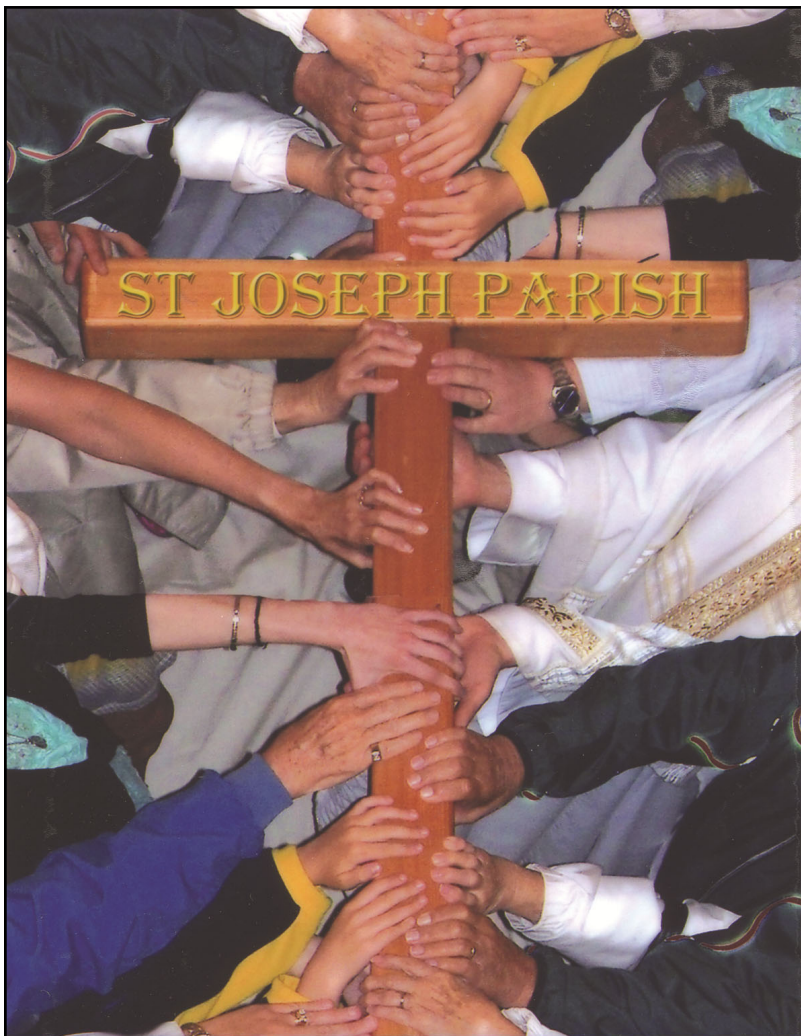


# St. Joseph Church

November 27, 2016  
First Sunday of Advent

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311  
(219) 865-2271  
www.stjosephdyer.org

Rev. Ted J. Mauch, Administrator



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 by calling or stopping in the parish office.

## Office Hours

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

## Parish Telephones

Parish Office .....865-2271  
Religious Education Office:.....865-2355  
Fax .....865-2350

## Staff Directory

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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 Anointing of the Sick

Call the office any time.

## Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Steve Costa 219-365-4204

## Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing*.



**Monday, November 28, Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Bernie Kellar  
**Tuesday, November 29, Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Earl & Marie Reitz  
**Wednesday, November 30, St. Andrew**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass  
**Thursday, December 1, Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Jane Nowacki  
 6:30 PM Family Rosary  
**Friday, December 2, Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Joseph R. Pacholski

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 3, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 4:30 PM Mary Ellen Konop  
**Sunday, December 4, 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 AM Annabelle Hesser  
 10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza  
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed**

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Holyday of Obligation, December 8th, Feast of The Immaculate Conception.  
 Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 7—  
 7:00pm  
 Holyday Masses, Thursday, December 8—  
 9:00am & 7:00pm.  
 Please call the parish office, 865-2271, to volunteer.

**Haunted by God:**

**The Life of Dorothy Day**

Presented by Catholic Charities and Still Point Theatre Collective. It is an acclaimed play about the -founder of the Catholic Worker movement, who spent 47 years caring for the poor.  
 Thursday, December 8—7:00-8:30pm at Bishop Noll in Hammond. Tickets: Donation of \$10. All proceeds will benefit service programs Catholic Charities, Diocese of Gary provides to its clients.

