

# St. Joseph Church

October 18, 2015

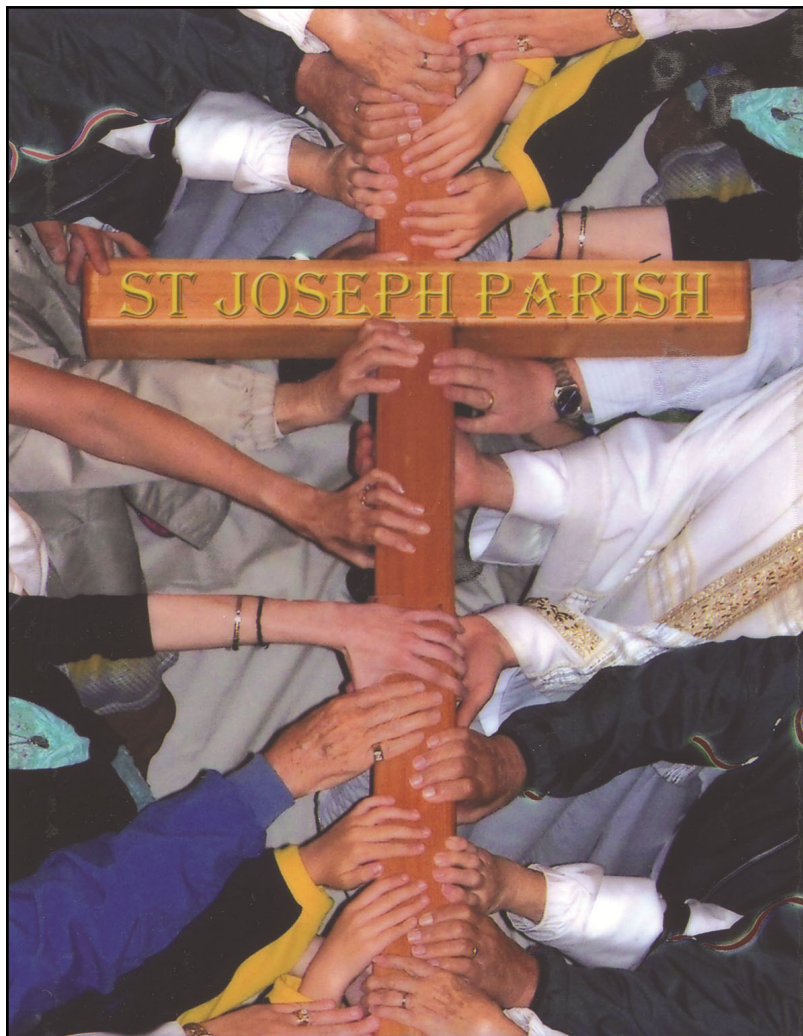
Twenty-Ninth Sunday In  
Ordinary Time

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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 Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

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

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

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**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, October 19, Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, October 20, Weekday**

9:00 AM Paul Graegin

**Wednesday, October 21, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, October 22, Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, October 23, Weekday**

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

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 24, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Irene Gakich

**Sunday, October 25, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Julie Rietman

10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

We thank our parishioners who have so generously made monetary and food donations to our pantry, and we are so grateful for our faithful volunteers, as well.

We appreciate that all of you care about those who come to us in need, and we could not continue without you!

We also thank those who, throughout the year, have donated unopened small toiletries, such as shampoo, soaps, lotions, toothpaste, etc. that will be used in little Christmas gift bags for each family. Your response has been amazing! Cold weather will be making its entry soon, and we would like to offer some protection for our families who come to our November 18th pantry day. If you would be able to help, just bring your unwanted clean, gently-used jackets and coats to the Gathering Room.

Thank you very much.

**Sunday Readings Reflections of 10/25/15**

**Reading 1 Jeremiah 31:7-9**

People who foretell times of trouble are often called "prophets of doom and gloom." At times Jeremiah had to fulfill that role for the Israelites. However, in today's reading, he assures God's people that they will be released from captivity in Assyria. Their return will be like a new exodus from Egypt of old. God speaks through Jeremiah of a triumphant and joyful homecoming. Our God is a God of freedom and salvation from slavery of every kind. No matter how far away we wander, he is always ready to welcome us home through the Church and the sacraments.

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

In Old Testament times, the high priest was chosen to serve as the people's representative before God. He offered sacrifices to atone or make up for the sins of the people as well as his own sins. Jesus, however, was greater than any high priest chosen from the priestly clan of Israel. As the Son of God, he has no equal.

We join with the sacrifice of Jesus each time we celebrate the Eucharist. He knows our human weakness because he has shared it. And he does not place himself far above us but shares his glory with us.

**Gospel Mark 10:46-52**

When someone calls attention to himself in a crowd, others sometimes say, "Stop making a spectacle of yourself!" In today's gospel story, it is the blind beggar Bartimaeus who is irritating the crowd. He is shouting so persistently to Jesus that the people are embarrassed by this public display of neediness. They attempt to shush him. But Bartimaeus shouts, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus hears the beggar's plea and restores his sight. He tells Bartimaeus that his own faith has healed him.

