

# St. Joseph Church

December 11, 2016

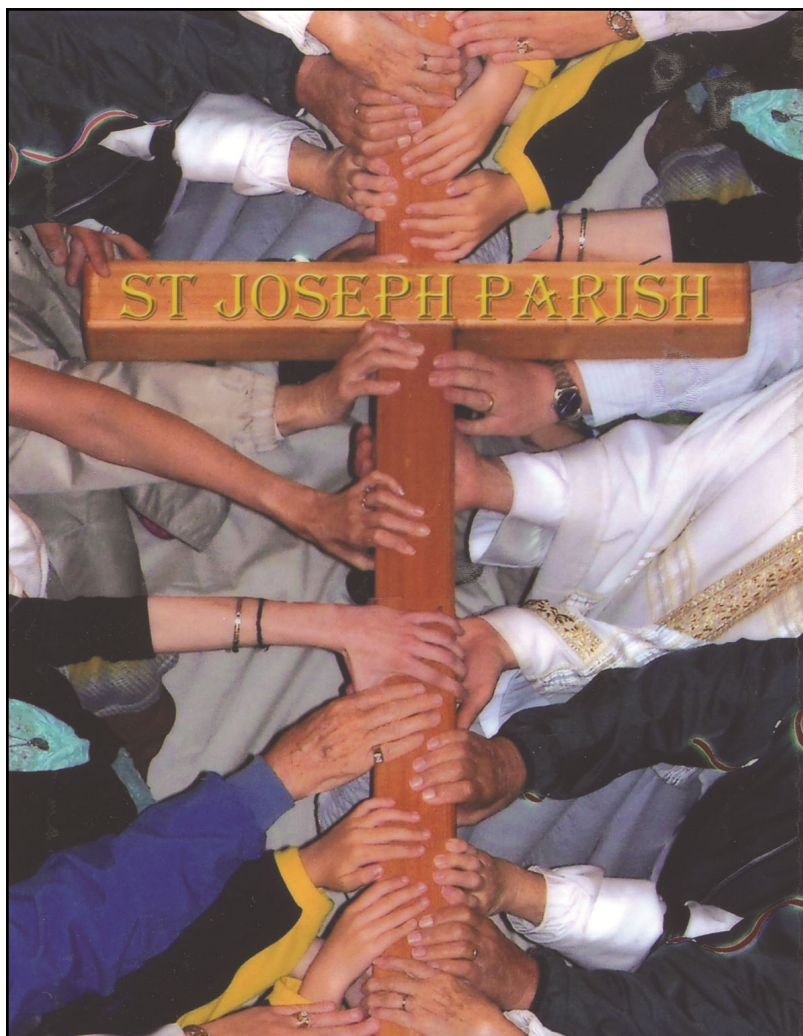
Third Sunday of Advent

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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, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 9:00 AM Blessings for Albino & Joyce Aragno  
**Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy**  
 9:00 AM Piedad Del Real  
**Wednesday, December 14, St. John of the Cross**  
 No 9:00 AM Mass  
**Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls  
 6:30 PM Family Rosary  
**Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Frank Lesniewski

### **Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 17, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent**  
 4:30 PM Bernard Paulson  
**Sunday, December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 AM The People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Joseph R. Pacholski  
 6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

### **Advent Penance Service**

St. Joseph Parish will have our Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Christmas Liturgies**

#### **Advent Penance Service**

Wednesday, December 14—7:00pm

#### **Confessions**

Friday, December 23—7:00pm

Saturday, December 24—9:00am— 10:00am

### **Christmas Masses**

**Saturday, December 24**

4:30pm & 10:30pm

**Sunday, December 25**

8:00am & 10:00am—NO 6:00PM MASS

### **Soleminity of Mary**

**Saturday, December 31—4:30pm vigil mass**

**Sunday, January 1—8:00am & 10:00am—**

NO 6:00PM MASS

### **Sunday Readings Reflections**

**12/18/2016**

**First Reading** -- You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalm** -- Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** -- God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** -- The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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### **Wanted:**

#### **Catechists/Substitute Catechists**

You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus (You'll be evangelizing). It's our job; Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations".

