

St. Joseph Church

December 14, 2014

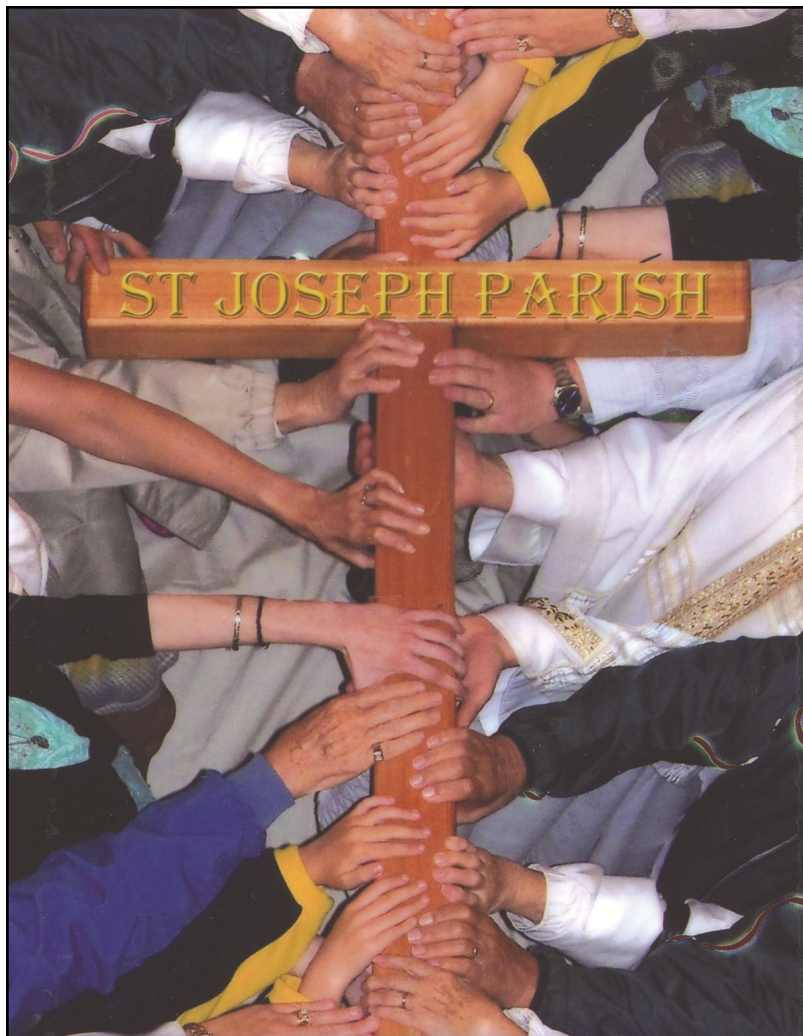
Third Sunday of Advent

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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, 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 Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Ed Hebda 219-865-6922

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Connie Peschel

Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Week-day

No 9:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Parish Penance Service

Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Marie Reitz

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

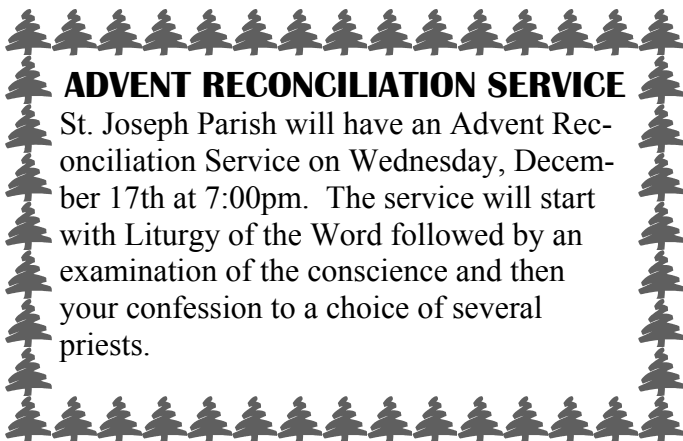
4:30 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Sunday, December 21, 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Nick & Ernesta Zarlenga

10:00 AM Norma Beiriger

6:00 PM The People of the Parish



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Joseph Parish will have an Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 17th 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.



