

St. Joseph Church

November 17, 2013

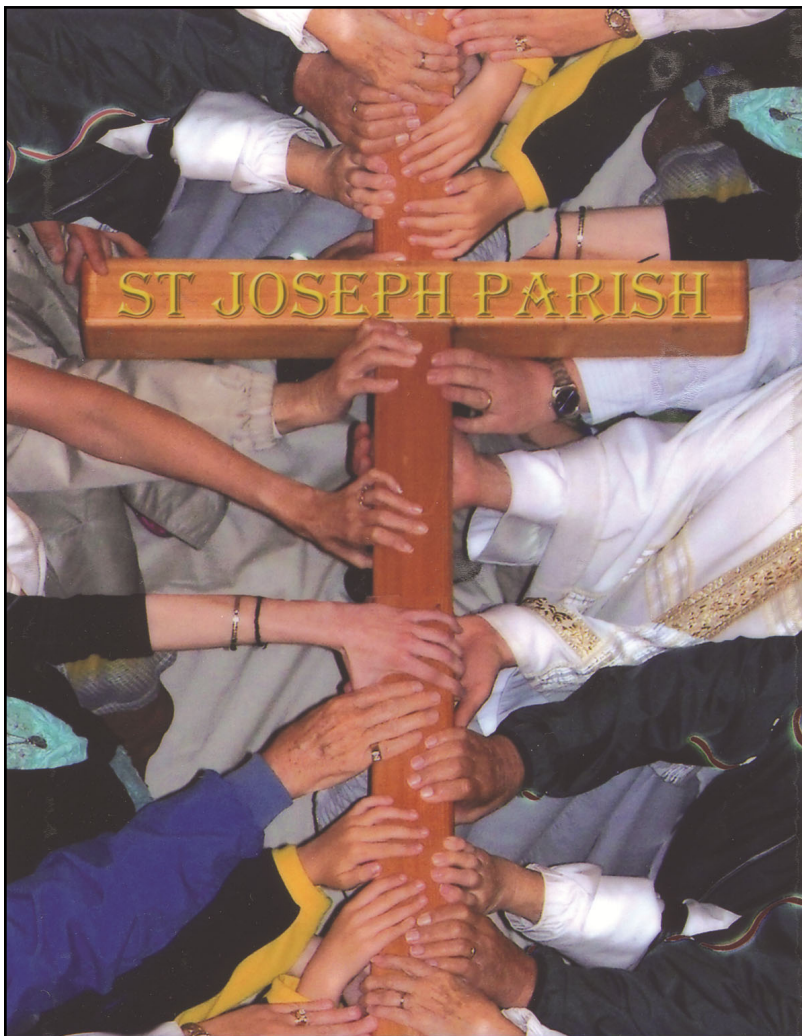
Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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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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 18, Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, November 19, Weekday
 9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

Wednesday, November 20, Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
 6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, November 22, St. Cecilia
 9:00 AM Carol Blue

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 4:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe
 8:00 AM Poor Souls
 10:00 AM Poor Souls
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Reflections on Holy Mass

This Advent we will be offering a series of DVD Reflections on Holy Mass immediately following the 10:00am Mass beginning December 1st in the Gathering Room. Abbot Marcel Rooney, O.S.B. will guide us in understanding Holy Mass better, and then in celebrating Mass with a true spirit of prayer. These DVDs are intended to foster a deeper faith formation and appreciation for the gift of Holy Mass.

If you have any questions, please call 219-865-2355.

Polish Carols, Song & Dance

Sunday, December 1, 2013 at 3pm
 At Dominican University Performing Arts Center
 7900 West Division Street in River Forest
 Tickets: www.events.dom.edu or at the DUPAC
 Box Office: 708-488-5000
 Or call Lira at 773-508-7040 or 1-800-547-5472

This concert offers the rare opportunity to hear beautiful Polish carols performed by a symphony orchestra and professional vocalists—the Lira Symphony and the Lira Singers appearing in colorful, authentic regional folk costumes. The concert features guest artist 14-year-old Daniel Szefer—a piano prodigy who will perform music of Frederic Chopin.

This concert is narrated in English for everyone to enjoy.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following **Marian Catholic High students** for achieving **Honor Roll status** in the 1st Quarter:

Joshua David, Meghan Schmidt and Patrick Schmidt.

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.

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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Some people talk about how they believe in re-incarnation and how after they die they want to come back to earth as a squirrel, fish, tiger etc. It is kind of humorous to hear people speak of an after-life where they continue on as an animal on earth. Is that good news?

To help sway us away from reincarnation is Jesus the resurrected savior who inspires us in the Holy Spirit to be “reborn” each day. Rebirth as more fully alive people in Christ is far more enduring now in our one and only earth life. Wanting to die and come back to earth as a kangaroo is hardly heart-warming. Continuing to become new creations in Christ (Holy Communion) is our baptismal call; it is resurrection for us, not reincarnation.

The full details of the mystery of the resurrection will surface after we die but our faith in the risen Christ proclaims each day that our human lives have eternal meaning and are not to be limited to an animal’s body after we die. Perhaps we are smiling now and rightly so because daily re-birth in Christ into eternity is our faith foundation and not some trivial transfer to the animal kingdom that perishes.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

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 or email seuvino@dcgary.org for more details.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 2nd & 3rd

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5960.50

Children’s Collection: \$10.10

Charity: \$56.00

Religious Education: \$11.00

All Saints: \$252.00

40 Hours: \$193.00

50/50 Raffle: \$390.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on November 5th
Was # 2
The Winner Would Have Won \$2910.50
 (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.** 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.

STM Employment Networking Group

Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 7:00-9:00pm.
 Gina Willis, Associate Director of Admissions at Ivy Tech of Northwest Indiana. Certifications & Financial Aid.
 Email: STMCareerGroup@gmail.com
 Facebook: [STMCareerConnect](https://www.facebook.com/STMCareerConnect)
Free—OPEN TO ALL

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, November 19
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious Education classes in school
 6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious Education classes in school

Wednesday, November 20
 10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup
 6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, November 21
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Haney January 19-26, 2014 on the Norwegian Dawn out of Tampa, Florida. Ports of Call: Roatan Bay Island (Honduras), Belize City, Costa Maya (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1249 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$175 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/

Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, November 23rd & 24th, there will be a second collection. The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

Your support helps to end poverty one community at a time. Please visit www.usccb.org (search "CCHD Collection Resources") to read more about the efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
- Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Ministry Schedule
November 23rd & 24th

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 & B. Cavanaugh
6:00pm—Brian Blue

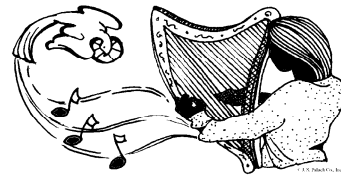
Workers

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race. —Eugene V. Debs

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Altar Servers

4:30pm— Need Servers
8:00am— Norbert Brown
10:00am— Jessica Hearne, Andrew Huffman,
Kevin Huffman
6:00pm— Need Servers



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Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
— *Psalm 98:5*

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