

St. Joseph Church

August 23, 2015

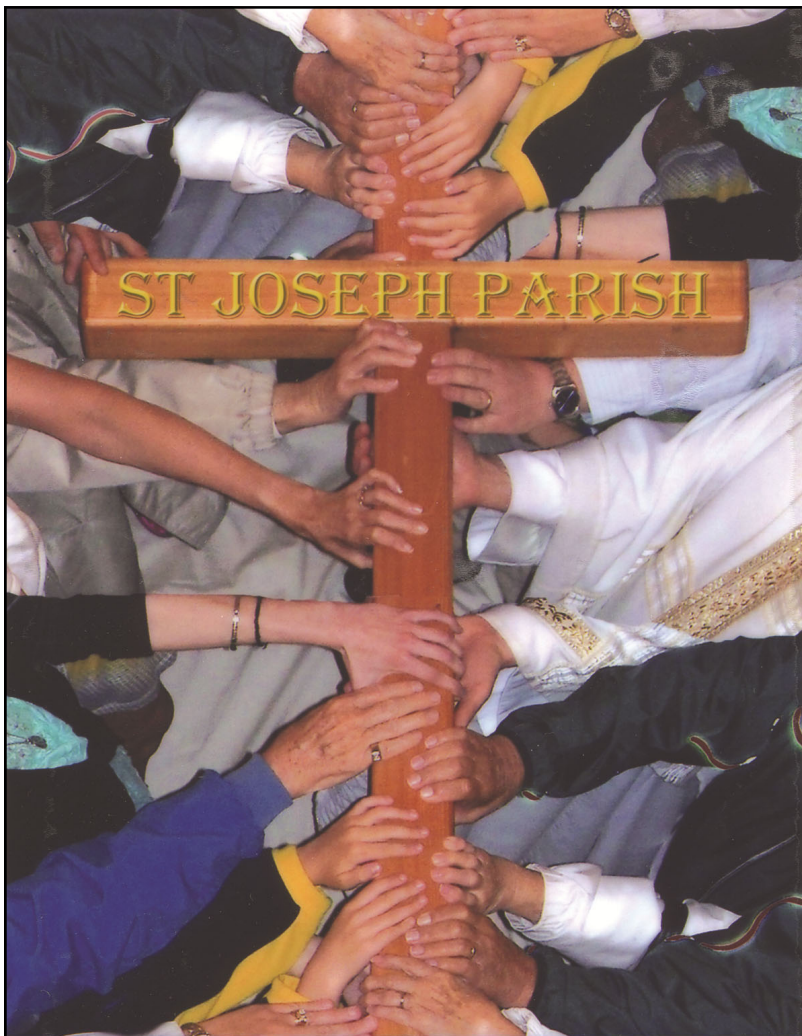
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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.

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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, 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 24, St. Bartholomew
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the William O'Neill Family

Tuesday, August 25, Weekday
 9:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Robert C. Borst

Wednesday, August 26, Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, August 27, St. Monica
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, August 28, St. Augustine
 9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Michael Kulik Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Jim Novak

Sunday, August 30, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Virginia Kelly
 10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Religious Education

Welcome Back!

Tuesday, September 8: 5:30-7:30pm

Generations of Faith (GOF)

For: Students, parents, extended family,

CSA

Many thanks to Lanie Taylor for her pledge/payment to this year's Catholic Service Appeal.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 8/30/15

Reading 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Some people cringe when they see words like "laws" and "commandments." They see regulations of any kind as a burden. However, as Moses prepares to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, he reminds them of the true purpose of God's commandments. By obeying God's law, the people will live in harmony with him and with each other. Other nations will marvel at their wisdom and envy their close relationship with God.

The Commandments and God's law of love are to be cherished and obeyed by all believers. We do not pick and choose which commands are easy for us to follow. Out of love, we observe the whole law that God has given us.

Reading 2 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

At every Mass we hear the word of the Lord proclaimed. But if the word we hear does not get translated into action, it is like a seed that gets blown away rather than planted in good soil. Saint James reminds us in his letter that we are to be doers of the word, not just hearers. Those who take the word of God to heart and act on it will care for orphans and widows, the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the sick.

