

St. Joseph Church

September 14, 2014

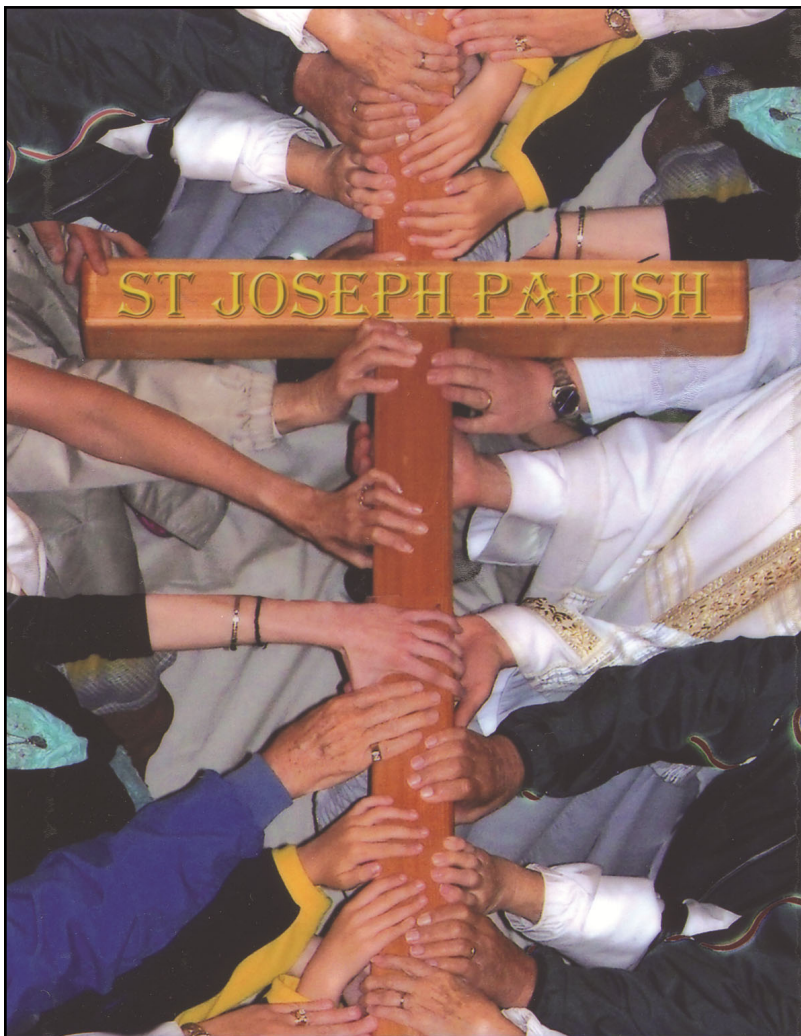
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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**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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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 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, September 17, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, September 18, Weekday

9:00 AM Nick & Ernesta Zarlenga

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, September 19, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, September 21, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Galvan

10:00 AM Joseph Cerullo

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Please Note!

There will be no morning masses on Monday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 17th.

**Friends of the Poor Walk
St. Vincent de Paul**

Please join us or support the Seventh Annual Friends of the Poor Walk to assist SVDP conferences in providing Emergency assistance with food, financial assistance towards utilities and housing and medication in the Diocese of Gary.

Saturday, September 20th. Registration begins at 9am and the Walk starts at 10am. Two locations to walk for a conference: Lemon Lake County Park in Crown Point and Taltree Arboretum and Gardens in Valparaiso. A Potluck Fellowship Picnic is planned for after the Walk at the Lemon Lake location only. Call 219-845-7531 to register.

**Human Trafficking
What You Need to Know**

Please join us on Sunday, September 21st at 4pm in the cafeteria to hear the facts concerning this terrible abuse. A Federal law enforcement or U.S. Homeland Security agent will be here to share their knowledge and expertise in this field.

Children are being exploited all over the world, but also in our own backyard. We need to know what to look for to safeguard our children and grandchildren. Please come and bring a friend. We need to get the world out.

Our Lady of Grace Parish, Highway Ave., Highland, Indiana.

Counseling Services

Catholic Charities offers Counseling services to individuals, families and children on a sliding fee scale.

For more information, please call: 219-844-4883.

Religious Education

Religious Education begins on: *Tuesday, September 16, 5:30-7:30pm with Generations of Faith (GOF) in the GYM.*

We start with a simple meal from 5:30-5:55pm. Students, their families, extended families and guests are invited.

Come share the Gift of Faith through celebrating, learning, prayer and serving...

