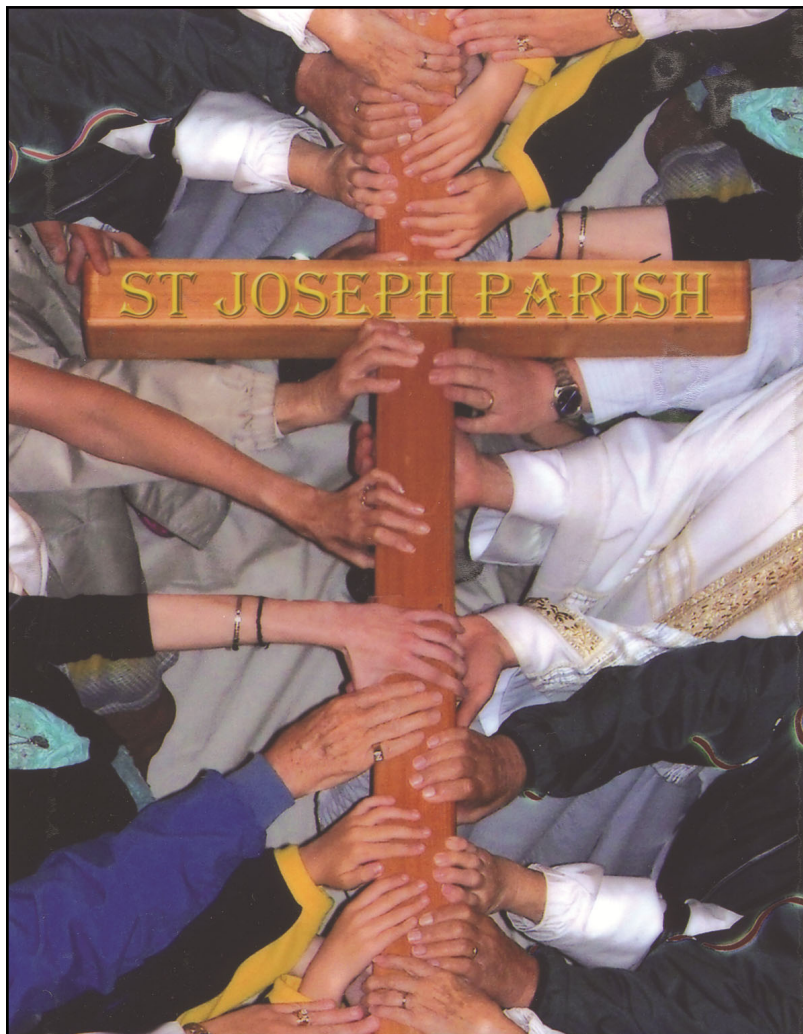
Ascension of the Lord

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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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Religious Education Fax.....865-3740

Email.....yseweaver@yahoo.com

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 9, Easter Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, May 10, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM George Parks

Wednesday, May 11, Easter Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, May 12, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Yvonne Weaver Family

Friday, May 13, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 14, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:30 PM Lester Komarowski

Sunday, May 15, Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Josephine Banvich

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Please Note!

There will not be a 9am Mass on Monday, May 9th.

CSA

Many thanks to the following parishioners who pledged/paid to this year's CSA Appeal. We received \$7190.00.00 this week in pledges and payments. Our total is \$25,215.00. Remember, our quota is \$27,083.00. Anything we receive past this amount will come back 100% to our parish. Please prayerfully consider a pledge/payment this year.

James/Nancy Bathurst, Mary Margaret Flanagan-Michael Gallenberger, Wayne/Emma Gallenberger, M/M Renan Garcia, Laura Hays, Paul/Patty Jarzembowski, Peter/Diana Kesheimer, Mike/Jane Kulik, Frances Lisac, Antonio Maggi, Rose Parks, Ken/Karen Rybicki, Lillian Smith, John/Eva Smolinski, Frances Vasquez, Dorothy Vicari, & John/Mary Werner.

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

**Sunday Readings Reflections
of 5/15/2016**

Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11

Today we celebrate the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus. They were "filled with the Holy Spirit" and never again would be content to keep their faith to themselves. Now they were all fired up by the Spirit to share the Good News with everyone. Down came the barriers of fear. Down came the language barrier! All the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem from many nations could instantly understand the disciples. And they, too, were filled with the powerful Spirit of God.

