

# St. Joseph Church

September 13, 2015

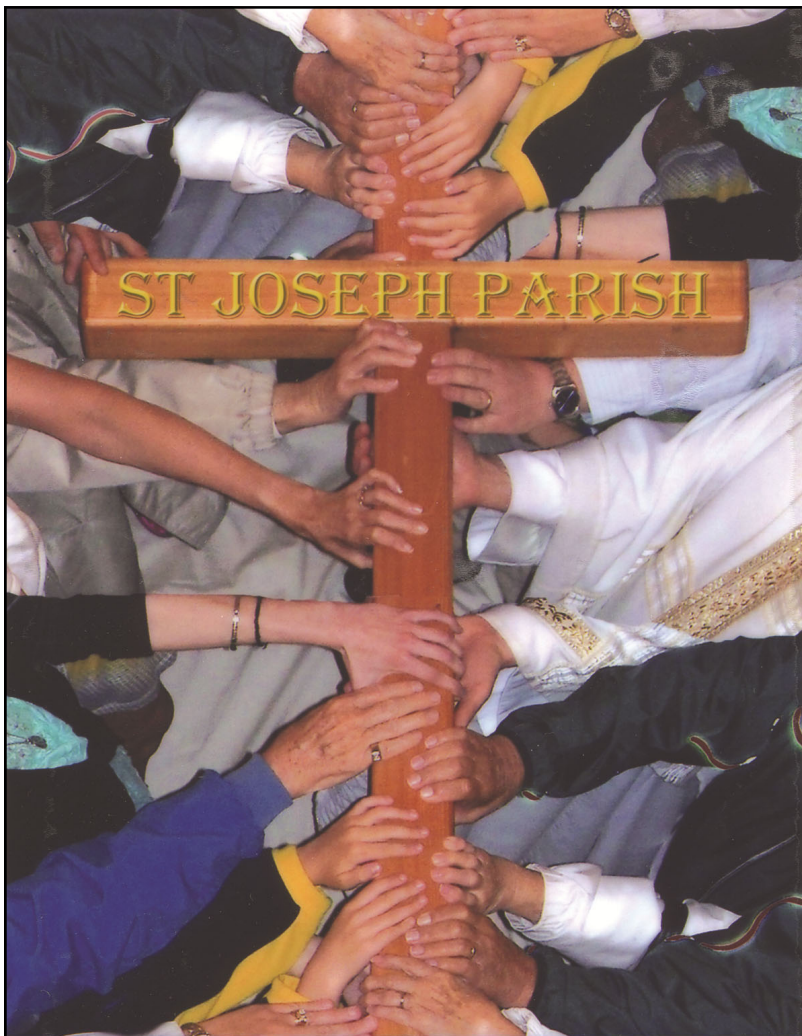
Twenty-Fourth Sunday In  
Ordinary Time

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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

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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 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows**

9:00 AM Ron Pierzchalski

**Wednesday, September 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, September 17, Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, September 18, Weekday**

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

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 19, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Sunday, September 20, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Michael Kulik Family

10:00 AM Marlene & Bruce Robin

6:00 PM The People of the Parish



**Mass with Bishop Donald Hying**

Please reserve October 18th, 10am Mass at St. Joseph Parish here in Dyer. Bishop Hying will concelebrate Mass with Father Terry and there will be time after mass to visit with the Bishop and also have some refreshments. There are sign-up sheets in all the vestibules to let us know that you are coming to mass and the reception and how many will be attending.

**Sunday Readings Reflections of 9/20/15**

**Reading 1 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

When a person always does what is right, he or she can become the target of sharp criticism. The author of Wisdom describes "the just one" who suffers the insults of the wicked. Because he pointed out their wrongdoing, the wicked are determined to make the just one suffer. They sarcastically predict that even if they condemn him to death, God will take care of him.

Christians see in this reading a description of Jesus. Even when he was insulted, tortured, and put to death, he did not strike back at the wicked. He prayed that his Father would forgive them. In doing so, Jesus gave us an example of how to entrust ourselves to God's care especially in times of trouble or persecution.

**Reading 2 James 3:16—4:3**

In this reading, we hear the voice of a just one who spells out the consequences of sinful behavior. James encourages Christians to show by their actions that they have "wisdom from above." The wise do not act out of jealousy or selfish striving after their own way. They are peace loving, gentle, forgiving, and kind. They understand that by working for peace they help bring about justice in the world.

By praying daily for the wisdom from above, we will be people of peace and justice. We will do our part to rid the world of war and violence of every kind.

