

St. Joseph Church

December 29, 2013

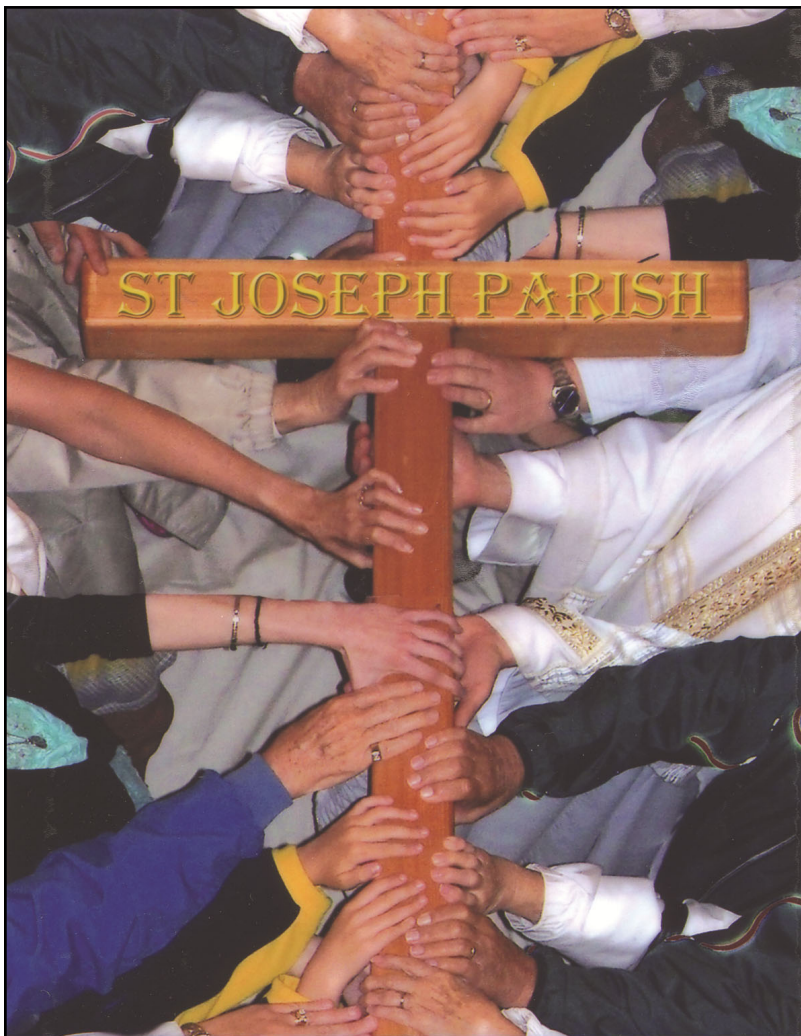
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph

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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

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

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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-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 30, 6th day within the octave

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

Tuesday, December 31, 7th day within the octave

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 31, Vigil: Mary, the Mother of God

4:30 PM The Deceased Members of the Gallenberger & Micheli Families

Wednesday, January 1, Mary, the Mother of God

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Timothy Pawl Family

NO 6:00PM MASS

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

9:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Father Terry Steffens

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paulson

Sunday, January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Lucille Thiery

10:00 AM Leonard Witkowski

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Please Note!

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st through Thursday, January 2nd.

**Holyday of Obligation
Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Mass Times:

Tuesday, December 31

4:30pm Vigil

Wednesday, January 1

8:00am & 10:00am

No 6:00pm Mass

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Allan Burgos—864-8974

Noel Cusick—865-6255

Tamara Fredrickson—322-6911

John Hearne—864-8929

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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

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:

