

St. Joseph Church

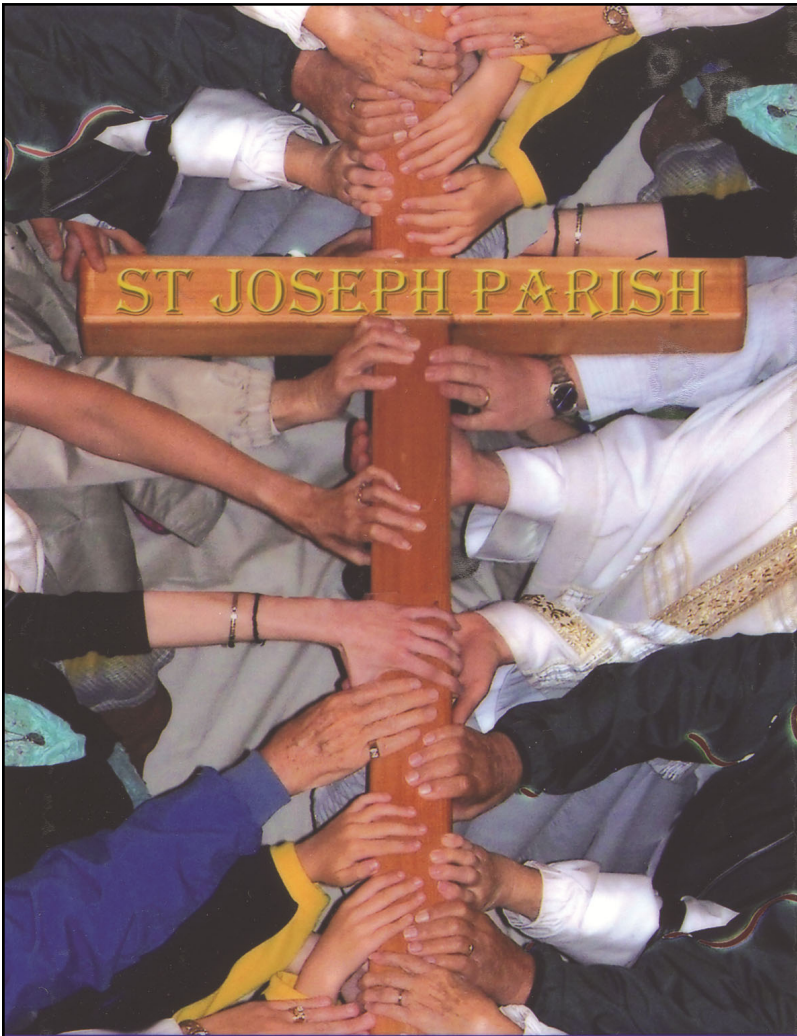
August 5, 2012

Eighteenth 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 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: Joseph David 219-789-9075

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord.

9:00 AM Denis Kinsella

Tuesday, August 7, Weekday

9:00 AM Helen Annen

Wednesday, August 8, St. Dominic

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, August 9, Weekday

9:00 AM Selma Michuda

Friday, August 10, St. Lawrence

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 11, Vigil: 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Marie & Leonard Gallenberger

Sunday, August 12, 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Josephine Banvich

6:00 PM Sister Therese Pasco

Helping Hands Food Pantry

The St. Joseph Helping Hands Food Pantry is seeking donations of school supplies for our August 15th distribution. Items needed include (but are not limited to) pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, note book paper, composition books, and folders. Please drop off donations prior to August 15th. Thank you for your generosity.



Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, August 11th & 12th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring any groceries to help restock our shelves.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Allan Burgos—864-8974

Noel Cusick—865-6255

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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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:

I am so saddened but not surprised by some people's response to the Colorado shootings. Saddened by those talking Death Penalty and other's running out to purchase guns. Wait, please, patience, reflect for a few moments. Violence breeds violence! The Death Penalty is societal homicide according to the death certificate of the criminal. Using a gun for self-defense might appear to be the way to go, but reflect on what shooting a gun at a human being does to the shooter. And it is not so neat and clean as in the movies. If only Jesus were a more fervent reflection in people's minds and hearts!