We all suffer from blindness of one kind or another because we fail to see things as Jesus does. "I want to see" should be our daily prayer to him.

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**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

How are you doing with the prayer of Silence? It can be so challenging because we are so accustomed to saying something in prayer. As if we are saying in our words that we know better than God and we have to “set God straight” with our prayer words in order to make our prayer fruitful.

We can pray in words but sometime in our life it would be most liberating to stop the prayer words and embrace the prayer Silence. Nothing fancy, just let go of the words and observe God’s faithful Love in Christ. “To wait for the Lord, to be stouthearted and wait for the Lord” is the Psalmist’s attempt to encourage us to be Silent observers of God’s faithfulness to us.

Prayer of Silence is simple and eternally profound because in it we admit that God is mystery and that prayer words are not going to figure God out. Less doing of words in prayer and more being Silent in prayer takes us deeper into the Holy Communion faith journey in Christ.

In Prayer Silence,

Fr. Terry

**Cathedral Arts Concert**

On Sunday, October 25 at 3:00pm, the Concerts Series of the Cathedral of the Holy Angels, 7th Avenue at Tyler Street in Gary presents its Autumn Organ Recital.

The program, a solo organ recital performed by concert organist Mr. Daniel Pollack, will include Classical, Romantic, and Modern works.

Free admission, secure parking. A free-will offering will be accepted. Reception and refreshments to follow. For information, please call 219-882-6079.

**St. John Bosco Halloween Spooktacular**

Friday, October 23rd in the Cafeteria—Door G in Hammond from 6-9pm. Nominal fees will be charged for food & activities. Info, 844-9027.

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

October 10th & 11th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4951.72**  
**Charity: \$26.00**  
**Religious Education: \$150.00**  
**Deficit Collection for Weekly Sunday Treasure Support: \$100.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$597.28)**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$87,375.00**  
**Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$6203.73)**  
**Food Pantry: \$1674.13**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$220.00**

**Hospital & Nursing Home Visits**

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home. Also let us know if they would like their name published in the bulletin to be prayed for by the parishioners.

Thank You.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Fraternity**

You are invited to attend the Sixth Annual St. Clare’s Kitchen Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction which will take place on Friday, November 6, 2015, at Great Oaks Banquet Hall, 13109 Wicker Ave., Cedar Lake, IN. The evening begins with a cocktail hour (cash bar) and silent auction at 6pm, followed by a buffet dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 per person (cash or check only), and will be available at the door. St. Clare’s Kitchen serves meals every Tuesday at Holy Name Church, Cedar Lake, to anyone in need of a meal and fellowship. For tickets or further information, call 219-741-1591 or 219-718-4452.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, October 20**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing  
 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious  
 Education classes in school

**Wednesday, October 21**

10am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup  
 6-7pm—Food Pantry pickup

**Thursday, October 22**

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

**“Living Our Faith In A  
 Secular America”**

Date: Monday, October 19th  
 Time: 7PM (reception afterwards)  
 Place: St. Paul Catholic 1855 W. Harrison Blvd.,  
 Valparaiso  
 Child Care: Available  
 More Info: Call Mary Kane Mauer 219-464-4831  
 Other faiths: Welcome  
 Sponsored by: St. Paul Respect Life Committee

Bishop Hying will talk on the important and timely  
 topic.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

We are called to treat one another with the same  
 love and compassion that Jesus gives to us. Let the  
 Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage  
 sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encoun-  
 ter Weekend on December 11-13, 2015, Feb-  
 ruary 12-14, 2016 or April 8-10, 2016, all at Elk  
 Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly rec-  
 ommended. For reservations/information, call Jim  
 & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through  
<http://wwwmechicagoland.org>.



**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on October 6th  
 Was # 126

The Winner Would Have Won \$1275.00  
 (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 CONTRIB-  
 UTOR. ALL CONTRIBUTORS MEN-  
 TIONED 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 COLLEC-  
 TION BASKET THAT YOU ARE EITHER  
 A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC OR HOME-  
 BOUND 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 raf-  
 fle made out to St. Joseph Church—50/50 Raf-  
 fle.

The 50/50 raffle envelope is to be put in the  
 collection along with your sacrificial weekly  
 treasure envelope.

**Discernment Retreat**

The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration  
 will be sponsoring a Discernment Retreat Novem-  
 ber 6-8, 2015. The Retreat will take place at their  
 Motherhouse in Mishawaka, IN and is open to sin-  
 gle, Catholic women age 17-30. For more info or  
 to register visit: [www.ssfpa.org/retreat](http://www.ssfpa.org/retreat).

**Ministry Schedule  
October 24th & 25th**

**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— Diana Giovane  
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

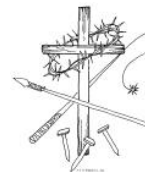
**Stop the Flying**

A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing. —Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule  
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**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Ian Gruver  
8:00am—Joe Stankovich  
10:00am—Need Servers  
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor



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Through his suffering,  
my servant shall justify many.  
— *Isaiah 53:11b*

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