

St. Joseph Church

August 30, 2015

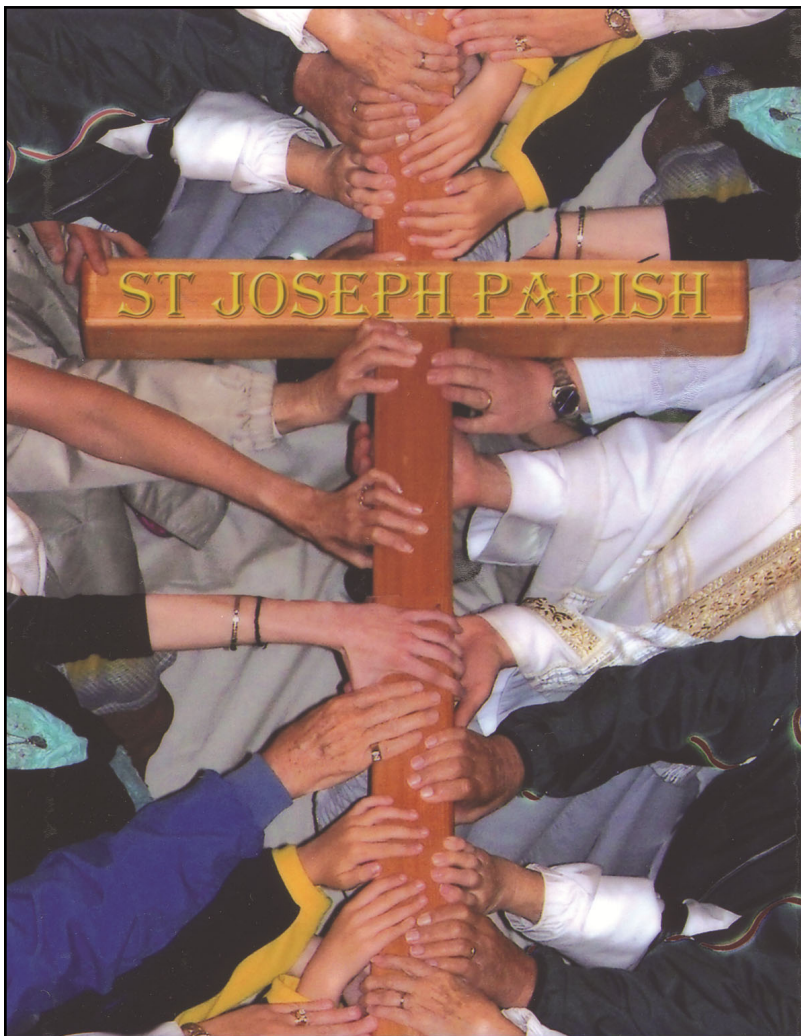
Twenty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time

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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.

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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 31, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, September 1, Weekday

9:00 AM Denise-Annette & Sherwin Robin

Wednesday, September 2, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, September 4, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, September 6, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM George Steffens

10:00 AM The Living & Deceased Members of
the Don Woszczyński Families

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Sunday Readings Reflections
of 9/6/15**

Reading 1 Isaiah 35:4-7

Times of fear and hopelessness make our hearts feel pinched and small. When the people of the kingdom of Judah were threatened by their enemies, God took pity on their fear and hopelessness. He sent the prophet Isaiah with a message that strengthened them. Isaiah foretold a time when God would come to save his people. The signs of God's coming would include the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame.

These signs of the Messiah's coming were later fulfilled by Jesus as the One sent by God. We who follow him are called to share his work of caring for the weak, the sick, and the poor among us.

Reading 2 James 2:1-5

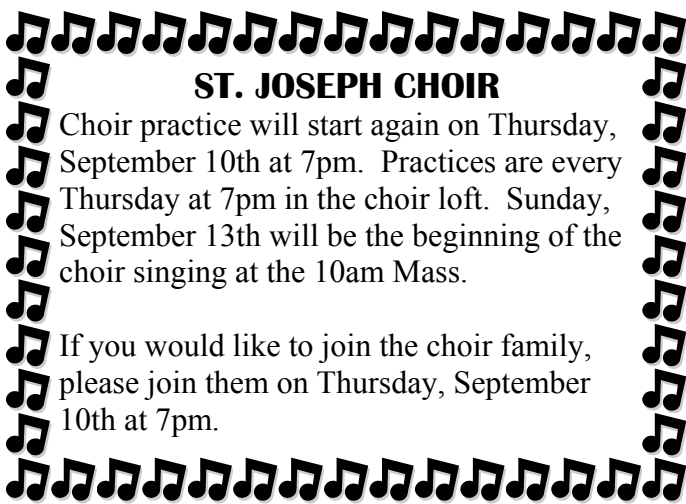
The expression "telling it like it is" definitely fits this reading. Saint James points a finger at the common practice of showing greater respect to the rich than to the poor. When this kind of discrimination is practiced in a church setting, it is an even greater offense than it is elsewhere. James reminds us that poor are especially loved by God and are chosen to be "rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom."