Oh yes, praise God, one victim of the Colorado shootings said they forgive the shooter. Alleluia! To reflect on Jesus is to put the guns down, let go of the Death Penalty and soak in Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Of course the shooter needs to be put in prison and kept there. But thinking that further violence is the way of Christ is missing His Gospel message.

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

July 21st & 22nd

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$3704.84

Children's Collection: \$11.47

Charity: \$211.00

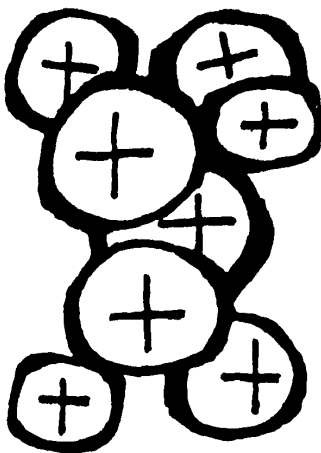
Assumption: \$5.00

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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**I WILL
RAIN
DOWN
BREAD
FROM
HEAVEN**

S.P.A.R.C.

There are two regular meetings this month. The first one is Tuesday, August 7th at 10:00am and the second is Tuesday, August 21st at 10:00am. The Club will be accepting monetary donations for St. Monica's Home at the August 21st meeting. Guests are welcome at both meetings. The meetings are held at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Casa Maria Hall!

I Know...

I know that it is You, dear Lord,
Who sings to me in the bird's sweet song.
You are the fragrance of lush flowers,
That spill their fragrance in the dawn.

I know that it is Your guiding hand
That leads me down the path ahead.
It is Your touch that tints the sky
Into a vast expanse of crimson red.

I know that it is Your loving smile,
Hovering after the warm Spring rain.
It fills the sky with a colorful glow,
And brings forth fields of golden grain.

I know it is You that fills the room,
When I feel a presence vast and still.
You are the purple mist that clings
O'er the summit of a pine-crowned hill.

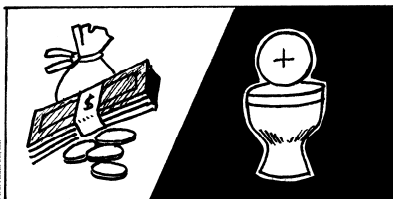
I know You are standing near me, Lord,
When the world has left me all alone.
Your hand paints such pretty pictures,
And Your voice sings such a lovely song!

Barbara Cagle Ray

*Let us greet Him with a
song of praise, joyfully
sing out our psalms.
Psalm 95:2*

Golf for a Cause

Enjoy a day of golf while providing help and creating hope for those in need. Catholic Charities Golf Outing will take place on Monday, August 27th at Briar Ridge Country Club. Tee time 9:00am. Shamle format. A donation of \$150 includes breakfast, golf, prizes, and lunch. Call 886-3549 to register or for more information.



**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

This week will see the summertime celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The story of the Transfiguration is proclaimed twice each year; once on the Second Sunday of Lent, and then again on August 6. In Lent, the revelation of Jesus' glory foreshadows the triumph of Easter. During the summer, this feast comes—significantly—forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In the Gospel proclaimed on this day, Peter wants to know if he should build “three tents.” In Hebrew, the tents are *sukkot*, rickety harvest shacks also called in English “tabernacles” (from the Latin word for “little shelters”) that harvesters set up in fields so they can stay there to work day and night. Harvest booths are built and ornamented for the Jewish festival of *Sukkot*. One aspect of this festival is eager anticipation for the ingathering of all peoples (including ancestors Moses and Elijah) under God's own *sukkot shalom*, the tent of peace. In some patristic traditions, the late summer and early autumn of the church year are imagined as an extended ingathering festival that begins today and reaches fulfillment at Epiphany.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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Holy Ghost Parish, South Holland, Golden Jubilee Picnic in the gym and outside, August 11 from 11:30am to 3:00pm. We hope that former parishioners will attend. Please call to reserve meal tickets, 708-333-7011.

Ministry Schedule
August 11th & 12th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Fran Lisac
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Perla Garcia, Mike Klausman, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Renan Garcia, Judy Janusz, Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Barb Jurczuk
10:00am—Tim & Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

FATHER

Father! To God himself we cannot give a holier name. —William Wordsworth

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am—I. Giovane
6:00pm—B. Blue



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Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life.
— *John 6:27a*

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