

St. Joseph Church

December 2, 2012

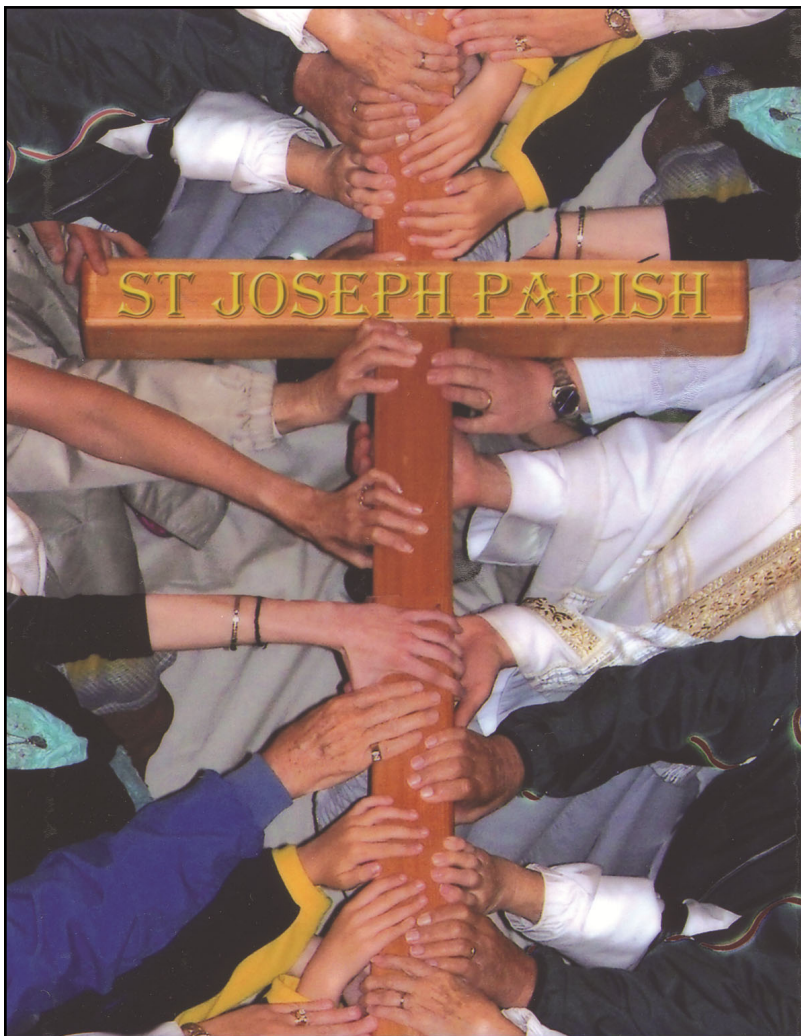
First Sunday of Advent

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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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.

Parish Telephones

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

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Religious Education Fax865-3740

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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 3, St. Francis Xavier
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
Tuesday, December 4, Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM Poor Souls
Wednesday, December 5, Advent Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, December 6, Advent Weekday
 9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha
 6:30 PM Family Rosary
Friday, December 7, St. Ambrose
 9:00 AM Denise Kaczocha
Saturday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 8, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 4:30 PM Marie & Leonard Gallenberger
Sunday, December 9, 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families
 10:00 AM Poor Souls
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish



The Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception which is a **Holyday of Obligation**. The Mass for the Holyday will be Saturday, December 8th at 9:00am.

We need Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers for this mass. Please call the parish office, 865-2271, with your willingness to serve

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for November. We earned \$157.83. If you have not tried Market Day food, please do so this month. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, December 12th**. Think Christmas! This will help with entertaining at home, food dishes to take to someone's home, and even school parties for your children.

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

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.

Advent Prayer Experience

First Sunday: December 2, 2:00-4:00pm
Gathering Room

What are some forms of prayer? Come explore and consider how Fr. Robert Baron discusses this question through three figures of the Catholic spiritual tradition: Thomas Merton, St. John of the Cross, and Teresa of Avila. This study program is an adult formation DVD series created to support the Church's mission to evangelize and teach the content of faith. This particular episode is entitled: "The fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit". Together let us share these insights of prayer!

Second Sunday: December 9, 2:00-4:00pm
Gathering Room

What is prayer? We come to prayer just as we are with our hopes, fears, joy and doubts. Join us as we explore: Echoes of Faith a video-assisted resource that lets us listen and share through our "presenters" and guided reflections how we respond to our loving God in prayer.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

I recently was talking to someone who has been on this earth for many years and I asked them "What wisdom they have reaped over the years?" They told me that they have learned that "stuff" happens in life and you go with it. I responded that my favorite description of inner peace is taking life as it comes.

Things do happen to us from day-to-day some of which is highly unpredictable. Rather than get into a control frenzy, in Christ Jesus we can join him in the back of the boat during the storm and remain peaceful no matter what life "throws" at us.

Living a long and healthy life is connected to the level of inner peace we carry in our minds and hearts. Jesus the Christ is our "cornerstone" of inner peace based on our depth of trust in him that although life on earth is challenging, in the Lord Jesus we will not be overcome and inner peace will be our daily mainstay.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 17th & 18th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$5007.54

Children's Collection: \$25.00

Charity: \$20.00

Religious Education: \$5.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$819.64

Food Pantry: \$375.00

50/50 Raffle: \$365.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 20th

Was # 787

The Winner Would Have Won \$1243.00

(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.

S.P.A.R.C.

The Senior Club will meet on Tuesday, December 4th. Doors open at 11:00am. The following meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18th at 10:00am.

Wishing all our members and fellow parishioners a most blessed and joyful Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Bishop Noll Open House

Come tour our campus, meet our teachers, and see what being a Warrior is all about. Thursday, December 6th from 6:00-8:00pm—1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond. 219-932-9058.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, December 8th & 9th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring any groceries to help restock our shelves.

**The Emmaus Program—
January 2013**

The Emmaus Program is a four week adult Formation Program for parishioners, teachers, and catechists. In January, Fr. Gerald Schweitzer will give a four week presentation on the *“The Catechism—An Authentic Fruit of the 2nd Vatican Council.”* Father Jerry is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Wanatah.

The Four Week Series will be on
Thursday evenings
January 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
At
Nativity of Our Savior Parish
2949 Willow Creek Road
Portage

To Register: The registration form can be found in the brochure in the vestibules of the church or on the Diocesan website: www.dcgary.org.

For information please call: Anne Verbeke at 219-769-9292, ext. 280 or email: averbeke@dcgary.org.
The fee: \$20.00 total for the 4 week session.

Please make check to: Diocese of Gary.

Help Us Bring Christmas to the Carmelite Kids

St. Catherine Hospital is hosting a fundraising Breakfast with Santa with Santa on Saturday Dec. 15 from 8-11am in the POB Conference Room, 4321 Fir Street East Chicago. Use the North Entrance of the hospital. There will be a breakfast, games, prizes and a photo with Santa. Admission is \$5 per child and one gift per family wrapped with a label for age and gender. All proceeds are going towards the Carmelite Home.

For more information or for a detailed list of needs, call 392-7009.

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!

Thank You!

Many thanks to John & Maria Kuhar for crafting our new Advent wreath stand. May God bless you for your generous stewardship.

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Ministry Schedule
December 8th & 9th

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—Tim & Sheila Huffman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Heartfelt

Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

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



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I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

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