

St. Joseph Church

September 21, 2014

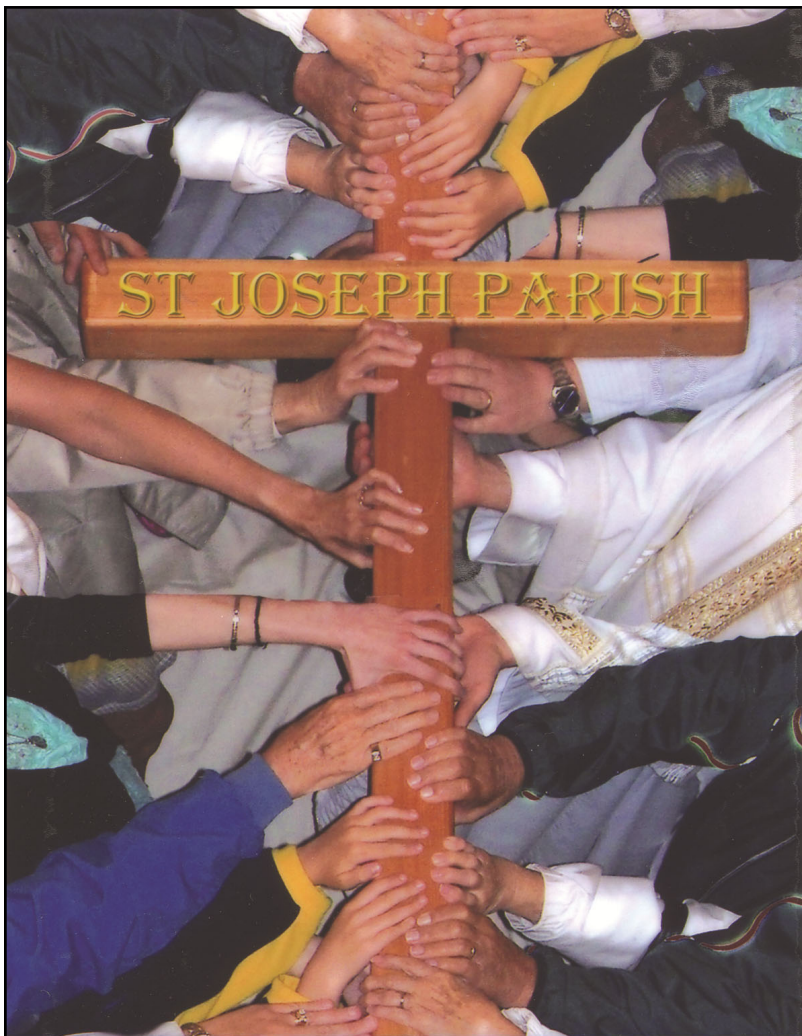
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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-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 22, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietreicina

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

Wednesday, September 24, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, September 25, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, September 26, Weekday

9:00 AM William & Christine Hughes on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, September 28, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Schleng Family

10:00 AM Father Terry & the St. Joseph Choir & their Families

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Allan Burgos—864-8974

Noel Cusick—865-6255

Tamara Fredrickson—322-6911

John Hearne—864-8929

Gladys Heffernan—708-672-3456

Steve Kline—864-9326

Lillian Smith—864-8285

Barb Yamich—322-7219

Recording Secretary—Rita D'Arcy—365-9274

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.

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.



Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family:

Eileen Bork, John Cloghessy, Nancy Hanck, Dolores Kaczocha, Fran Lisac, Donna Maicher, Mark Maicher, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

Neighborly Love

We can never love our neighbor too much.

—St. Francis de Sales

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

In some parts of our country, people have storm shelters that they can run to if the weather gets rough. Their house may blow away but their storm shelter remains standing, protecting its occupants. We have a “storm shelter” within our hearts made out of God’s intimate oneness with us in Christ. We experience this oneness as inner peace. Nothing can disturb us within, no matter what life’s circumstances may present. Which suggests we do not use our Catholic faith as an escape from present reality. That we are not dwelling on getting out of here (the earth) and going to eternal life. Inner peace is eternal life in present reality. Holy Communion with Jesus takes away escapism from our religion vocabulary and replaces it with savoring God’s “shelter” of constant care in our every moment.

Unrest surfaces in our lives when we allow ourselves to be “wagged around” by the externals of this world such as materialism and individualism which encourages shallowness and unreflectiveness. When Holy Communion with Jesus fills our depths, we can peaceably let go of living a shallow and unreflective life. We can live in present reality without trying to escape it because our inner shelter in Christ is already eternal life.

Jesus encourages us to choose life, not death. Life in Christ is better than any storm shelter, for the “shelter” of inner peace can weather any “storm” in life. Intimate oneness with Christ is with us in present reality, Let us savor it and live it with greater depth of inner peace.

With Inner Peace in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Cub Scout Religious Emblems

Did you know that Cub Scouts have the opportunity to earn two Religious Emblems, the Light of Christ for Tigers and Wolves and Parvuli Dei for Bears or Webelos. For info, contact Sue at 219-838-5755 or smjkresich@att.net.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

September 6th & 7th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelopes: \$6525.00
Charity: \$32.00
Assumption: \$25.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$617.00
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$59,650.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$4,827.37)
Food Pantry: \$220.00
Special Middle East: \$1256.80
50/50 Raffle: \$245.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

September 13th & 14th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelopes: \$3950.00
Charity: \$20.00
Religious Education: \$122.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1873.00)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$65,615.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$6,700.37)
Food Pantry: \$2242.96
50/50 Raffle: \$235.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, September 23
 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 17
 10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup
 6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, September 25
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:30-9:00pm—Choir Practice

Las Vegas Benefit Night

Casino Royale held at St. James Hall, 45th and Kennedy, Highland on October 4 from 6:10pm to 12am. Featuring Blackjack, Roulette, Beat-The-Dealer Dice, 3-Card Stud, Caribbean Stud, Let-It-Ride, Chuck-A-Luck, Money Wheel and Live Poker. \$10 donation includes all foods & beverages. Must be 21 and older to attend. More info, call 718-3787.

Gigantic Garage Sale

The Franciscan Sisters Mission Auxiliary is sponsoring their FINAL Huge Fall Garage Sale on Friday/Saturday, September 26 & 27 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Location: Motherhouse of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Illinois.

Women’s Guild

The Women’s Guild of Calumet College of St. Joseph invites you to its Annual Scholarship Brunch on Sunday, October 19th at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville. Social hour begins at noon and brunch at 1:00. Donation is \$35 per person. To purchase a ticket, contact Caitlin at 219-473-4325 or cmillsgroninger@ccsj.edu. All proceeds benefit student scholarships.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on September 9th
Was # 12
The Winner Would Have Won \$775.00
 (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 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.

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

Ministry Schedule
September 27th & 28th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,
Lee Kobza
8:00am—Perla Garcia, Judy Kline,
Steve Kline
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin, Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Bridget Cavanaugh, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Claudia Wing

Humility

No human being is too big to be humble, but some human beings are too small. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm— Ian Gruver
8:00am— Christopher, Jake, Kelly Kline
10:00am— Jim Morris
6:00pm— Need Servers



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Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— *Isaiah 55:7b*

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