True worship is not a matter of simply going to Mass or saying prayers. It is a matter of acting on the word that has been planted in us by God.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The word "hypocrite" comes from an ancient Greek term meaning "actor." In today's gospel story, Jesus accuses the religious leaders of being hypocrites. They act as though they are speaking for God but they are really speaking about what matters to them. Jesus points out that they are more concerned about pious practices than they are about God's commandments. They criticized Jesus' disciples for not washing their hands before eating. But they showed no interest in the goodness of the disciples' hearts.

Jesus teaches that religious rules and regulations should never become more important than God's people. He wants us to understand that our outward behavior should reflect what is in our hearts. A good heart will not produce evil actions. Nor will washing our hands make us clean inside where it really counts.
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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

In the early years of our country, families used to spend the majority of their time hunting for food and then preparing the food. There was no refrigeration so keeping food from spoiling was a big concern. The thing about earthly food is that God has created us to eat several times a day. Hunting and cooking several times a day can take up a lot of time.

Jesus feeding thousands of people is a social miracle as His disciples share the bread and fishes with so many. But as it was with our early settlers, so it was in the time of Jesus; food is a time-consuming endeavor.

Jesus' miracle is timely for the crowd but they probably wondered where their next meal or meals would come from after the miracle. This is an important question but Jesus clarifies that "man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God". Jesus is the bread from heaven that reminds us that earthly food comes and goes but Jesus' nourishing love is eternally digesting in our depths. Our weekly Communion with Christ at Eucharist helps to deepen our awareness that God's saving love is always with us in Christ and no matter what our earthly food circumstances may present, the eternal nutrition within us through the Holy Spirit constantly fills us like no earthly food can.



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.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 15th & 16th

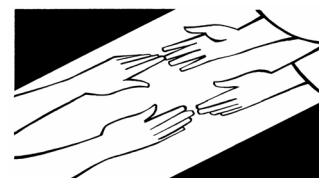
Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4474.44
Charity: \$0
Religious Education: \$9.00
Assumption: \$532.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$949.56)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$41,755.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$6151.69)
Food Pantry: \$360.00
50/50 Raffle: \$190.00

Stewardship: A Way of Life

What are you doing to be an example of Christ to your family, friends, fellow parishioners and people in your community? Are you walking the walk or just talking the talk? We all at some point have to be like Joshua in today's first reading. "Decide today whom you will serve...we will serve the Lord". Joshua 24:15



Please welcome the following families to St. Joseph Parish:
Joseph & Katherine Perdue and Family
Oscar & Maria Perreta



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 24
7:00-9:00pm Stewardship Meeting in Gathering Room

Tuesday, August 25
9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Thursday, August 27
6:30pm—Family Rosary

Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on August 11th
Was # 334
The Winner Would Have Won \$415.00
(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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The ministry of permanent deacons has become an essential part of our parish life today, yet for centuries until 1967, this deeply traditional ministry had virtually disappeared. Every priest had first to be ordained a deacon, but the notion that one could actually embrace a permanent vocation to the diaconate was lost.

The primary ministry of the deacon is to the welfare of the community, especially its poor, and his role in sacraments and preaching flows from that. His principal role is to animate and promote the ministry of all the faithful. Ninety percent of permanent deacons are married, although the discipline of celibacy for clerics means that if a deacon is widowed, normally he cannot remarry, nor can an unmarried deacon marry once ordained. The deacon does not preside at Mass nor may he absolve sins. Nor, since anointing of the sick is linked theologically to penance, may he anoint.

Sometimes we are slow to engage with a tradition: Trent approved permanent deacons in the 1560s, but nothing was done until the 1960s. The vitality of the long-delayed restoration has greatly enriched the Church, particularly in the United States, where the majority of the deacons in the world serve.

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Blessed

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.
—Anonymous

Deep Debt

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

—George Washington

Ministry Schedule
August 29th & 30th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy or Joe
Nowacki, Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulk, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Mike Klausman,
Margaret Quinn
6:00pm—Tamara Fredrickson, Frances Vasquez,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Tim Huffman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

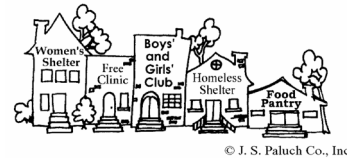
The Way

It’s hard to train a child in a way the parents don’t
go themselves. —Anonymous

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki
8:00am—Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Gian Abangan, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor



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As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.
— *Joshua 24:15b*

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