

St. Joseph Church

May 18, 2014

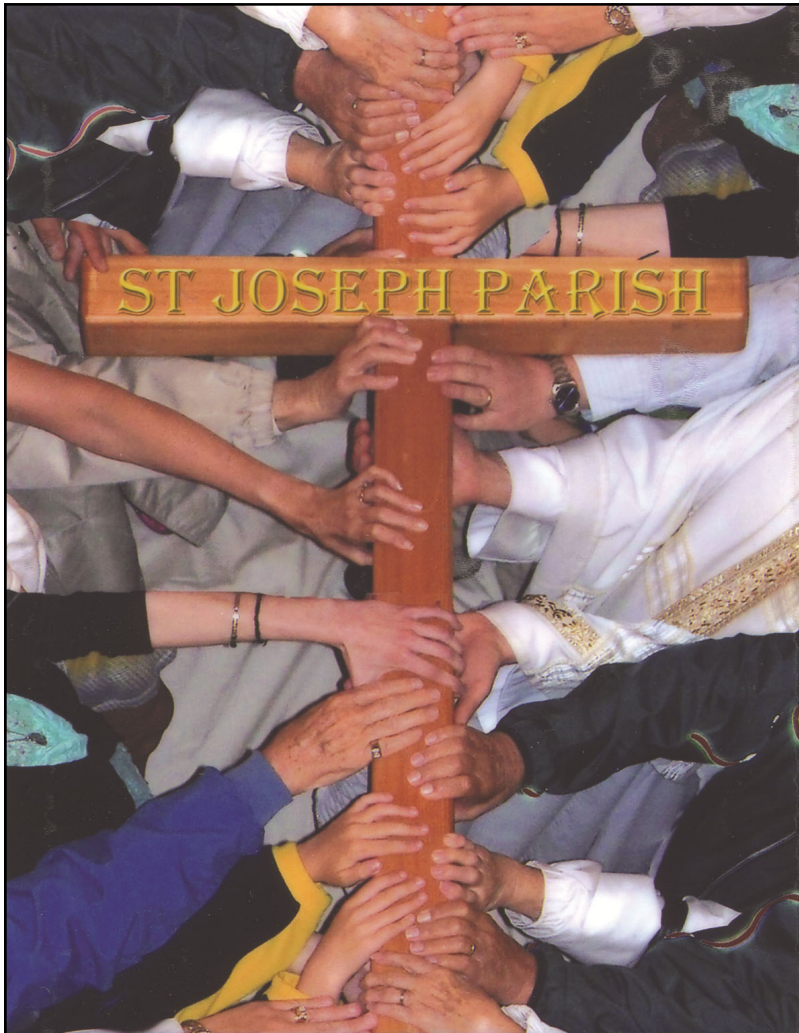
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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-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: Mike Kulik 708-906-6652

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, May 19, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM George Parks

Tuesday, May 20, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

Wednesday, May 21, Easter Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, May 22, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Father Terry Steffens

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, May 23, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24, Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Leonard, Amelia & Leonard, Jr. Riese

Sunday, May 25, 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Poor Souls

10:00 AM Poor Souls

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

A Pro-Will-To-Live Presentation

May 22, 2014—6:00pm

Our Lady of Consolation—Vamos Hall
8303 Taft, Merrillville

Guest Speaker:

Deacon Thomas Gryzbek

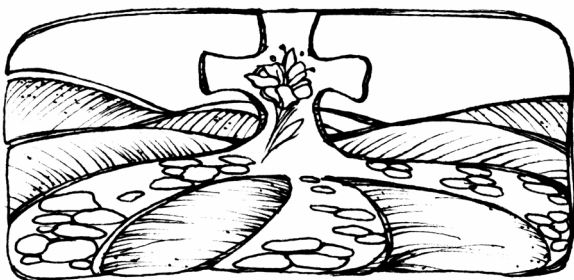
This program will be covering: advanced directives, end of life issues, artificial means, durable power of attorney, health care proxy, and living wills. Please note when Deacon Gryzbek gave this presentation previously, he reviewed living wills of those in attendance—not one was in-line with Catholic Church teaching. This information is important to everyone.

Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. Refreshments will be served. Call Janet Sienicki 219-613-3409 or email jsienicki@sbcglobal.net www.stgiannamollagroup.org

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.

Thank You.



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Lesson in Faith

Until I learned to trust You, Lord,
Your strength I never knew.
Until my sorrows multiplied,
I seldom prayed to You.

It took the bitter sting of time,
Some empty, pain-filled years,
To fall before Your throne of grace
And know You shared my tears.

Oh Lord, you've sent the storms to prove
You were my hiding place;
You've brought me glad, eternal joys,
Anointed me by Your grace.

Now that I've learned to fully trust
And come to You in prayer,
You've blessed me in my weakness, Lord,
By always being there.