**Sunday Readings Reflections**  
**12/4/2016**

**First Reading** -- He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** -- Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** -- Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** -- Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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**150th PARISH HISTORY BOOK**

Orders are now being taken for the commemorative history book for the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish.

The cost of this wonderful remembrance is only \$20.00. You can pre-order by taking the order sheet found at all the entrances, fill it out, and put it in an envelope marked "History Book" along with cash, check or money order (payable to St. Joseph Church). You can deposit the envelope in the collection basket, bring it to the parish office, or mail it in.

Another option is to go to our website, [www.stjosephdyer.org](http://www.stjosephdyer.org), go to the front page of the website and click on link for details of the 150th Parish Anniversary. From there you will be connected to Vanco Services and pre-order on-line and have the option of paying by credit card, debit card, checking account or savings account. The parish will be notified by Vanco Services with your information that you placed an order and paid for it.

As an added bonus, you can also reserve a copy of the History Book of the Diocese of Gary published in 2006 for an additional \$5.00.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.



**SYNOD 2017**

With Advent upon us, Bishop Hying will give reflections about this holy season and how its themes tie into our synod process. His written reflections will appear daily, and his video reflections will appear each Sunday on [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) and [www.dcgary.org/synod.htm](http://www.dcgary.org/synod.htm) as well as on the Diocese of Gary Facebook and Twitter accounts, <https://www.facebook.com/garydiocese/> and <https://twitter.com/GaryDiocese>, respectively. Be sure to read and watch his Advent messages.

**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. Also let us know if they would like their name published in the bulletin to be prayed for by the parishioners.

Thank You.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“Oh house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord!” As we begin the anticipation of Advent, let us give thanks and walk together in the love of God by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on December 9-11, 2016, February 17-19, 2017 or April 7-9, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

November 19th & 20th

Due to the printing schedule of J.S. Paluch, our bulletin company, the Stewardship of Treasure Report will be in next week’s bulletin.

**150th Parish Anniversary Book**

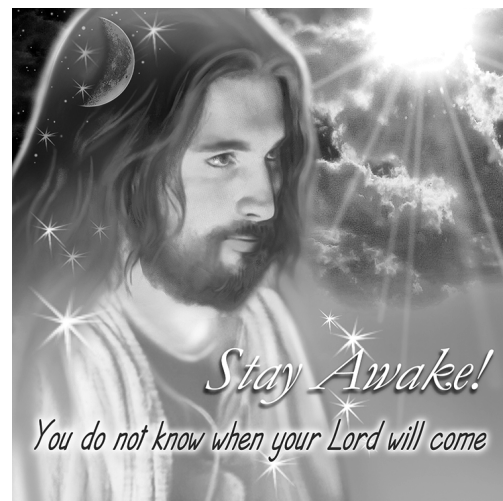
The History Book for our 150th Parish Anniversary is under construction. We would like to give you the opportunity to purchase a Memorial Ad to be included in the book.

There is a 3 part sheet at all the entrances of the church for you to take to decide which size you would like and the information to be printed.

We need this information back to the parish by December 21st.

If you are paying by check, please make payable to: St. Joseph Church. Please note in the memo line: Memorial Ad for History Book.

You may put this in an envelope and put in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office (440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311) or bring it to the office.



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, November 29**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—RE Classes in school

**Thursday, December 1**

6:30pm Family Rosary

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring. At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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**TIME OF PREPARATION**

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

--John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on November 15th  
Was # 68

The Winner Would Have Won \$1405.00  
(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.

**Congratulations!!**

Congratulations to the following **Marian Catholic High School** students for achieving the honor roll for the first quarter:

Ryan Schmidt  
Ashley David

**Ministry Schedule**  
**December 3rd & 4th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Emma  
Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk  
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,  
Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am—Edwin Abangan, Jessica Abangan,  
Laura Hays  
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,  
Yvonne Weaver

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Wayne Gallenberger  
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick  
10:00am—Sandy Riley  
6:00pm— Volunteer

**FULFILL TODAY**

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you,  
surely you have not done much today.  
--Anonymous

**Ministry Schedule**  
**December 3rd & 4th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki, Andrew Yuraitis  
8:00am—Christopher Kline  
10:00am—Jack & Orla Fingar, Dominic Rizzo  
6:00pm—Mary Howe, Russell Wells



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"You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."

-- Matthew 24:44

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