

St. Joseph Church

April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday

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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:..... 865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Michael the Archangel) 322-3077

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: Joseph David

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



Monday, April 17, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Christopher Cascone

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, April 18, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM John & Helen Keenan

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, April 19, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Doug Terandy, Henrietta & Mike Szala

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, April 20, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Sandra Phillips

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, April 21, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM John & Mary Majlath

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 22, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM David Novak

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, April 23, 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Mantel Family

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM Caterina Micheli

Celebrant: Fr. Declan

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, April 16th

2PM-3PM—Confession

3PM-4PM—Holy Hour—Eucharistic Adoration, Chaplet & Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration—Confession—Chaplet—Rosary

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

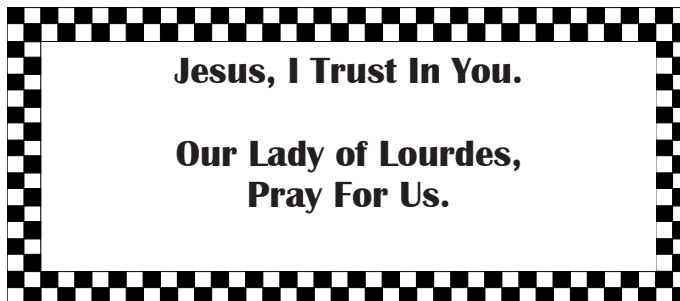
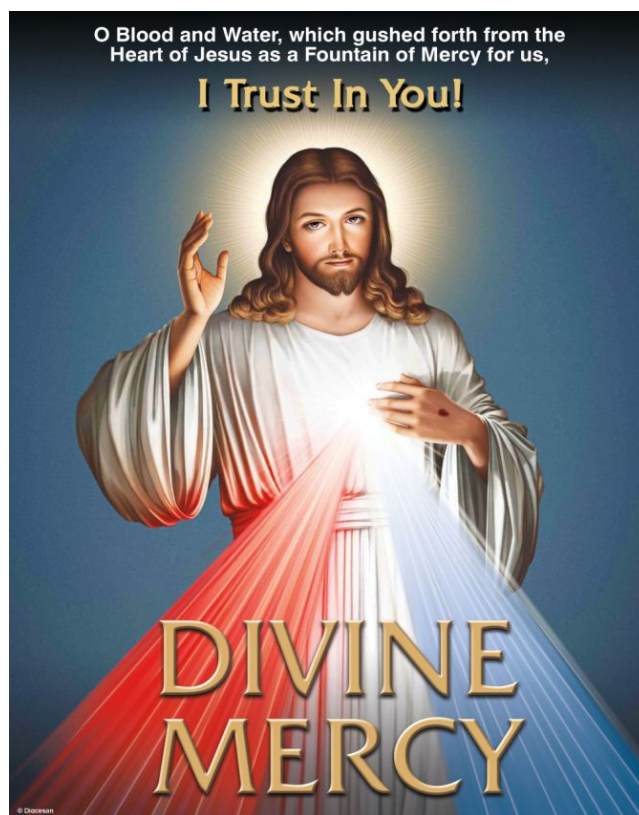
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Thank You!!!

Thank you to Father Peter Muha, Father David Krolczyk, and Deacon Gary Blue for all the beautiful and spiritual liturgies they presided over throughout this Lenten season and Easter.

Also would like to thank William Coble and the choir, the Environment & Art Committee for the many hours of their time and talent to help enhance our worship space, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Parishioners who had their feet washed on Holy Thursday evening and you the parishioners and guests who came and worshipped during this holy time of year.

HAPPY EASTER!!



SERRA CLUB OF NWI

The Serra Club of NWI is an organization comprised of men and women whose primary focus is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Gary. The members meet monthly and support many vocation oriented activities including but not limited to a nuns' appreciation Mass and picnic, a Christmas party for seminarians and their parents and pastors, a Memorial Mass for deceased members, an annual picnic for priests, and vocation packets for our schools during National Vocation Awareness Week. If you would like more information on becoming a member or making a gift to the Serra Club of NWI, please contact Susan Gryfakis at vsgrifakis@gmail.com or 219-688-8209. Thank you for your consideration.

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
April 1st & 2nd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$6051.00

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$9509.87**

Charity: \$55.00
Religious Education: \$35.00
Easter: \$485.00
Easter Flowers: \$38.00
Food Pantry: \$385.00
50/50 Raffle: \$340.00

