

St. Joseph Church

September 1, 2013

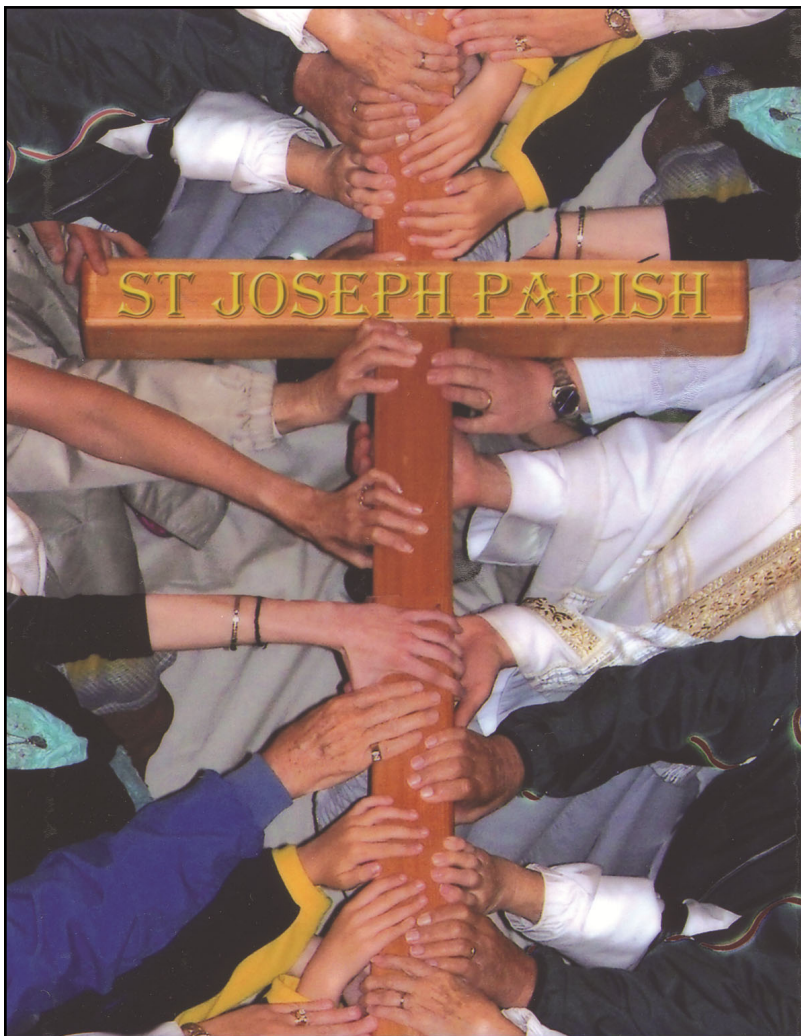
Twenty Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time

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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.

Parish Telephones

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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

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Religious Education Fax.....865-3740

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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, September 2, Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Tuesday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, September 4, Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, September 5, Weekday
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, September 6, Weekday
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, September 8, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Karen Long
 6:00 PM Poor Souls

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home.

Thank You.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 7th & 8th for our Food Pantry.

You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

St. Joseph Choir

We will be starting Choir practice on Thursday, September 5th from 7:30-9:00pm in the choir loft. The practices will be every Thursday evening starting at 7:30pm and the choir will sing at the 10:00am Mass on Sundays. We welcome everyone.

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.

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 2nd.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Schererville Indiana will be completing their walkway in the cemetery. Former parish members, friends, relatives, and/or descendants of those who formed the parish are welcomed to participate by purchasing a paver. Engraved Pavers can be ordered through August. Three lines, 15 spaces for each line. If you are a Graduate of the school, would like a Memorial Brick for a loved one or would like to be a Benefactor and have names and dates engraved on a paver, please call the church office for an order form and pricing at 219-322-4505. You not only have it etched on a paver on the walkway, those who purchase a paver will be provided a complementary brick from the Old Church with a small engraved plaque of the dates the second church served our parishioners in the diocese.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

We may have attended a parade or two along the way. Floats are a big part of a parade and we tend to focus our attention on them. But if we are in a large crowd trying to see the floats, it is likely that some of the crowd will not be able to see the floats; their view is blocked.

