

St. Joseph Church

December 22, 2013

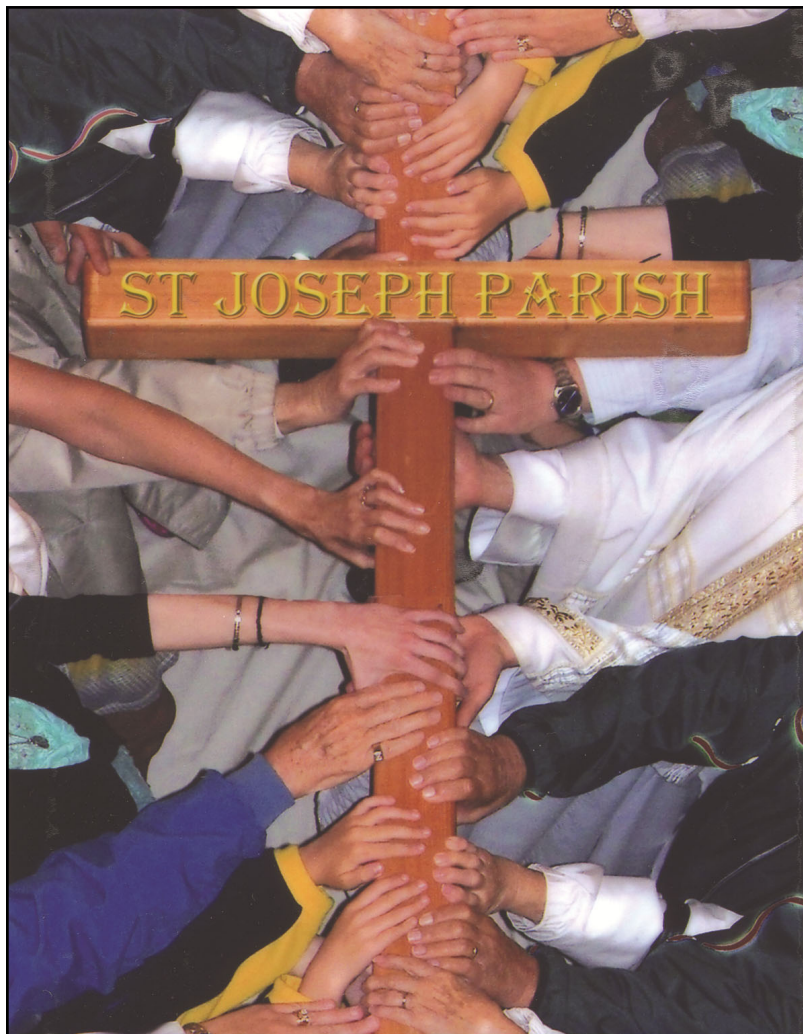
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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 Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

Weekday Masses

Mon-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: Mike Kulik 708-906-6652

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing*.

**Monday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 24, Vigil: Christmas

4:30 PM The People of the Parish

10:30 PM The People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

NO 6:00 PM MASS**Thursday, December 26, St. Stephen**

9:00 AM Lucille Thiery

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 27, St. John

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Weekend Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 28, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

4:30 PM Frances Jurkowski

Sunday, December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Myrtle Bober

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Confession Schedule**

Monday, December 23—7:00pm

Christmas Masses**Tuesday, December 24**

4:30pm

10:00pm Christmas Choir Concert

10:30pm

Wednesday, December 25

8:00am

10:00am

NO 6:00PM MASS**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 22nd after the 6:00pm Mass**. 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!

PLEASE NOTE!

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th thru Thursday, December 26th.

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home.

Thank You.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Some of the most artistic baking of the year occurs at Christmas time. From gingerbread to spritz to nut-roll and rum balls and, oh yes, fruit cake. A buffet of sweets can permeate our homes, work space and wherever the party is taking place. Such tantalizing aromas and tastes might lead us to think that the variations on sweets seem to be endless.

However, sweet baking creativity does have an end no matter how long the buffet. But thanks be to God for the endless, eternal "sweetness" in Jesus born of Mary. As savior of the world, Jesus gives us mercy/forgiveness and eternal life. This dual "buffet" of salvation does not deplete or get stale but rather continues to expand as God's Kingdom of Love continues to grow here on earth.

The more we have "taste buds" for Jesus' presence at weekly Eucharist in His real Body and Blood presence, the easier it will be for us to more peaceably see artistic Christmas baking with its' limitations. After all, the "sweetness" of Christ's birth and resulting saving peace for the world is eternally unlimited, leading us not to a "buffet" but rather, to the heavenly banquet!

Loving you in Christ,
Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 7th & 8th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4487.11

Children's Collection: \$18.10

Food Pantry: \$2278.84

Religious Education: \$142.00

Immaculate Conception: \$651.00

Christmas Flowers: \$511.00

50/50 Raffle: #75.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 10th

Was # 126

The Winner Would Have Won \$3853.00

(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.** 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.