Christmas Schedule

**Confession Schedule
(Parish Penance Service)**

Wednesday, December 17—7:00pm

Friday, December 19—11:00am

Monday, December 22—7:00pm

Tuesday, December 23—7:00pm

Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24

4:30pm

10:30pm

Thursday, December 25

8:00am

10:00am

NO 6:00PM MASS



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.” Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends are February 13-15, 2015 or April 17-19, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015, all at Elk grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

The more connected we are with Jesus, the easier it will be for us to love our neighbors. As we “see” Jesus with our hearts in faith, we become more connected to Jesus’ real presence with our neighbors. Oneness with Jesus moves ourselves out of the way of loving our neighbors because no longer do we see our neighbors as people to use to our own advantage especially with regards to pay back. Expecting something in return for loving our neighbors is replaced by the constant oneness of Jesus that fills our hearts. And this deep connectedness with Jesus makes loving our neighbors freely without alternative motives far easier because we have all that we need for peace thanks to Jesus’ presence.

Trusting our connectedness with Jesus requires simplifying our prayer lives, spending more time in silent gazing at Jesus’ presence. No words need to be spoken; simply keep our “eyes” of faith on our beloved savior, Jesus. His all-consuming return gaze does wonders for setting us free from ourselves and opening us to be more charitable to our neighbors, including the least of our neighbors.

Loving our neighbors is not a problem for us when we live Christ’s presence. In the mystery of God’s revelation, being open to a faith-guided connectedness with Jesus transforms our entire outlook on life which includes how we treat the people around us. Simplifying our enlarging us in Christ’s presence to more faithfully love our neighbors.

In Christ’s Gaze,

Fr. Terry



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.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 6th & 7th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount

Collected: \$6471.80

Charity: \$22.00

Immaculate Conception: \$181.00

Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$709.80

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$137,195.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$4263.92)

Christmas: \$95.00

Christmas Flowers: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$330.00

50/50 Raffle: \$241.00

MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today’s four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God’s reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is “sent.” Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord’s way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God’s favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Tuesday, December 16**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious
Education classes in school6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious
Education classes in school**Wednesday, December 17**

No 9:00am Mass

7:00pm—Parish Penance Service

10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup

6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, December 18

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:00—Choir Practice

Friday, December 19

11:00am—Confessions

Saturday, December 20

9:00am—Christmas decorating in church

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

The tradition of anointing the sick with blessed oil is very old, but developed slowly and unevenly in the first eight centuries of the church's life. St. Augustine, who wrote volumes of homilies from his thriving church in North Africa, plus pastoral directives, letters, and memoirs, never mentions it at all. We know from ancient prayers that it did happen in Rome, Milan, Gaul, and the British Isles. In Rome the bishop blessed the oil of the sick, but it could be applied by a priest, deacon, or a layperson. It seems that sick persons could even anoint themselves. St. Genevieve of Paris was known for anointing the sick in her care.

Perhaps inevitably, complaints of abuses, and even trickery by sorcerers, brought an end to this consoling practice. In a dangerous world with a dispersed population, clerics may have preferred that this hands-on care was a lay privilege. The purpose of anointing, however, was not simply healing, but forgiveness of sin and an experience of saving power of Christ. By the year 800, dioceses everywhere were organizing rituals for priestly anointing. Although anointing of the sick is reserved to priests today, perhaps this treasured memory will enrich the future of the sacrament.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 2nd
Was # 313

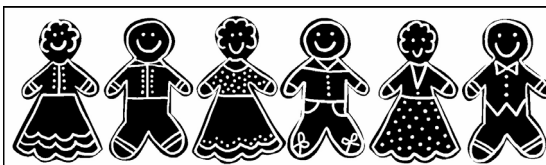
The Winner Would Have Won \$405.00
(This amount will be added to next week)

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 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.



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Ministry Schedule
December 20th & 21st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan, Tamara
Fredrickson, Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Isabella Skurka,

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Rita D'Arcy
10:00am—Religious Education students
6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

Angels of Peace

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of
peace. —St. Therese of Lisieux

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith
8:00am—Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Religious Education students
6:00pm—Lanie Taylor



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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— *1 Thessalonians 5:16*

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