

# St. Joseph Church

December 9, 2012

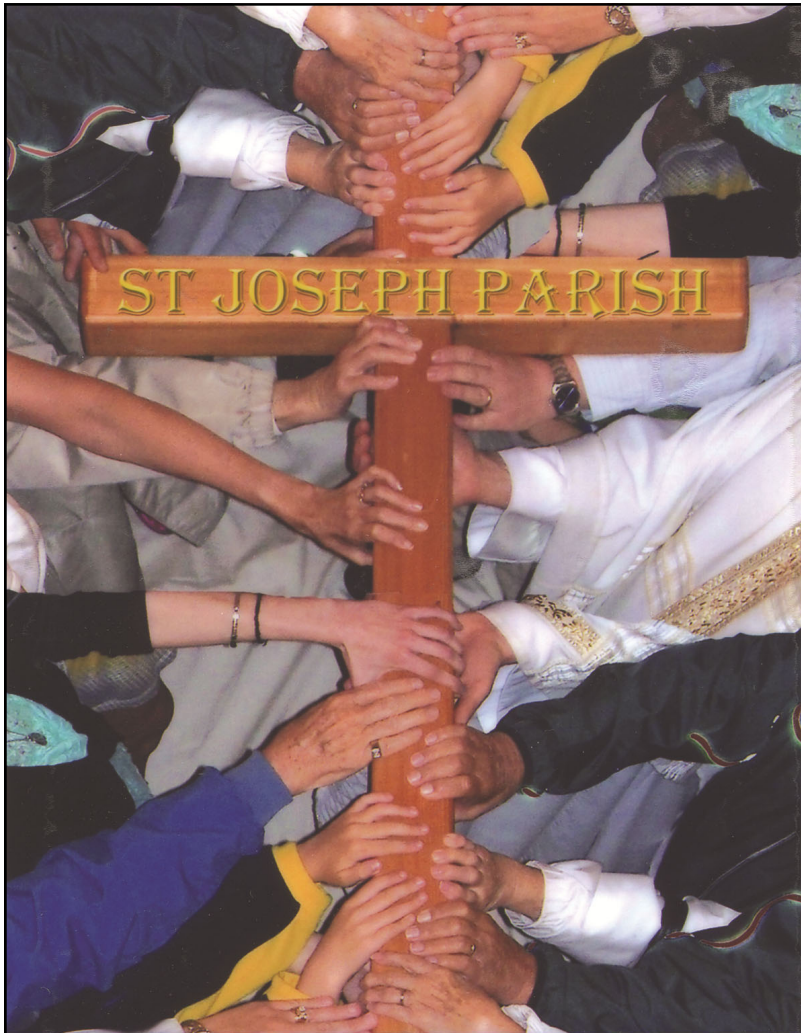
Second Sunday of Advent

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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.

## 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 10, Advent Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Tuesday, December 11, Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Denis Kinsella

**Wednesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, December 13, St. Lucy**

9:00 AM Rosemary Ford

6:30 PM Family Rosary

**Friday, December 14, St. John of the Cross**

9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 15, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Sunday, December 16, 3rd Sunday of Advent**

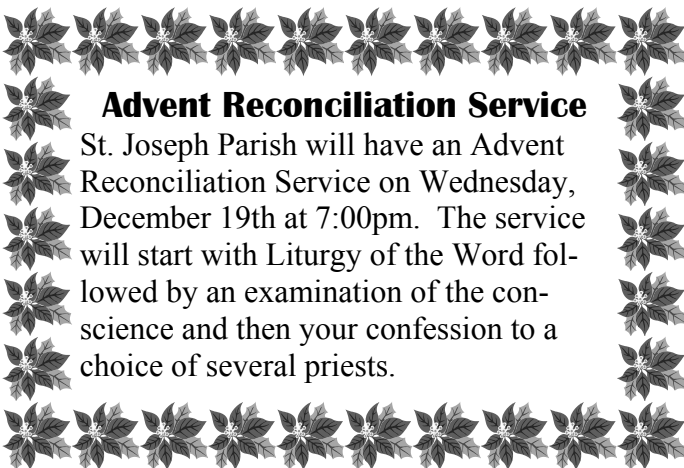
8:00 AM Kathryn McGarrity

10:00 AM Earl & Marie Reitz

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**Please Note!**

There will be no morning mass on Monday, December 10th.