Masses for Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31

4:30pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

8:00am

10:00am

NO 6:00PM MASS

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**





THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 22

7:15pm—More Christmas Decorating

Monday, December 23

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

7:00pm—Confessions

Tuesday, December 24

Parish office closed

4:30pm—Christmas vigil mass

10:00pm—Christmas Choir Concert

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Wednesday, December 25

Parish office closed

8:00am—Christmas Mass

10:00am—Christmas Mass

NO 6:00PM MASS**Thursday, December 26**

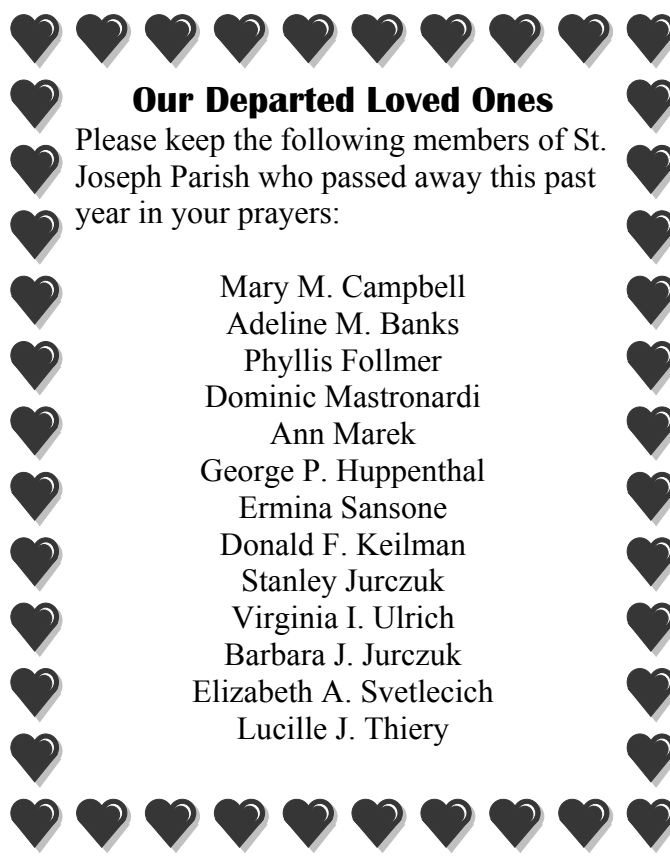
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6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Office of Pro-Life Activities Pilgrimage to the March for Life 2014 In Washington, DC

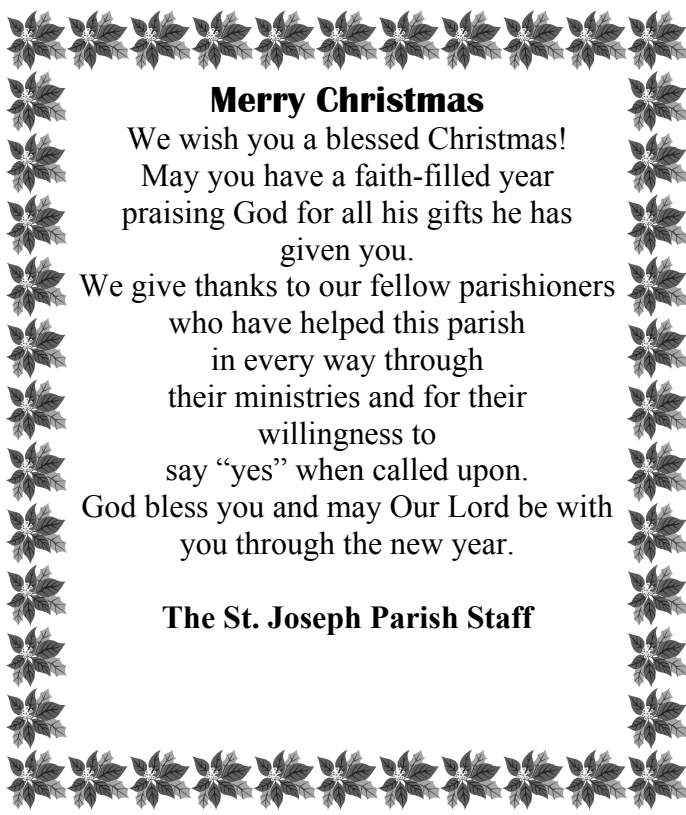
The Office of Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese of Gary is sponsoring their annual pilgrimage to Washington DC to participate in, and be the voice for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves, at the 41st annual March for Life, January 20—January 24, 2014. The pilgrimage is led by Rev. Theodore J. Mens, Pro-Life Director for the diocese. The cost is \$350 per person which includes deluxe motor coach leaving from St. Mary Church in Griffith, 3 nights at Days Inn hotel in Washington DC, 3 meals, attending the pro-life Mass for Life the night before the March at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with hundreds of cardinals, bishops, priests, seminarians and thousands of pilgrims, the Archdiocese of Washington Youth Rally and Mass at the DC Armory, the March for Life, meeting with our legislators after the March, and visits to Arlington Cemetery, the War Memorials, Smithsonian Institute and more! Please be advised there is a lot of walking involved in this pilgrimage. Only 4 spots remain open. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required by 12/30/13. Call 924-4163.



Our Departed Loved Ones

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

Mary M. Campbell
Adeline M. Banks
Phyllis Follmer
Dominic Mastronardi
Ann Marek
George P. Huppenthal
Ermina Sansone
Donald F. Keilman
Stanley Jurczuk
Virginia I. Ulrich
Barbara J. Jurczuk
Elizabeth A. Svetleich
Lucille J. Thiery



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 28th & 29th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Sandy O'Drobinak
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—John Hearne, Mike Klausman,
Margaret Quinn, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Tamara Fredrickson, Renan Garcia,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Brooke Rangel
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—J. Hearne & Bridget Cavanaugh
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

Lord Of All

Jesus Christ will be Lord of all, or he will not be
Lord at all. —St. Augustine.

Ministry Schedule
December 28th & 29th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Lillian Smith
8:00am—C. Kline, J. Kline, K. Kline
10:00am—Jessica Hearne, Megan Harding
6:00pm—Need Servers



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

— *Matthew 1:23*

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