

St. Joseph Church

December 20, 2015

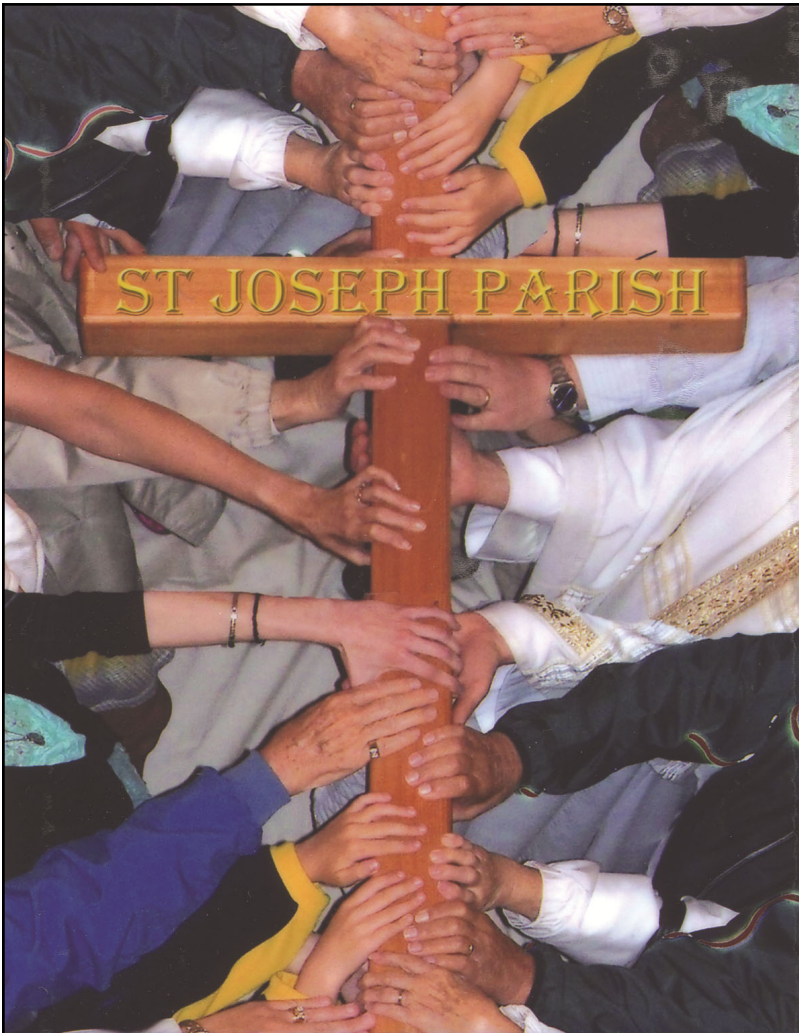
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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

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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 21, Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Zarlenga & Kaczocha Families

Wednesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Friday, December 25, Christmas

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

No 6:00PM Mass

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:30 PM Joseph R. Pacholski

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

6:00 PM Poor Souls

Please Note!

The only 9:00am Mass that will be celebrated this week will be Tuesday, December 22nd.

Confession Schedule for Christmas

Monday, December 21—7:00pm

Tuesday, December 22—7:00pm

Wednesday, December 23—7:00pm

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Thursday, December 24

4:30pm & 10:30pm

Friday, December 25

8:00am & 10:00am—**No 6:00pm**

Sunday Readings Reflections of 12/27/2015

Reading 1 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Whether we are five, or fifteen, or thirty-five years old, the Lord expects us to show respect for our parents. A mother or father shares in God's work of teaching, guiding, and caring for us. We honor our mothers and fathers and guardians by obeying them in all reasonable ways, and by comforting and caring for them when they are in need. Those who honor their parents will be richly rewarded.

Reading 2 Colossians 3:12-21

How can families and Christian communities live together in peace? The letter to the Colossians today offers helpful advice. We should "put on" in compassion and kindness. We must be willing to forgive, no matter how many times a parent or brother or sister offends us, just as the Lord forgives us without limit. Over all other virtues we "put on love." When we allow ourselves to be truly loving, gratitude and joy overflow in our lives.

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Can you identify with Jesus in this wonderful story from Luke's Gospel? Jesus at the age of twelve is on the verge of becoming a man in the Jewish society of his day. He and his parents have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence.

When Jesus' parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place.

