

St. Joseph Church

October 20, 2013

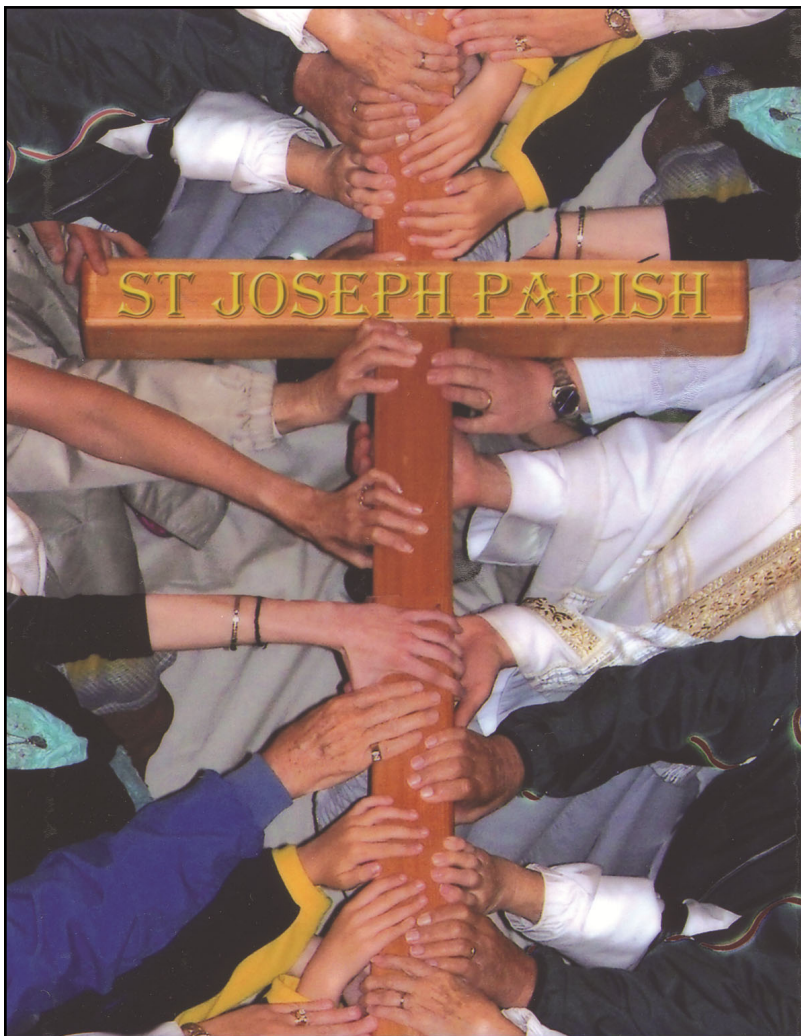
Twenty Ninth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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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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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, October 21, Weekday

9:00 AM Elizabeth Higgins

Tuesday, October 22, Weekday

9:00 AM Paul Graegin

Wednesday, October 23, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, October 24, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, October 25, Weekday

9:00 AM Mary Meade

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Richard Baccetti

Sunday, October 27, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Josephine Banvich

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

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.

Thank You.

Occupancy

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

—St. Therese of Lisieux

**Knights of Columbus
Dyer Council 8082**

Ask not what your church can do for you
but what you can do for your church!!!

St. Joseph's Vegas Night sponsored by St. Joe and Knights of Columbus Council 8082 generated \$1200+ in proceeds for St. Joseph's parish last year! This year's Vegas Night will be held on Saturday, November 16th in the St. Joe Gathering Room. Like last year, we are once again asking parishioners to help out to make this fund raiser a success. We need volunteers to help in a variety of roles throughout the evening as well as providing desserts (purchased or homemade) for the event. Please contact Joe David at 219-789-9075 with your willingness to help.

Environment & Art

The Environment & Art Committee needs you and your ideas! Our ministry tries to make our sacred place inviting, and helps us raise our hearts and minds as a community to God in full conscious, and active participation during the liturgy. The environment we create has a direct affect on the celebration of the liturgy. We have a very important ministry even though we are mostly "invisible" ministers. Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents. This year's kick-off meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00pm in the Gathering Room. For more information, please call Karen at 219-552-4010.

SPARC

There will be a SPARC meeting on Tuesday, October 29th at 10:00am at Casa Maria Hall at St. Maria Goretti in Dyer.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

A “fork in the road” is a way of describing how there are two routes we can choose from: left or right in conjunction with the shape of a 2-prong fork. At times when we arrive at a “fork” we may want to stop and consider at length which road is the best to take. In fact, there may have been a time when we took the “right” road and later regretted not taking the “left” road.

