

# St. Joseph Church

July 13, 2014

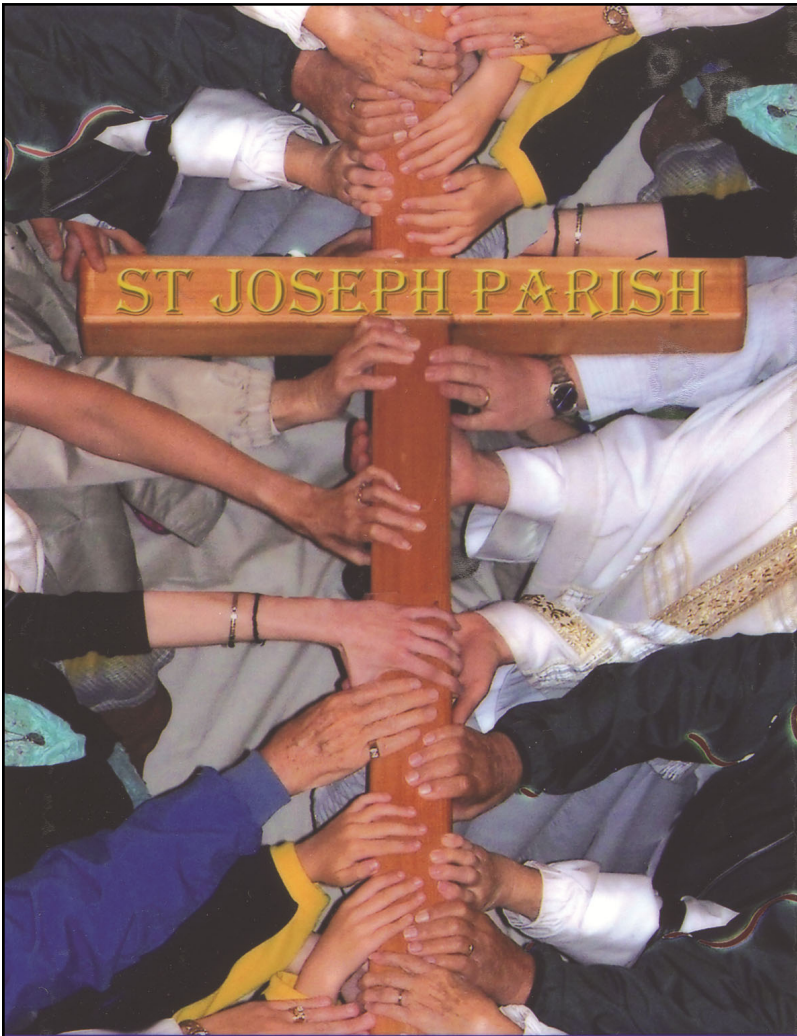
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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 Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

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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-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, July 14, St. Kateri Tekawitha**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure**

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

**Wednesday, July 16, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, July 17, Weekday**

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, July 18, Weekday**

9:00 AM Nick & Ernesta Zarlenga

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 19, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Sunday, July 20, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Bill Bohney

10:00 AM Agnes Polochak

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**VIRTUS Training**

Tuesday, July 29—6:30-8:30pm Gathering Room  
VIRTUS is the brand name that identifies best practice programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote “right doing” within religious organizations. The Protecting God’s Children Program is the VIRTUS program for protecting children from child abuse. This seminar is mandated by the Diocese for those adults in the faith community who interact with minors.

For more information & registration, please call: 219-865-2355.

Yvonne Weaver

**STMCareer Networking Group**

Thursday, July 17, 2014 from 7:00-9:00-pm. David Sajn, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Orange Tree Employment Screening and Forme Career-BUILDER Recruiter. Held at St. Thomas More Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave. in Munster. Every 3rd Thursday of every month. Free-OPEN TO ALL. Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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The names listed above are the Pastoral Council of St. Joseph Parish. The Pastoral Council is a consultative group. They enter into a dialogue with the pastor visioning and planning together in order to create the overall parish policy that will carry out the Mission of Christ in the Church.

If you have any concerns, please call any member from the Pastoral Council and they will bring your concern to their next meeting.

**Living Stewardship**

The parable of the sower, like all of Jesus’ parables, offers layers of new meaning. In Jesus’ day, the person who lived as a pious Jew, following the Law of Moses, could be assured of many blessings. Yet, as Jesus, often demonstrated, following the rules and living the life are not the same thing. Why does the seed of the Word not bear fruit in everyone who hears it? Jesus explains this as a form of self-protection. If people really hear, and really see they might have to change. Where has the Word of God landed in the good soil of your life, and does it bear fruit? Where has it been choked out or lost?

**Resemblance**

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.