Choir Director

Mary Jadernak

Parish Choir

Frank Batinick

Tony Maicher

Celeste Dusek

Ken Mantel

Phyllis Howard

Irene Narcisi

Rose Ilgin

Constance Peschel

Lee Klausman

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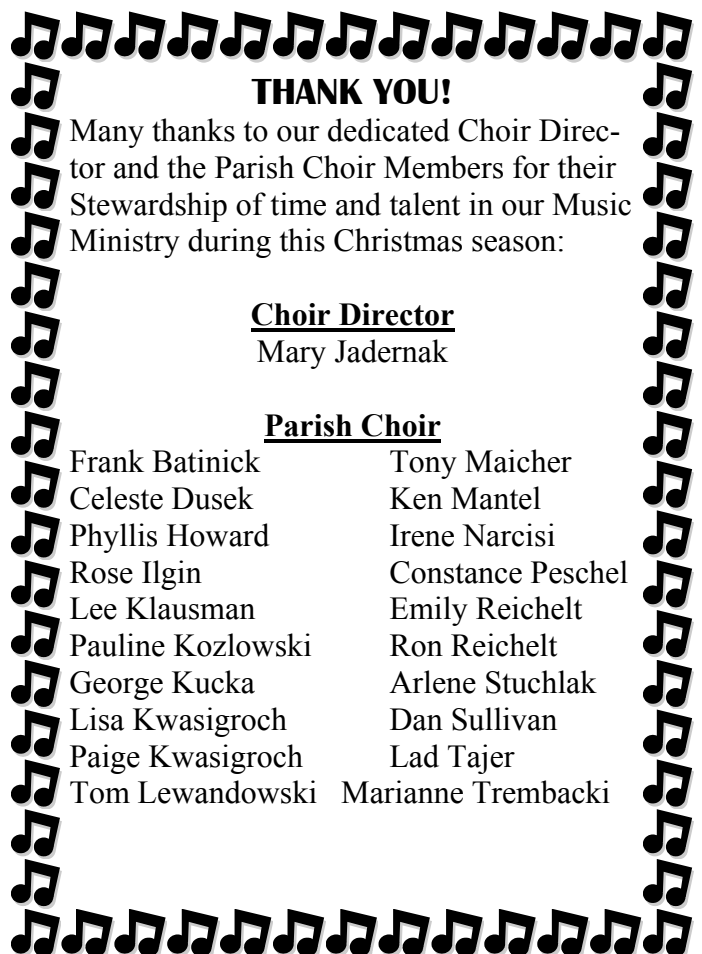
Dan Sullivan

Paige Kwasigroch

Lad Tajer

Tom Lewandowski

Marianne Trembacki



Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

As precious as Christmas is with the Son of God, Jesus, being born into our humanity, what is also precious is Jesus risen from the dead: Easter! It is wonderful that Jesus becomes human and lives like us in all things except sin. What is profound beyond his birth is how Jesus dies and rises from the dead. This is what distinguishes Jesus from all previous prophets and kings. Jesus conquers sin and death via the cross and empty tomb.

Christmas is awesome but Easter gives Christmas its eternal life depth. The greatest Christmas gift is how Jesus born of Mary lays down his adult life for the salvation of the world. He saves the world from sin and death by his rebirth from the Easter tomb. Nativity scenes under our Christmas trees are beautiful, but how about placing an empty tomb next to the manger. Talk about Joy to the World!

Experiencing Christmas in the evergreen tree spirit proclaims the ever-loving God born into our humanity. In addition, Jesus reveals ever-loving us thanks to his death and resurrection. And this precious Christmas gift is the empty tomb, namely, Easter that proclaims everlasting joy to the world.

Merry Christmas/Easter,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 14th & 15th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4750.03

Children's Collection: \$28.10

Charity: \$25.00

Christmas: \$75.00

Christmas Flowers: \$45.00

Food Pantry: \$355.00

50/50 Raffle: \$375.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on December 17th

Drawing results will be posted 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 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.

MARKET DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in our Market Day for December. We earned approximately \$125.00. The food is very good and easy to prepare. Our **next Market Day will be on Wednesday, January 22nd.** The pickup area is off the Nondorf entrance to the school. The order sheets are at all the entrances of the church.

This is one of our fundraisers that helps our budget.

The pick up times are 4:30 to 5:15pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office, 865-2271.

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 your up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 31
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 4:30pm—Vigil Mass for Holyday
 Parish office closed

Wednesday, January 1
 8:00am—Holyday Mass
 10:00am—Holyday Mass
 Parish office closed
NO 6:00PM MASS

Thursday, January 2
 Parish office closed
 6:30pm—Family Rosary
 7:30 pm—Choir Practice

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God’s love poured out in Christ’s birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning flesh.”

Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the “flesh,” and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how “embodied” the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that “the soul can fatten on God.”

Catholics “get” that God is revealed in this world.

The sacraments use the “stuff” of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God’s love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

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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.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ’s peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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Christmas Un-Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful of the 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, January 12th at 11:30am. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!

Ministry Schedule
January 4th & 5th

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Lectors

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

Ministry Schedule
January 4th & 5th

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Need Servers
8:00am— Norbert Brown, Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Jed Burgos, ZJ Grino, Jesse Navarro
6:00pm— Brian Blue



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and Joseph**
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Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*



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