

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

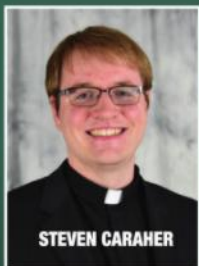
Sunday, April 30th the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially within the Diocese of Gary? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Please pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



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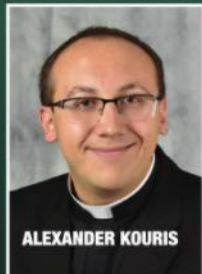
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DIocese of Gary Vocation Prayer

O Dearest Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocations. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their sons and daughters to God's service and cause them to rejoice exceedingly whenever one of their family is called to the religious life. Let Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, encourage both young people and parents, and let Your grace sustain them. *Amen.*

DIÓCESIS DE GARY ORACIÓN POR LA VOCACIONES

O queridísimo Jesús, Hijo del Padre Eterno y de María Inmaculada, concede a nuestros jóvenes la generosidad necesaria para seguir Tu llamado, y la valentía necesaria para superar todos los obstáculos a sus vocaciones. Da a los padres la fe, el amor y el espíritu de sacrificio que los inspiren a ofrecer a sus hijos e hijas al servicio de Dios, y haz que se alegren cada vez que un miembro de su familia sea llamado a la vida religiosa. Que Tu ejemplo y el de Tu Santísima Madre y San José, animen tanto a los jóvenes como a los papás, y que Tu gracia los sostenga. *Amén.*



Monday, May 1, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Donald Smith

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, May 2, St. Athanasius

9:00 AM Rev. Daniel Mark Holihan

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, May 3, Sts. Philip & James

9:00 AM Irene Rutkowski

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, May 4, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Robert Turek

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, May 5, Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Lucille Wright

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Joseph Bona

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, May 7, 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

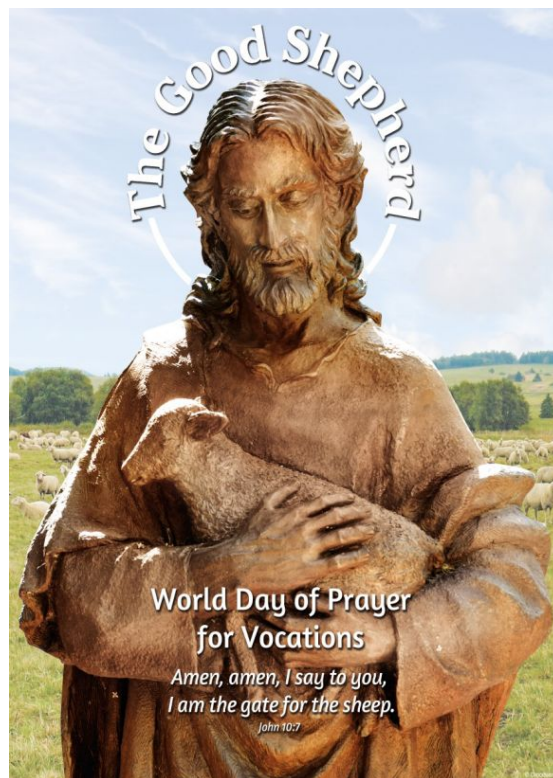
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the

Grosso/Hartnett Families

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM Eva Verta

Celebrant: Fr. Peter



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,



First Fridays at St. Joseph Parish

You are invited Friday, May 5th, to be part of our First Friday devotions. This will be every First Friday, each month. In all (3) vestibules there is a sign-up sheet asking for your name and phone number to be an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

7PM—Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Note: Ordinary Form = English Extraordinary

Form =

Traditional Latin Mass

Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 30, 2023

- Sunday** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

- Monday** **Memorial of Saint Joseph the**
Worker
Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3;
43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or
Mt 13:54-58

- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saint Athana-**
sius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5,
6-7; Jn 10:22-30

- Wednesday** **Feast of Saints Philip and**
James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;
Jn 14:6-14

- Thursday** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-
22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

- Friday** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10
-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

- Saturday** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

- Sunday** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-
19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
April 22nd & 23rd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$6051.00

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$8130.17**

Charity: \$559.00

Religious Education: \$100.00

Easter: \$75.00

Easter Flowers: \$15.00

Food Pantry: \$115.00

50/50 Raffle: \$345.00

Catholic Services Appeal

What is the Catholic Services Appeal? The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is a primary source of funding to support diocesan-wide ministries in 61 parishes, 20 schools, and outreach agencies.

