

St. Joseph Church

November 22, 2015

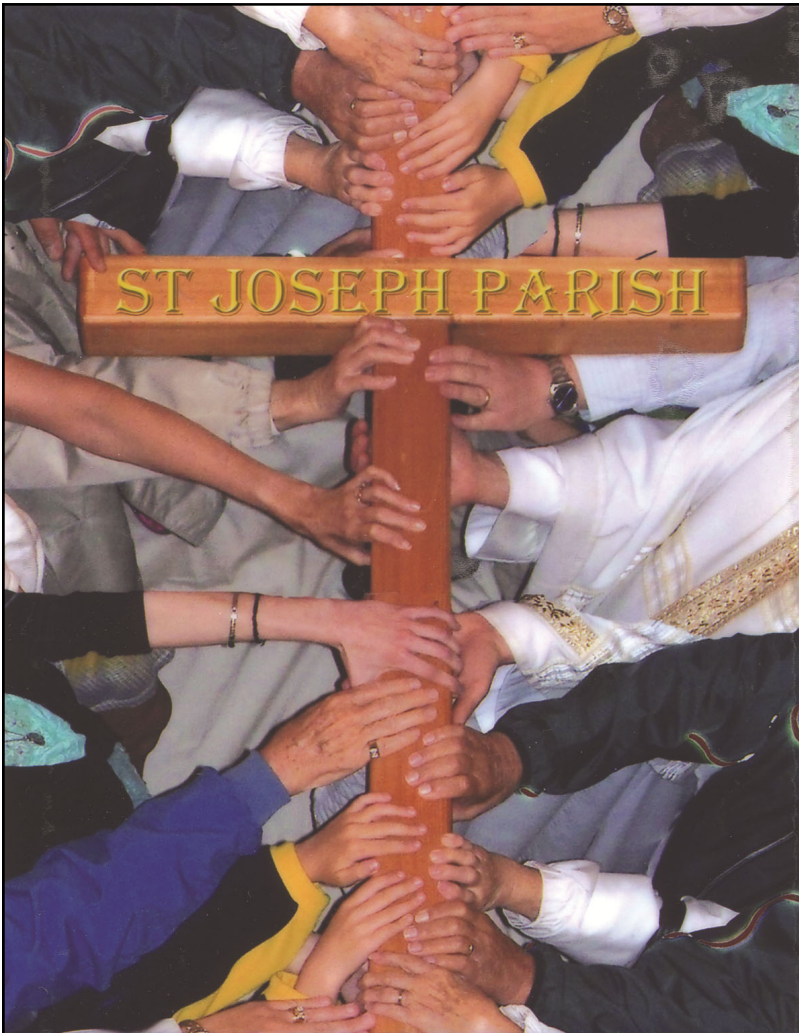
Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

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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.

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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, Tues, Thurs, 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: Ed Hebda 219-865-6922

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, November 23, Weekday
 9:00 AM Walter Burczak
Tuesday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
Wednesday, November 25, Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, November 26, Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
Friday, November 27, Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent
 4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza
Sunday, November 29, 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
 Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families
 10:00 AM Al Szymkowski
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed from Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th..

An Advent Visual Arts Meditation

Presented through:

54 magnificent works of art that image the Gift of our Savior Jesus the Christ

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

6:30—8:30pm

Gathering Room (lower level of the Church)

Plan to spend a reflective evening of: Scripture touched with a DVD presentation paintings of Christ powerfully portrayed through wide cultural and ethnic diversity.

Time will be given to respond, expand, and ponder the Mystery of Jesus of Nazareth as together we discover the Lord's unique beauty within these works of art.

Bring a Bible; bring a friend, ready to explore Faith through Christian Art.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 11/29/2015

Reading 1 Jeremiah 33:14-16

The voice of the prophet Jeremiah greets us as we enter the season of Advent. Called by God, Jeremiah preached a message of hope to the people. In today's reading we hear the promise that God will raise up, from the ancestors of King David, a ruler who will "do what is right and just." This message reminds us of Jesus our Savior.

Advent is a season of hope. We prepare for the coming of God's kingdom and for Christmas. Don't delay. Begin today by praying that God will open your eyes to all the ways you can live as a person of hope.

Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul's letter is addressed to the newly formed Christian community at Thessalonica, the capital of Macedonia. He expresses his love for them and his urgent desire that they continue to make progress in living as followers of Jesus Christ. He reminds them of the second coming of Christ at the end of the world. How will they prepare? By loving one another.

Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Today's reading might seem to be a real "downer." Just as we are beginning the new liturgical year, we hear Jesus' reminders to "be vigilant" and "pray." Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' final coming. Jesus, the just one, who will judge us in the final days of human history, wants us to be able to stand up like true Christians when that time comes.

