

# St. Joseph Church

July 26, 2015

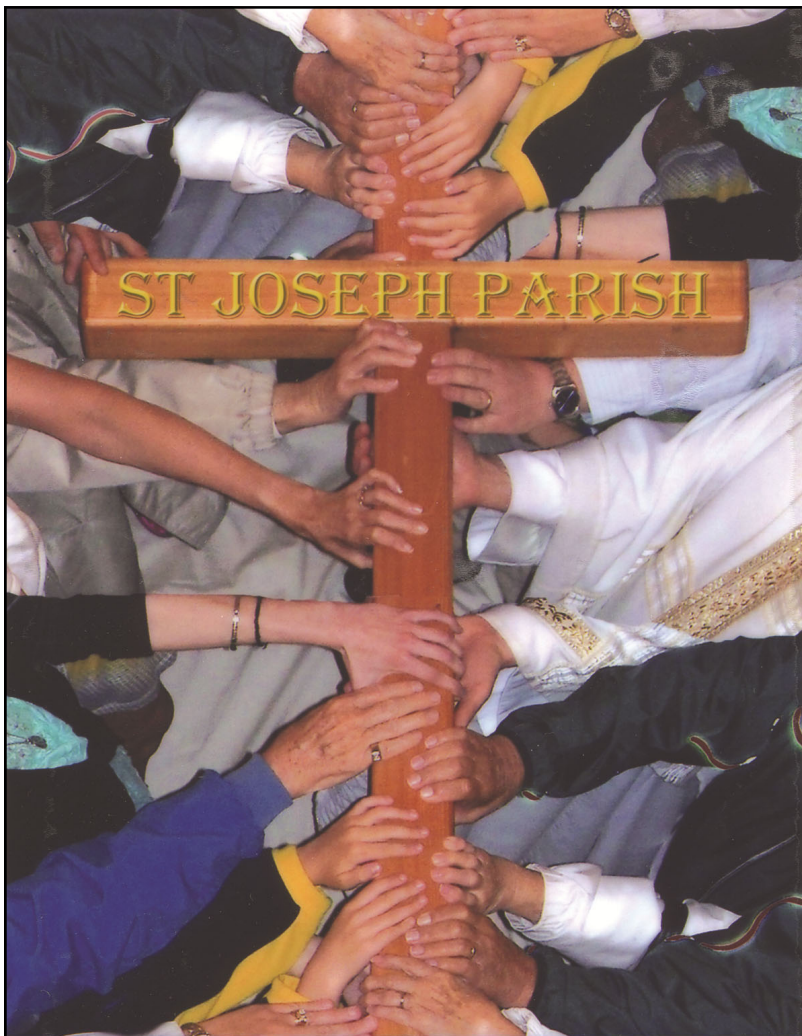
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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

Email .....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

**Religious Education Office:** .....865-2355

Religious Education Fax .....865-3740

Email .....[yseweaver@yahoo.com](mailto: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, July 27, Weekday**  
 9:00 AM George Steffens  
**Tuesday, July 28, Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls  
**Wednesday, July 29, St. Martha**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass  
**Thursday, July 30, Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls  
 6:30 PM Family Rosary  
**Friday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the  
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 1, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:30 PM Josephine Banvich  
**Sunday, August 2, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Michael Kulik Family  
 10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza  
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish



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, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

**St. Michael Catholic School**

New Student registration NOW OPEN! Pre-school—8th grade. Call 219-322-4505 ext. 220. [www.saintmichaelscher.org](http://www.saintmichaelscher.org)

**Sunday Readings Reflections of 8/2/15**

**Reading 1 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15**

Imagine the long, hard journey that the Israelites were enduring. It is easy from our perspective today to be critical of their "grumbling"--after all, God had freed them from slavery and was leading them to a new life. Where was their sense of gratitude to God and to Moses and Aaron whom God had chosen?

Perhaps it is God's "parental qualities" that directs his response to the Israelites. Instead of being angry, he hears their grumblings and promises to feed them. "I will rain bread from heaven for you," God says, and so he does.

Later, God will send the Bread of Life, his only Son, to nourish his people.

**Reading 2 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24**

Paul's letter to the Ephesians is a call to live the new life to which the Ephesians have been called. Verses 18-20, which are not included in today's reading, speak of the "old ways" the Ephesians are to leave behind: darkened in understanding, alienated from God, hard of heart, callous, impure. Paul reminds them that they have "learned Christ" which brings them to "righteousness and holiness of truth."

Paul understands that, even though people know Christ and have chosen to follow him, they need to be reminded of their call. They need to be encouraged.

