

St. Joseph Church

December 18, 2016

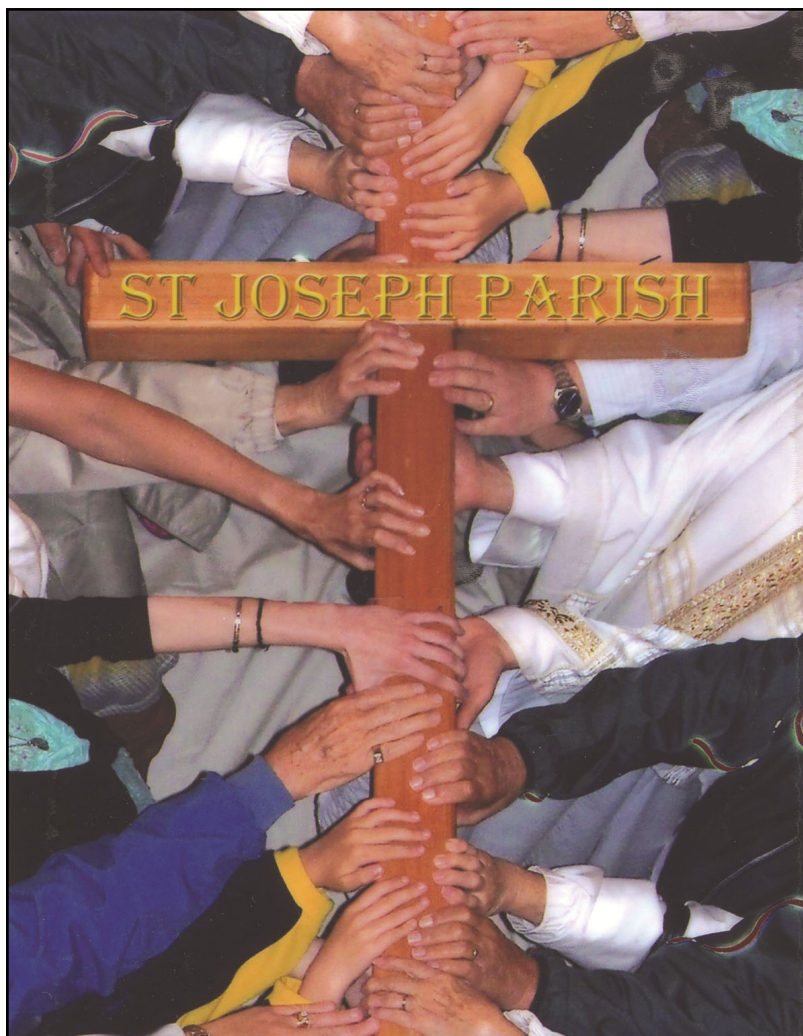
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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

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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 19, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Marie Reitz

Tuesday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Don, Norbert & Hugh Smith

Wednesday, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Jane Nowacki

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25, Christmas

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

No 6:00 PM Mass

Christmas Liturgies

Confessions

Friday, December 23—7:00pm

Saturday, December 24—9:00am-10am

Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 24

4:30pm & 10:30pm

Sunday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am—NO 6:00PM MASS

Solemnity of Mary—

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

Sunday, January 1—8:00am & 10:00am

NO 6:00PM MASS

Sunday Readings Reflections

12/25/2016

First Reading -- All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm -- All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel -- The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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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, 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.

