

St. Joseph Church

August 16, 2015

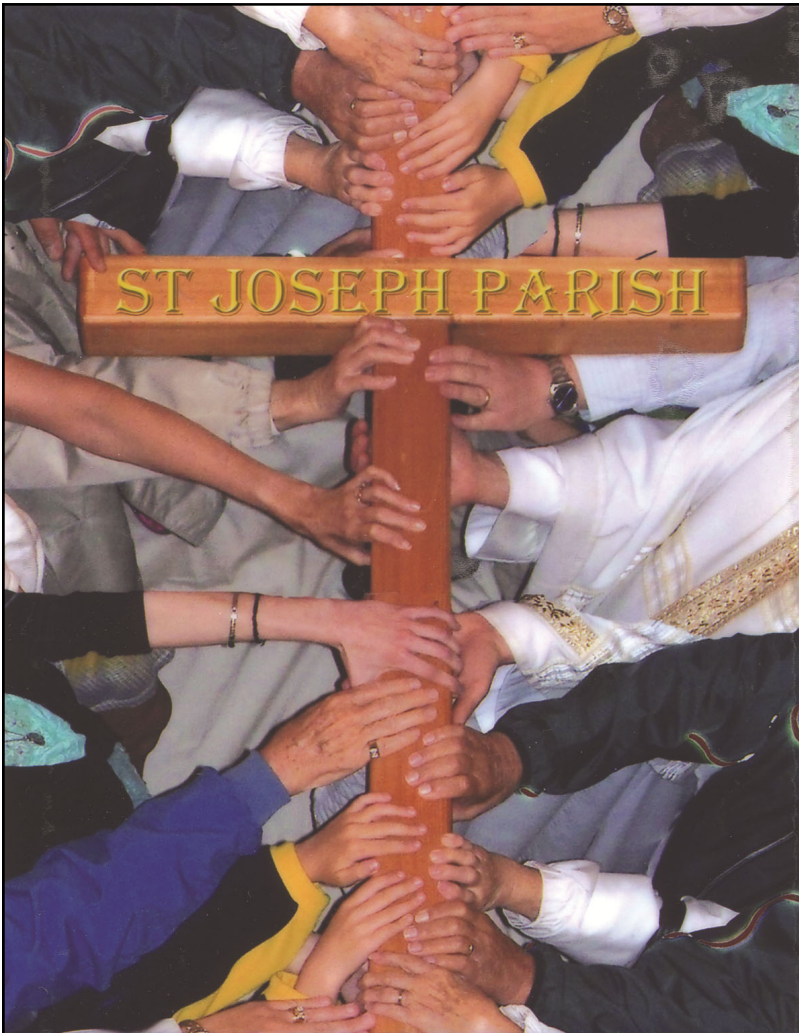
Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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**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

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

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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, 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, August 17, Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
Tuesday, August 18, Weekday
 9:00 AM Joseph Krol II
Wednesday, August 19, Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, August 20, St. Bernard
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families
 6:30 PM Family Rosary
Friday, August 21, St. Pius X
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza
Sunday, August 23, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Norma Beiriger
 10:00 AM The People of the Parish
 6:00 PM The Deceased Members of the
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

St. Joseph 150th Parish Anniversary Update

The committee concerning the Parish History met on Wednesday, August 5th at the Dyer Historical Society in the Town Hall and met with Kathy Powers who is in charge of the Historical Society. The committee asked Kathy for any information the Historical Society has accumulated throughout the years. She did give a binder full of articles and some photographs to be used.

If you have or know anyone who has artifacts from the church or old photos that could be loaned to the parish, please call Patty at 865-2271. We will be gathering this info throughout 2015 & 2016.

STMCareer Networking Group

Thursday, August 20, 2015—7:00-9:00pm
 At STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave.
 The 3rd Thursday of every month
 E-Mail: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
 Free—OPEN TO ALL

Sunday Readings Reflections of 8/23/15

Reading 1 Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Parents sometimes use "reverse psychology" to encourage their children to make the right choices. That is what Joshua, the new leader of the Israelites, does in this reading. He wants them to make a firm commitment to serve God alone. So he tells them that they can choose to serve other gods. However, he insists that he and his family will remain faithful to the one God who brought the Israelites out of slavery.

By reminding the people of all God has done for them, Joshua guides the tribes of Israel to be faithful to the Lord. When we remember all that God has done for us, we too renew our faith in the God who saves us.

Reading 2 Ephesians 5:21-32

If Saint Paul had any idea how much confusion his letter to the Ephesians might cause centuries after it was composed, he might have re-written it. His primary message is that the relationship between Christ and his Church is like a human marriage. Husbands and wives are "made into one," just as Christ and his Church are one body. Marriage partners are called by God to show mutual love, respect and care. In doing so, they reflect the love Jesus has for all who follow him.

When husbands and wives choose to make sacrifices for each other and their children out of love, they are acting like Jesus who sacrificed himself out of love for his Church.

Gospel John 6:60-69

What a sad day it would be if some of our friends suddenly turned against us because of our religious beliefs. Today's gospel story relates how many of Jesus' disciples left him. They could not accept his teaching that he himself was the Bread of Life. They could not believe that his Body and Blood were the source of eternal life. So they turned their backs on him and returned to their old way of life.

