

# St. Joseph Church

September 20, 2015

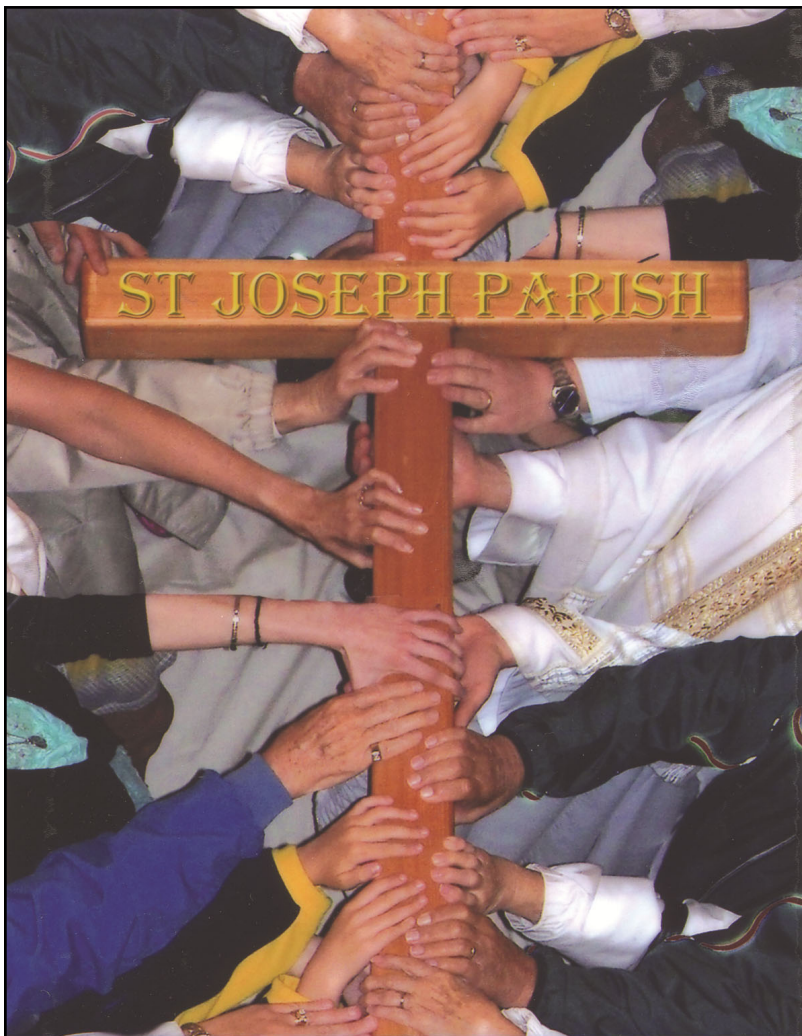
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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 Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Email .....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

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](mailto:yseweaver@yahoo.com)

**DIRECTOR:** Yvonne Weaver

## 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 21, St. Matthew**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, September 22, Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, September 23, St. Pius of  
Pietreicina**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, September 24, Weekday**

9:00 AM Joseph L. Pacholski  
6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, September 25, Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 26, Vigil: 26th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Sunday, September 27, 26th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 AM Norma Beiriger  
10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Grosso/  
Hartnett Families  
6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Religious Education (RE)**

We have an in house RE Mailbox.

**Where:** main entrance of the church on the  
table leading to the Gathering Room

**Why:** hard copy communication purposes

**Note:** 2015-2016 RE Calendars/2015/2016  
RE Registration Forms available on the web-  
site & near RE Mailbox

Thank you, Yvonne Weaver, DRE

**Cowardly**

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst  
cowardice.

— Confucius

**Sunday Readings Reflections  
of 9/27/15**

**Reading 1 Numbers 11:25-29**

Just as people sometimes envy their neighbor's posses-  
sions, they may also envy the spiritual gifts of others.  
This story about Moses is a wonderful example of a  
religious leader who wanted to share his gift of proph-  
ecy with many others. However, some of the Israelites  
are jealous of Moses' gift. They want it to be kept by  
the privileged few. Moses tells them that he wishes the  
Lord would bestow his spirit on all the Israelites.

We can follow the example of Moses by sharing our  
gifts generously in the Church, and by avoiding any  
envy of those whose gifts may appear to be greater  
than our own.

**Reading 2 James 5:1-6**

Once again Saint James is warning Christians about  
practicing the faith they profess. The rich who crave  
for expensive possessions and store up wealth for  
themselves should fear God's judgment. Those who  
gained their wealth by cheating their workers should  
weep and repent. James compares those who live in  
selfish luxury with calves fattened for the slaughter.

This harsh warning needs to be heard by all Christians  
who live in a materialistic society. We are not to steal  
from or cheat others of a just wage. Whatever money  
and possessions we have are to be shared with those in  
need. By doing so, we "store up riches in heav-  
en" (Matthew 6:20).

**Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

Like Moses before him, Jesus wants God's healing  
power to be shared by as many as possible. When a  
disciple complains about a man who is healing in Je-  
sus' name but who is not one of their company, Jesus  
assures him, "Anyone who is not against us is with  
us." Doing good is not to be restricted to an exclusive  
few. Giving good example to the "little ones" or those  
of simple faith will be rewarded. Anyone who leads  
them astray deserves punishment.

