

St. Joseph Church

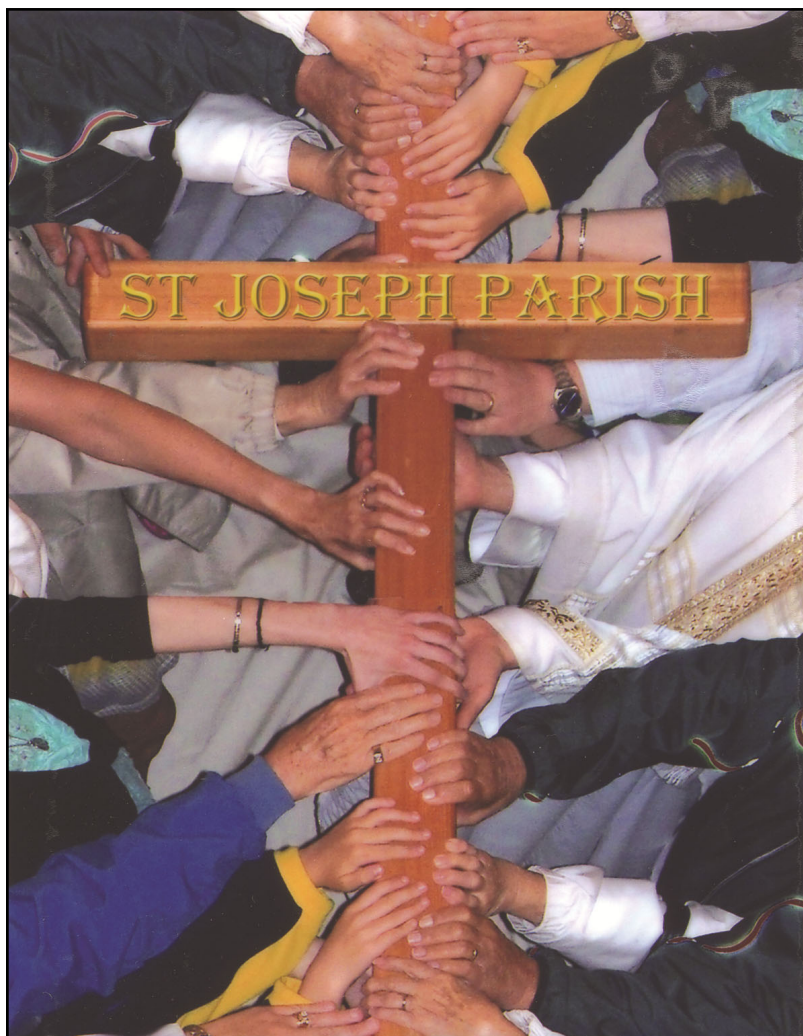
August 19, 2012

Twentieth 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

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, August 20, St. Bernard

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Yvonne Weaver Family

Tuesday, August 21, St. Pius X

9:00 AM Sister Maria Cinchetta

Wednesday, August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, August 23, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30PM Family Rosary

Friday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 25, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Brother Gerald Hall, CPPS

Sunday, August 26, 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Claudia Moreno

10:00 AM Eugene Szczepowski

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

VISITING MISSIONARY

We welcome Fr. Johnus Cherunilath V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, to our parish this weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He is preaching at all the Masses this weekend and will make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions. The Vincentian Missionaries, all natives of India, need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be a second collection today to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Missionaries. We urge you to be very generous in your mission offering since these Missionaries need our help. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous financial support.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Allan Burgos—864-8974

Noel Cusick—865-6255

Tamara Fredrickson—322-6911

John Hearne—864-8929

Gladys Heffernan—708-672-3456

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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.

Rachel’s Corner

If the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion have been sapping faith, virtue and joy from your life, enter a spiritual process for healing that will change your life. Reach out; we can help.

September 14-16, 2012

All calls confidential (219-558-0625)

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www.rachelsvineyard.org

“The retreat drained me, cleansed me and renewed me! It was one of the most beautiful and profound experiences of my life!”