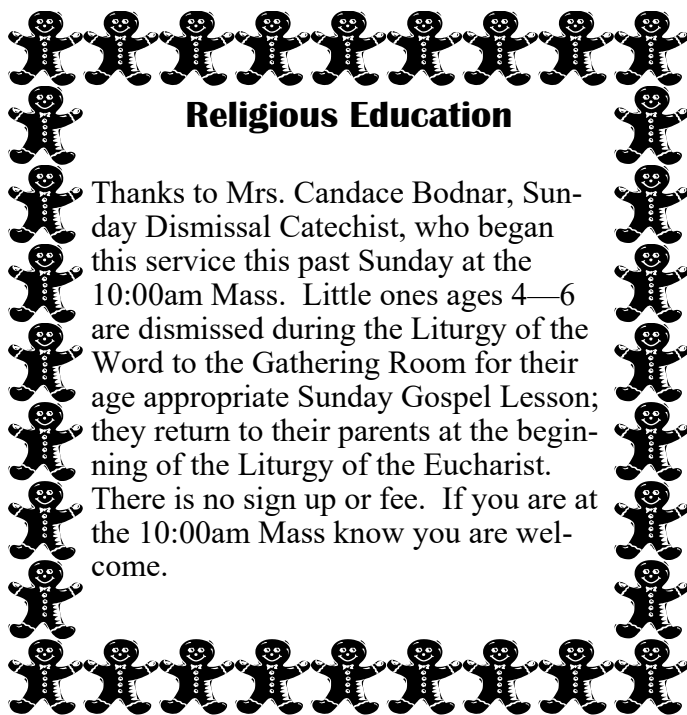
As an added bonus, you can also reserve a copy of the History Book of the Diocese of Gary published in 2006 for an additional \$5.00.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.



SYNOD 2017

This is our last synod update until after Christmas and the New Year. In January, we will begin to talk about ways our parish might break open and discern how to implement some of the suggestions that came from our discussion session in October. Please continue to pray for our diocesan synod!



Religious Education

Thanks to Mrs. Candace Bodnar, Sunday Dismissal Catechist, who began this service this past Sunday at the 10:00am Mass. Little ones ages 4—6 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word to the Gathering Room for their age appropriate Sunday Gospel Lesson; they return to their parents at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There is no sign up or fee. If you are at the 10:00am Mass know you are welcome.

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!*

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 10th & 11th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$5723.40

Charity: \$2.00

Religious Education: \$110.00

Christmas Flowers: \$866.00

Food Pantry: \$1961.55

Immaculate Conception: \$1408.00

50/50 Raffle: \$210.00



Our Departed Loved Ones

Please keep the following members of St. Joseph Parish who died this past year in your prayers:

Rosemary Bohney
Raymond P. Forecki, Sr.
Carmella Diccio
Donald F. Mizanin, Sr.
Annabelle L. Hesser
Helen M. Bielawski
Bruno P. Curatolo
Marivic Kipte
Regina M. McLochlin



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!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 19**

6:00pm—Decorating of Church for Christmas

Tuesday, December 20

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—RE Classes in school

Wednesday, December 21

10:00am—12 noon—Food Pantry pickup

6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, December 22

6:30pm Family Rosary

Friday, December 23

Parish Office closed

7:00pm—Confessions

Saturday, December 24

9:00-10:00am Confessions

10:00am Altar Server Rehearsal

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a "carol" anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. "Carol" comes from the Old French carula, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren't for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn't make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn't admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn't make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol "Silent Night" comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church's organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the "Silent Night Memorial Chapel" at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 6th

Was # 397

The Winner Would Have Won \$252.50

(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, HOME-BOUND 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.

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 a month instead of the following year, address changes can be made within a month, and any other changes that are necessary can be handled quicker.

Ministry Schedule
December 24th & 25th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Judy Nowacki,
Sandy O'Drobinak
10:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Mike Klausman,
Volunteer needed
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki,
Volunteer needed
10:00am—Gary Blue, Barb Graegin,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Michael & Wayne Gallenberger
10:30pm—Mike Klausman
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Bridget Cavanaugh

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never
better than at Christmas.

--Charles Dickens

Ministry Schedule
December 24th & 25th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki, Dominic Rizzo,
Andrew Yuraitis
10:30pm—Ian Gruver, Mary Howe, Lanie Taylor
8:00am—Joe Nowacki, Joe Stankovich,
Lanie Taylor
10:00am—Jim Morris, Mary Shutoski



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

-- Matthew 1:23

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