

St. Joseph Church

February 25, 2024
Second 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.

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

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

Staff Directory

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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.*

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



Monday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Richard Rokosz Jr.

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Richard L. Linz

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, February 28, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, February 29, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Mary Beth Gabrione

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, March 1, Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Keith Monk

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Martin Trombetta

Celebrant: Fr. Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, March 3, 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Ken Blue

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Thomas McLaughlin

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant:

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!



First Fridays at St. Joseph Parish

You are invited Friday, March 1st to be part of our First Friday devotions. This will be every First Friday, each month.

First Friday Schedule

9AM—Holy Mass (Ordinary Form)

9:45AM-6:45PM—Eucharistic Adoration (10 Hours of Adoration)

Noon Angelus + Midday Prayer

5PM—Evening Prayer

6:30PM—Benediction

7:00PM—Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Note: Ordinary Form = English

Extraordinary Form =

Traditional Latin Mass

**St. Maria Goretti, Dyer
Lenten Opportunity**

St. Maria Goretti is holding a Parish Mission on March 5, 6, and 7, at 3:00pm and again at 7:00pm in their church.

It is titled "Living the Eucharist: The People of God, Formed and Renewed" and is being presented by Father Bill Stenzel (former pastor at St. Victor's in Calumet City)

St. Joseph Men’s Ministry

Is hosting the 2024 Men of Christ Conference—**MASTERING WHAT MATTERS**—which will be held in parishes across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the Diocese of Joliet and here at St. Joseph with both virtual and live elements. The morning will feature Dave Durand (Relevant Radio Host, best selling author and Seminarian), Fr. Mark Bernard (Pastor of Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills), Sam Blair (former Navy Seal) and Kevin O’Brien (Co-founder of Men of Christ). The morning will begin with the Morning Prayer at 7:30am followed by Mass at 8:00am. The program will begin at 9am. Breakfast will be served. The conference is scheduled to conclude at 1:30pm. All Men of the Parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

When: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Where: St. Joseph Church (Gathering Room)

Time: 7:30am-Morning Prayer; 8:00am-Mass; 8:45am-Breakfast; 9:00am-Conference

Register at menofchrist.net or contact Deacon Blue at buildings@stjosephdyer.org.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Blessed Sacrament Chapel is now open for private prayer Monday through Saturday from 10:00am till 4:00pm. The interior doors to the main Church will be locked following the 9am Mass Monday through Friday. On Saturday, the interior doors to the Church will not open until 3pm. To access the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you must enter through the southwest exterior door of the Church. Go up the stairs and take a left and the Chapel is the second door on your left.

Parish Life Ministry Meeting

St. Joseph Parish Life Ministry will have a meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00pm in the Gathering Room. Please come to help plan all the fun events for our parish.

We need you. Please come to lend your time and talents to bring our parish together and increase our fellowship ministry.

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
February 17th & 18th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$8343.77

Charity: \$90.00

Religious Education: \$1.00

Eastern Europe: \$428.00

NWI Catholic: \$90.00

Christmas: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$185.00

50/50 Raffle: \$315.00

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. Please call by March 13th.

Beverages will be supplied.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Monday, February 26**
7:00am—Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, February 27**
7:00am—Morning Prayer
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:00pm—Parish Life Ministry Meeting in Gathering Room
- Wednesday, February 28**
7:00am—Morning Prayer
- Thursday, February 29**
7:00am—Morning Prayer
6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
- Friday, March 1**
7:00am—Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon—Stations of the Cross
First Friday adoration and benediction as per schedule on page 2
7:00pm—Latin Mass
- Saturday, March 2**
First Saturday starting with 8am Mass
- Sunday, March 3**
Hospitality Sunday after the 8am & 10am Masses

Easter Flowers Memorial Envelope

In your envelope packet you will find a pink envelope marked “Easter Flower Memorial”. You are invited to write your loved ones names on the back of the envelopes for remembrance during the Easter Masses and make a donation that will be used toward the Easter Flowers and other liturgical items.

Thank You.



Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

February 13th was # 405

The Winner Would Have Won \$185.00

(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

Ministry Schedule **March 2nd & 3rd**

Lectors

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

8:00am— **schedule for all masses**

10:00am—

6:00pm—

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Mark Gabrione, Patty & Paul Jarzebowski

8:00am— Sister Anna, Karen Ziolkowski

10:00am—Kathy Hamill, Kathy Lebryk, Jim

Paolino

6:00pm—Jill Hayhurst

Lenten Penance Service

St. Joseph Parish will have their Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 13th at 7pm.

There will be 6 priests to hear your confessions.

All are invited to come.



Second Sunday of Lent **This is a Test**

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test—in verses left out of our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of resurrection, which shows us that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornados, terrorist attacks—if "God is for us," why does he allow these things? Because he is still testing us. And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If I get angry at God because I hear about someone's death, I haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

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