Gene Appleby

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

During the Easter Season, a lot of attention is given to the importance of rebirth in the risen Christ. Sure, we have a birthday from our mother's womb but every day can be a rebirthday thanks to the mysterious Holy Spirit. John's Gospel speaks about the Holy Spirit being like the wind in our feeling the movement of the Holy Spirit but not being sure what direction we are being lead on any given day. The Will of God is revealed in the Holy Spirit and is connected to ongoing rebirth, that is, growth in the ways of God. As much as we might try to structure our prayer times and say particular prayers, the Holy Spirit can mysteriously "blow" us in unpredictable directions of new awareness. At times, our rebirth can knock us over as we are refined and purified in God's Love.

God's "gusts" of newness can humble us again and again as we admit that God's Ways are not our ways. But in the faith journey of discipleship in Christ, rebirth is not an option. To be stubborn against rebirth is one way to describe sin. In fact, when we are closed to growth in Christ, we tend to regress in our discipleship. Not a good choice.

Easter Season is rebirth season thanks to the risen Holy Spirit of Christ. In our baptism we carry within us the "wind" of growth. Let us be open to the "wind speeds" of God's Will and trustingly go along with the changes in "wind direction" that inevitably "gust" in our faith journeys in Christ.

In Christ's Rebirth of Love,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

May 3rd & 4th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$6871.96

Children's Collection: \$60.10

Easter: \$110.00

Religious Education: \$46.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

50/50 Raffle: \$345.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on May 6th

Was # 267

The Winner Would Have Won \$2667.50

(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, 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.

Catholic Charities

The Counseling Program of Catholic Charities serves individuals, couples, families, and children. Minor stresses or major disruptions are helped through counseling and life management skills. Therapy is provided by experienced and licensed therapists. Daytime and evening hours are available. Call 844-4883 to schedule an appointment at any of the Catholic Charities' locations. Counseling is also available in the Catholic Charities Portage location.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, May 20

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Wednesday, May 21

10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup

4:45-5:15pm—Market Day pickup

6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, May 22

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30pm—Choir practice

Catholic Services Appeal

As of May 11th, we have collected \$12,815.00 in pledges and payments. Our 2014 goal set by the Diocese of Gary is \$31,093.00. Please consider making a pledge this year.

Many thanks to the following parishioners who donated to this year's appeal:
 Donna Rae Billinghamer, Henry Buczek, Wayne Cole, Joe & Chris Gillette, Barbara Graegin, George & Mary Beth Kucka, M/M Kenneth Mantel, Tom & Therese McCotter, Mary Kathleen Nero, Robert & Pauline Rybicki, Lillian Smith, John & Eva Smolinski, Joan Trombetta, Frances Vasquez, & Richard Younghale.

In Awe

Sometimes I stand in silence,
 Sometimes, in awe, I gasp
 At the wonders of creation
 Too great for a mind to grasp.
 Oh, the mighty and the fragile
 God's creative hands have made.
 How carefully we should keep them.
 What trust on us is laid!
 Minnie Boyd Popish

**TREASURES FROM
 OUR TRADITION**

Eastern Christians have no sacrament of “confirmation,” but they have always had the custom of richly anointing the newly baptized in *myron*, or sacred chrism. They also give even infants a taste of the Precious Blood, thereby doing away with any notion of “First Communion” in later childhood.

In the West, although we too have an anointing with chrism for the newly baptized, for centuries we have normally reserved a second anointing for the bishop, sometimes many years after baptism. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that in early times the bishop was the ordinary person to officiate at baptism, not the presbyter (priest). The bishop did it all, from plunging the catechumens into the font, to pouring chrism over them, to immediately celebrating the Eucharist. When bishops began to cede some of their ministry to the ranks of presbyters, they desired to maintain a strong relationship with baptism. Thus it was decided that the solemn post-baptismal anointing, the laying on of hands, and the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit were to be detached from infant baptism. So, to the present day, we have two anointings after baptism: one by the priest, and the other normally by the bishop. By the fifth century, the word “confirmation” had surfaced to refer to this second anointing.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or
 Jn 17:1-11a

Ministry Schedule

May 24th & 25th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,
Lee Kobza
 8:00am—Perla Garcia, Judy Kline,
Steve Kline
 10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin, Connie Peschel (choir)
 6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
 8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
 10:00am—Mike Klausman, John Hearne
 6:00pm—

Much-Needed Love

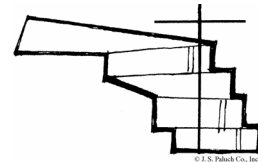
No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it. —Anonymous

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May 24th & 25th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Need Servers
 8:00am— C. Kline, J. Kline, K. Kline
 10:00am— Megan Harding, Jesse Navarro
 6:00pm— Need Servers



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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“I am the way and the truth and the life.
 No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— *John 14:6*

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