

St. Joseph Church

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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 by calling or stopping in the parish office.

Office Hours

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

Parish Telephones

Parish Office:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Maria Goretti)..... 219-322-6124

Staff Directory

Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha

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Director of Music & Liturgy: William Coble

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

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

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed., Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:00 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 Anointing of the Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Ed Hebda

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

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Monday, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM Jim Rokosz
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, January 9, Weekday

9:00 AM Brian A'Hearn
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, January 10, Weekday

9:00 AM Martin Trombetta
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, January 11, Weekday

9:00 AM Edward Pasztelan
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, January 12, Weekday

9:00 AM Matthew Vojvodich
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Ernest Kenez Jr.
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, January 14, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joan Zerebny
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM John Quinn
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM The People of the Parish
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers



Christmas Un-Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful for the generous parishioners who helped install the beautiful decorations. If you could not attend before Christmas maybe you can lend a hand now? Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on **Saturday, January 13th at 10:00am.** We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!

**March for Life Indianapolis
Be a Voice for the Voiceless**

The Diocese of Gary Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the Indianapolis March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2024. We will be leaving the Our Lady of Consolation parish parking lot at 7AM CST on premium coach buses. The day starts with Mass celebrated by 4 bishops from Indiana, continues with the March and a rally afterwards. The trip home includes a box lunch. Space is limited. Registration and prepayment are required. Take a stand for life!

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?eidk=a07ek34o9ug9523a355&llr=auyfgkvab>

2023 Contribution Statements

There will be (3) ways to obtain your contribution statement for 2023:

1. Email the parish office: office@stjosephdyer.org requesting an email of your Year End Substantiation Letter.
2. Call the parish office, 219-865-2271 and have your statement ready for pickup in the main Vestibule.
3. Send in a self-addressed stamped envelope for your statement.



Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, January 13th & 14th for our Food Pantry.

**Can Your Marriage
Save the World?**

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024

Location: Gamba Ristorante
455 E. 84th Dr.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Time: 5:30pm—Cash bar
6:30pm—Dinner
7:30pm—Theresa & Peter Martin

Cost: \$85 per married couple

Register: By February 9, 2024 at
www.dcgary.org

Trusting The Rule of St. John Paul II, we are a family of families, striving for holiness, strengthening marriages, and living the truth of life-giving love with JOY!

After reading the Rule for Married Couple Groups by St. John Paul II, Peter and Theresa Martin know it had to be shared! They founded the Wojtyla Community & Institute (WCI) to bring the Rule to the English speaking world.

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
December 23rd & 24th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$6051.00

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected:** \$9860.61

Charity: \$401.00

Christmas: \$14,629.00

Immaculate Conception: \$10.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$40.00

Memorial for Christmas Flowers: \$48

Food Pantry: \$255.00

50/50 Raffle: \$290.00

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
December 30th & 31st

Due to printing schedule the above will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank You

The Women's Halo Ministry would like to thank everyone for their support of our Bake Sale. It was a tremendous success, and we couldn't have done it without you! We appreciate all those who brought the wonderful treats and goodies and all the people who stopped by to purchase them! We are overwhelmed by your help and generosity; may God bless you!



**St. Joseph Women's Ministry
"Halo Ladies"**

Topic: WHO IS JESUS?

Join us in fellowship, as we present informative topics to further our knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

We gather in faith on the second Tuesday of each month. Please join us January 9th from 6:30-8:00pm.

Place: Gathering Room (located in basement of Church)

All are welcome, invite a family member, friend, or stranger.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 8
7:00pm—Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing

Thursday, January 11
6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

Saturday, January 13
10:00am—Undecorating of Christmas decorations in church
Second collection for Food Pantry

Sunday, January 14
Second collection for Food Pantry

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on
December 26th was #293**

The Winner Would Have Won \$710.00

(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

Parish Life Ministry Meeting

St. Joseph Parish Life Ministry will have a meeting on Monday, January 15th at 6:00pm. Please come to help plan all or some of the great events for our parish in the new year.

Family Outdoor Movie Night
Family Potluck Dinner
White Elephant Sale in Church Parking Lot
Daytime Bingo (seniors)
Monday night/weeknight trivia.
St. Joseph’s Day Dinner
Mother Group
Open Gym Night – Family Men’s or Women’s
Food Truck Festival – with Ministry Fair
New Members – Welcome Wagon
Meals Ministry – baby; illness; temporary
Ride Share Ministry – to & from events or mass
St Joseph Kids Night in the Gym
Family Holiday Movie Night

We need you to become involved. Please come to lend your time and talents to help plan these fun events.

Ministry Schedule **January 13th & 14th**

Lectors

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for**

8:00am— **schedule for all masses**

10:00am—

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—

8:00am—

10:00am—

6:00pm—



Reflections on Stewardship

The Church is very strategic in its placement of the readings throughout the year. Today's second reading is a perfect example of this when Paul talks about stewardship. It's no surprise that we hear about this on the Feast of the Epiphany when we commemorate the magi finding the baby Jesus and bringing him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. I always thought this was funny because these seem like terrible gifts for a little baby, but maybe this whole story is meant to show us more about what to do with gifts as opposed to what the actual gifts are.

I want to take a moment today to reflect on Adam's roles in the garden of priest, prophet, and king and how these relate to stewardship today. First, in Genesis 1:26 we hear that Adam has dominion over the things in the garden. Just like a king, he is meant to care for the things that are given to him. I am reminded of that scene from *The Lion King* where Mufasa tells Simba that everything the light touches belongs to him. But it is not his to rule over as a tyrant, but rather to care for as a faithful servant. It is the same for us today. We have all been given things that we are meant to care for and treasure.

Second, in Genesis 2:15 Adam is told to work and to guard in the garden. These two words ("work" and "guard") only occur together in the rest of the Old Testament in relation to the priestly roles in Leviticus. It is clear that Adam is given a priestly role here, but what is the primary role of a priest? Quite simply, it is to make the commonplace holy. That is what a priest does at Mass when simple bread and wine transform into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. So too, our role on earth is to bring the light of Christ to all corners of the globe, using our gifts to light the world with God's love.

Third, in Genesis 2:19-20 we hear God giving authority to Adam to name the animals. In other words, God is giving power to Adam's words that whatever he calls the animals, that shall be their name. A prophet is one who speaks with authority. We have been given authority to use our gifts to proclaim the Good News. Through our baptism, we are called as priest, prophet, and king, to enter into the world and offer our gifts and lives as a living sacrifice.

This is a lot to think and pray about, but maybe on this Feast of the Epiphany we can just reflect on two main points: Am I being a good steward of the gifts God has given me? And, when I offer these gifts back to God, is he pleased with them?

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

By Tommy Shultz

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