

St. Joseph Church

December 27, 2015

The Holy Family of

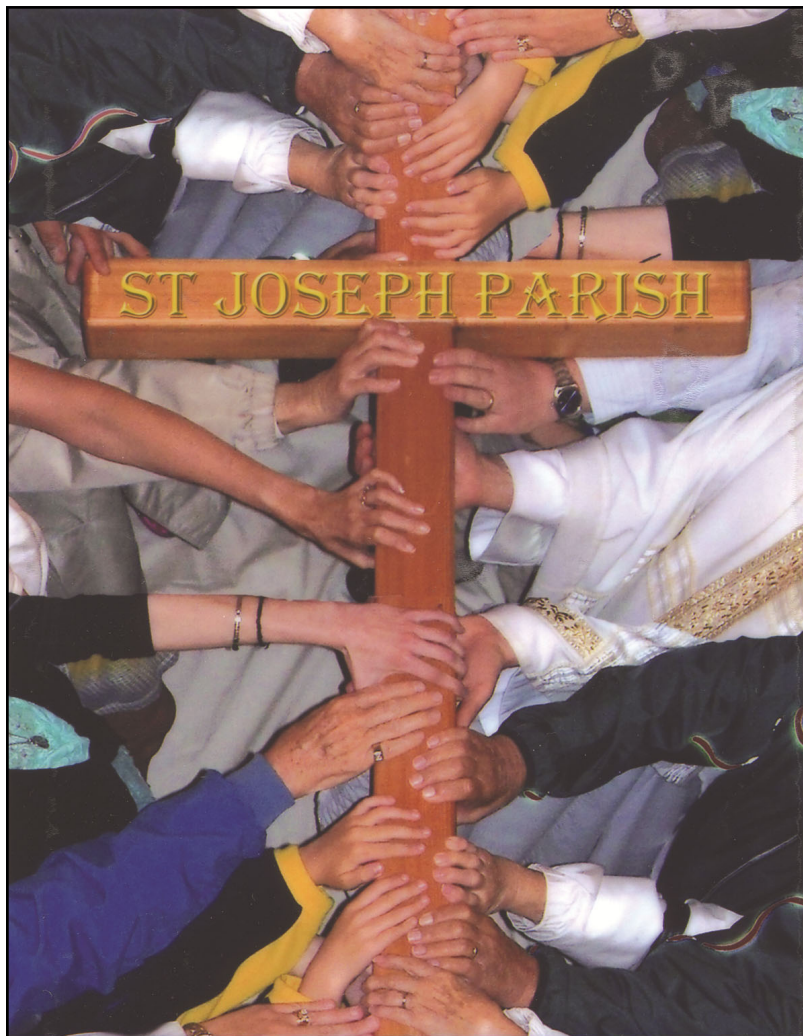
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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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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 28, The Holy Innocents

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 29, 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Walter Burczak

Wednesday, December 30, 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 31, 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.

9:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Daniel Doyle Family

Thursday, December 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:30 PM George Steffens

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM Tom & Betty Hilbrich

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

NO 6:00 PM MASS

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM Bernard Paulson

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Bill Bohney

10:00 AM Tom & Betty Hilbrich

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Mass Schedule for Holyday of Obligation

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, December 31

4:30pm

Friday, January 1

8:00am

10:00am

NO 6:00PM MASS

Sunday Readings Reflections of 1/3/2016

Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6

In this first reading God's people hear words of encouragement. God is going to "shine on them" again and give them a new opportunity to keep their covenant and be faithful. If they do that, they will be filled with joy. The writer also hints of an even more joyous time when the Messiah, Jesus Christ, will come into the world and persons will come from afar "bearing gold and frankincense." Like the Israelites, we often fail to keep our covenant with God. But God, who is always faithful, offers us another chance to fill our lives with the peace and joy of God's love.

Reading 2 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

In the second reading the people of Ephesus are told that the Good News of Jesus is meant not just for the Jews but for all people. We are called to be "co-heirs" in the promise of Jesus Christ. That means we share in his work of salvation by caring for others, by reaching out to those in need, and by being peacemakers.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The story of the astrologers, or magi, following the light of a distant star is full of surprises. The astrologers, who were Gentiles, were the first to worship Jesus as the newborn King of the Jews. They found him, not in a palace surrounded by signs of wealth and might, but as a helpless baby in the arms of Mary, his mother. Yet the astrologers believed and worshiped him, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, Matthew tells us, full of joy and wonder, they returned to their distant homes.

