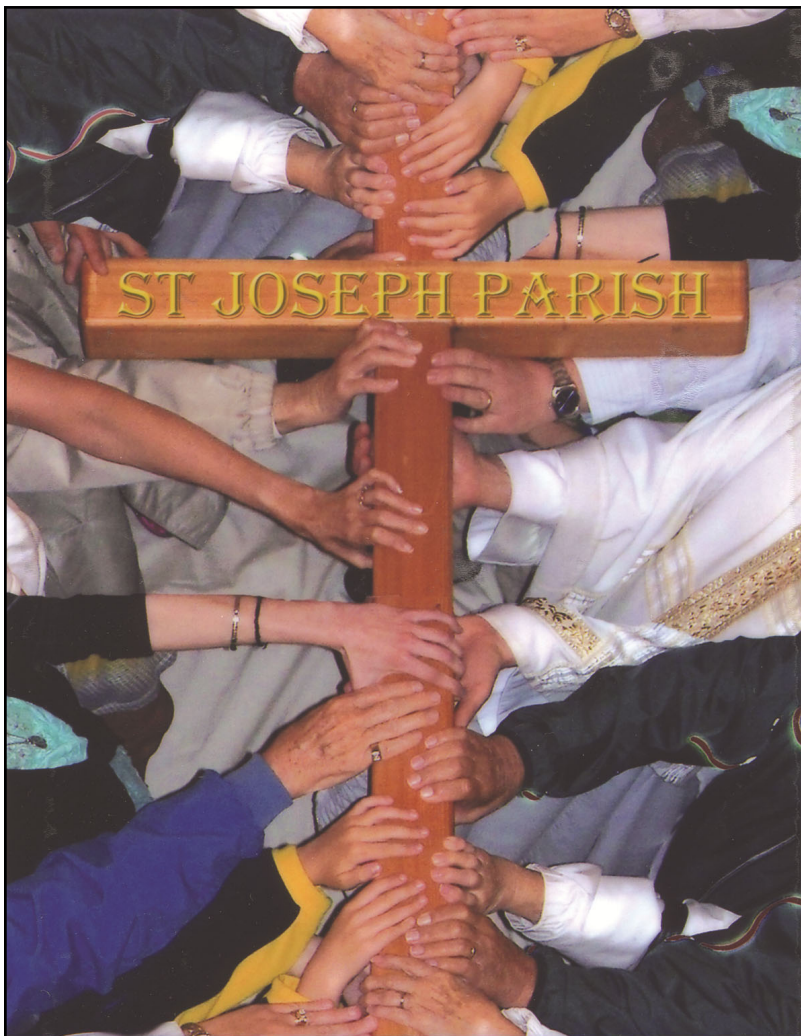


St. Joseph Church

November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent

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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-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, December 1, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

Tuesday, December 2, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Norma Beiriger

Wednesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 4, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for all the Graces & Blessings for Edwin & Jessica Abangan & Children

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Stanley & Anna Kaczocha

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

Sunday, December 7, 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Poor Souls

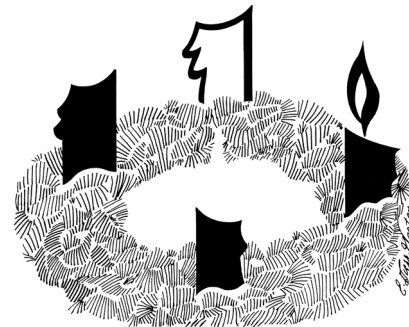
10:00 AM The People of the Parish

6:00 PM Poor Souls



Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help with the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful of your 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 **Saturday, December 20th at 9:00am**. 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 help prepare our church and your hearts for our Savior's birth!



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Angel Tree 2014

Our Angel Trees are covered with Christmas wishes from the children of our food pantry families. If you take a card, please honor your obligation to return the gift no later than Saturday/Sunday, December 13/14. Gifts cost should be limited to \$25. Gifts must be wrapped, with the original card firmly affixed. Wrap any store gift card substantially to eliminate loss. Gifts will be distributed to our families on Wednesday, December 17th.



Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family: Eileen Bork, Nancy Hanck, Laura Hays, Dolores Kaczocha, Joe Kozlowski, Fran Lisac, Donna Maicher, Mark Maicher, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Do we realize that if God is not with us, we do not exist? That's right! In our belonging to God, that means our existence belongs to God and we are not alive without our God being present to us all the time. If we remember this, we are well on our way to living more vigilantly in the faith journey.

Sometimes we confuse prayer with thinking that prayer is our way of waking God up to us. Not hardly! Prayer helps to wake us up to God's constant presence within us. Our Sacraments in the Catholic religion are powerful spiritual ways of alerting us to God's faithful love in Christ. In particular, the gift of faith community, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the gift of reconciliation/forgiveness, healing of the sick, Holy Communion with Jesus, the covenant of Marriage, and the Service of Holy Orders. These seven-fold alerts instill in us God's constant care for us as well as for the entire human community,. Our spiritual existence on this earth is assured by these sacraments and impacts our external existence as well.

Hopefully we believe in God's constant presence within us and are lead to be more thankful to God for how God provides for us in our every breath. Thus, we can approach prayer more peacefully and realize that God is ever present to us or we do not exist.

In God's Constancy,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 22nd & 23rd

Due to Holiday Printing Schedule

Treasure Report

WILL BE PRINTED NEXT WEEK

Prayer for Bad Times

Dear God:

Help me to be a good sport in this game of life. I don't ask for an easy place in the lineup. Put me anywhere you need me. I only ask that I can give you 100 percent of everything I have. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank you for the compliment. Help me remember that you never send a player more trouble than he can handle.

And help me, Lord, to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play on the square, no matter what others do. Help me to study the Book, so I'll know the rules.

Finally, God, if the natural turn of events goes against me and I'm benched for sickness or old age help me to accept that as part of the game, too. Keep me from whimpering that I was framed or that I got a raw deal. And when I finish the final inning, I ask for no laurels. All I want is to believe in my heart that I played as well as I could and that I didn't let you down.

—Richard Cardinal Cushing

Hospice of Calumet Area

17th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 6th at 9:00am-11:00am at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8955 Columbia Ave in Munster. Doors open at 9:00am until 11:00am. Come early.

If you are interested in baking, please contact Cynthia Camp at 708-895-8332 or 219-922-2732.

Cookies should be delivered December 5 from 4-7pm.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 2

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, December 3

No 9:00am Mass
 7:00pm—Introduction to Scripture—Advent Series, Gathering Room

Thursday, December 4

9:45am—Introduction to Scripture—Advent Series, Gathering Room
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:30—9:00pm—Choir Practice

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for November. We earned \$127.41. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, December 10th.** The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church. The holidays are approaching. There are many easy food items to help you with your dinner menus.

This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget. The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

Please also note that Market Day has merged with GFS (Gordon Food Service). You are able to go to a GFS store and purchase some of Market Day items and mention St. Joseph Church in Dyer Indiana and we will received 5% back. You are also able to purchase any item from GFS, mention St. Joseph, and we will receive 1%.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 18th
 Was # 843

The Winner Would Have Won \$132.50
 (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 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.

Andrean High School

Holding its first Entrance Exam for the Class of 2019 on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 8:00am-11:30am. All incoming freshmen are required to take the exam before admittance to Andrean High School for the 2015-2016 school year. There is NO FEE for our exam. Enter through entrance M in the back of the school and bring two #2 pencils.

Ministry Schedule
December 6th & 7th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Barb Graegin, Laura Hays,
Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am— Sandra Riley & Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

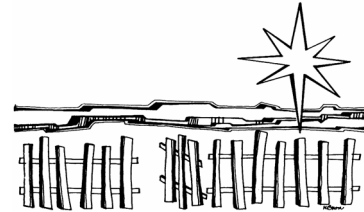
Advent

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush,
rather than a last-minute rush. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule
December 6th & 7th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Lillian Smith
8:00am— Christopher, Jake, Kelly Kline
10:00am— Andrew & Kevin Huffman
6:00pm— Brian Blue



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Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— *Mark 13:33*

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