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

Paul's letter today gives us two "proofs" that show we are cooperating with the Holy Spirit. First, we as a community can truly say, "Jesus is Lord." Second, each of us uses his or her gifts for the good of the community. We pull together to help bring about the reign of God among all people.

Gospel John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

Once again we are reliving Easter night with Jesus and the disciples. He breathes on them, communicating the gift of the Holy Spirit. They gladly receive Jesus' Spirit and his ministry of forgiving sins. At Pentecost the Spirit will send them forth as living signs that Jesus has overcome sin and death.

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Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family: Nancy Hanck, Tom Heffernan, Dolores Kaczocha, Mike Klausman, Fran Lisac, Mark Maicher, Edna Stankovich, Eileen Sukta, and Joan Zerebny.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Gardens are beginning to flourish with the rain and warmer weather. Be they flower or vegetable gardens, they are a powerful reminder to us of Spring-growth. Observing the plant growth process is inspiring because there is mystery going on there. Sure, we plant, fertilize and water the gardens, but as to how the growth occurs, it is of God. Gardens are a faith reminder to us that flowers and vegetables are a gift from God.

Our entire lives are a garden, for we are planted in the garden of the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit fertilizes us and waters us with the Will of God Our Father that fills us with fruitful love of God and neighbor. Yes, we become beautiful flowers/vegetables of God's Love that give off the scent of mercy and provide charity that nourishes the human heart.

Faith is the patient willingness to observe how God continually and mysteriously stirs us to growth in God's Way of Love. At times we may wonder if any roots are sprouting within us through the Holy Spirit. The Good News of our beloved savior, Jesus, is that the mystery of God's Love is a year-round garden of growth. To tend to our inner garden is to simply be in the Silence of God's eternal faithfulness.

In God's Garden,

Fr. Terry

Praying for Our Country & To Defeat ISIS

Friday, May 13th—7:00-8:00pm
99th Anniversary of Fatima

Special devotions: Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster. Beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Hymns, and outdoor candlelight procession. Sponsored by Gary Diocese—Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima. Info: 836-8779.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

April 30th & May 1st

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$6507.00
Charity: \$0
Religious Education: \$0
Assumption: \$43.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$725.00
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$250,540.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$790.04
Food Pantry: \$155.00
50/50 Raffle: \$225.00

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 nwinrv@outlook.com. All inquiries completely confidential.

Anointing of the Sick



Father Terry will have an **Anointing of the Sick** after all the Masses on the weekend of May 21st and 22nd.

Everyone is welcome, including those who are ill, have chronic ailments, anticipating surgery or feel they need help.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, May 9**

No 9:00am Mass

7:00pm—Confirmation rehearsal at
St. Michael**Tuesday, May 10**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education
classes in school

5:00pm—Confirmation at St. Michael's

Thursday, May 12

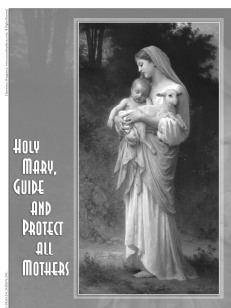
6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir Practice

**SYNOD 2017**

The first part of May will focus on sacraments, prayer and worship. Here is a good question to guide reflection and discussion: How do we catechize, teach and preach about sacraments so that everyone understands and participates in the communal prayer of the Church?

Look for Bishop Hying's column about this synod topic in the latest edition of Northwest Indiana Catholic. Or, find it online at <http://www.dcgary.org/synod.htm>, along with videos, columns and information about Synod 2017 and how you can be a part of it.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on April 26th
Was # 134

The Winner Would Have Won \$1470.00
(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.



Ministry Schedule

May 14th & 15th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lee Kobza, Joe Nowacki,

Judy Nowacki

8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,

Tim Pawl

10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,

Tamara Fredrickson

6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabella Skurka,

Frances Vasquez

Lectors

4:30pm—Gary Blue

8:00am—Rita D'Arcy

10:00am—Religious Education

6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

Ministry Schedule

May 14th & 15th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Mary Shutoski

8:00am—Christopher Kline

10:00am—Andrew Huffman, Kevin Huffman

6:00pm—Jack Fingar, Orla Fingar, Lillian Smith



The Ascension of the Lord

May 8, 2016

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

-- Psalm 47:6

MOTHER LOVE

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

--Chinese proverb

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