# St. Joseph Church

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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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.

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#### 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-Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Parish Telephones
Parish Office:
<b>Religious Education Office:</b>
(At St. Maria Goretti)
Staff Directory
Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha
Email: pastor@stjosephdyer.org
Pastoral Associate & Building & Grounds
Coordinator: Deacon Gary Blue
Email: buildings@stjosephdyer.org
Office Manager: Patty Jarzembowski
Email: office@stjosephdyer.org
Director of Religious Education: Kathy Hansen
St. Maria Goretti
Email: kathyh@smgdyer.org
Director of Music & Liturgy: William Coble
Email: music@stjosephdyer.org
Assistant to Office: Mary Marszalek
Email: assistant@stjosephdyer.org
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.



Jesus, I Trust In You.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray For Us. **St. Joseph Parish Celebration** St. Joseph Parish will have a celebration pot luck dinner in honor of our patron saint, St. Joseph. This will take place on Tuesday, March 19th. The celebration will start with a 5:00pm Mass followed by the Potluck Dinner in the Gathering Room. All parishioners and friends are invited to come. We ask you to bring your favorite dish to share with everyone.

Reservations are required in order to know how many are coming and which hall we will need to use. Please call "The Cusick's 219-865-6255 and give them your name, and the number of people attending. <u>Please call by March 13th.</u>

Beverages will be supplied.



## Divine Mercy Novena Planning Meeting

Anyone who wants to help plan the Divine Mercy Novena for our parish is invited to attend a planning meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Room.



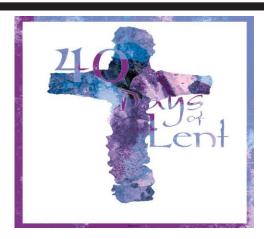
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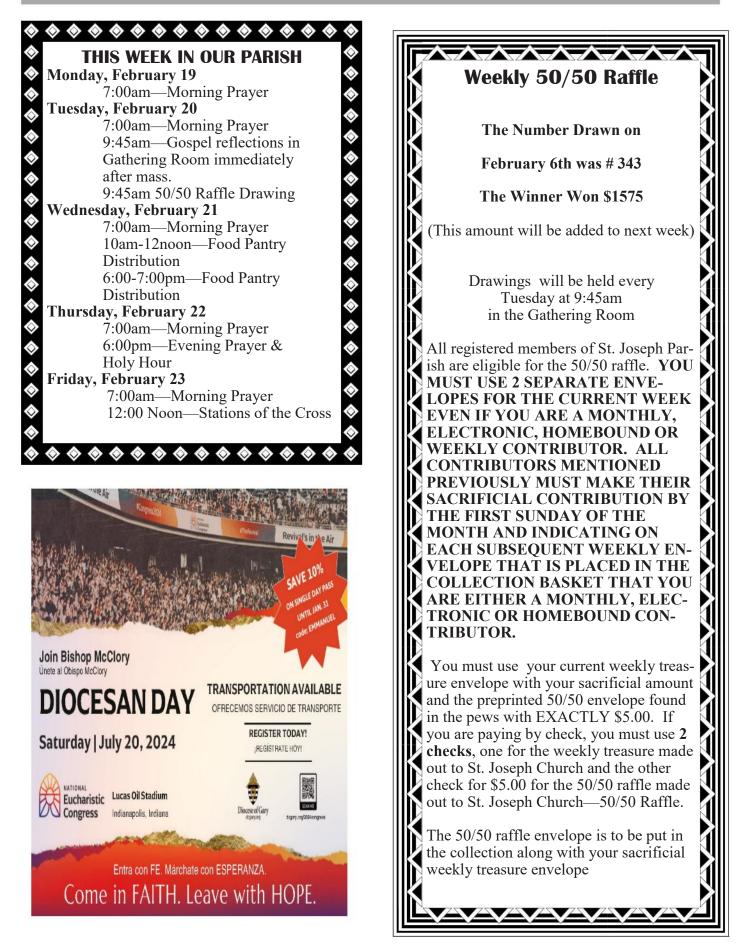
People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

-Anonymous



**Renewed In the Holy Spirit** We are beginning the first stage of our parish renewal process called "Renewed in the Holy Spirit." We are inviting you to take the time to be interviewed by one of our listeners – a member of our parish who has been trained to listen to you tell your story of your experience of St. Joseph Parish. Please sign up by writing your name, cell phone number, and email address on a piece of paper and drop it in the collection basket. You can also call the office. Thank you in advance for your participation!





### **Ministry Schedule** February 24th & 25th

Lectors

4:30pm— Please see MSP schedule for 8:00am— schedule for all masses 10:00am— 6:00pm—

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm— Bonnie Gruver, Paul Gerrity, Judy Nowacki

8:00am— Mike Jasinski, Ray Voyles 10:00am—Kathy Lebryk, Jim Paolino, Art Tkacz 6:00pm—Emma Gallenberger

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# First Sunday of Lent Clear Conscience

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. He also has an interesting image of Jesus "preaching to the spirits in prison." It refers to the fallen angels whose disobedience lead the rest of the population to turn away from God. Just as God washed away the evi of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is near. He tells us to repent and believe in the good news.

That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? We may say that we are willing to repent, but do we do anything about it? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for movies, hobbies, video games, or drinks? Do we ever tell anyone about the kingdom and what Jesus has done for us?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?

Tom Schmidt

