

St. Joseph Church

December 28, 2014

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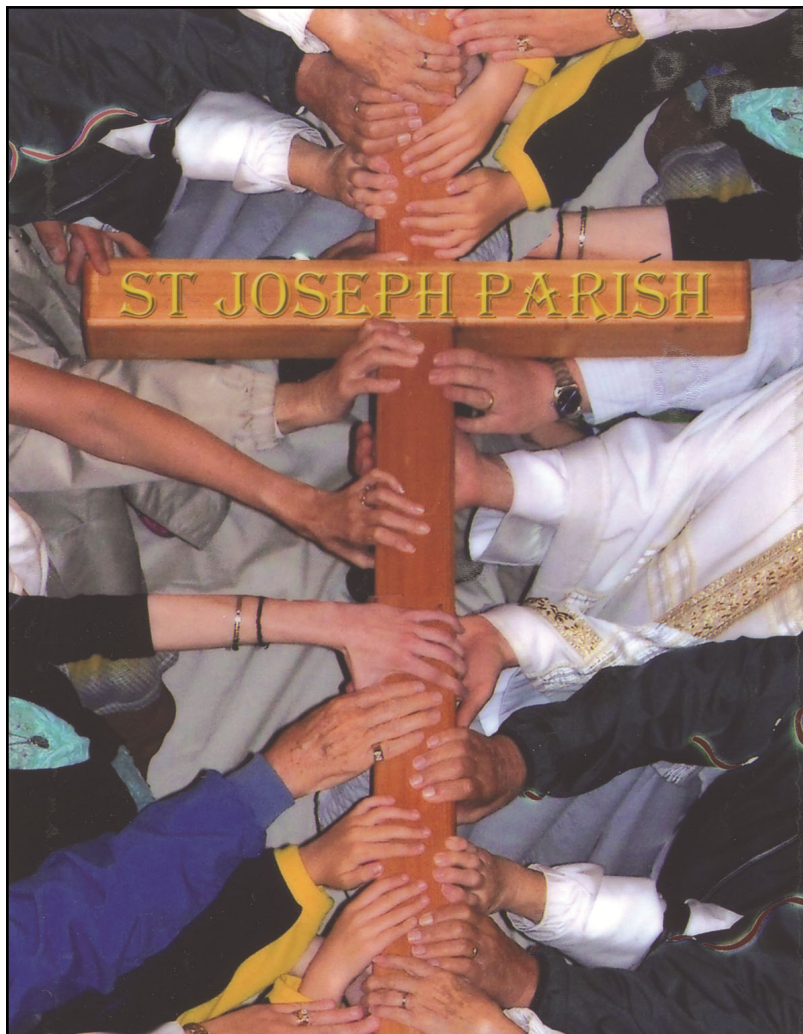
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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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.

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

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Mateo Guanzon Family

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

9:00 AM Norma Beiriger

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

No 9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

4:30 PM Anthony & Marie Poplawski

Thursday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

8:00 AM Jim Rogers

10:00 AM Father Terry Steffens

NO 6:00 PM MASS

Friday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Beth McCarthy Family

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM Anniversary Mass of Bernard & Betty Rose Paulson

Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Julia Rietman

10:00 AM Rosemary Kellam

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Allan Burgos—864-8974

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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.



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, Connie Peschel, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta.

New Years' Day Masses

January 1, 2015, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is a Holyday of Obligation. The masses for this Holyday will be:

December 31

4:30pm

January 1

8:00am

10:00am

NO 6PM MASS



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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

Sometimes the discussion comes up about which came first, the chicken or the egg? It's fun to ponder but we can look upon seeking God from a similar perspective. Which comes first, our seeking God or God seeking us? Based on God loving us first, it is reasonable to proclaim that God seeks us first. And our ability to seek God is itself a gift from God. The seeking "bases" are covered by Jesus coming to visit us with saving love that we ourselves could not come up with. Shall we say thank you to Jesus right now!

One way to describe hell would include not being open to God's constantly seeking us. We become cold or lukewarm to God and back away from seeking the Lord Jesus who seeks us into seeking him. Peter the apostle says it well: there is no one else to seek except you Lord Jesus for "you alone have the words of everlasting life." It is hell to fight God's constantly seeking us in Christ. This fight is known as sin. We need to repent of any cold or lukewarmness toward Christ and become piping hot with openness to God seeking us in Jesus. This is a daily discernment/decision, namely, to seek the God who seeks us first in Christ.

The chicken and the egg is a fun discussion but God's seeking initiates our ability to seek God. Let us give thanks to God for God's faithfulness in Christ and be more open to a "hot" faithfulness in seeking Christ.

In God's Constant Seeking,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 13th & 14th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4924.39

Immaculate Conception: \$603.00

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$437.61)

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$143,160.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$4701.53)

Christmas Flowers: \$570.00

Food Pantry: \$3360.82

50/50 Raffle: \$230.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 16th

Was # 716

The Winner Would Have Won \$640.50

(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 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.

PLEASE NOTE!

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, December 30th through Friday, January 2nd.

Offertory Envelopes

Your parish envelopes are ready for pickup in the main vestibule. Your names are on the boxes and in alphabetical order.

Please pick yours up today.

Thank you for your cooperation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 29

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Tuesday, December 30

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 31

Parish Office closed

4:30pm—Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1

8:00am—Christmas Mass

10:00am—Christmas Mass

NO 6:00PM MASS

Friday, January 2

Parish Office closed

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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THANK YOU!

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

Accompanist

Janet Whitfield

Parish Choir

Frank Batnick	Ken Mantel
Celeste Dusek	Irene Narcisi
Phyllis Howard	Constance Peschel
Rose Ilgin	Emily Reichelt
Lee Klausman	Ron Reichelt
Pauline Kozlowski	Arlene Stuchlak
George Kucka	Dan Sullivan
Tom Lewandowski	Lad Tajer
	Marianne Trembacki

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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Ministry Schedule

January 3rd & 4th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Emma Gallenberger, Kay Hoffman,
Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Barb Graegin, Laura Hays,
Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Brad or Paula Zielke,
Yvonne Weaver

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne & Michael Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Tom Heffernan & Diana Giovane
6:00pm—Renan Garcia

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is
made of. —Benjamin Franklin

Ministry Schedule

January 3rd & 4th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Mary Shutoski
8:00am— Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Jed Burgos
6:00pm— Brian Blue



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

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