

# St. Joseph Church

December 21, 2014

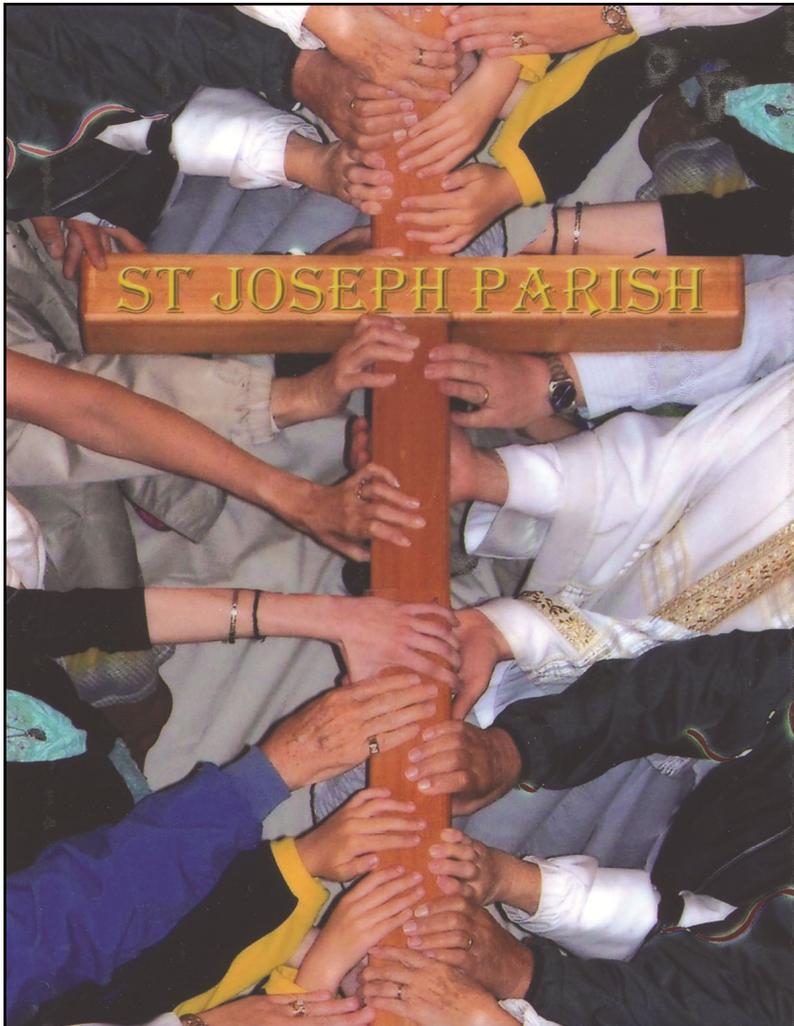
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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

**Parish Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Email .....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

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](mailto:yseweaver@yahoo.com)

**DIRECTOR:** Yvonne Weaver

## 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 22, Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Wednesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Wednesday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas**

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day**

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

**NO 6:00 PM MASS**

**Friday, December 26, St. Stephen**

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 27, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

4:30 PM Arthur Wisowaty

**Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00 AM Julia Rietman

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

6:00 PM Poor Souls



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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Allan Burgos—864-8974

Noel Cusick—865-6255

Tamara Fredrickson—322-6911

John Hearne—864-8929

Gladys Heffernan—708-672-3456

Steve Kline—219-730-1663

Lillian Smith—864-8285

Barb Yamich—322-7219

Recording Secretary—Rita D’Arcy—365-9274

The names listed above are the Pastoral Council of St. Joseph Parish. The Pastoral Council is a consultative group. They enter into a dialogue with the pastor visioning and planning together in order to create the overall parish policy that will carry out the Mission of Christ in the Church.

If you have any concerns, please call any member from the Pastoral Council and they will bring your concern to their next meeting.

**Christmas Schedule**

**Confession Schedule**

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**



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### Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever tried to figure out where faith in God comes from? It's not as if we can "will" faith into our lives! And then the issue of repentance from sin—how does that connect with faith? Well, mysteriously they do! Faith is gift from God and from it flows the desire to repent of our sin. But when do people get faith and repent? For it seems that some people are blind to the gift of faith and its call to repent. How does God reveal God's Love to them? "Mysteriously" is the humbling reply.

Although we acknowledge the gift of faith in our lives, there are many people who do not overtly acknowledge the gift of faith. It does not mean that God is not pursuing them via faith but it is not so obvious to us looking from a distance. And, thus, we need to pray for one another that we are all freed up from our blindness to God's saving love in Christ.

Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" but the repentance issue flows around through the gift of faith that mysteriously pursues all of us to acknowledge that we need Jesus' saving love as we admit sorrow for our sins. Mysteriously, faith and forgiveness of sin go together in freeing us up from our blindness to Jesus. It is a gift from God so let's cooperate with it and pray that our neighbors do as well.

In God's Mysterious Faithfulness,

Fr. Terry

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Dates are February 13-15, 2015 or April 17-19, 2015 or June 12-14, 2015, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 13th & 14th

Due to Holiday Printing Schedule

Treasure Report

WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEKEND

### Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 9th  
Was # 842

The Winner Would Have Won \$525.50  
(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 pre-printed 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.