Come meet our catechists, aides, and helpers.....

We resume our regular RE Schedule on: Tuesday, September 23

4:30-5:45pm A Session

6:15-7:30pm B Session

Questions: Call 865-2355

God's peace,
Yvonne Weaver, DRE

Pastor’s Column

Dear Parishioners:

Faith is utter mystery from God but Scripture gives us some insights about the gift of faith. Remembering that faith is gift from God keeps us humble about faith’s origin. Scripture is God’s revealing truth that cuts away at any falsities that we hypocritically think are true. We can twist falsity into believing that falsity is truth when we abandon the insight of Scripture.

Any action by us towards our neighbors that puts a “wedge” between them and God is a “No, No” and is contrary to our faith call. In baptism we have a common vocation to bring people together in the one Body of Christ. The Scripture truth flows out of our depth of intimacy in Lover God within us. This is one way to describe the gift of faith: God’s depth of intimacy within us. It is our truth-center and it prunes away any falsity that we hypocritically twist into believing is truth. Faith calls us to a single-hearted oneness with God’s Love that guides us to be revealers of God’s Love to our neighbors and not “wedgers” between God and our neighbors.

It takes patient, enduring faith to experience God’s intimacy within us. But the fruit of truthful love for our neighbors is being faithful to the Scripture message. Although faith is mystery gift from God, a blessed insight about Scripture-based faith is that hypocrisy decreases in us and authentic truth about ourselves and our neighbors increases.

In Our Oneness of Faith,

Fr. Terry

Catechetical Sunday

The church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 21 and will focus on the theme: Teaching About God’s Gift of Forgiveness.” Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be commissioned for their ministry during the 10:00am Mass. Catechetical Sunday is blessed opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 30th & 31st

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4635.31

Children’s Collection: \$24.00

Charity: \$7.00

Assumption: \$12.00

50/50 Raffle: \$265.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on September 2nd
Was # 39**

The Winner Would Have Won \$652.50
(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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 15

No Morning Mass
7:00-9:00pm - Stewardship Meeting in
Gathering Room

Tuesday, September 16

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
5:30-7:30pm—Generations of Faith in Gym

Wednesday, September 17

10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup
4:45-5:15pm—Market Day pickup
6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, September 18

6:30pm—Family Rosary
7:30-9:00pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, September 21

Confirmation Parent meeting after 10:00am
Mass in Gathering Room

The Emmaus Program

An Adult Formation Series for
Parish Ministers/Teachers/Catechists
& All Parishioners

Begins on October 7th at
St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall
1 West Wilhelm Street in Schererville

Dates:

Tuesday, October 7th
Thursday, October 9th
Tuesday, October 14th
Thursday, October 16th
6:30-8:30pm each evening

Topic: Reconciliation
Presenter: Father Martin Dobrzynski
Fee: \$20 for the four week session.

Registration forms are at all the entrances
of the church.

Mercy

Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to
thy neighbor.
—St. John Chrysostom

Leadership Symposium

You are invited to participate in a **Leadership Symposium** on Saturday, October 4th, 2014 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Merrillville.

Keynote Speaker: Robin Ryan, C.P.
Respondent: Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of Gary

Father Ryan will address Pope Francis’ writings and relate them to our role as leaders in parish and diocesan life.

Bishop Melczek will provide a reflection on what he heard, and share with the group future ideas and challenges for those who will answer God’s call to be “church.”

To register: email: averbeke@dcgary.org OR atorres@dcgary.org.

Or use the registration form on the parish website: www.dcgary.org

Repentance

Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

—Thomas Carlyle

Bishop Noll Tailgate Party

Alumni and friends are invited to Bishop Noll Institute’s annual Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, September 19, in the school fieldhouse following the Warriors’ football game against Calumet High school.

The football game begins at 7pm and the postgame tailgate party lasts until midnight. Attendees must be 21 years or older to enter. Cost is \$20 and includes food, drink and much fun. No reservations are required.

Individuals or businesses wishing to support the event with \$75 sponsorships can do so by contacting Juli Sandoval at 219-932-9058 ext. 1005 or at jsandoval@bishopnoll.org.

Ministry Schedule
September 20th & 21st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan, Tamara
Fredrickson, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Isabella Skurka,

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy
10:00am— Religious Education Students
6:00pm—Gary Blue & Kurt Vanderah

FAITH

Faith is the union of God with the soul.
—St. John of the Cross

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Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lanie Taylor
8:00am— Need Servers
10:00am— Jed Burgos
6:00pm— Need Servers



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
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Christ Jesus emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness.
— *Philippians 2:7*

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