

St. Joseph Church

October 4, 2015

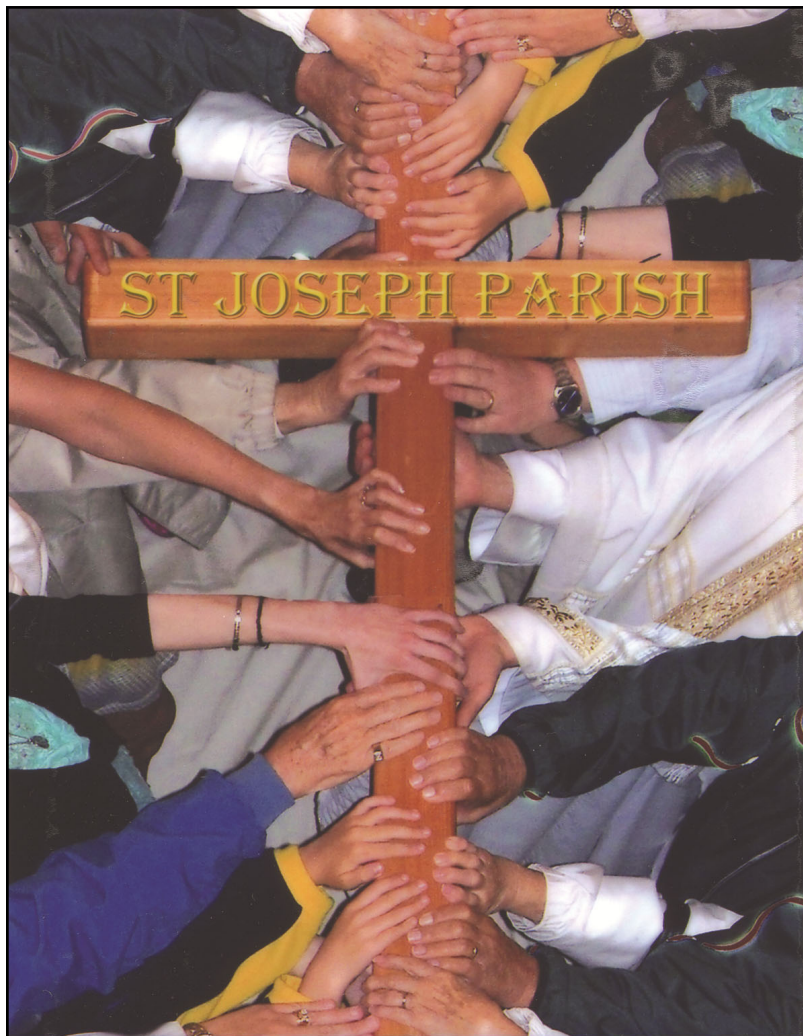
Twenty-Seventh Sunday In
Ordinary Time

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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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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, October 5, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, October 6, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, October 8, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, October 9, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, October 11, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

10:00 AM Joseph R. Pacholski

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Please Note!

There will be no morning masses from Monday, October 5th through Wednesday, October 7th. Father Terry is on retreat.



Mass with Bishop Donald Hying

Please reserve October 18th, 10am Mass at St. Joseph Parish here in Dyer. Bishop Hying will celebrate 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 10/11/15

Reading 1 Wisdom 7:7-11

If one person prays to win the lottery and another person prays for wisdom, which do you think has offered the most meaningful prayer? The author of this reading sees clearly that wisdom is more desirable than riches. It is also to be valued above power, health, and beauty. Wisdom enables us to keep our priorities straight. It helps us to see things from God's point of view.

Sometimes we hesitate to seek the things of God because it might mean we have to lose the things of earth. But when we seek God and God's kingdom first, everything else of true value will follow.

Reading 2 Hebrews 4:12-13

A two-edged sword is a very powerful symbol. When we picture God's word as a sharp sword, we want to sit up and pay attention to the reading. The inspired author teaches us that this sword can cut right to the human heart. It judges our thoughts and decisions. It saves those who listen to it and requires an accounting from those who ignore it. The symbol of the sword reminds us that God's word is alive and active. It is never a word that is lifeless or without meaning in our daily lives. It is always capable of changing us if we let it.