Religious Education Classes meet on: Tuesday from 4:30-5:45pm. Call Yvonne Weaver for more information, Office: 219-865-2355 or [dre@stjosephdyer.org](mailto:dre@stjosephdyer.org).

### **Treasure Envelopes**

As of January 2017, St. Joseph Parish will now have our envelope supplier mail you the Contribution Envelopes to your home. You will receive two months of envelopes. They will be mailed to you every other month. New parishioners will have their personalized envelopes within two months but receive a starter set within a month. If you have any questions, feel free to call.



### SYNOD 2017

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. In his weekly video reflection, Bishop Hying explains the focus of today is joy, which is different than happiness or pleasure. "Joy is knowing that we're loved by God. Joy is knowing that we are children of God and that no matter what happens in our life, we are in God's hands," he says. As we prayerfully continue in our synod process, let us remember to feel the depth of that joy. For more information on the synod, visit [www.dcgary.org/synod.htm](http://www.dcgary.org/synod.htm), and remember to visit [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) for Bishop Hying's Advent reflections.

### 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 **Sunday, December 18th after the 10:00am mass and on Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm.** 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!

### Good News!

We are now taking business ads for our 150th Anniversary History Book. The prices are the same as the Memorial Page ads. Any questions, call the parish office, 865-2271

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 3rd & 4th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$6684.25

Immaculate Conception: \$35.00

Charity: \$56.00

Religious Education: \$11.00

Food Pantry: \$200.00

Christmas: \$80.00

Christmas Flowers: \$30.00

50/50 Raffle: \$230.00

### 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.

### REMINDER:

Just a friendly reminder that the **tax deadline** for 2016 is fast approaching. If you would like your Catholic Services Appeal contribution to be deductible for the **2016 tax year**, it must arrive in the CSA Office **by December 31.**

*Thank you for your commitment  
To the mission of the Diocese of Gary!*

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****Monday, December 12**

7:00pm—150th Anniversary Meeting in  
Gathering Room

**Tuesday, December 13**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing  
4:30-5:45pm—RE Classes in school

**Wednesday, December 14**

7:00pm—Parish Advent Penance Service

**Thursday, December 15**

6:30pm—Family Rosary  
7:00pm—Choir Practice

**Sunday, December 18**

11:00am—Decorating of Church for  
Christmas

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on November 29th  
Was # 239

The Winner Would Have Won \$137.50  
(This amount will be added to next week)

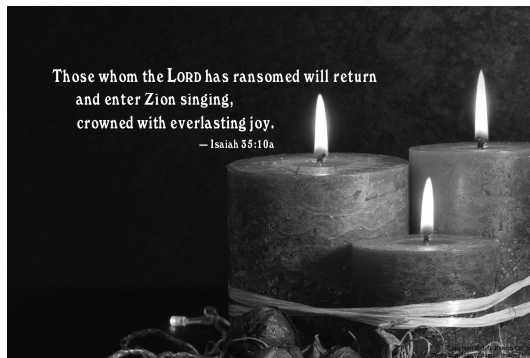
Drawings will be held every  
Tuesday at 9:45am  
in the Gathering Room

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.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.  
— Isaiah 55:10a



**Ministry Schedule**  
**December 17th & 18th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Joe Nowacki,  
Judy Nowacki  
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,  
Tim Pawl  
10:00am—Dennis Bork, John Hearne,  
Tamara Fredrickson  
6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabelle Skurka,  
Frances Vasquez

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Gary Blue  
8:00am—Rita D'Arcy  
10:00am—Diana Giovane  
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

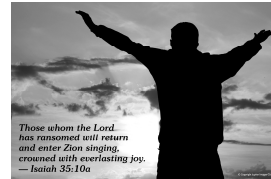
**JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE**

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and  
obedience is the premium we pay for it.  
--William Penn

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**December 17th & 18th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki, Lillian Smith  
8:00am—Christopher Kline, Joe Nowacki  
10:00am—Jack & Orla Fingar, Russell Wells  
6:00pm—Lillian Smith, Lanie Taylor



**Third Sunday of Advent**

December 11, 2016

Those whom the LORD has ransomed  
will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
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-- Isaiah 35:10a

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