

# St. Joseph Church

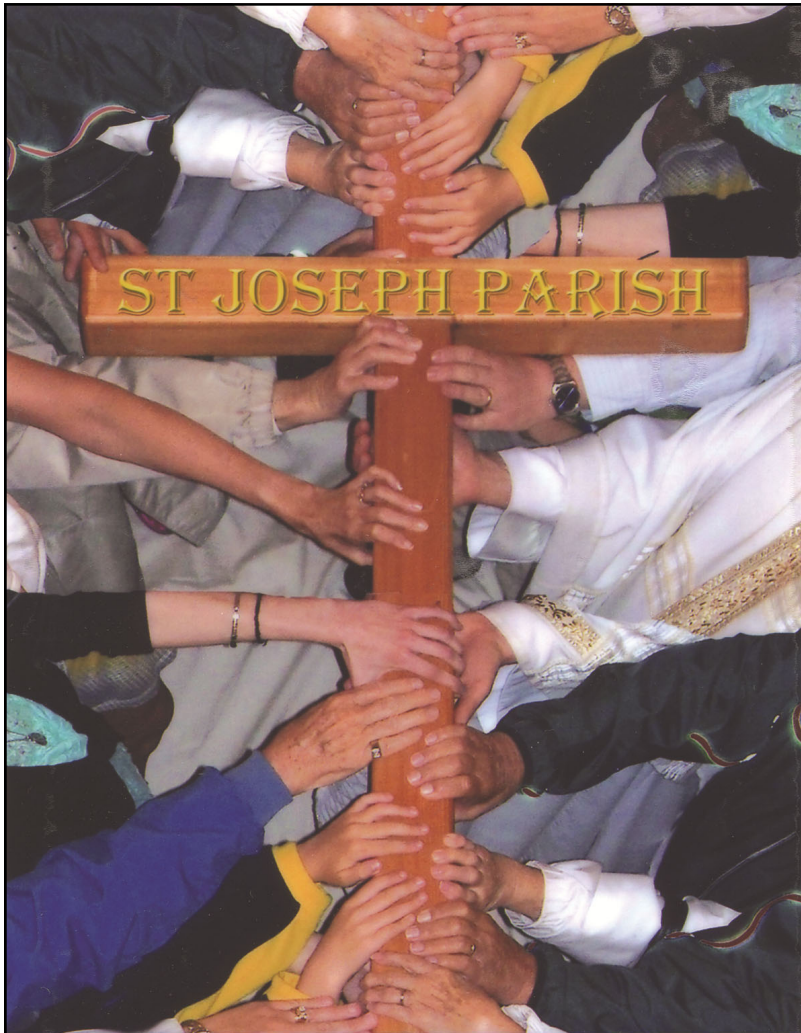
November 18, 2012

Thirty-Third 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 Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

**Religious Education Office:**.....865-2355

Religious Education Fax.....865-3740

Email.....yseweaver@yahoo.com

**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 19, Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, November 20, Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Joseph Fiorina

**Wednesday, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, November 22, St. Cecilia**  
 9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

**Friday, November 23, Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 24, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 4:30 PM Kevin & Andrew Garza

**Sunday, November 25, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Peggy Kienzle & Jim Ciserella  
 6:00 PM Poor Souls

**Please Note!**

The parish office will be closed from Wednesday, November 21st through Friday, November 23rd.

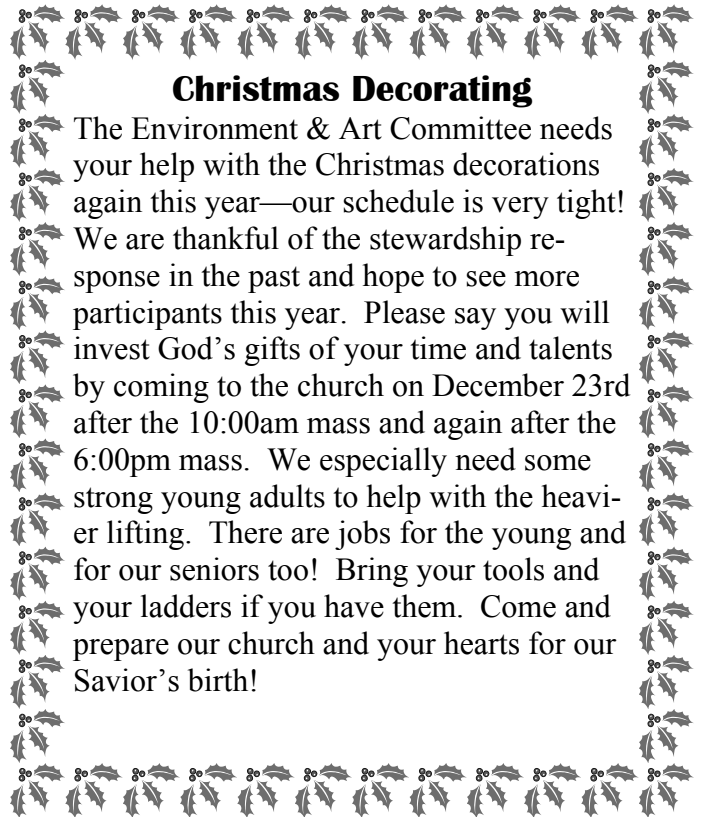
**Advent Prayer**

Do you have a desire to deepen your prayer life?

Do you have questions like: What is prayer? How do we pray? How do I live a prayerful life?.....

Come join us from 2-4pm on the: Sundays of December as together we look to DVD assisted programs to help us appreciate prayer as listening and responding to God's call.

