

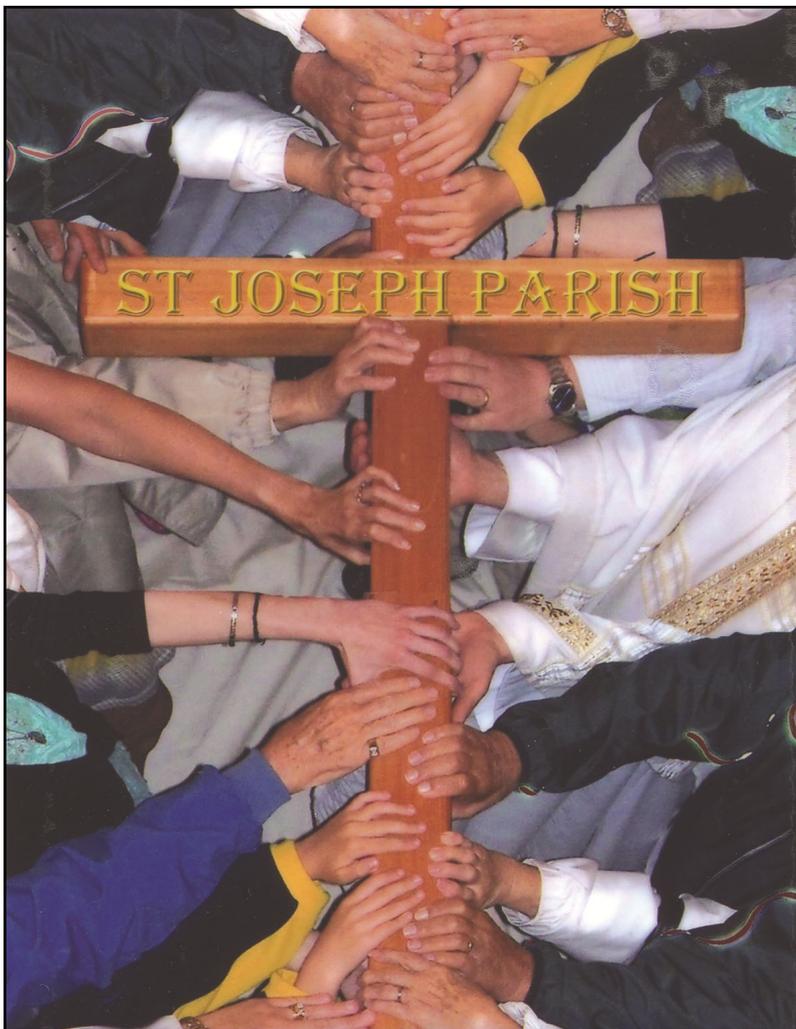
# St. Joseph Church

September 16, 2012

Twenty Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311  
(219) 865-2271

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 Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

**Religious Education Office:** .....865-2355

Religious Education Fax .....865-3740

Email .....yseweaver@yahoo.com

**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 17, 2012**

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Yvonne Weaver Family

**Tuesday, September 18, Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

**Wednesday, September 19, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions**

9:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, September 21, St. Matthew**

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 22, Vigil: 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Michael Zerebny

**Sunday, September 23, 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Autumn Dawn Koepf

10:00 AM Eugene Szczepkowski

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Living Stewardship**

Look at your life and try to add up how you spend your week. How much time is devoted to God, family, work and service? Do you rest and relax or just change activities? What are your time wasters?

**Wanted: Crafters**

The St. Mary Home & School Association from St. Mary School in Griffith is looking for quality crafters for their annual "Harvest of Crafts" craft fair on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00am-4:00pm and Sunday, October 14 from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Mary-Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette Street, Griffith.

All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. For a craft fair application or more information, please call Yvonne at 923-5735.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Allan Burgos—864-8974

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The names listed above are the Pastoral Council of St. Joseph Parish. The Pastoral Council is a consultative group. They enter into a dialogue with the pastor visioning and planning together in order to create the overall parish policy that will carry out the Mission of Christ in the Church.

If you have any concerns, please call any member from the Pastoral Council and they will bring your concern to their next meeting.

**Advertising**

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**Pastor’s Column**

Dear Parishioners:

Football season is upon us with kids thru adults putting teams together to compete with each other in the journey to the end zone. No matter what level of football, the goal is the same: get into the end zone with the football.

Concussions in football are becoming more of a concern because of the violence in the game. Many enjoy watching people get tackled/hit hard in the name of fierce competition. But a persistent limitation called “concussions” lingers on the football field. Jesus is constantly with us helping us in the Holy Spirit to discern our human limitations. Being hit hard in the head can lead to health problems later on. Jesus helps us juggle not only with head injuries but also with other behaviors that might be injurious to us.