Gospel Mark 10:17-27

The rich young man in this story is like a mountain climber who has almost reached the summit. But the final stretch will be more difficult than the distance he has already come. He comes to seek wisdom from Jesus about how to achieve everlasting life. He assures the Good Teacher that he has kept the commandments since he was a child. Jesus looks at him with love and challenges him to do one thing more. If he wants to reach the summit of treasure in heaven, the young man must sell his possessions and follow Jesus. This he cannot do. So he goes away sad.

Jesus assures his disciples that entering the kingdom of God is no easy matter. Those who are attached to their possessions will have a more difficult time. However, those who rely on God to achieve the impossible can do all good things.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

In Jesus, the fuel for love is forgiveness. The depth of God's Love revealed in His Son, Jesus, is corner-stoned with forgiveness. There is no way to water down this forgiveness issue in Christ.

Each of us has sin stories we could tell but also, each of us has forgiven stories we could tell. Wouldn't it be a joy to make the connection between love stories and forgiveness stories? Some of the most profoundly loving moments in our lives are forgiveness moments. Forgiveness is the way of oneness with God and neighbors and to proclaim God's Love is to proclaim God is Forgiveness.

Sometimes people say that "love makes the world go round". In Christ Jesus, we can more specifically say that "Forgiveness makes the world go round". Perhaps some of the depressed people in our world would be less depressed if they were more forgiving? As is the case with growth in Love, there is room for us to continually grow in the ways of Christ's forgiveness since it is the true tell-tale of Holy Communion with Christ.

Rejoicing in God's Forgiveness,

Fr. Terry

**Knights of Columbus
Living Rosary Service**

The Knights of Columbus Dyer Council 8082 annual Living Rosary Service is being held on Wednesday, October 7th at St. Joseph Church at 7:00pm. The entire parish community is invited to join us in praying the Rosary.



Stewardship of Treasure Report

September 26th & 27th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope

Amount Collected: \$5054.50

Charity: \$283.00

Religious Education: \$0

**Weekly Treasure Support Surplus:
\$1008.60**

**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount
Needed: \$75,725.00**

**Deficit for Weekly Sunday Treasure:
\$1496.10**

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$9300.85)

50/50 Raffle: \$200.00

Mass of Healing

With Bishop Donald Hying

Sunday, October 11th—4:00pm at

Our Lady of Consolation Church in Merrillville
This *Mass of Healing* is for all parents who have suffered a pregnancy loss due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, SIDS, or newborn loss. Whether your loss happened recently or many years ago, the loss of a child at any age can touch us deeply for the rest of our lives.

Grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends are also encouraged to attend. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Please RSVP to Jill (219-730-9199) or Sue (219-838-5755). Provide us with your baby's name and the number of people attending. To honor the memory of your child/children, registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. You may bring one candle in a holder to set near the altar during Mass.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, October 10th & 11th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 5

No 9am Mass

Tuesday, October 6

No 9am Mass

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious
Education classes in school

Wednesday, October 7

No 9am Mass

7:00pm—Living Rosary in church

Thursday, October 8

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, October 11

9:15-9:45am—Ministry of Care meeting in
Gathering

**St. Joseph's Carmelite Home
Of East Chicago**

On Tuesday, October 20th, from 6 to 9pm, St. Joseph's Carmelite Home of East Chicago will hold its annual gala at the Halls of St. George in Schererville. Keynote Speaker and honored guest will be Bishop Donald Hying of the Diocese of Gary. This will be an enjoyable evening of excellent dining, with fine wines and craft beers. Tickets are \$100 with all proceeds directly benefitting the compassionate work the Home provides to the many children it houses. The Home provides loving care for about 70 boys and girls, with the length of stay ranging from a few days, to months, and even years of care. Please give consideration to support the Home. For ticket or sponsorship information, call 219-397-1085.

**Calumet College Women's Guild
to Hold Brunch**

Sunday, October 18th at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville. The brunch will include share the pot, raffles and table prizes. Social hour to begin at noon and brunch at 1:00pm. Donation is \$35.00 per person. Call Linda Gajewski at 219-473-4217.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on September 22nd
Was # 20

The Winner Would Have Won \$1052.50
(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.

Confirmation Meeting

Parents/Confirmandi

Tuesday, October 13, 4:30-5:45pm
Upstairs School Meeting Room

Thank you: Mrs. Weaver
Questions: Call 865-2355
yseweaver@yahoo.com.

**Ministry Schedule
October 10th & 11th**

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabelle Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Sandy Riley, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Encouragement

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul. —Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith
8:00am—Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Gian Abangan, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



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Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these.
— *Mark 10:14*

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