

St. Joseph Church

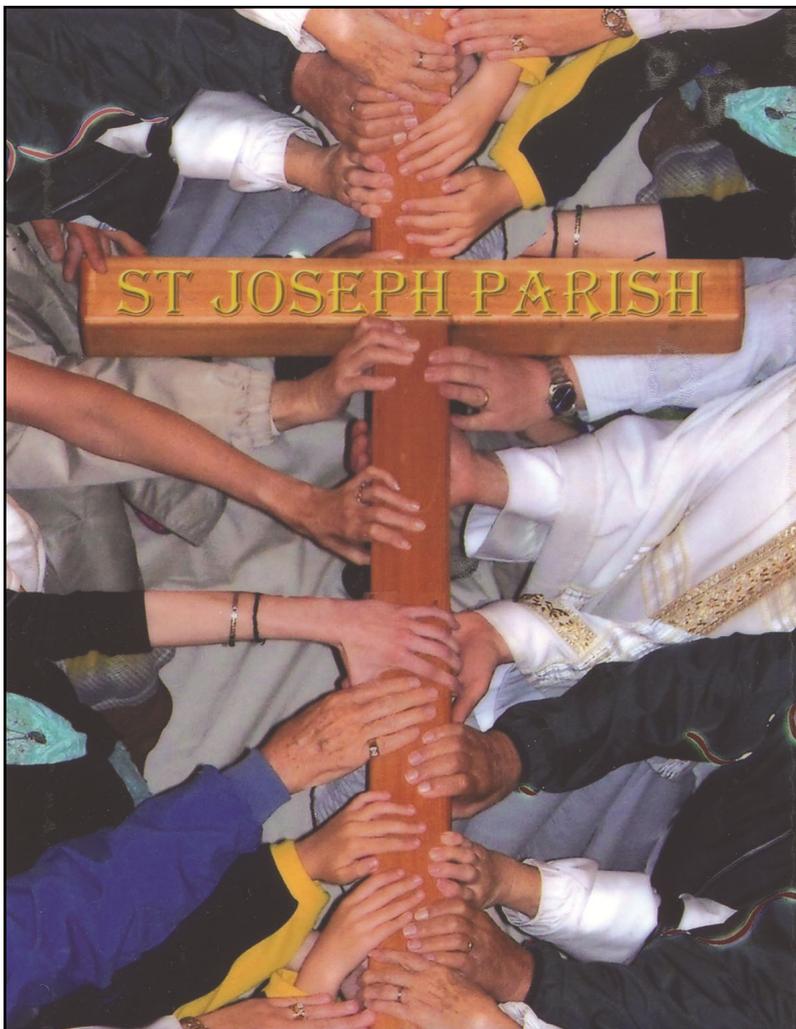
August 26, 2012

Twenty-First 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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Religious Education Fax865-3740

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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 27, St. Monica
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, August 28, St. Augustine
 9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

Wednesday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, August 30, Weekday
 9:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, August 31, Weekday
 9:00 AM James & Helen Moulesong

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 1, Vigil: 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Charles Vicari

Sunday, September 2, 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families
 10:00 AM The People of the Parish
 6:00 PM Poor Souls

Career Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance programs to Catholic families. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call John Stackowicz, General Agent, at 574-282-1082 or email at john.stackowicz@kofc.org.

Praying For The Sick

Would you like to have the parish pray for you when you or your loved one is ill or in the hospital. Please notify the parish office, 865-2271 or dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net giving permission to list the name of the person who is ill in the bulletin.

Religious Education

Registration:
Deadline, Tuesday, August 28
 (books, need to be ordered in time)

Office Hours: Mon., Tues, & Thurs. 10:00-4:00 or call 865-2355

Virtus Training: Wednesday, August 29, 6:30-8:30
 This Training Program is mandated by the Diocese for anyone who works with children.

RE Begins: Tuesday, September 11 with Generations of Faith (GOF) from 5:30-7:30pm.

Simple Meal: 5:30-5:55pm
 Welcome Back/Meet the Catechist/
 Theme of the Year Presented
 Textbooks will be given out...

Blessings, Yvonne Weaver, DRE

Catechist Workshop

“Creative Catechist”, Sunday, August 26 (after 6pm Mass) - 7-8:30pm.

Presented by: Pat Hoffman, Archdiocese of Chicago

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:

Perhaps you have a Living Will where you specify which medical treatments you are willing to undergo if you become incapacitated. It does take the pressure off family members when faced with your severe illness.

Medicine is one aspect of human living but Jesus comes into our human stories to reveal God Our Father's "Living Will" for us. It is the "Living Will" of God that we live with abundant life in Christ on earth and that we live forever in Christ in heaven. Jesus the Christ is the bridge between heaven and earth.

The contents of our Living Will ought to be influenced by the "Living Will" of God in Christ Jesus. Sure, human life is precious to medically uphold but to keep an eternal life perspective in the Savior Christ Jesus is a wholistic health way to live now and forever.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 11th & 12th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$6773.51

Children's Collection: \$9.00

Religious Education: \$115.00

Food Pantry: \$1737.67

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — It was the LORD, our God, who protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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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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"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

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.



Master,
to whom
shall
we go?

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Bursting Through

Nature is too thin a screen; the glory of the omnipresent God bursts through everywhere.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

The Eucharist was never meant to be only “comfort food,” something that makes us feel warm and satisfied. It is to be bread for the journey, nourishment for the task that God has set for our community and for each one of us. Thus it is not surprising to see some walk away in today’s Gospel, for they understood that recognizing Jesus as the bread of life is a commitment to changing one’s life.

St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate this week, once observed that in celebrating the Eucharist we become what we receive, the Body of Christ. As we conclude the series of reflections in John’s Gospel on Jesus as the bread of life, it is appropriate to think about the role that the Eucharist plays in our lives and in our parish. It is in the Eucharist that we are nourished and renew our commitment in faith to serve the Lord. How does the parish social ministry carry out that mandate? How do you carry it out in your own life? Is it related in any way to the celebration of the Eucharist? How does celebrating Mass Sunday after Sunday make a difference in your life and in the world?

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Visiting Missionary Thank You!

Fr. Johnus Cherunilath V.C. and all the Vincentian Missionaries thank you for your prayers and generous mission offering last weekend. Your support and encouragement will help our Vincentian missionaries to face the enormous challenges in bringing food, shelter, education and most importantly the Gospel message to people in our new Missions in India. Your offerings will help them to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions and will help them educate young men studying for priesthood. If you would like to help an individual seminarian in his studies for priesthood you may write: Vincentian Fathers, Vincentian House, 210 5th Ave. SE; St. Cloud, MN 56304 -1004 or email: vcfathers@yahoo.com.

Ministry Schedule
September 1st & 2nd

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

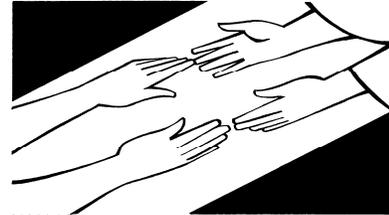
Trust

I may trust Jesus too little, but I can never trust him
too much. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule
September 1st & 2nd

Altar Servers

4:30pm—A. David
8:00am—M. Gomez
10:00am—J. Burgos, K. Burgos, ZJ Grino
6:00pm—B. Blue



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

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