

St. Joseph Church

October 27, 2013

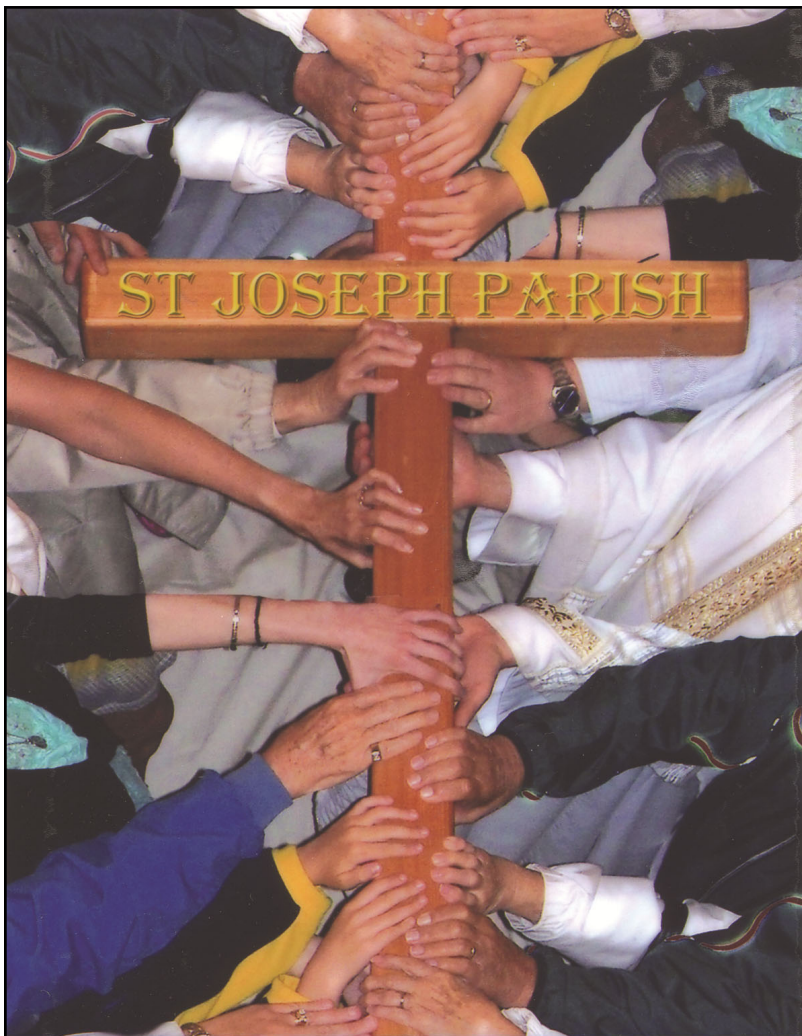
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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DIRECTOR: Yvonne Weaver

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 28, Sts. Simon & Jude

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, October 29, Weekday

9:00 AM Phil Safranek

Wednesday, October 30, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, October 31, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, November 1, All Saints

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

7:00 PM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 2, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

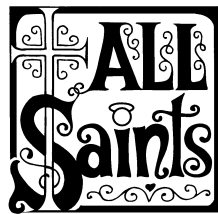
4:30 PM Special Intention

Sunday, November 3, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Juan & Mauricia Corpuz

6:00 PM Poor Souls



Holyday of Obligation

Friday, November 1st is the feast of All Saints. This is a Holyday of Obligation. The mass schedule will be 9am & 7pm on Friday, November 1st.

