

St. Joseph Church

September 6, 2015

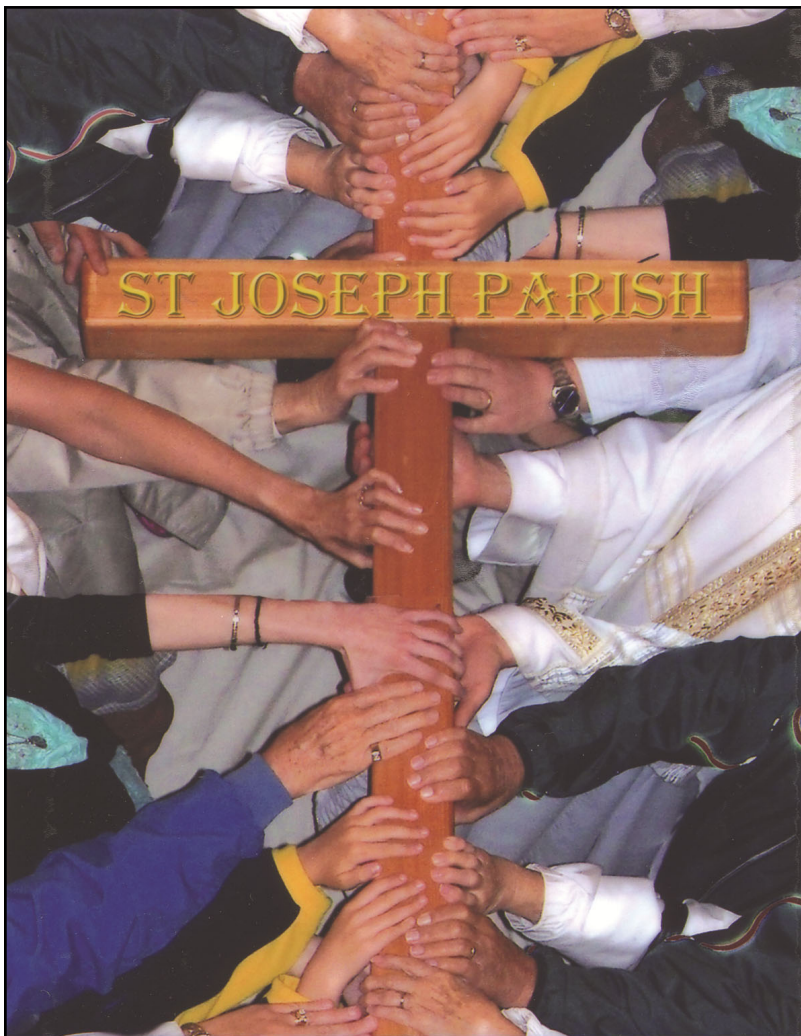
Twenty-Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time

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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, September 7, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, September 10, Weekday

9:00 AM Norma Beiriger

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, September 11, Weekday

9:00 AM Melina Pietras

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Albert & Evelyn Koepf

Sunday, September 13, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

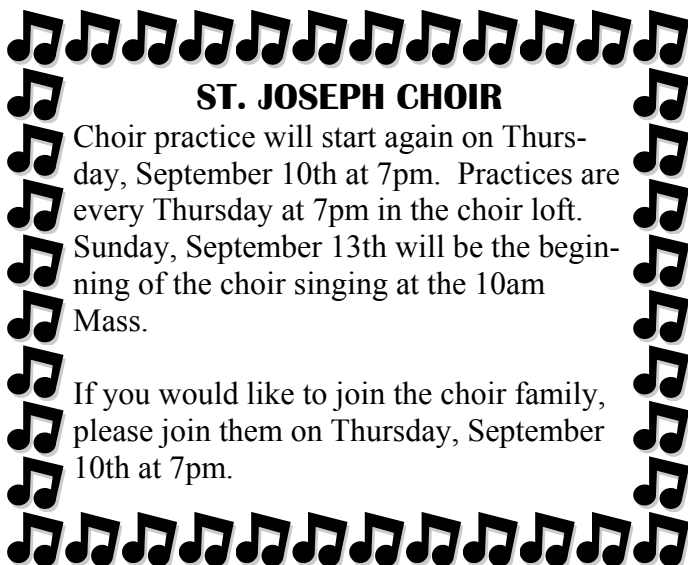
8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM William "Billy" Rehling

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Please Note!!

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 7th.



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.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 9/13/15

Reading 1 Isaiah 50:4-9a

In this reading, the prophet describes the servant of God who will lead Israel back to God. The servant will suffer, but God will uphold him. In New Testament, these words take on new meaning for us. Jesus was the suffering servant in Isaiah, the Messiah who was destined to suffer and so enter into his glory.

As followers of Jesus, we must follow him in his mission and in his trials and suffering. We may not be asked to die for our faith, but we will be asked to live our faith with courage and full faithfulness.

Reading 2 James 2:14-18

In this reading the difference between merely talking about faith and practicing it is stressed. What good are kindly wishes to those who need clothing and food for today? Faith without good works is dead.

