

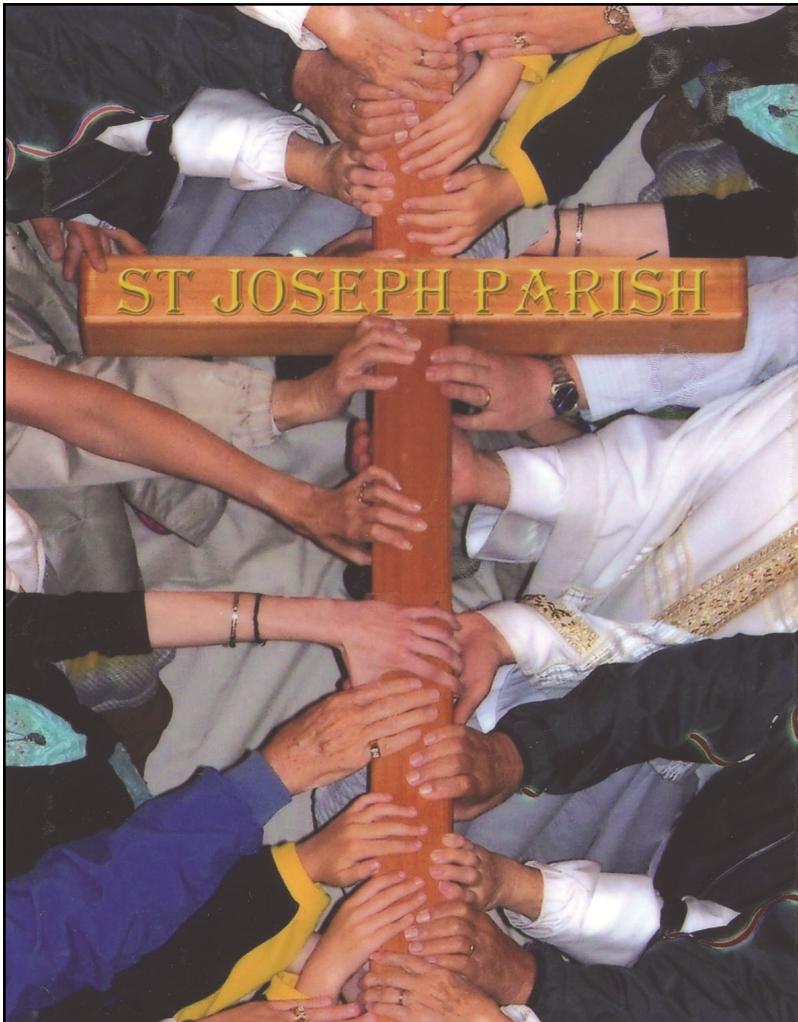
# **St. Joseph Church**

**July 29, 2012**

**Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311  
(219) 865-2271**

**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

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

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-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: Joseph David 219-789-9075**

## **Bulletin Deadline**

**Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.**

**Monday, July 30, Weekday**

9:00 AM Myrtle Bober

**Tuesday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola**

9:00 AM Dr. Anthony Dagostino

**Wednesday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, August 2, Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, August 3, Weekday**

9:00 AM Joseph &amp; Sophie Pasco

**Weekend Mass Intentions****Saturday, August 4, Vigil: 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 5, 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Kathryn McGarry

10:00 AM Eugene Szczejkowski

6:00 PM Rosemary Ford

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Allan Burgos—864-8974

Noel Cusick—865-6255

Tamara Fredrickson—322-6911

John Hearne—864-8929

Gladys Heffernan—708-672-3456

Steve Kline—864-9326

Lillian Smith—864-8285

Barb Yamich—322-7219

Recording Secretary—Rita D'Arcy—365-9274

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 hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true. Are you good at feeding people? Use your skills. Help with coffee and doughnuts gatherings, cook for a parish supper or retreat, prepare meals for an overnight shelter, organize a bake sale to benefit a parish ministry, volunteer at a local soup kitchen.



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**Consider some time away (retreat) to re-charge your inner battery** in the prayerful space that is **Bethany Retreat House**. We arrange retreats to fit your schedule and offer the option to meet daily for spiritual guidance during your retreat. See [www.bethanyretreathouse.org](http://www.bethanyretreathouse.org) or call 219-398-5047 for more information and to schedule your retreat.

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## **St. Joseph Religious Education 2012/2013 Registration Information Continuing Summer Registration...**

**Forms in church vestibule**

**Final Registration August 11 & 12  
after all Masses**

Classes begin September 11, 2012

## Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

It was a Holy Spirit event for me to walk into the assembly and hand some of you the Stewardship Letters. I am trusting that God will provide for our parish with more of you actively participating in ministry. New possibilities can be anxiety-producing but faith in God can allay fear and replace it with humble service.