Decide how you will show that you have heard Jesus' words on this first day of Advent.

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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Are we convinced that God never separates from us? Sometimes we might think that God takes a break from us especially when we sin, similar to how parents sometimes send their child to their room because they misbehaved. Jesus clarifies that God never sends us to our room for sinning for God never separates from us. Our sin tends to separate us from God in our own minds and hearts but that does not mean that God separates from us. This is a key faith issue because there may be times when we get angry at God for not being there for us in a particular event, including sin situations. As a result, we project our separation from God onto God, believing that God abandons us at certain times. No! God is always faithful to us as revealed in our Holy Communion with Christ who nudges us in the Holy Spirit through healthy guilt to admit that at times our sin scenarios "muddy" our faith in God's constant faithfulness.

Nothing can separate us from God's Love including sin because as Scripture points out to us: God proves God's Love for us that while we were sinners, God sent us Jesus to reconcile us in his mercy and forgiveness. Thus, we are wise to humble down in our separation tendencies resulting from sin, to consistently repent from our sin as inspired by God's inner communication called healthy guilt. In particular, we need to repent of thinking that God separates from us. Instead, we need to acknowledge that God is always faithful to us and that conversion for us includes being more faithful to God's faithfulness.

In the Joy of God's Faithfulness,

Fr. Terry

Angel Tree 2015

Christmas Angel Trees will be set up in the church foyer next weekend. Please return gift wishes to St. Joseph Church no later than December 12/13. Gifts must be wrapped, with the original card firmly affixed. Please wrap any gift card substantially to eliminate loss.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 14th & 15th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5319.00

Charity: \$0

Religious Education: \$0

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$506.00)

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$116,500.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$7212.23)

Food Pantry: \$500.00

50/50 Raffle: \$225.00

Helping Hands Food Pantry

If you've been in the Dyer Jewel lately, you may have noticed that they are accepting donations from their customers. Any donation you might make there, will enable our pantry to provide turkey dinners at Thanksgiving. Last year, we received 26 Family Dinners for distribution, courtesy of the Dyer Jewel! Any donations you make would be appreciated.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following **Marian Catholic High School** students who earned 1st Quarter Honor Roll status:

Ashley David

Joshua David

Ryan Schmidt



Love Them Both

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.

—Thomas Aquinas



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, November 24

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious
Education classes in school

Wednesday, November 25

Parish Office closed

Thursday, November 26

Parish Office closed

Friday, November 27

Parish Office closed

Seeking the Light Retreat

Bishop Hying invites college students and young adults to join him for “Seeking the Light,” a retreat Jan. 2-3 at Lindenwood Retreat Ctr. In Donaldson, IN. Bishop Hying will lead participants through a variety of faith experiences centered around the Epiphany, bringing to life its meaning in our lives today. Retreat begins 2pmE/1pmC Jan. 2 and ends NoonE/11aC Jan. 3. Cost: \$55 or \$85 (single or dbl occ), includes meals and room. Consider giving this retreat as a Christmas gift! Register/info: seekingthelightretreat.org. Deadline: Dec. 18.

Faustina

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, the moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at **St. John the Evangelist Church on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00pm.**

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ’s Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkable relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

Admission is \$10. **For tickets, call 219-365-5678** (219-365-5217 evenings & weekends), email jackiekirilich@yahoo.com or visit www.stjohnparish.org.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 10th
Was # 50

The Winner Would Have Won \$415.00
(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 EVEN IF YOU ARE A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC, HOMEBOUND OR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTOR. ALL CONTRIBUTORS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY MUST MAKE THEIR SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND INDICATING ON EACH SUBSEQUENT WEEKLY ENVELOPE THAT IS PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKET THAT YOU ARE EITHER A MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC OR HOMEBOUND CONTRIBUTOR.**

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.

K of C St. Pope John Paul II

From St. James the Less in Highland is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 29th from 7:30am—1:00pm in the St. James parish hall. This is a free will donation and all are invited. Please contact Dan Lelito 219-923-5753 with questions.

Ministry Schedule
November 28th & 29th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy or
Joe Nowacki, Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Mike Klausman,
Margaret Quinn
6:00pm—Tamara Fredrickson, Frances Vasquez,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Volunteer Needed
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Sandy Riley, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Volunteer Needed

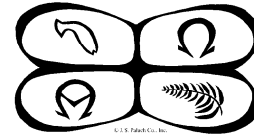
Hope

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement

Ministry Schedule
November 28th & 29th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith
8:00am—Christopher Kline
10:00am—Dominic Rizzo, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 22, 2015

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of the earth.
— *Revelation 1:5*

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