Freely choosing to play football is risky but it is a legitimate choice we can make. Concussion consequences remind us of how fragile the human person is on and off the football field. Jesus is faithful to us in the Holy Spirit no matter what happens to us but the most important “end zone” is God’s Kingdom of Love which includes taking loving care of the body God gives us.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

September 1st & 2nd

**Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4736.26**

**Children’s Collection: \$9.00**

**Charity: \$31.00**

**Religious Education: \$1.00**

**IT’S ALL ABOUT CONTROL**

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don’t let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like “take up your cross” and “lose your life,” we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God’s direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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**Thinking of Adoption?**

Catholic Charities has the compassion and experience to help birth parents and adoptive families. Birthmothers may choose and meet loving adoptive parents pre-approved by Catholic Charities—a licensed child placement agency. All information is confidential and provided under no obligation. Contact us at 219-844-4883 or email [jpivar-nik@catholic-charities.org](mailto:jpivar-nik@catholic-charities.org).

**Looking for Crafters & Vendors!**

The St. Rita Altar Guild of St. Andrew the Apostle parish in Calumet City will hold a Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 13, 2012 in the school gym from 9am to 3pm.

The Fall Bazaar will feature Arts and Crafts, Vendors, Granny’s Attic, Bazaar Café and much more. If interested contact Jackie Lieberman at 708-891-6485 after 5pm ([JackieA54@hotmail.com](mailto:JackieA54@hotmail.com)) or Barbara May at 708-891-1069 ([busiababs@att.net](mailto:busiababs@att.net)). An application and additional information will be mailed to you.

**A Stewardship Prayer**

Father,  
 out of your goodness and mercy you have  
 blessed each of us with many gifts.  
 May your spirit give us the  
 grace to recognize  
 our gifts and the faith to use them in  
 service to  
 you and your Church.  
 May our practice of stewardship be a  
 sign of our trust in  
 you—trusting that you will continue to  
 provide for all our needs.  
 We ask that our time, talent and treasure  
 be used to further our mission here on earth.  
 And when our time on earth is through,  
 may we be  
 welcomed into your heavenly kingdom  
 and hear you say,  
 “well done my good and faithful servant,  
 Come, share your master’s joy!” Amen.  
 Our Father...Hail Mary...  
 Glory be...  
 Mary Model of Stewardship, pray for us.

**TREASURES FROM  
OUR TRADITION**

Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd in. In the background is God’s call to consider our schedules, the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonders of God’s creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, and not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

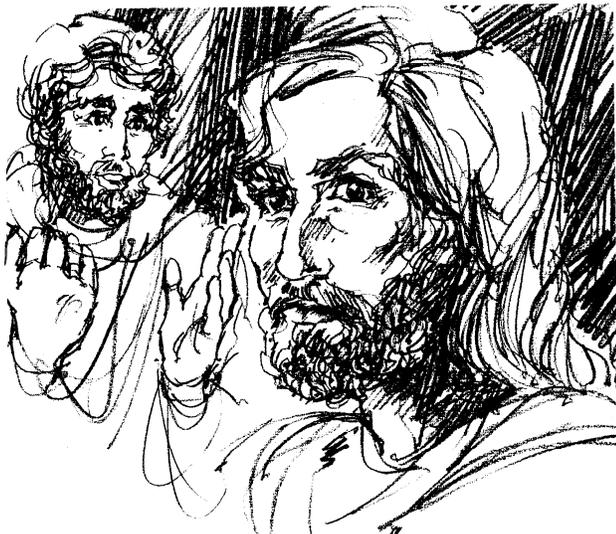
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**Marian Catholic High School**

Marian Catholic High School Band Parents is looking for crafters for its 31st Annual Oktoberfest Arts & Crafts Show to be held at Marian Catholic on Sunday, October 7th from 10am to 4pm. For more information, call Lisa Collins at 708-502-5472.  
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**Our Lady of Grace**

“Fall Rummage Sale” on Tuesday, September 25th from 9am to 5pm and Wednesday, September 26th from 9am to noon.  
 Wednesday is “Dollar a Bag Day”. Event held in Our Lady of Grace School Cafeteria, 3025 Highway Ave. in Highland. Please enter through the North Cafeteria entrance. 219-924-7688.



Jesus rebuked Peter: “Get behind me, Satan!”

**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 22nd & 23rd**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Paul Jarzembowski,  
Patty Jarzembowski  
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,  
Kathy Miller  
10:00am—John Hearne, James Janusz,  
Mike Klausman, Ron Reichelt (choir)  
6:00pm—Allan Burgos,

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger  
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki  
10:00am—Diane Giovane  
6:00pm—Brian Blue

**Proper Posture**

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet  
if it doesn't get on its knees. —Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 22nd & 23rd**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—S. O'Drobinak  
8:00am—M. Ziolkowski  
10:00am—M. Schmidt  
6:00pm—Need Servers



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The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*

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