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
April 8th & 9th

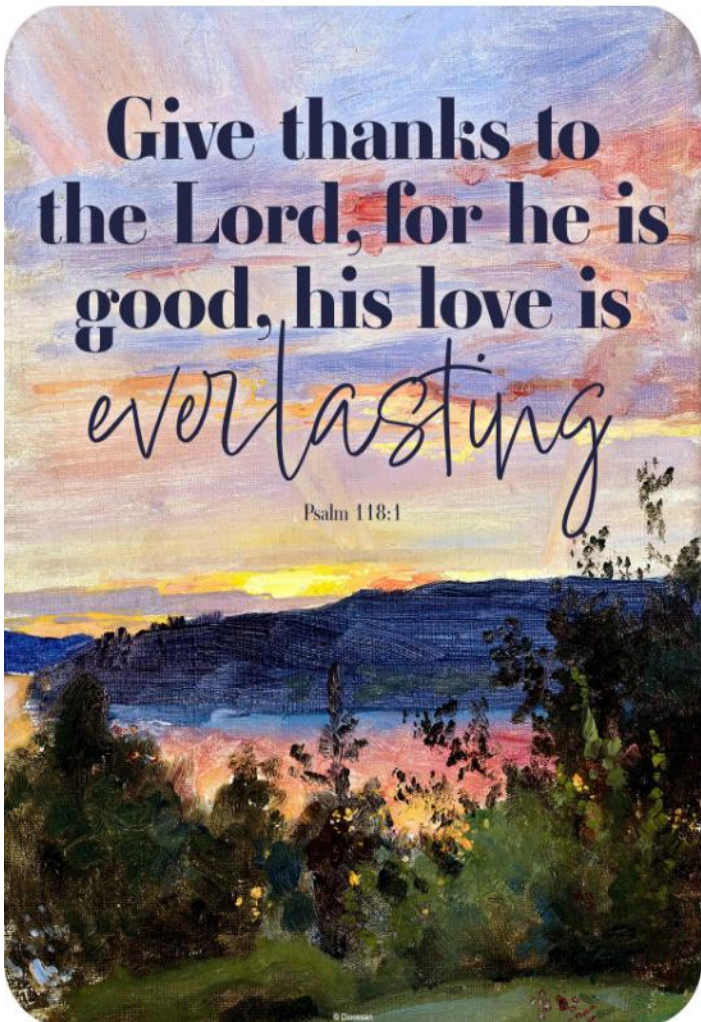
The Stewardship of Treasure Report for April 8th & 9th will be published next week.

Thank you for understanding

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you 16 years or older and in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact the Parish Office, 219-865-2271, so that we can arrange for the appropriate preparation for you to participate in the Sacrament to be celebrated by Bishop McClory on Pentecost, May 28th,

Give thanks to the LORD
for he is good, his love is
EVERLASTING.





THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 17

7:00pm—Pastoral Council Meeting—Gathering Room

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

10am-12noon—Food Pantry Distribution
6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, April 20

6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
6:30pm—Family Rosary

CYO

CYO Summer Camp at Camp Lawrence registration is open to all children ages 7 thru 14. To register go to NWICYO.org. For more information call the CYO office at 219-736-8931 or email: nwicyo@comcast.net.



Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

10 Days: November 8-17,2023

Visiting: Caesarea*Haifa*Tiberias*Sea of Galilee*

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Fr. Peter Muha, Fr. Martin Dobrzynski,
Fr. Ted Mauch, & Fr. Greg Bim-Merle
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For More Information, please contact:
Fr. Peter Muha
Tel: (219) 865-2271

Email: pastor@stjosephdyer.org
Don't Miss this trip of a lifetime!!

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

April 4th was #678

**The Winner Would Have Won
\$2333.00**

(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 **April 22nd & 23rd**

Lectors

4:30pm— George Kucka
8:00am— Mary Marszalek
10:00am—Sandra Riley
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Mark Gabrione, Mary Ann Deutsche
8:00am—
10:00am—Jim Paolino, Art Tkacz
6:00pm—Joe Nowacki

Prayer In Time of Financial Difficulties

God of mercy and compassion,
You promise to give us all that we need.
As we face this time of financial struggle,
help us to trust in your providence
and keep our hearts fixed on the
treasure of heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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The Eighth Day Is Freedom

Every year, I am in awe that we prepare for Easter with 40 days of penitence, and then celebrate Christ's Resurrection for 50 days! Every day of the Octave of Easter is one long Easter Sunday, liturgically speaking; a week-long day of rejoicing, encompassing the "first day of the week" (Easter Sunday) and the "eighth day" of the week (Divine Mercy Sunday). This "eighth day" becomes the new "first day", the symbol of the new creation Christ has set in motion.

The eighth day as a sign of holiness and freedom is seen in Scripture, particularly in the Book of Leviticus. On this day, children were circumcised, becoming purified and receiving the seal of the covenant (Lev 12:2-3). Animals were ceremonially unclean before their eighth day, and could not be sacrificed before then (Lev 22:27). All people who were unclean for any reason remained so until the eighth day, when they were accounted clean (Lev 14:8-10; 15:13-14). Even the vessels for ministry and the priests went through seven days of purification, and were "clean" on the eighth day.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus rose on "the first day of the week," which is the same as the "eighth day." The Jewish people hold Saturday, the seventh day, as a day of rest and worship, because God rested on the seventh day of creation. But Christians acknowledge that Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary fulfilled every Levitical oblation and sacrifice, and the resurrection on the "eighth day" points to the NEW creation and the final fulfillment of all creation. In the early Church, the baptismal font was often octagonal, to symbolize that through this font that we become a new creation in Christ!

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we see Jesus putting Thomas' doubts to rest by revealing his wounds, through which he poured out mercy on the world. It is through these wounds that Jesus gave us the incredible gifts of cleansing and forgiveness and renewal, and here he gives his disciples the authority to forgive in the sacrament of Penance. In Jesus' many words and actions and miracles, he proved that Love overcomes every sin and shortcoming. On this "eighth day" of Easter, we glimpse the whole point and hear anew the call to fulfillment of all creation: the final victory over every uncleanness and sinfulness, and our final, glorious rest at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, celebrating the definitive conquering of death on the mystical eighth day of creation in eternity.

In the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus reveals his desire that this day be "a refuge and shelter for all souls... On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy." So, let us joyfully approach that Fount by going to Confession and receiving Him in Communion to welcome the Gift of His healing love!

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