Sometimes the turnaround is the best course of action. It may be time consuming and humbling but in the final analysis it is worth the effort. Perhaps we have noticed in our journey with Jesus that there are daily “forks in the road” for every day is another opportunity for us to choose Christ and not the Evil One.

At times we need to stop and pray at length about Jesus’ way as the better choice because the temptations to sin can be most enticing periodically to the point of regretful behavior. But thanks be to God that in Christ’s mercy we can “turn around” from the Evil Way and return to Christ’s Way of new life.

To be patient with the daily spiritual “fork” is part of the discipleship journey. To keep vigil in Christ with prayer, to be consistently alert to Jesus’ Way will strengthen us to more faithfully choose the “road” of salvation.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Andrean High School

Andrean High School is hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, November 3, 2013 from 12-3pm. Come meet the Andrean family!

Administration, faculty and staff will be available for questions, and tours of the building will be given by our students. Please enter through door L in the back of the school. Any questions, please contact Dawn Wjokovich @887-5281 ext. 228.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

October 5th & 6th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$6877.12

Children’s Collection: \$31.10

Charity: \$22.00

Religious Education: \$21.00

Food Pantry: \$35.00

Propagation of the Faith: \$21.00

50/50 Raffle: \$370.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on October 8th

Was # 742

The Winner Would Have Won \$2188.00

(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.**

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.

Red Mass

2013 Red Mass and Educational Seminar for the Legal & Finance Communities on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Our Lady of Consolidation, 8303 Taft Street in Merrillville. 8:00am—Mass; 9:00-11:00am—Breakfast & Seminar. To RSVP, contact Deborah Tatum at 219-769-9292, ext. 290 or email at dtatum@catholicfuture.org.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, October 22
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 5:30-7:30pm—GOF (RE) in gym

Thursday, October 24
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:30 pm—Choir Practice

PERSISTENT PRAYER

To the best of our knowledge, the authors of the New Testament did not spend much time in each other’s company following the Resurrection. They took their charge to go to the nations and spread the Good News seriously. Paul and Luke are an exception to this, having travelled together on missionary journeys. It is no accident, then, that perseverance in prayer is a favorite theme of both authors. Luke’s Gospel (which speaks most frequently about Jesus’ own prayer), Acts, and the Pauline Letters all exhort us to unceasing prayer.

Paul’s personality was certainly tenacious; he most likely would have admired the persistent widow in today’s Gospel passage. The purpose of these passages is not to make us think—as infants and toddlers do—that if we keep asking or yelling or crying we will eventually get our way. No, the point is that when true disciples believe in something, we will persist in following that belief whether it is convenient or not, even when we come up against seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

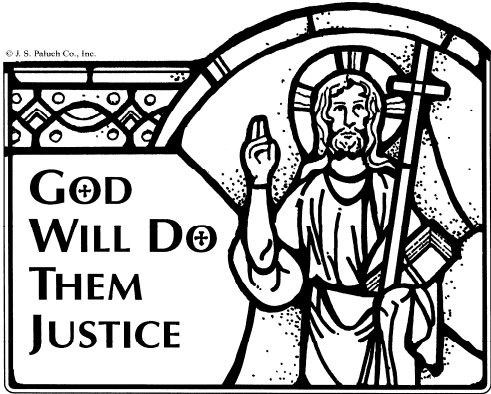
Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year’s most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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Our Lady of Grace

The Altar & Rosary Sodality of Our Lady of Grace in Highland invites you to its 42nd Annual Christmas Bazaar, “Holiday Happenings” on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00am till 4:30pm and Sunday, November 10th from 9:00am till 12:30pm in the OLG School Cafeteria, 3025 Highway Avenue (enter bazaar from back parking lot on Condit Street). We are featuring homemade bakery items, and hand-made crafts. On Saturday, we will be selling Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, and new this year, pork taco plates. Only coffee, milk and donuts will be sold on Sunday. For more info, call 924-8483.



Ministry Schedule
October 26th & 27th

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— J. Hearne, Rita D’Arcy
6:00pm—Brian Blue

Fragrant Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the
heel that has crushed it. —Mark Twain

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lanie Taylor
8:00am—Chris Kline, Jake Kline, Kelly Kline
10:00am—Jessica Hearne, Andrew Huffman,
Kevin Huffman
6:00pm—Need Servers



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I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
— *Psalm 121:1-2*

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