As we continue the Stewardship Letter process, it is helpful to remember that through Baptism, we are called by God to humble service in the Body of Christ Community. When you are given an invite to service at St. Joseph's, please prayerfully discern God's Will for you in this new ministry possibility. Please join me in remembering the collective Gospel obligation "to serve and not be served".

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Terry



## Family Picnic & Corn Roast

**When:** Friday, August 3 from 4-8pm

**Where:** Northgate Park

**How Much:** \$7 adults (13+) - \$4 children (3-12)

### Food

ALL YOU CAN EAT—Corn on the Cob

Soft Drinks

Hot Dogs & Polish Sausages

Chips

### Entertainment

DJ & Other Fun Family Activities

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## Stewardship of Treasure Report

July 14th & 15th

**Sunday Ordinary Collection:** \$4939.15

**Children's Collection:** \$20.50

**Charity:** \$20.00

**Religious Education:** \$7.00

**Food Pantry:** \$380.00

## ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

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## MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for July. We earned approximately \$105.00. That was really great! If you have not tried Market Day food, please do so this month. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, August 8th**. The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

Remember, school will be starting soon. There are some snacks and also easy meals to prepare for a healthy meal. **This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget.**

**The new pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm.** If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The feeding of the five thousand (and more) by the seaside is certainly the most famous of picnics. The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the earlier miracle of the wine at Cana. Like the Cana miracle, this one begins with human initiative as the small child responds to the hunger of the crowd by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a Gospel account of a joyful picnic with Jesus and the generosity of a child at the center?

The coming month of August has always been a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August's festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, always plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don't let August pass by without a picnic!

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35                             |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43                            |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46                        |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53                              |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58                              |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12                         |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35 |
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## Stand Firm

In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

## BREAD OF HEAVEN

Jesus' feeding of a huge crowd in today's Gospel is prefigured in the story of the prophet Elisha in the first reading. The land has been stricken with famine. Elisha believes that God will provide, and when Elisha is given twenty barley loaves and some grain he refuses to take any for himself and offers it to a small crowd. Everyone eats and some is left over. Jesus, we are told, feeds thousands of hungry people with just five small loaves and two fish. The crowd is famished, not just for ordinary food, but also for God's salvation. The Evangelist tells us that everyone ate their fill, and when the disciples gathered up the leftovers they filled twelve baskets. This is the only one of Jesus' miracles described by all four Gospel writers. The actions of Jesus in taking the bread, giving thanks, blessing the bread, and distributing it remind us of what we share at every celebration of Mass. Jesus' actions are reflected in the actions of the priest as we are fed the bread of life to strengthen us on our daily journey. Elisha trusted that God would provide, and God did. When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, God provided not just enough, but overflowing abundance. And in the Eucharist, Christ gives himself as food, totally and completely. If God feeds us beyond all our expectations, then we in turn must feed other people. Feeding people as they come to our parish creates an atmosphere of welcome. Feeding poor people helps them stop worrying where their next meal will come from. Feeding those in the crisis of natural disaster keeps them alive. Feeding people is God's work, and it is our work, too.

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**St. Stanislaus Parish in East Chicago** will be hosting their Annual Parish Festival on Sunday, August 5th from 12 Noon to 10:30pm. We will have Polish Food, Mexican Food, and American Food starting at 12:00 Noon. Games, Tip Boards, BINGO at 2:30pm in the Parish Social Hall, Beer Garden, Children's Games, Cake Booth, & Music provided by a DJ for your listening or dancing pleasure. Cash Raffle with 14 prizes ranging from \$3,000.00 to \$100.00. All are invited.

**Ministry Schedule****August 4th & 5th****Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,  
Sandy O'Drobinak  
8:00am—Florence Andrzejewski, Frank  
Ziolkowski, Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Barb Jurczuk,  
Stan Jurczuk, Connie Peschel (choir)  
6:00pm—Constance Peschel, Yvonne Weaver

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger  
8:00am—Noel Cusick  
10:00am—Rita D'Arcy & Tom Heffernan  
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

**Silence**

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak more intimately with God. —St. Vincent Pallotti

**Ministry Schedule****August 4th & 5th****Altar Servers**

4:30pm— S. O'Drobinak  
8:00am— M. Gomez  
10:00am— J. Burgos, K. Burgos, ZJ Grino  
6:00pm— B. Blue

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****July 29, 2012**

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

—*Psalm 145:15*

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