**Gospel John 6:24-35**

In today's Gospel, Jesus does what he often did as he taught people. He moves them to ever deeper levels of understanding. They had eaten the loaves that Jesus had miraculously multiplied. Now Jesus invites them to consider the "food which endures to eternal life." Finally, Jesus tells them, "I am the bread of life." This bread, then, is the bread they need in order to be able to "work the works of God." We can move to deeper understanding with Jesus too. Consider the food we eat and how, ultimately, every morsel is a gift from God. As food nourishes our bodies for our life and work, so the Bread of Life strengthens us to do God's work.

**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

One of the biggest hurdles to get over in the spiritual journey is thinking that God's Love for us is conditional. This means getting over the false notion that God will only love us if we are good. But God proves His unconditional love for us because while we are sinners, God sends Jesus His Son to die for our sins and to raise us up to new life.

God's eternal covenant of the Eucharist in Christ's Body and Blood proclaims God's Unconditional Love for us. This relieves the spiritual pressure we put on ourselves in trying to be good. No longer do we approach the spiritual journey as being the method for being good so that God will then love us. Instead, we can approach the spiritual journey as our constant opportunity to praise and thank God for loving us without conditions attached. That is why we need weekly Mass so as to deepen our praise and thanks to God.

The blessed gift of goodness will flow out of us as a result of our consistent praise and thanks to God. We will begin to catch on that goodness is not a project we are to undertake, but rather, goodness is our way of being. Holy Communion with Jesus means being good because of our deep praise and thanks to God for loving us unconditionally.

In God's Faithful Love,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

July 18th & 19th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5028.10**  
**Charity: \$0**  
**Religious Education: \$0**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$936.90)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$17,895.00**  
**Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$1703.10)**  
**Food Pantry: \$390.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$215.00**



St. James the Less  
 9640 Kennedy Ave  
 Highland, IN

Saturday August 8th (rain date August 15th)  
 9 am to 2 pm (set-up 7 am - 9 am)  
 Reserve your space ( 9' x 15' )  
 \$10 for Parishioners - \$15 for Non-Parishioners  
 For more information call the Parish office at 924-4220

NO TABLES, CHAIRS, OR ELECTRIC  
 WILL BE PROVIDED  
 NO LIVE ANIMALS, AMMUNITION, KNIVES,  
 GUNS OR WEAPONS WILL BE ALLOWED

**Unfinished Mission**

Here's a simple test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.  
 —Anonymous

**Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Dyer Knights of Columbus Council 8082 will be conducting its annual Tootsie Roll drive after all Masses the weekend of July 25th & 26th. 100% of the proceeds go to helping those less fortunate in our community who are suffering from developmental disabilities. Please give generously. Thank You.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, July 27**

7:00pm—Finance/Pastoral Council meeting in Gathering Room

**Tuesday, July 28**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

**Thursday, July 29**

6:30pm—Family Rosary

**Saturday, August 1 & Sunday, August 2**

Religious Ed Registration after all masses in Gathering Room

**Religious Education Registration**

August 1 & 2 after all the Masses in the Gathering Room. Forms & calendars will be available on the table in the main church entrance. Questions: Call: 219-865-2355 or e-mail: [yseweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:yseweaver@yahoo.com).

**FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS**

On Wednesday, August 19th, we will be distributing school supplies to our families who need them. Donations such as crayons, backpacks, markers, pens, notebooks, pencils, etc. would be much appreciated. Also...if, as a result of traveling, you have accumulated any unopened small toiletries such as shampoo, conditioners, soaps, lotions, toothpaste, mouthwash, etc., we would be happy to accept them. We collect them all year long, and then fill a small gift bag for each family at Christmas. Thanks so much for your help.

**Young Adult Ministry**

Are you someone in your 20's or 30's who would like to met others in the region who share your same faith and values? Diocese of Gary Young Adult Catholic Outreach Ministries sponsors events each month that focus on Prayer, Fellowship, and Service! Find us online at [dgyoungadult.com](http://dgyoungadult.com) or [facebook.com/dogaryyam!](https://www.facebook.com/dogaryyam/)

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on July 14th

Was # 342

The Winner Won \$107.50

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**  
**August 1st & 2nd**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Emma  
Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryck  
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,  
Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am—Gary or Sue Blue, Barb Graegin,  
Laura Hays  
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,  
Yvonne Weaver

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger  
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick  
10:00am— Mike Klausman  
6:00pm—Emma Weissbeck

**Pressure**

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good  
under pressure. —Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule**  
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**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki  
8:00am—Need Servers  
10:00am—Andrew & Kevin Huffman  
6:00pm—Brian Blue



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The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food  
in due season.

— *Psalm 145:15*

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