Let us be concerned for the people around us who are in need. Good intentions are not enough. The love of Christ urges us to act for justice and peace for all God's people.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

In this reading, Jesus teaches his disciples what they have gradually come to discover: He is indeed the Messiah. But he is a Messiah who must suffer and die.

Peter found this hard to accept. For Peter, the Messiah would not, could not, suffer. Judging by human standards, not God's, Peter failed to accept God's will for the Messiah. Jesus assured all his disciples that they, too, must suffer: deny themselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

Pastor’s Column

Dear Parishioners:

Sometimes we may think that our treasure in heaven occurs after we leave the earth. And that our time on the earth is to collect treasure for ourselves because we can’t take it with us after we die. Let us reconsider this erroneous perspective because Jesus communes with us here on earth to reveal that the treasure in heaven is already here on earth through Christ Jesus Our Savior. God Our Father’s eternal life and love is already within us in our Holy Communion with Jesus. Nothing is missing in our lives because Jesus is now within us all the time.

Jesus is our constant treasure now and, thus, all desire for earthly treasures is relativized by our oneness with Jesus. This is the Stewardship leap of faith that proclaims that we own nothing, that all that is good belongs to God. In this “leap” comes abundant generosity because we live Jesus in oneness with Jesus and Jesus is the fullness of generosity. Welcome to the cost of discipleship but also welcome to our treasure in heaven already here on earth. To live Christ is to be generous in Christ.

In God’s Ownership,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 29th & 30th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4660.61
Charity: \$9.00
Religious Education: \$0
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1295.39)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$53,685.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$9144.82)
Food Pantry: \$120.00
50/50 Raffle: \$230.00

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 12th & 13th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

2015 Fraternitas

Join us for an evening of priceless auction items, awesome entertainment, great food and super camaraderie. The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart are hosting their 14th Annual Fraternitas Fundraiser: Viva Las Vegas. The donation is \$100.00 a person; this includes dinner and entertainment. Grand raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00, \$500.00 or \$250.00 are \$10 each, 3 for \$25 or 6 for \$40 (winners need not be present). All this will take place at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park on Sunday, September 27, 2015. Gaming tables are operable from 3pm to 6pm. Raffles, Auction and Dinner to follow. Reservations and tickets may be obtained by contacting Geraldine Guzaitis: Gerry.Guzaitis@fssh.net or 815-464-3882.

Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, have scheduled Saint Mother Theodore Guerin FEST for Oct. 17-18, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The festival will begin at 10am, Saturday, October 17th and conclude Sunday, October 18th. The festival will include a keynote address, festive meals, prayer experiences and more. Cost to attend is \$20 per person or \$75 for families of four or more. The deadline to register is Monday, October 12. For more information or to register, call 812-535-2952 or email jfrost@spsmw.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 7

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, September 8

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

5:30-7:30pm GOF in the Gym

Thursday, September 10

6:30pm—Family Rosary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Orthodox Christians have a saying about the reality of sin. They speak of “this holy and sinful Church, which we love.” We know all too well the effects of sin on the faith community. From our earliest days, we have seen baptism as a place where the old self dies in Christ, dies to sin, and rises to new life. Our ancestors in faith held that post-baptismal major sin was unthinkable. Yet, as one Baptist minister once explained, “We know that sin is drowned in the water, but it would appear that the devil is a pretty good swimmer.”

The origins of the sacrament of penance have to do with a similar insight among bishops in the early church. A critical question for them was whether or not a baptized person who had committed a public sin could be re-established in church life, forgiven, and restored. Forgiven, yes, was an early answer, but restored was another matter. Penance would be a permanent lifestyle for the forgiven; they would live at the margins of the community, clearly visible in distinctive garments, and their access to the table of the Eucharist was restricted. The harsh beginnings of public penance led in time to a true treasure of our tradition: the ability to find our way home through the ministry of others, and a way for all of us sinners to experience the gentle embrace of our forgiving

Save the Date

Saint Casimir 125th Jubilee Celebration, Saturday, October 3rd, Mass at 4:00pm. After Mass join us for an Open House with music, food, fun, and more! All Saint Casimir Parishioners past and present are invited! Like us on Facebook to get all the details! Do you have old pictures? Email them to us at 125Jubilee@stcasschool.org.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on August 25th
Was # 111

The Winner Would Have Won \$617.50
(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, HOME-BOUND 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 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.

Religious Education

Welcome Back!

Tuesday, September 8: 5:30-7:30pm
Generations of Faith (GOF)

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

Ministry Schedule
September 12th & 13th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski,
Lee Kobza, Isabelle Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski,
Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork,
Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver,
Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Tom Heffernan & Diana Giovane
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Labor

Without labor nothing prospers.
—Sophocles

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm— Mary Shutoski
8:00am— Christopher Kline
10:00am— Gian Abangan & Jim Morris
6:00pm— Ian Gruver



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Did not God choose those who are poor
in the world to be rich in faith and heirs
to the kingdom?
— *James 2:5*

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