The astrologers had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Christ shows himself to us, too, and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. If we are people of faith, we will find him in these little "epiphanies." We will offer him our own gifts—our prayers and worship, our loving service of others, and our constant faith, even when it might seem hard to find him.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Sometimes we may think that the greatest wisdom and knowledge comes from science and technology and with them we can solve all our earthly challenges. The difficulty with this mind-set is that science and technology are bracketed by human limitations. In fact, one of the wisest things we humans can do is admit that even science and technology are limited and, thus, they cannot solve all our earthly challenges. Some will say that science and technology simply needs more time; however, in the light of Christ born into our humanity, we are continually reminded that the unlimited love of God is brought to the earth because we humans are particularly limited in sin and death.

Divine intervention enters into every aspect of our humanity to remind us that no amount of science and technology can free us from sin and death. Hopefully, we admit this and move away from the illusion that science and technology simply needs more time. God gives us dominion over the world in the humble atmosphere of remaining faithful to the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Science and technology are not the one true god, but rather, they are gifts from the one true God who reveals wisdom to us humans through Christ in the Holy Spirit. And the wisdom of God keeps us humbly aware that we are limited and God is not limited. Thus, we are to prayerfully defer to the mystery of God's Will for us and the world and revel in God's Saving Love through Jesus born into our humanity.

Let us thank God for science and technology but let us also thank God for our limitations. This way we take the pressure off of our good earth and admit that the earth belongs to God and not to the laboratory. Christ the savior comes to be one with us on earth to show us that the greatest wisdom and knowledge is of God for God's Ways are not our ways.

In the One True God,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 12th & 13th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5027.51
Charity: \$2.00
Religious Education: \$172.00
Immaculate Conception: \$1051.86
Christmas: \$115.00
Christmas Flowers: \$506.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit:
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$139,800.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$8535.49)
Food Pantry: \$2655.65
50/50 Raffle: \$246.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 19th & 20th

**Due to Holiday Printing Schedule
 The Treasure Report
 WILL BE PUBLISHED
 NEXT WEEKEND**

Treasure Envelopes

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

Merry Christmas

With Jesus among us
 we celebrate Christmas with family
 surrounded by love.

We give thanks to God for all
 that he gave us.

We also thank our fellow parishioners who have
 generously donated their time,
 talent and treasure.

God bless you and looking
 forward to a blessed and
 faith-filled 2016!

The St. Joseph Parish Staff

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 28

7:00 pm—Stewardship Meeting in
Gathering Room

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Thursday, December 31

4:30 pm—Vigil Mass for Christmas
Parish Office closed

Friday, January 1

8:00am—Mass

10:00am—Mass

No 6:00pm Mass

Parish Office closed

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our dedicated Choir Coordinator and the Parish Choir Members for their Stewardship of time and talent in our Music Ministry during this Christmas season:

Liturgy/Music Coordinator:

Janet Whitfield

Parish Choir

Frank Batinick	Irene Narcisi
Celeste Dusek	Henry Polochak
Phyllis Howard	Emily Reichelt
Rose Ilgin	Ron Reichelt
Lee Klausman	Arlene Stuchlak
Tom Lewandowski	Dan Sullivan
Tony Maicher	Lad Tajer
Ken Mantel	Marianne Trembacki

Andrean High School

Hosting an Open House for prospective students and their families on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 5:30-7:30pm. Please enter through entrance L in the back of the school.

Will be a second Entrance Exam for the Class of 2020 on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 8:00am.

Will end approx. 11:30am. All incoming freshmen are required to take the exam for the 2016-17 year.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 15th
Was # 228

The Winner Would Have Won \$238.00

(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 31st & January 1st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Judy Nowacki, Isabelle Skurka,
Yvonne Weaver
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki,

10:00am—Barb Graegin, Irene Magana,
Frances Vasquez

No 6:00pm Mass

Lectors

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—

No 6:00pm Mass

January 2nd & 3rd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Emma
Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Edwin Abangan, Jessica Abangan,
Laura Hays
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad/Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am— Diana Giovane
6:00pm—Emma Weissbeck

Altar Servers—Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st

4:30pm—Jim Morris & Joe Nowacki
8:00am—Joe Nowacki
10:00am—Jim Morris

Altar Servers— January 2nd & 3rd

4:30pm— Joe Nowacki
8:00am— Christopher Kline
10:00am— Gian Abangan, Jim Morris
6:00pm— Lanie Taylor

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