Since our hands, our feet, and our eyes can lead us  
into sin, we are to use them in ways that honor God's  
Kingdom of love, justice, and peace. By doing so, we  
help to make God's reign visible in our midst.

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**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

Scripture was written a long time ago and sometimes it focused on the end of the world. There was a belief in 1st century A.D. that after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, that the end of the world would soon follow. But here we are 2000 years later and still no end to the world. Let us not fret about this delay because the fulfilling Love of God in Christ is already with us. We cannot improve on how deeply God Love's us now.

God has fulfilled His Saving Love Promise through Jesus' death and resurrection. This happened 2000 years ago! Let us give thanks to God at weekly Eucharist and live more joyous, fulfilled lives in Christ every day. This includes the joy of reaching out to the least of our neighbors with generous stewardship. In our Holy Communion with Jesus we are to bring glad tidings to the poor because the fulfillment of God's Love includes outreach to the least.

Although Jesus fulfilled His Saving Mission a long time ago, the joy of His Saving Oneness continues to unfold in the now. Jesus' affinity with the least persists through the Holy Spirit within us as Jesus' disciples. Let us gratefully be Christ's compassionate outreach to the least because Holy Communion with Christ means Holy Communion with our neighbors including the least.

In Christ's Compassion,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship: A Way of Life**

There are two types of wisdom—Human and Heavenly. Human wisdom is limited and intertwined with our tendency to sin. Heavenly wisdom originates with God, it is pure, peaceful and merciful. Following heavenly wisdom can lead to perfect happiness that God desires for us. However, none of us are immune to the temptations of this world, such as status, wealth and power. Often we harm our community of faith when we complain, bicker and gossip or withhold our gifts. Every person in the parish who freely share their gifts is responding to heavenly wisdom.

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

September 5th & 6th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5241.58**  
**Charity: \$0**  
**Religious Education: \$0**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$723.42)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$62,650.00**  
**Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$9868.24)**  
**Food Pantry: \$100.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$220.00**

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

September 12th & 13th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4314.79**  
**Charity: \$22.00**  
**Religious Education: \$127.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1501.21)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$68,615.00**  
**Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$11,369.45)**  
**Food Pantry: \$1833.15**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$200.00**

**Autumn Tea**

To benefit Bethany Retreat House  
 Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 2:00 until 4:30pm  
 (Doors open at 1:15pm) at Our Lady of Perpetual  
 Help Social Hall, 7128 Arizona Ave., Hammond,  
 Indiana 46323.

Hall entrance is at South end of school building.  
 The tea features open seating except for reserved  
 tables of eight (\$240).

**To make reservation**, \$30 each, contact Bethany  
 Retreat House: 219-398-5047 [bethanyrh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethanyrh@sbcglobal.net) by Oct. 2nd.

**Important Note:** Please bring your own cup and saucer for the tea.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, September 21**

7:00pm—150th Anniversary meeting in Gathering Room

**Tuesday, September 22**

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

**Thursday, September 24**

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

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Toward the end of the second century, a churchman in North Africa, Tertullian, described an early form of penance. Imagine if it had survived! There were three steps to this very public ritual. The unfortunate sinner was brought before the community in an itchy garment of goat's hair. The communities of the day were small and intimate, and everyone knew everyone else. The shame of exposure for a big sin—murder, idolatry, or adultery—would have been profound. The penitent would beg the community for prayers of intercession, and then go sit in a place assigned to penitents. After this public confession, the penitent would be assigned some discipline, usually a relatively severe fast, or the wearing of distinctive garb. This remedy for sin was for a certain period of time, or at least until the bishop (every small community has its own bishop) judged that enough was enough. Then the person would be readmitted to the eucharistic community, although Tertullian doesn't tell us how. Probably the bishop tenderly placed his hands on their heads, precisely where they were anointed at baptism. We do know that the readmission of penitents to the eucharistic table became in some churches a great celebration, and there are records from Spain of bishops leading penitents in a dance-like processional into the eucharistic hall on Holy Thursday.

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**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on September 8th  
 Was # 297

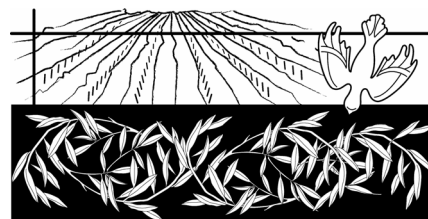
The Winner Would Have Won \$842.50  
 (This amount will be added to next week)

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.



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**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 26th & 27th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,  
Fran Lisac  
8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,  
Pauline Rybicki  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,  
Barb Graegin  
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,  
Irene Magana

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan  
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki  
10:00am— Tim Huffman & Sheila Huffman  
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

**Our Best**

The more the world is at its worst, the more we  
need the Church at its best. —Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule**  
**September 26th & 27th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Ian Gruver  
8:00am— Need Servers  
10:00am— Andrew Huffman, Kevin Huffman  
6:00pm— Need Servers



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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

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