However, when Jesus asked the Twelve if they too would abandon him, Peter replied, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We too at times may find some of Jesus' teachings difficult. When that happens, we speak to him honestly in prayer and seek his help.

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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

The most significant experience that we have in our earthly journey is God forgiving our sins. Christ the Savior of the World makes it faith clear to us that the new and eternal covenant of God's Love is founded in the forgiveness of sin. With a mustard seed size faith we realize that Jesus' death and resurrection is about forgiveness and new life. Perhaps we have noticed that Holy Communion with Jesus means Holy Communion with forgiveness. In our desire to receive Jesus' Body and Blood is the stirring implication that the Sacrament of Salvation is the Sacrament of forgiveness.

Anytime we forgive, we are experiencing Christ's saving oneness. To be one with Christ is to be one with our neighbors via forgiveness. It is easy to find a myriad of reasons for being divided about our neighbors; however, in living Christ, we realize that the peace of Christ flows out of his reconciling love. The new covenant of God's eternal love grows a little more here on earth anytime we forgive ourselves and others.

God is not a punishing God for God reveals through Jesus the Son of God made human, that God is forgiving. We are not to be presumptuous about God's mercy, but rather, we need to be humble and open to the continual change of heart that surfaces from our repentance/forgiveness. The most significant gift from God that flows from Christ's forgiveness of our sins is the blessed energy of Christ's peace. And more than likely, eternal life in Christ after our earthly journey will be eternally impacted by Christ's saving peace.

In our Forgiving God,

Fr. Terry

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

St. Paul tells us to be careful in the way we live. Do we listen and follow God's voice so we can discern His will in our own lives and marriage relationship? The next Encounter Weekends are October 16-18, 2015 or December 11-13, 2015, both at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. Call 630-577-0778 for reservations.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 8th & 9th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:

\$5965.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$5063.56

Charity: \$0

Religious Education: \$156.00

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit:
(\$745.44)

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount
Needed: \$35,790.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$5202.13)

Food Pantry: \$1960.71

50/50 Raffle: \$210.00

**Western Days Festival
Rides into St. Mary's!**

St. Mary Church in Griffith, Western Days Festival, August 20, 21, 22, 23, 2015 on the parish grounds at 525 N. Broad St., Griffith. Thursday and Friday 6-11, Saturday 3-11, Sunday 1-11pm. Mexican food, grilled BBQ Ribs and pork chops, steak sandwiches, corn on the cob, Elephant Ears, chicken dinner and a whole lot more prepared by our own parishioners! Nightly live entertainment in the Beer Garden, Bingo, Talent Fest, casino games in the Beer Garden, and other games for kids of all ages! Win a new 2015 Chevy Malibu car for \$1. St. Mary's own Gala Fireworks display Sunday night at dusk. For info call 924-4163.

Pasta Night Out & Silent Auction

Fundraiser Benefit for Officer Shawn Smith Family.

Saturday, August 29th at St. James Hall in Highland.

6pm—Midnight. \$10 per person.

Join us for 2 different pastas and 2 sauces, tossed salad, bread & desserts. Weather permitting we will have outdoor seating. There will be a silent auction. Silent auction will conclude at 11pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Tuesday, August 18**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
6:00-7:30pm—Catechist meeting in
Gathering Room

Wednesday, August 19

10am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup
6-7pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, August 20

6:30pm—Family Rosary

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

If the alb is the premier baptismal garment, then why are there so many other styles of vesture in evidence in our parishes? In some places, altar servers and other ministers might wear a garment, usually black, called a cassock. Over that is normally worn a white garment (a “surplice”), reminiscent of the alb but much shorter, often of starched linen and trimmed with lace. The cassock is not a liturgical garment, but a clerical robe. Its origins lie in the religious habit of monks. By the late Middle Ages, diocesan priests and clerics increasingly were encouraged to emulate religious priests. Very small boys were often apprenticed to monasteries, especially for music education, and would be invested with a cassock and sometimes even inducted into the ranks of clerics.

For centuries before the Reformation, it was required that all men entering higher education be clerics, and so the cassock and its variations became familiar academic garb. At the Reformation, many ministers retained a form of the cassock as ordinary dress, rejecting liturgical garments. In the seventeenth century, the English Civil War was in part provoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury’s insistence that ministers wear surplices. Although the Episcopal Church now retains “cassock and surplice” as the normal dress for lay men and women assisting at liturgy, Catholics are increasingly attentive to the deeply traditional treasure of the alb, our baptismal robe, when special liturgical vesture is needed.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on August 4th
Was # 261

The Winner Would Have Won \$310.00
(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, 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.

Give
THANKS
Always

Ministry Schedule
August 22nd & 23rd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,
Fran Lisac
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Irene Magana

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

A Clear Conscience

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.
—French proverb

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Ian Gruver
8:00am—Need Server
10:00am—Andrew Huffman, Kevin Huffman
6:00pm—Need Server



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Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.

— *John 6:53*

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