

St. Joseph Church

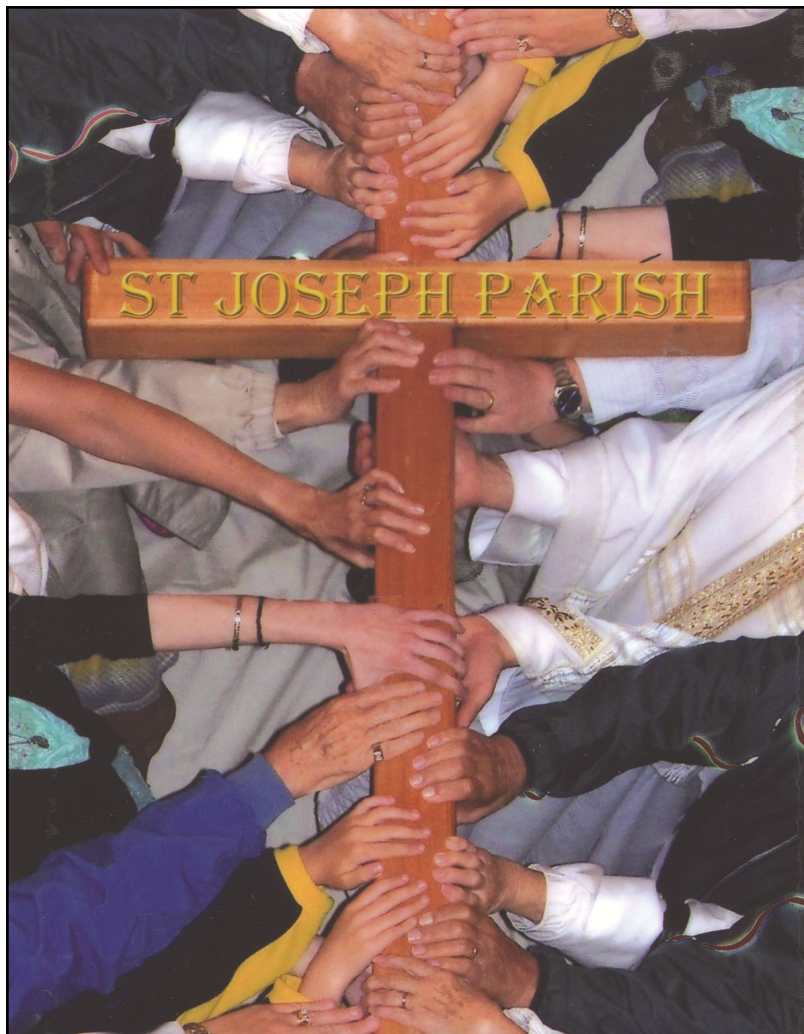
November 4, 2012

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

(219) 865-2271

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, November 5, Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, November 6, Weekday
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

Wednesday, November 7, Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, November 8, Weekday
 9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 9:00 AM Denis Kinsella

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 10, Vigil: 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Michael Zerebny

Sunday, November 11, 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Joseph Skvarek
 6:00 PM St. Joseph Parishioners

**March for Life 2013
Washington D.C.**

The Office of Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese of Gary and Rev. Theodore J. Mens, Director, invite you to join them on a pilgrimage to the March for Life 2013, tour the historic and beautiful War Memorials, the Smithsonian Institute, meet with legislators and much more! Be one of the 300,000 voices speaking out for the rights of the unborn during the March for Life! The cost is \$325 for 3 nights at: Days Inn in Washington and transportation by deluxe motorcoach from St. Mary Church in Griffith. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due ASAP to reserve a space. All money due by November 30, 2012. Seats are limited. For more information, contact Father Mens or Barbara Kolisz at St. Mary Church in Griffith at 219-924-4163 or visit SMGRIFFITH.org.

Important Reminder
For Food Pantry Volunteers

Please mark your calendar for our November dates. We will be picking up at Aldi on Wednesday, November 7th and distributing food on Wednesday, November 14th. This is due to Thanksgiving so the change is only for November.

We will resume for our usual 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays in December.

Thank You.

