

# St. Joseph Church

December 1, 2013

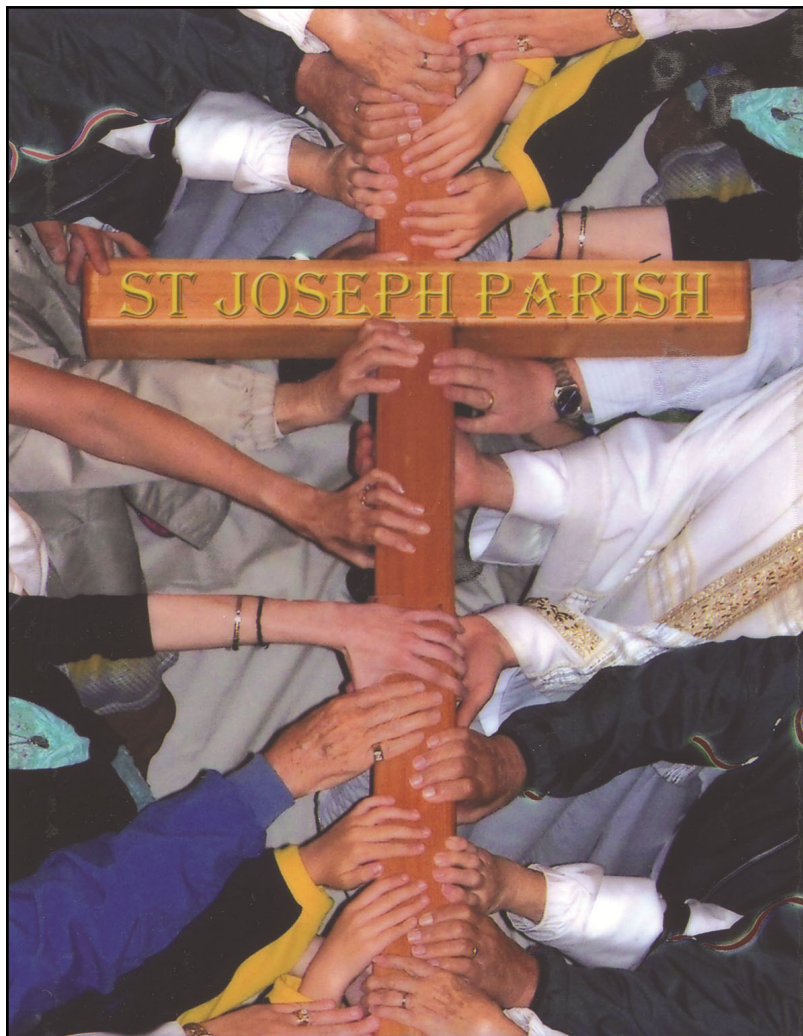
First Sunday of Advent

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**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, December 2, Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Wednesday, December 4, Advent Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, December 5, Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, December 6, Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 7, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

**Sunday, December 8, 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Lucille Thiery

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**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.

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

There will be a second collection next weekend, December 7th & 8th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

**MARKET DAY**

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for November. We earned approximately \$158.00. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, December 11th.**

The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

This is the perfect time to pick up what you need to entertain for Christmas. There are cookie doughs, appetizers, and main entrees to help make your life easier.

**This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget.**

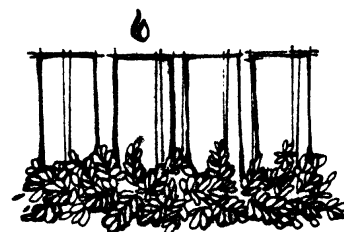
The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

**The Hospice of the Calumet Area's 16th Annual Holiday Cookie Walk**

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8955 Columbia Avenue in Munster. (Northeast entrance —across the street from The Community Hospital)

A wonderful assortment of freshly baked home made holiday cookies will be sold for \$8.00 a pound.

Doors will open at 9:00am sharp. Please remember we will be using the **NORTHEAST Main Entrance.**



**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

We may have a “to do” list set up for ourselves as a way of ensuring we get important tasks done. As effective as this “to do” list may be, we ought to also have a “to do God’s Will” list set up for ourselves. We may discover some overlap between the two lists but there may be some conflicts at times between what we want “to do” and what God wants us “to do”.

Remembering that God’s ways are not our ways will encourage us to humbly pray in front of our “to do’s”: “God, your will be done, not ours”. One of our “to do’s” ought to include prayer time for listening to God in silence. Nothing fancy, simply silent listening, for much wisdom in God’s Will surfaces out of the silence.

We may declare we have much “to do” today which may be the case; however, the much “to do” today in the light of God’s Will can consistently revamp our “to do” list into a more faithful “to do God’s Will” list.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

November 16th & 17th

**Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5203.40**

**Children’s Collection: \$19.10**

**Charity: \$50.00**

**Religious Education: \$250.00**

**Food Pantry: \$485.00**

**50/50 Raffle: \$380.00**

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on November 19th**

**Was # 662**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$3,293.00**

(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.**

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.

**Friendships**

*Friendship is a special jewel  
That you choose to wear each day;  
It gives out a shine and sparkle  
In the things you do and say.*

*Friendship is the little pebble  
That you found along the shore,  
That was different from the others,  
But you treasure evermore.*

*Just as both the moon and stars  
Are the friends of God above,  
Friendship here on earth is precious  
For He blesses it with love.*

Edna Fontaine



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, December 2**  
7:00pm—Stewardship meeting in Gathering Room

**Tuesday, December 3**  
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

**Thursday, December 5**  
6:30pm—Family Rosary  
7:30 pm—Choir Practice

**Advent Reconciliation Service**

St. Joseph Parish will have an Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm. The service will start with Liturgy of the Word followed by an examination of the conscience and then your confession to a choice of several priests.

**Stewardship Prayer**

*Gracious God, we thank you for the wonder of all that you have given to us.  
You give us eyes to see your presence, ears to listen to your voice, mouths to speak your name, hands to help those in need.  
Help us to use the gifts you give us in service to others.  
Help us to be good stewards of the earth and its resources.  
We ask this through Jesus, who shows us the way to live and love.  
Amen.*

**Bishop Noll Institute Open House**  
Come tour our campus, meet our faculty, and see why Bishop Noll is a Four Star School.  
Thursday, December 5, 6-8 pm  
1519 Hoffman St.—Hammond, In 46327  
219-932-9058—We look forward to seeing you on the 5th.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

“People in love make signs of love,” wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunch-box, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love’s vitality.

A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ’s love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments, and we have responded.

For the next year of “Treasure” essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

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**Andrean High School**

Andrean High School is holding its first Entrance for the class of 2018 on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 8:00—11:30am. All incoming freshmen are required to take the exam before admittance to Andrean High School for the 2014-2015 school year.  
Please enter through entrance M in the back of the school and bring two #2 pencils.

**There is NO FEE for our exam.**

No calculators allowed.  
No pre-registration required.

For more information contact Dawn @ 887-5281 ext. 228 or dwojkovich@andreanhs.com.

**Ministry Schedule  
December 7th & 8th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka  
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman, Connie Peschel (choir)  
6:00pm—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht, Constance Peschel

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak  
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am—  
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

**Advent**

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

**Ministry Schedule  
December 7th & 8th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Lanie Taylor  
8:00am—Chris, Jake & Kelly Kline  
10:00am—Megan Harding, Andrew & Kevin Huffman  
6:00pm—Brian Blue



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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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