As members of the faith community, we are to share God's love and concern for the poor who live in our midst. They may be poor in financial resources. Or they may be poor in spiritual or intellectual gifts. Whatever they lack, they are never to be discriminated against or thought less important than those who are in any way poor.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

What was promised in today's first reading we see fulfilled in this gospel story. A man who is deaf and suffers from a speech impediment is taken by his friends to see Jesus. Moved by the man's pitiful condition, Jesus takes him aside and performs a healing ritual. He concludes by praying that the man's senses "Be opened!" And the man begins immediately to hear and speak plainly.

Despite Jesus' command to keep the miracle a secret, the crowd goes wild with excitement and spreads the news throughout the region. They praise Jesus because "He has done everything well!" Jesus, however, does not want them to expect a Messiah who will bring them political power and economic riches. He was a Messiah who used God's power only to serve others and not to avoid suffering himself. ©2015 Sadlier Religion. All Rights Reserved. Used with Permission. www.sadlierreligion.com



ST. JOSEPH CHOIR

Choir practice will start again on Thursday, September 10th at 7pm. Practices are every Thursday at 7pm in the choir loft. Sunday, September 13th will be the beginning of the choir singing at the 10am Mass.

If you would like to join the choir family, please join them on Thursday, September 10th at 7pm.

The Value of Labor

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

There may be times when we declared that God has let us down. God did not answer our prayers for a sick person and they died. God has failed us, so we think. And this can lead us to disappointment about God's Love because God did not answer our prayers. However, from both the Old Testament and New Testament we have it instilled in us that God is faithful to us. Our thinking about God and trying to figure out God is a futile undertaking.

God is always with us because God is One with us in Christ. Our faith in God flows out of our Oneness with God. God never fails us as summarized by the Good Friday Passion and death of Jesus. Those observing Jesus' death thought he was a failure, a disappointment. However, Easter Sunday proclaims Christ's victory once-for-all over sin and death. Not even sin and death can separate us from God's constant love. So any disappointment we have with God is our issue and does not apply to God. Failure is not part of God's depth of eternal love as revealed in Christ. God is always faithful to us in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are wise to stop trying to think God and move towards being with God in silence.

In God's Faithful Love,

Fr. Terry

Praying for our Country & End to Abortion

Sunday—September 13th—7:00—8:00pm
98th Anniversary of Fatima
Special devotions at the Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Rd., Munster beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Hymns, and outdoor candlelight procession.

Sponsored by Gary Diocese—Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.
Info: 836-8779.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 22nd & 23rd

- Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00**
- Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$3952.26**
- Charity: \$250.00**
- Religious Education: \$0**
- Assumption: \$65.00**
- Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1697.74)**
- Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$47,720.00**
- Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$7849.43)**
- 50/50 Raffle: \$215.00**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Religious Education (RE)

- We have an in house RE Mailbox.
- Where:** main entrance of the church on the table leading to the Gathering Room
- Why:** hard copy communication purposes
- Note:** 2015-2016 RE Calendars/2015/2016 RE Registration Forms available on the website & near RE Mailbox

Thank you, Yvonne Weaver, DRE

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities offers Counseling for individuals, couples, families & children by professional therapists. For more information, please call 219-844-4883.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 31

7:00pm—Hospitality meeting in Gathering Room for Oct. 18th reception

Tuesday, September 1

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Thursday, September 3

6:30pm—Family Rosary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week’s discussion of the permanent diaconate and its restoration will lead inevitably to questions about “deaconesses,” something certainly under study as historians and liturgists research our tradition’s treasures. Today, there are some settings in which women are entrusted with pastoral administration and have been called to preach and to officiate at weddings. Lay people can lead the funeral rites and daily prayer. Yet the question of ordination to the diaconate for women is complex. Yes, we have had deaconesses in our tradition. We know that they assisted with the baptism of women, and that ministries were entrusted to them. We also know that some early church councils took care to call them lay persons, and specifically forbade ordination. What confuses the picture is that they may have been the wives of deacons, who, like the wives of priests and bishops, were expected to serve the community as exemplars of the Christian life. Long after deaconesses disappeared, their ministry was treasured and carried on by religious women in consecrated life. It is clear that one of our greatest treasures is the vibrant engagement of women in ministry over the centuries. What is not as clear is where our questions will lead.

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Religious Education

Welcome Back!

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

Generations of Faith (GOF)

**For: Students, parents,
extended family,
parishioners**

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on August 18th
Was # 328

The Winner Would Have Won \$510.00
(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.



Ministry Schedule
September 5th & 6th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski,
Emma Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Gary or Sue Blue, Barb Graegin,
Laura Hays
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Sandy Riley & Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Emma Weissbeck

Stop The Flying

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule
September 5th & 6th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Joe Nowacki
8:00am— Need Servers
10:00am— Andrew Huffman, Kevin Huffman
6:00pm— Brian Blue



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Humbly welcome the word
that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.

— *James 1:21b*

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