The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2567)



**Christmas Decorating**

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help with the Christmas decorations again this year—our schedule is very tight!

We are thankful of the stewardship response in the past and hope to see more participants this year. Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on December 23rd after the 10:00am mass and again after the 6:00pm mass. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too! Bring your tools and your ladders if you have them. Come and prepare our church and your hearts for our Savior's birth!

**SPARC**

The Senior Club will meet at 10:00am on Tuesday, November 20th and Tuesday, November 27th. Meetings are held at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Casa Maria Hall. Guests are most welcome at both meetings. Wishing our fellow members and Parishioners are a very Happy Thanksgiving.

**Marian Catholic Open House**

Marian Catholic High School, 700 Ashland Avenue, Chicago Heights, will host an **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, December 2, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.** All are welcome to attend our Open House which includes student-guided tours of all academic departments. Information about all extra-curricular activities, scholarships, and transportation will also be available.

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**Meals on Wheels seeks volunteer drivers to deliver hot nutritious meals to the homebound, elderly or disabled in your area surrounding communities. Call 219-756-3663.**

### Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

The spiritual issue of how all-consuming is Christ Jesus in our lives is worth pondering. Let's see, Jesus is born into our humanity on Christmas to become one with us. He gives us His real Body and Blood at the Last Supper so that we may become His real presence in the world. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to remind us that God's Love lives within us at all times and we need to spread this message throughout the world.

Hopefully, we realize that in God choosing to love us first, God's all-consuming presence is given to us humans as blessed gift. Jesus the Son of God made man makes the spiritual point that God's Love is fully given to us which means God's Love in Christ Jesus is all-consuming.

May our faith in God's awesome love-filled presence grow every day, in particular, in such a way that we become less afraid of Christ Jesus' all-consuming love.

Loving you in Christ

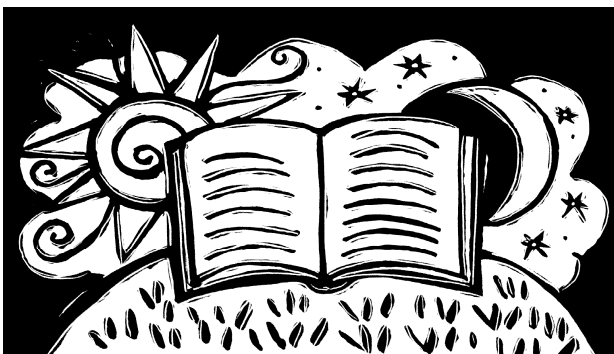
Fr. Terry

### Proper Understanding

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessing of heaven.

—George C. Lichten

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### Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 3rd & 4th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$6464.56

Children's Collection: \$39.00

Charity: \$63.00

Religious Education: \$11.00

Food Pantry: \$30.00

Flowers: \$184.00

Christmas: \$50.00

Immaculate Conception: \$25.00

All Saints: \$1021.00

50/50 Raffle: \$375.00

### Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 5th  
Was # 224

The Winner Would Have Won \$890.50  
(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.

### Thanks

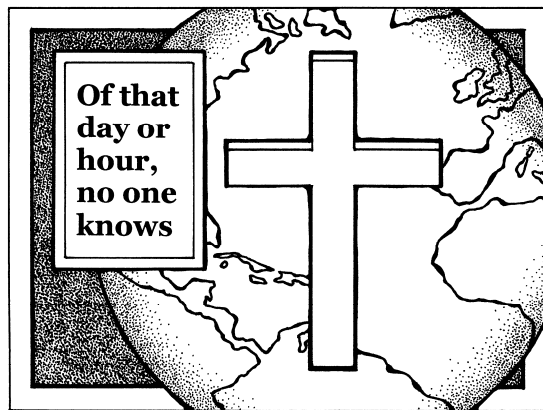
One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination.

—St. John of Avila

### GOD’S REIGN

By pointing to the end times, today’s readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God’s reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God’s reign present and to come.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

**Gospel** — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days (“change-of-season days”) as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. (The ones on the old calendar fit a Mediterranean climate, and on the new calendar it was imagined that each nation knew best when to schedule such seasonally oriented days.)

The United States bishops have not yet resurrected Ember Days, Rogations Days, and other national days of prayer. However, tucked within *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* (a book published by the U. S. bishops) is a chapter on Ember Days that proposes, among others, the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

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### Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Brendan Murphy February 2-9, 2013 on the Carnival Dream out of Port Canaveral (Orlando) Florida. Ports of Call: Costa Maya (Mexico), Mahogany Bay ISLA Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1276 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/[dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com).

**Ministry Schedule**  
**November 24th & 25th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,  
Lee Kobza  
8:00am—Perla Garcia, JudyKline,  
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 & Gina Geiss  
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki  
10:00am—Diane Giovane & Mike Klausman  
6:00pm—Brian Blue

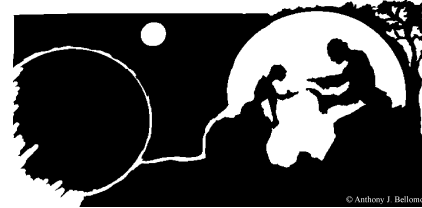
**The Glorious Bible**

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage —St. Thomas Aquinas

**Ministry Schedule**  
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**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Need Servers  
8:00am—M. Ziolkowski  
10:00am—A. Burgos, ZJ Grino  
6:00pm—Need Servers



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Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words  
will not pass away.

— *Mark 13:31*

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