-Testimony after a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

St. Joseph Parish Choir
We are looking for new members to join our parish choir. Practices are on Thursday evenings from 7:30—9:00pm starting September 6th. We pray that you will join us.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Praise God! It is overcast today and in the 70's. The days of heat are taking a respite at least for a while. But as the days get shorter, it is inevitable that things will continue to cool off. The intensity of hot and humid will pass away. Such a parallel with life! Some days are "hot" in their intensity of expectations and/or requirements. The demands of schedules can literally make us sweat. But in the Lord Jesus we have a daily respite to commune with in prayer so that "heat exhaustion" about life does not bring us down.

Jesus gives us cooling refreshment in prayer based on a more balanced perspective about life's daily challenges. "Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is light" (Matthew 11:30) is a good Gospel passage to prayerfully consider. Praise God, for our Lord Jesus helps us out at all times no matter what the temperature, to keep our "cool" amidst life's "sweats".

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 4th & 5th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$7217.00

Children's Collection: \$9.50

Charity: \$26.00

Religious Education: \$21.00

Food Pantry: \$50.00

Assumption: \$10.00

2nd Ordinary Collection: \$1040.65

The Evidence

On a quiet Summer evening
When the light begins to fade,
I pause to reflect and marvel
At this creation God has made.
The stage is set, the curtain drawn
As I watch the pageant unfold;
The fiery glow of the setting sun
Is an awesome sight to behold.
Swallows playfully dip and dart
'Gainst a cloud-filled cotton-ball sky;
The drama and presence of almighty God
Is the evidence I cannot deny.
I know that God is the creator,
His handiwork, I clearly see.
As the sun sinks toward the horizon,
I sense His power and majesty.
The presence of God is evident
In Nature's spectacular show;
I see the touch of His creative hand...
Everywhere I choose to go.

Charles Clevenger

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for August. We earned approximately \$85.00. 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, September 12th.** The pickup area is off the Non-dorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

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.

Attention Catholic Singles

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to expand in the Gary diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out the following site or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com: www.caci.org.

WE SHARE GOD’S LIFE NOW

Over the past few weeks, second readings at Sunday Mass have been taken from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Paul has been providing an on-going instruction on what it means to live and share God’s life now. Paul was writing to people who lived in the midst of pagan activity. That is why Paul’s words are still applicable to us. This is not to say that our world is monstrously evil, that nastiness surrounds us, or that everyone is out to get us. That’s not true. What is true, however, is that times are tough. Our society pressures us to look out for ourselves, to take the best advantage we can, often without giving much thought to the other person. Paul also urges us to take the best advantage we can, but with constant regard for the other person. And the best advantage we can take is to remember that Christ is with us—is in us—now.

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Golf for a Cause

“Golf for a Cause” the Catholic Charities Golf Outing will take place in 8 days. Don’t miss out on a chance to play on one of the areas premier golf courses, Briar Ridge Country Club. Shamble format. Men’s, Women’s, and Mixed divisions. Call Catholic Charities at 886-3549 for more information and to register.

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Church

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.
—Anonymous

Diocesan Year of Faith Conference

The ‘door of faith’ is always open for us... ushering us into the life of communion with God, and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. In order to celebrate this Year in a worthy and fruitful manner, Bishop Melczek, and member of his Priest Council, have planned a special Conference on two different weekends in September at two different locations:

September 21 & 22 at St. Thomas More Parish

September 28 & 29 at St. Paul Parish

All parishioners are invited to attend **one of these two weekends**. The Conference will provide tools for us to better understand and live our faith with renewed conviction. Keynote speakers will share their insights on the Second Vatican Council, and the breakout sessions will focus on the Catholic Catechism and the Creed—all are tools to help us live our faith.

For additional information, go to www.dcgary.org for full information and registration. Please note there is no fee for the Conference, only a \$10.00 fee for lunch.

Contact 769-9292, ext. 280 for additional information.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of Battle;
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls.

St. John Bosco

Parish Picnic—Sunday, August 26th—171st Street off of Columbia Ave. in Hammond from 12 Noon to 5pm. All are welcome—Come enjoy.

Ministry Schedule

August 25th & 26th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Paul Jarzembowski,
Patty Jarzembowski
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Kathy Miller
10:00am—John Hearne, James Janusz,
Mike Klausman, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Allan Burgos

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Diane Giovane
6:00pm—Brian Blue

The Gift of Grace

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.
—St. Rose of Lima

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—S. O’Drobinak
8:00am—M. Ziolkowski
10:00am—M. Schmidt
6:00pm—Need Servers



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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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