

# St. Joseph Church

March 17, 2024

Fifth 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

Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 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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### 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, March 18, Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Matthew Vojvodich  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph**

9:00 AM Anthony LaBanca  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk  
 5:00 PM St. Joseph Parishioners  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Joan Leoni  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Nancy Largent  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Sister M. Rachel Ann Lesniewski MC  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 23, Vigil: Palm Sunday**

4:30 PM Jean Kremer  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday**

8:00 AM Howie & Dee Hagemaster  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter  
 10:00 AM John Kuhar  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk  
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish  
 Celebrant: Fr. Gaza



*Easter Decorating*

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help installing the Easter decorations in our church. We are very thankful for 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 Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am. There are jobs for everyone, for the young and for our seniors too – and no experience is necessary! We will be working at least until noon, so come whenever you can.

**Please Read!!**

The Women's Care Center (WCC) in Merrillville, is in need of size 5 & size 6 diapers as well as any size pull ups.

During the Month of March, the Knights of Columbus Council 8082 will have a collection box for the WCC set up at the church entrance. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**Easter Schedule**

**Holy Thursday**

No 9:00am Mass

**March 28**—7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration after Mass in the Garden of Repose in the Gathering Room throughout the night

**Good Friday**

No 9am Mass

**March 29**—1:30pm—Service of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**

**March 30**—12 noon—Blessing of Baskets in church

7:30pm—Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday**

**March 31**—8:00am & 11am Masses  
 No 6:00pm Mass

**PLEASE READ!**

**The 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31, will be changed to 11am.** We want to make sure the parking lot is cleared after the 8am Mass for those coming for the next Mass.

This is for this Sunday only. Thank you for your understanding.



### Beloved Saint Joseph

“Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord; they never cease to praise you.” This verse before the Gospel reading at today’s Mass certainly describes St. Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate today. There is no doubt that his soul dwells in God’s house where he gives praise to God. In heaven, St. Joseph and Our Lady are worshipping the son they raised on earth together! Consider the final line of today’s Gospel, which says that the twelve-year-old Jesus “went down with [his parents] and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them.” Jesus retains an intimate relationship with them, and he allows them to function as powerful intercessors on our behalf. What a great debt humanity owes to the efficacious, perpetual intercession of Our Lady and St. Joseph. My husband and I belonged to a parish named St. Joseph for many years and, over time, we came to rely on the help and loving concern of our Savior’s foster-father. We are convinced that his intercession helped attain great grace for our family. When my husband’s father was diagnosed with advanced cancer, he and my mother-in-law came to live with us. For many years, my in-laws had traveled the country, serving others, praying with others, and sharing the love of Christ whenever and wherever they could. Though they had left the Catholic Church twenty-five years earlier, their faith in Christ was radical and inspiring. Now, with a terminal diagnosis, my father-in-law was approaching his eternal reward. It was a painful, beautiful time, and my husband, though he had always yearned for his dad to return to the Church, rejoiced in his father’s faithfulness to God. Nevertheless, he wanted the absolute best for his dad as he approached the end of his life, so he turned to St. Joseph for help. Every day, my husband would stop by the church and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament asking for the intercession of St. Joseph. He prayed for three things: that his father would be willing to receive the Anointing of the Sick before he died, and that, after he died, he would be given a funeral Mass and then be buried in our parish cemetery. It is a long story, but, miraculously, all three requests were granted. We believe that St. Joseph’s intercession played a pivotal role in this happy outcome. With St. Teresa of Avila, we say, “Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint, for I know by...experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God.” Thank you, beloved St. Joseph, for your faithful witness, your tremendous role in salvation history, and your on-going, loving intercession.

By Christine Hanus

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 9th & 10th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount**

**Collected: \$8473.55**

**Charity:**

**Religious Education: \$234.00**

**Easter: \$215.00**

**Easter Flowers Memorial: \$182.00**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$526.00**

**Food Pantry: \$2699.75**

**50/50 Raffle: \$290.00**

### St. Joe Dyer

#### Divine Mercy Events

Please join us **daily at 3pm beginning on Good Friday, March 29th to pray the Divine Mercy Novena.**

This will culminate with **Our Divine Mercy Service on Sunday, April 7th at 3pm.**

Confessions will begin at 2pm and Adoration, Chaplet and Rosary will begin at 3pm.

**All are welcome. Join us!**



### November Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Martin Dobrzynski, Fr. Gregory Bimmerle, and Fr. Peter Muha on a twelve-day pilgrimage, November 11-22, visiting Fatima, the shrines of Spain, and Lourdes. The cost is \$3799 per person, double occupancy. For a full brochure and registration form, contact Fr. Peter Muha at the parish office.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, March 18**

7:00am—Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, March 19**

7:00am—Morning Prayer

9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.

9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing

5:00pm Mass for St. Joseph Day with potluck dinner to follow in Gathering Room

**Wednesday, March 20**

7:00am—Morning Prayer

10am-12noon—Food Pantry Distribution

6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, March 21**

7:00am—Morning Prayer

6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

**Friday, March 22**

7:00am—Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon—Stations of the Cross

**Holy Thursday 7 Churches Visitation**

The Seven Churches Visitation is a pious Roman Catholic Tradition which began in Rome with St. Phillip Neri in the 1500’s. Groups of the faithful would be led to each of the seven basilicas of Rome on Holy Thursday night signifying the Seven Holy Sites related to Jesus’ arrest and trial. You are invited to join us on one of the two Pilgrimages being offered by the Parish. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the following:

7 Churches Visitation (Chicago) - John Banasiak (708) 928-2133

7 Churches Visitation (Northwest Indiana) - Mark Gabrione (847) 630-5990.

Both Pilgrimages will begin at the conclusion of Holy Thursday Mass after having gathered in the Garden of Repose in the Gathering Room. It is extremely important to RSVP as soon as you can so transportation arrangements can be made. Please check out our Facebook page for the itinerary of each Pilgrimage.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on

March 12th was # 526

The Winner Would Have Won \$630.00

(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 23rd & 24th**

**Lectors**

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

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm— Mary Ann Deutsche, Paul Gerrity,  
Bonnie Gruver  
8:00am— Sister Anna, Marilyn Tumpis  
10:00am—Mike Jasinski, Jim Paolino, Ray  
Voyles  
6:00pm—Emma Gallenberger

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Council 8082**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Where:** St. Joseph Gym  
**Date:** Saturday, March 23rd  
**Time:** 9:00am-2:00pm

For an appointment, please visit [red-crossblood.org](http://red-crossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)

**What to Give Up:**  
**A Lenten Reflection**

**Give up complaining.....focus on gratitude.**

**Give up pessimism.....become an optimist.**

**Give up harsh judgments.....think kindly thoughts.**

**Give up worry.....trust Divine Providence.**

**Give up discouragement.....be full of hope.**

**Give up bitterness.....turn to forgiveness.**

**Give up hatred.....return good for evil.**

**Give up negativism.....be positive.**

**Give up anger.....be more patient.**

**Give up pettiness.....become mature.**

**Give up gloom.....enjoy the beauty that is all around you.**

**Give up jealousy.....pray for trust.**

**Give up gossiping.....control your tongue.**

**Give up sin.....turn to virtue.**

**Give up giving up.....hang in there!**



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