St. Francis de Sales

**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

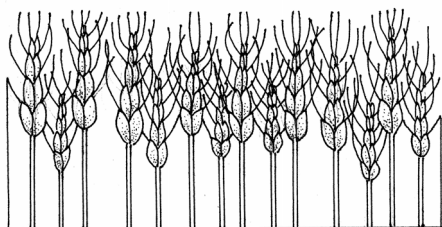
Jesus wants us to follow the 10 Commandments but if we read the Old Testament about the Israelite people, we notice that they tend not to follow the big 10. God's response is one of sadness at the Chosen People's disobedience. At times God is portrayed as upset with them as well. However, from the larger Scripture perspective, God is merciful to the Israelites. And then in the New Testament, Jesus comes to live out God the Father's mercy for all people as given to us in his death and resurrection.

Where does this put our judging of people? In the name of compassion in Christ, Jesus reminds us to be aware of the "wooden beam" in our eye before we start looking for the "splinter" in somebody else's eye. The "wooden beam" is our own "weeds" amidst the "wheat" of our hearts. Yes, there can be some hypocrisy floating around in our hearts. This is the inconsistent part of us that falls short at times in adhering to the 10 Commandments. One of the symptoms of hypocrisy is self-righteousness where we think we are better than others.

In the light of the Scriptures which includes the 10 Commandments, we are wise to humbly admit that we are not better than others. We have both our "weeds" and "wheat" moments and they are mixed together in the mystery of our personhood. Let us not fret about this, but rather, thank God for treating us mercifully in Jesus. And as a result, let us more humbly face our "wooden beam" and more compassionately approach our "splinter" neighbor.

Humbly in Christ,

Fr. Terry



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**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

June 28th & 29th

**Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4838.98**

**Children's Collection: \$17.80**

**Charity: \$10.00**

**Catholic Charities: \$10.00**

**50/50 Raffle: \$280.00**

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on July 1st**

**Was #206**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$140.00**

(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, 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.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, July 14**  
7:00pm—Stewardship Meeting in Gathering Room

**Tuesday, July 15**  
9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

**Wednesday, July 16**  
10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup  
4:45-5:15pm—Market Day pickup  
6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

**Thursday, July 17**  
6:30pm—Family Rosary

**Share with the Handicapped**

Come and join the fun! Share Foundation holds its 20th Leprechaun Hunt on Sunday, August 3rd, noon to 6pm at Sharing Meadows. All day enjoy delicious food, drinks, games and Irish music. Thirty three leprechauns wait to be found for pots of gold worth up to \$1,500. Advance adult ticket: \$40, \$50 at the gate. Senior (65+) tickets: \$35, \$45 at the gate. Children 13-years or younger with parents or grandparents: free. For tickets, call the Share Foundation office at 219-778-2585. Proceeds benefit other abled adults.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the following Andrean High School students who earned Honor Roll Status.

**A Honor Roll**  
Gabrielle Alcott  
Daniel Gomez  
Jaclyn Schneider

**B Honor Roll**  
Aileen Garcia  
Jason Schichner

**Live Today**

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.  
—Anonymous

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

With the Reformation, some early Protestants, including the “Anabaptists,” rejected infant baptism in favor of “believer’s baptism.” Against Orthodox and Catholic practice, which favored baptism as soon as possible for a newborn, these movements desired that the candidate for baptism speak for him- or herself at a mature age, not through godparents as an infant. Today, it is clear that they were rejecting a very ancient practice (even as early as the second century) of baptizing children of all ages. Children came first in ancient baptismal ceremonies, and someone would speak for them. Gregory of Nazianzen wanted to delay the baptism of children to three years of age, since at that age they could retain at least some impression of the liturgy. He made an exception for the very ill, who were to be baptized ahead of the annual Easter baptism. That means that infants and children were normally baptized together with adults, and that everyone received confirmation and the Eucharist.

The tone of the early bishops’ writings is generous and compassionate, and seeks to build up the Eucharistic assembly by widely celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. If a priest celebrated baptism, then the gift of the Spirit was postponed for the bishop, but with no regard for the person’s age. So, until the fifth century, confirmation was for infants, too.

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**Creator’s Corner**

Mark your calendar for Creator’s Corner, an All-Day Scrapbooking and Papercrafting Event, on Saturday, August 23, 2014, from 9am—9pm at St. John the Evangelist School Gym, 9400 Wicker Ave., St. John, Registration includes: table space, lunch, dinner, snacks, goody bag, games, vendors, door prizes, and raffles. Don’t forget your supplies!

Registration required before August 9th. For more information or to register: [www.stjohnparish.org/cfi.php](http://www.stjohnparish.org/cfi.php) or Christina 219-308-4802.

**Ministry Schedule**

**July 19th & 20th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,  
Judy Nowacki  
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,  
Tim Pawl  
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan, Tamara  
Fredrickson, Connie Peschel (choir)  
6:00pm—Isabella Skurka, Brad Zielke,  
Paula Zielke

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Joe David  
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy  
10:00am— John Hearne, Mike Klausman  
6:00pm—Claudia Wing

**God Within**

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing  
known, God is hidden within. —St. Bonaventure

**Ministry Schedule**

**July 19th & 20th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Lanie Taylor  
8:00am— Joe Stankovich  
10:00am— Jed Burgos  
6:00pm— Need Servers



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— *Psalm 65:12*

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