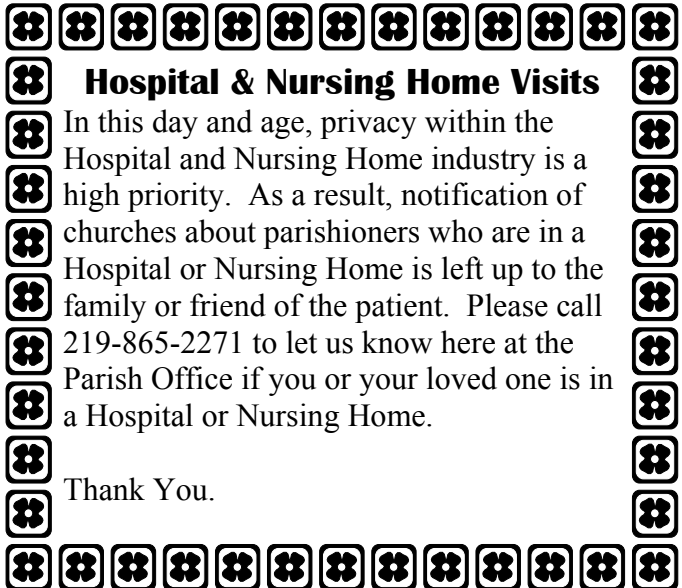
Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Friday, November 1st.

**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.


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.

Food Pantry Request

Cold weather will soon be here, and we would like to offer some protection from the climate to our families who come to our **November 20th** pantry day. If you would be able to help, it would be much appreciated. Just bring your unwanted clean, gently-used jackets and coats to the Gathering Room. Thank you so much!

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

After 8 days of silence in a hermitage, in a forest by a lake, I come back to the “sounds” of St. Joseph’s with further awareness of God’s awesome love. The sounds of nature including squirrels, wasps, fish, rain and leaves in the wind have a mysterious way of revealing God’s presence. But the sound called silence is a profound revealer of God. Eight days of quiet listening is a blessed opportunity for contemplating God’s mysterious, faithful presence.

I share this silence journey with you because it points to praying at all times, that is, being alert to God’s presence in our every moment. I encourage you to be open to the silence in your life. It may not be 8 straight days of silence but even some time each day for silence can help us be more attuned to God’s mysterious, faithful love.

May God’s depth of love revealed in Jesus the Son of God soothe you each day in the well-spring of silence. Peace.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

October 12th & 13th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$3930.14

Children’s Collection: \$28.25

Charity: \$3.00

Religious Education: \$126.00

Food Pantry: \$1334.65

50/50 Raffle: \$380.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on October 15th

Was # 151

The Winner Would Have Won \$2378.00

(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 pre-printed 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.

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.

Caps for Kids

The Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper is accepting donations of new or handmade winter caps, gloves, mittens, and scarves for its 16th Caps for Kids campaign. These donations are sorted and distributed to area needy by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, social service agencies, and other groups. Monetary donations also help in the purchase of these items. Donations are being accepted through Dec. 20 at the Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville. Call 769-9292, ext. 249.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

9:00am—Holyday of Obligation Mass
 7:00pm—Holyday of Obligation Mass
 Parish Office closed

GOD’S LOGIC IS NOT OURS

Nobody will ever mistake the Bible for a logic textbook. We need to remember this when we approach today’s readings. How can a God who knows no favorites have a chosen people, or give us the disciplines of fasting and almsgiving and then instruct us not to talk about them? God, in love and tenderness, knows how quickly we can get “into a rut.” The Spirit inspires passages like the instruction from Sirach and the parable in Luke to help drag us out of the rut of thinking that God’s ways are our ways.

Sirach poetically uses contrast to answer the question, “Whose prayer will reach the lofty clouds of heaven?” The answer? Those who are lowly on earth. Jesus amplifies this in his parable of the Pharisee and the publican. It is Spirit-inspired illogic that communicates today’s message: God hears the voices of those who are ignored by the rest of the world.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday’s Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday’s Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus’ saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the “Day of the Dead.” Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or “bread of the dead.” A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

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MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for October. We earned approximately \$105.00. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, November 13th.** The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget.

The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.



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Ministry Schedule
November 2nd & 3rd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Alice Fogarty, Barb Graegin,
Laura Hays, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Brad Zielke, Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am— Rita D’Arcy & Tom Heffernan
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

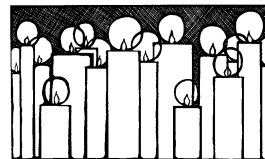
Bible Study

Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page. –St. Jerome

Ministry Schedule
November 2nd & 3rd

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Need Servers
8:00am— Norbert Brown
10:00am— Jim Morris, Jesse Navarro
6:00pm— Brian Blue



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The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.
— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

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