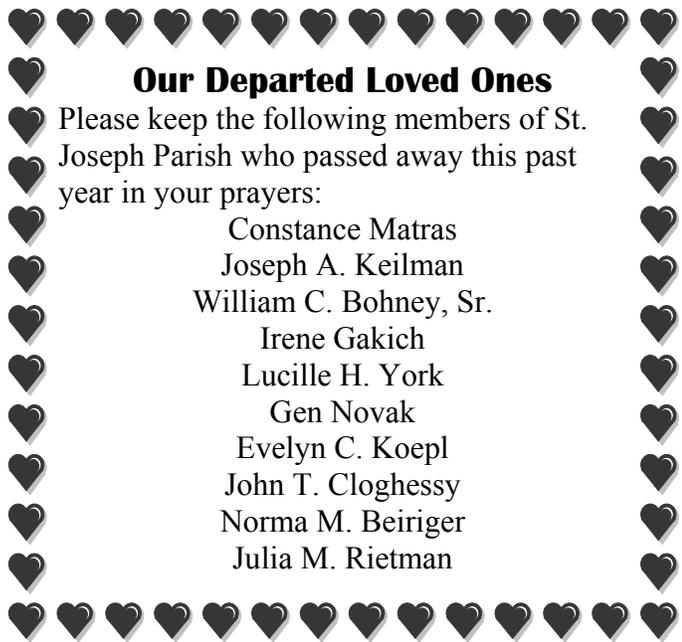
**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, December 22**  
7:00pm—Confessions

**Tuesday, December 23**  
No 9:00am Mass  
9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing  
7:00pm—Confessions

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

**Thursday, December 25**  
8:00am—Christmas Mass  
10:00am—Christmas Mass  
**NO 6:00PM MASS**



**Our Departed Loved Ones**

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

Constance Matras  
Joseph A. Keilman  
William C. Bohney, Sr.  
Irene Gakich  
Lucille H. York  
Gen Novak  
Evelyn C. Koepl  
John T. Cloghessy  
Norma M. Beiriger  
Julia M. Rietman

**New Year's Day BINGO at  
St. Mary's Griffith**

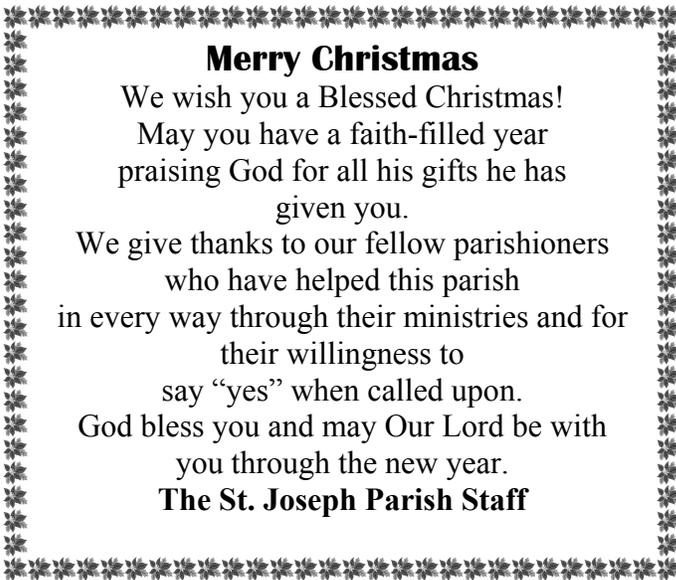
St. Mary's New Year's Day BINGO on Thursday, January 1, 2015 at St. Mary-Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette St in Griffith. Doors open at 11am. Early birds start at 1:00pm, regular bingo at 2pm. \$10,000 in prize money! Free dinner with a setup. Cost is \$35 for a single setup, \$50 for a double setup and \$60 for a triple setup. Reservations are required by calling 219-922-2283. Leave a message.

**TREASURES FROM  
OUR TRADITION**

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity, who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum.

The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community.

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**Merry Christmas**

We wish you a Blessed Christmas!  
May you have a faith-filled year  
praising God for all his gifts he has  
given you.

We give thanks to our fellow parishioners  
who have helped this parish  
in every way through their ministries and for  
their willingness to  
say "yes" when called upon.  
God bless you and may Our Lord be with  
you through the new year.

**The St. Joseph Parish Staff**

**Ministry Schedule**  
**December 27th & 28th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,  
Lee Kobza  
8:00am—Perla Garcia, Judy Kline,  
Steve Kline  
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,  
Barb Greagin, Ron Reichelt (choir)  
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,  
Constance Peschel

**Lectors**

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan  
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki  
10:00am—Tom Heffernan, Diana Giovane  
6:00pm—Claudia Wing

**Continual Christmas**

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.  
—Benjamin Franklin

**Ministry Schedule**  
**December 27th & 28th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm—Ian Gruver  
8:00am—Christopher, Jake Kline  
10:00am—Jim Morris  
6:00pm—Mary Shutoski



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 21, 2014**

The child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God.  
—*Luke 1:35*

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