Less Grumbling

If Christians spent as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about.
 —Anonymous

Helping Hands Food Pantry

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

Las Vegas Night

Our gala premier edition will be held here in our Gathering Room on Saturday, November 17 from 6pm to midnight. The event is sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council #8082 and features Blackjack, Roulette, Caribbean Stud, 3-card Poker, Pokeno, Money Wheel and Live Dealer's Choice Poker. \$10 admission includes Italian beef, chicken wrap, desserts, beer, wine and soda plus a \$5 gaming coupon. Must be at least 21 years to attend. Proceeds to help St. Joseph and Knights of Columbus.

More information, call 219-718-3787.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Perhaps we think that God fluctuates in how much God fills us with His presence. That somehow God's Love is based on how God feels about us is forgetting that's God is in an eternal covenant with us. Jesus comes to commune in our humanity to clarify that God is for us in our every moment. Although God gives us feelings, God's Love does not come and go as feelings do. God's Love is constantly within us no matter how we feel about God.

Being in God's presence rather than feeling God's presence is so freeing when it comes to savoring God's faithful Love. What a relief to realize that God's Love does not fluctuate! Thank you God for your faithfulness! May we be more faithful to God rather than try to feel more faithful to God.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

TODAY'S READINGS

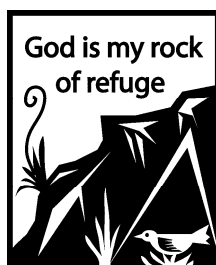
First Reading — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



Stewardship of Treasure Report

October 20th & 21st

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4829.74

Children's Collection: \$13.00

Charity: \$41.00

Religious Education: \$52.00

Propagation of Faith: \$723.00

Food Pantry: \$320.00

50/50 Raffle: \$375.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on October 23rd
Was # 643

The Winner Would Have Won \$550.00
(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.

Sisters of Providence invite Women to explore religious life

Catholic women ages 18-42 who are seeking to deepen their faith and explore religious life are invited to participate in a Discernment Weekend hosted by the Sisters of Providence Nov. 16-18 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Contact Sister Nancy Nolan nnolan@spsmw.org or 812-535-2895.

DID YOU KNOW???

Did you know that St. Joseph Parish has a paper recycling program? There are green and yellow dumpsters next to the playground for all your paper products. St. Joseph Parish then collects a portion to put toward the budget. Right now it is small but if more parishioners would bring their paper, we could jump to a higher bracket and earn more money. Could you help us?

LOVE GOD

As we near the end of the liturgical year we listen to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus’ ministry—his teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.

In today’s selection from Deuteronomy Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, “I love you, O LORD, my strength” (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

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Focus on the Positive

Adult enrichment series will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Our Lady of Knock Parish Hall, 497—163rd Street in Calumet City.

Guest speaker will be Deacon Tom Knetl. Deacon Tom’s topic will be: “Getting Ready for Advent”. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Kathy at the Rectory, 708-862-3011.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Both the history and the theology of this Friday’s feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome make its liturgical ranking more understandable. The early Christians were forced to worship secretly until the year 313, when the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. Christians were then free to worship openly. The first public consecration of a church took place eleven years later; that church, built by Constantine, is known today as St. John Lateran.

Until the fourteenth century the Lateran Basilica was the official seat of the bishop of Rome and it is still the cathedral of Rome. Today’s feast, then, reminds us that although our parish is our local and primary church, we are related in a special way to the universal Church, which is symbolized by the “Mother Church” in Rome. Indeed, the inscription over its east entrance reads, “Mother and Head of All Churches in the City and throughout the World.” It provides us with a physical reminder that we are all members of the same Body of Christ.

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You are invited to attend the Third Annual St. Clare’s Kitchen Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction which will take place on Friday, November 9 at Great Oaks Banquets, 13109 Wicker Ave (US 41), Cedar Lake. The evening begins with a cocktail hour (cash bar) and silent auction 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, sponsored by Our Lady of Lourdes Fraternity, Secular Franciscan Order, serves a free evening meal once weekly at Holy Name Church in cedar Lake. For tickets or to donate items call 219-741-1591 or 219-836-1463.



Ministry Schedule
November 10th & 11th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman, Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht, Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Tim & Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Pray for the Dead

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them. —St. John Chrysostom

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—J. Hearne
6:00pm—B. Blue



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You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
— *Deuteronomy 6:5*

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