**Gospel Mark 9:30-37**

When people suspect that something bad is about to happen, fear sometimes causes them to stick their heads in the sand and pretend that everything will remain the same. When Jesus tried to tell his disciples about how he would soon suffer and die, they were afraid to ask him any questions. They acted as though everything would stay the same. They even argued about who was the greatest among them. So Jesus corrected them by saying that whoever wanted to be the greatest would have to be the servant of all.

Embracing a small child, Jesus told the disciples, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this welcomes me." He wanted them to understand that they were to be willing servants with the childlike qualities of innocence, honesty, and lack of pretension. Jesus identified himself with the innocent child who is completely dependent on God.

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**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

It is a blessed gift that God has become one with us through His Son Jesus. And we are wise to remember that Jesus is a human who lives on the earth until His death, resurrection and ascension. However, it is most important to acknowledge that although Jesus is human, He is also the Son of God. In other words, Jesus is God too. Jesus reveals that God and humans are one in Christ the Savior, the anointed one of the Creator Father to bring saving love to the world.

In daily life it is most consoling and comforting to faithfully trust that Jesus is one with us at all times as God and Man. That way no matter what may unfold in our earthly journey, all is well in Christ's Saving presence. Pick our biggest challenges be they work-related, family-based, health-connected, financial confusion, parental frustration, the presence of our all-loving God is one with us deep within us at all times thanks to the beloved Jesus.

Remembering that we don't go through a single second of life without God's constant oneness in Christ is our peace and freedom as God's children. Life does not have to overwhelm us no matter what happens in our daily life. Celebrating the presence of God always in us through Jesus is our salvation already on this blessed earth. Let us rejoice and give thanks to Jesus who is both God and Man.

In God's Constant Oneness,

Fr. Terry

**St. James Parish Rummage,  
Bake & Pierogi Sale**

St. James in Highland will have a Rummage, Bake & Pierogi Sale on Friday, September 25th from 8am-4pm and Saturday, September 26th from 8am-1pm. Saturday will be \$2 per bag for clothes & 1/2 price for other items except pierogi and bake sale. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday, September 23 from 8am-6pm and Thursday, September 24th from 8am-4pm only. No space for storage. Clean, reusable items would be appreciated. For

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

September 5th & 6th

**Due to a vacation, the Stewardship of Treasure Report for September 5th & 6th will be printed next weekend.**



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**SERVANT**

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

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**STMCareer Networking Group**

Thursday, September 17th from 7:00-9:00pm.  
HelenMarie Harmon, Assistant Director, School of Business & Economics IUN = Critical Thinking  
Where: STM Weis Center, 8635 Calumet Ave.  
from 7:00-9:00pm. Free-Open To All.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, September 14**

No 9am Mass

**Tuesday, September 15**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing  
 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious Education classes in school  
 6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious Education classes in school

**Wednesday, September 16**

10am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup  
 6-7pm—Food Pantry pickup

**Thursday, September 17**

6:30pm—Family Rosary  
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It seems obvious to us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of second chances. We need look no further than Peter’s denial and rehabilitation for proof. Yet early Christians were more tentative with the gift of forgiveness. For them, every Sunday was an experience of the Lord’s power to heal and forgive, yet there were three sins that placed persons at the margins of the community’s life. In some places, the rift caused by these sins was permanent. The sins were apostasy (denial of the faith), adultery, and murder. They were particularly detested because of their power to divide and even scatter the community gathered around the Lord’s table. Fragile and persecuted communities could crumble and disappear under the weight of a harm done by a public sinner. Sinners were excluded from the community in the hope that “tough love” would help them come to their senses and experience deeper conversion. Inevitably, lists of grave sins grew longer as various bishops added their personal pet peeves to the roster, and more people were required to do public penance. For them, reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many sinners accepted their condition and hoped for a chance at a deathbed reconciliation by anointing. With more and more people permanently on the outs, the church began to struggle toward the light of the Lord’s unfailing gift of reconciliation.

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**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on September 1st  
 Was # 272

The Winner Would Have Won \$732.50  
 (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, 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.

**Please Note!**

There will not be a 9:00am Mass on Monday, September 4th.

**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 19th & 20th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Susan Kimmet, Joe Nowacki,  
Judy Nowacki

8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,  
Tim Pawl

10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,  
Tamara Fredrickson

6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabelle Skurka,  
Frances Vasquez

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Joe David

8:00am—Rita D'Arcy

10:00am— Religious Education Students

6:00pm—Gary Blue

**The Cross to Bear**

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.  
—Thomas a Kempis

**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 19th & 20th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Lillian Smith, Andrew Yuraitis

8:00am— Joe Stankovich

10:00am— Need Servers

6:00pm— Lanie Taylor



**Twenty-fourth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**September 13, 2015**

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.  
— *Isaiah 50:7*

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

This is for next weekend. I am resending this bulletin. I omitted the weekly 50/50 raffle figures.