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Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Wednesday, December 23rd through Friday, December 25th.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

We can be a compartmentalizing people based on busy schedules that accumulate in our waking hours. Because we get so full of activity, we force ourselves to compartmentalize as if we are in a department store in that we go from one activity (department) to another. This works fine to a point but problems set in if we forget that no matter what our schedule, we are to be vigilantly alert to treating people with kindness and compassion. Sometimes we can use our busyness as an excuse for being impatient with people including the way we talk to others. We may declare that we are so important in our many activities that how dare anybody get in the way of our rigorous schedules.

Jesus teaches us that treating people with kindness and compassion is to be built into our daily schedules, not for an hour or minutes here or there, but all the time. Living Holy Communion with Jesus implies that we live in oneness with Christ in our every moment. No schedule book is needed with being Jesus' disciples because Holy Communion with our Beloved Savior is our constant call. Discipleship is not based on convenience, but rather is based on our duty, our obligation to love one another all the time. This may impact our approach to our many daily activities such that we can be more patient throughout our busy days because every moment can be another discipleship opportunity to manifest patience with people especially when unexpected people-issues arise.

In Christ, we move away from compartmentalizing loving our neighbors. Going to a department store does not define how love is because love is all-encompassing in our every moment. Staying vigilant and alert to being kind and compassionate all the time can transform our busy schedules into living the timeless gift of God's Love in Christ as his disciples.

In God's Kindness and Compassion,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 5th & 6th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$6175.57
Charity: \$0
Religious Education: \$0
Immaculate Conception: \$121.00
Christmas: \$50.00
Christmas Flowers: \$35.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus \$556.57:
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$133,975.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$9586.86)
Food Pantry: \$555.00
50/50 Raffle: \$230.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 12th & 13th

Due to Holiday Printing Schedule

**The Treasure Report
 WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEKEND**

Our Departed Loved Ones

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

- Sharon A. Kramer
- Marie F. Koepf
- Curtis Bright
- Lloyd S. Kubinski
- Ronald P. Pierzchalski
- Al Szymkowski
- Jill D. Prystalski
- Kathleen J. Krohn
- Bernard E. Paulson
- Jane W. Biederstadt
- Robert F. Zegley
- Dolores L. Rea
- Donna Maicher
- Thomas L. Hilbrich
- Joseph Bober

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 21
 No 9:00am Mass
 7:00 pm—Confessions

Tuesday, December 22
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 7:00pm—Confessions

Wednesday, December 23
 7:00pm—Confessions
 Parish Office closed

Thursday, December 24
 No 9:00am Mass
 4:30 pm—Vigil Mass for Christmas
 10:30pm—Vigil Mass for Christmas
 Parish Office closed

Friday, December 25
 8:00am—Mass
 10:00am—Mass
 No 6:00pm Mass

CSA

Due to the person from the Diocese who handled the CSA Pledges, Payments and Reminders retiring this year, some of the CSA reminders did not get to the parishioners this year. If you still owe your pledge for this year, please send in your payment along with your name and what parish you belong to. If you have the previous reminder that was sent to you, please use this to send in your payment.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to call the parish office, 865-2271, to help you. If you would like to speak with the CSA office directly, call 219-769-9292 and ask for the CSA office.

Treasure Envelopes

Your 2016 Treasure Envelopes are ready for pickup in the main vestibule. Please pick yours up today. They are in alphabetical order.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on December 8th
 Was # 66**

The Winner Would Have Won \$115.00
 (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.



December 24th & 25th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, John Hearne,
Judy Nowacki

10:30pm— Bonnie Gruver, Kathy Lebryk,

8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki,

10:00am—Dennis Bork, Allan Burgos,
Barb Graegin,

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger

10:30pm—Mike Klausman

8:00am—Rita D’Arcy

10:00am—Bridget Cavanaugh & Gary Blue

December 26th & 27th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver, Lee Kobza,
Fran Lisac

8:00am—Judy Kline, Steve Kline,
Pauline Rybicki

10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin

6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Irene Magana

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan

8:00am—Marianne Trembacki

10:00am—Diana Giovane, Sandy Riley

6:00pm—Kurt Vanderah

Altar Servers—December 24th & 25th

4:30pm—Jim Morris, Joe Nowacki

10:30pm— Ian Gruver

8:00am— Joe Nowacki

10:00am— Jim Morris

Altar Servers—December 26th & 27th

4:30pm—Ian Gruver

8:00am—Joe Nowacki

10:00am—Andrew & Kevin Huffman

6:00pm—Need Servers

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