The “parade” of daily salvation in Christ is constantly moving along. No matter how many “floats” pass by us each day where the “floats” are our encounters with people, we can rejoice that our view of Christ Jesus in each person is not blocked in any way. At times we may lament that it is difficult to see Christ’s presence in some people. But our faith in Christ helps us to rise above the “crowd” of excuses we may have for not wanting to see Christ’s presence in certain people (s).

God, Our Creator Father, has made one humanity and Christ the Son is the savior of all people. So we are wise to be alert to Christ’s unique presence in each person for the “float” of salvation has room for all people.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Frankfort Franciscans to Hold Gigantic Garage Sale to Benefit Missions

The Franciscan Sisters Mission Auxiliary is sponsoring their coming Huge Fall Garage Sale on Friday/Saturday, September 6 & 7, 2013 from 9:00am to 3:00pm, both days at the Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Illinois.

Proceeds from the sale help the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart to continue ministering to the poorest of the poor in Brazil.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 17th & 18th

Sunday Ordinary Collections: \$4503.67

Children’s Collection: \$7.00

Charity: \$1.00

Religious Education: \$35.00

Food Pantry: \$345.00

Assumption: \$1152.56

50/50 Raffle: \$311.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on August 20th
Was # 513

The Winner Would Have Won \$1013.00
(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.**

You must use your current weekly treasure envelope with your sacrificial amount and the pre-printed 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.

Looking for Crafters!

Griffith Boy Scout Troop 264 is looking for crafters for their 34th Annual Fall Harvest Craft Festival! The festival is on Sat. Sept. 28th from 10am-5pm and Sun., Sept. 29th from 10am-4pm. If you would like more info, please send an email to griffithtroop264@yahoo.com. You can also find us on facebook! We will accept hand-made items only—we will not accept commercial or flea market items or outside food vendors. Thank You!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 2

Parish office closed

Tuesday, September 3

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

6:30pm—Catechist meeting in Gath. Room

Thursday, September 5

6:30pm—Family Rosary

HUMILITY

Today’s reading from Sirach celebrates what will become the theme of today’s Gospel: humility. Pride causes us to demand from others an exalted estimate of our status, but humility allows us to see things more clearly. It allows us a broader perspective. Humility promises us the favor of God and the love of those who know us.

The second reading is a study in contrasts: the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the giving of salvation on Mount Zion. The Law’s appearance is greeted with solemnity, mystery, even fear. But Christians are not to be afraid. Coming to God’s mountain with Jesus, “the mediator of a new covenant,” is a happy, exuberant experience.

The parable in today’s Gospel concerns the danger of pride and the necessity of humility. The banquet setting, often used by Jesus, is a symbol of heaven’s abundance and of the fulfillment of God’s promise. The parable is not simply good advice on how to avoid embarrassment; it is about salvation.

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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: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God’s plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus’ presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September’s shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means “high place,” yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar’s three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or “I will go to the altar of God,” followed by the altar servers’ response, “The God who gives joy to my youth.” Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for July. We earned approximately \$158.00. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, September 18th.** The pickup area is off the Nondorf 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 pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

Workers

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.

—Eugene V. Debs

Ministry Schedule
September 7th & 8th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht, Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—J. Hearne & Rita D’Arcy
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Pride

The proud hate pride—in others.
—Benjamin Franklin

Ministry Schedule
September 7th & 8th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lanie Taylor
8:00am—C. Kline, J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am— Megan Harding, Andrew Huffman, Kevin Huffman
6:00pm—Brian Blue



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You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.
— *Hebrews 12:22a*

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