**Advent Reconciliation Service**

St. Joseph Parish will have an Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 19th 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.

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**Advent Prayer Experience**

**Third Sunday, December 18—2:00-4:00pm**

**Gathering Room**

How do we pray? Join us as we reflect on upon the principal forms of prayer in the Christian tradition. Echoes of Faith will again act as a guide using video presentations with times to discuss and experience our own insights to suggestions for growing in the life of prayer.

**Fourth Sunday, December 23, 2:00-4:00pm**

**Gathering Room**

How do we look upon the prayerful life? The spiritual life is the response of the whole person to God, body and soul. Together lets discover the places in our lives in need of conversion and healing. Together lets explore the richness of the Our Father as expressing the heart of the gospel. Again, Echoes of Faith will be our video-assisted guide on this last experience of our Advent Prayer Journey.



**Christmas Liturgies**

**Confessions**

Thursday, December 20—11am

Friday, December 21—7pm

Saturday, December 22—3:30pm

Monday, December 24—1pm

**Mass Schedule**

**Monday, December 24**

4:30pm Mass

10:00 Parish Choir Concert

10:30pm Mass

**Tuesday, December 25**

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

**No 6:00pm Mass**



**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

Jesus tells us we must become child-like in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. We need to admit that we are not so sophisticated when we face our beloved Jesus. Humbling down before Jesus is our baptismal call as children of God. Being in Jesus' presence is child-likeness such that we are silent before our Lord. As God's children, we need to listen attentively in silence to our beloved Savior.

The Kingdom of God is about being in God's presence, period! Child-likeness is humbling down before our Lord Jesus and listening to Him in silence. By this attentive listening approach to Jesus, we will live Holy Communion with Christ more faithfully.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

November 24th & 25th

- Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4826.50**
- Children's Collection: \$8.00**
- Charity: \$358.00**
- Campaign for Human Development: \$80.00**
- Christmas Flowers: \$35.00**
- Christmas: \$5.00**
- All Saints: \$13.00**
- Hurricane Sandy Relief: \$1082.35**
- 50/50 Raffle: \$400.00**

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

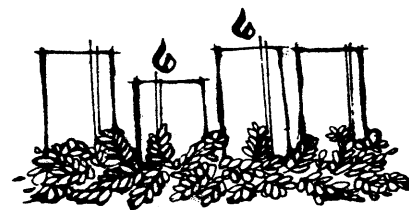
**The Number Drawn on November 27th  
Was # 630  
The Winner Would Have Won \$1443.00  
(This amount will be added to next week)**

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.



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**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](http://www.dcgary.org).

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

Please make check to: Diocese of Gary.

**The Marian Catholic Entrance Exam**

For prospective students will be given on **Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 8:00am**. Students taking the exam should bring two #2 pencils and the \$25.00 Archdiocesan test fee. No pre-registration is necessary. Calculators are not allowed. For further information, please visit our website: [www.marianchs.com](http://www.marianchs.com) or call 708-756-9762.

**TREASURES FROM  
OUR TRADITION**

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John’s birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke’s Gospel of the angel’s announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist’s birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ’s birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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**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!

**Ministry Schedule  
December 15th & 16th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,  
Judy Nowacki  
8:00am—Patti Pawl, Tim Pawl,  
William Wikar  
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,  
Tamara Fredrickson, Ron  
Reichelt (choir)  
6:00pm—Isabella Skurka, Brad Zielke,  
Paula Zielke

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Joe David  
8:00am—Barb Jurczuk  
10:00am—Young People’s Mass  
6:00pm—Brian Blue

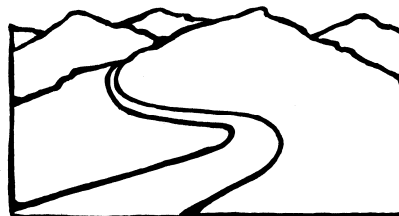
**Yet to Do**

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. —Marie Curie

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**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—A. David, J. David  
8:00am—Need Servers  
10:00am—Young People’s Mass  
6:00pm—P. Kwasigroch



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God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— *Baruch 5:7*

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