What Should I Give?

Prayer—Pray for the Church, for your parish family, and all those who support or are supported by the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA).

Time and Talent—Volunteer in your parish and school communities. Get to know your neighbors who sit around you at church. Welcome visitors.

A Sacrificial Gift—Prayerfully consider “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?” (Ps 116:12) and make a one-time gift, pledge a monthly gift, or enroll in a recurring gift (scheduling a weekly, monthly, or annual gift that automatically renews each year). Recurring gifts make it possible for our ministries to better plan for current and future needs.

St. Joseph Parishioners have always been very generous. Our goal from the Diocese this year is \$39,538.00

Please continue to do what you have been doing these past years. We have been very successful in doing it this way.

If you have any questions concerning the CSA, please call the parish office, 219-865-2271.

Hospitality Sunday

It’s back!!! Starting Sunday, May 7th St. Joseph Parish will have coffee, juice and donuts after the 8am and 10am masses in the Gathering Room. Come enjoy the delicious sweets as well as the company of your fellow parishioners.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, May 2
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass

Thursday, May 4
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
 6:30pm—Family Rosary

Friday, May 5
 5:30pm—Confirmation at St. Michael’s

Saturday, May 6
 First Saturday—8:00am Mass with rosary and prayers afterwards

Sunday, May 7
 Hospitality Sunday after 8am & 10am masses in Gathering Room

**First Saturday Mass and Devotions
 In Reparation to
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Saturday, May 6, 2023, please join us at 8:00am Mass, followed by the Rosary and Fatima Prayers here at St. Joseph Church. We will provide pamphlets and rosaries. All are welcome.

First Saturday Devotion

One of the most important aspects of the Fatima message was Our Lady’s request for the First Saturday devotion. In the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to the children, “you have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart...I shall come to ask for the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays.” Once you have completed five consecutive First Saturdays, continue to practice the devotion monthly for the sake of obtaining graces for the salvation of other souls. **First Saturday Requirements: Go to Confession** (may be 8 days before or after First Saturday), **Receive Holy Communion. Pray 5 decades of the Rosary. Keep Our Lady Company.**

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on
 April 18th was #35**

The Winner Won \$2653.00

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

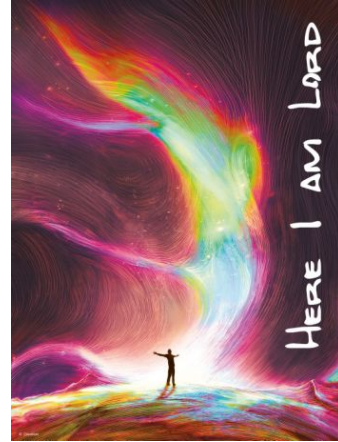
Ministry Schedule
May 6th & 7th

Lectors

4:30pm— John Fry
8:00am— Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Sue Blue
6:00pm—Sharon Ruane

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Bonnie Gruver & Judy Nowacki
8:00am—
10:00am—Mike Jasinski & Allan Burgos
6:00pm—Emma Gallenberger



Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd calls to us in every one of today's readings. We are the sheep, He is our Master, our Savior, and forgiver of sins.

The apostle Luke is quite direct in the First Reading from Acts. "...God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:14) Luke then reports that Peter called on all to repent and have their sins forgiven. He tells them to follow the call of our Lord God, Jesus Christ.

Follow the call of the Lord. This phrase reminded me of a fantastic animated short video about David the shepherd. A very young lamb is seen frolicing about and gets itself into a very precarious situation. David, an expert with a slingshot and a faith-filled youth, is able to rescue the lamb. The two wind up very far from the rest of the herd. The scene cuts to a late evening shot of the now sleeping herd while a very impatient ewe paces, stops, turns her ear and hears a familiar voice singing a song of praise and worship while carrying the lamb in his tunic.

I'm reminded how we are all the lambs and sheep. Some easily recognize the voice of the One who cares for them. There are many others, possibly even our youthful selves, our kids [pun intended] or a person with not as much wisdom or experience as I may have, who don't or can't recognize that there is danger or harm in their path.

The Gospel is clear: "I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:7,9)

I have to be very intentional in all aspects of life; thoughts, words and deeds. It is up to me to be vigilant in my desire to hear the Master's voice in every situation throughout the day and night. I need to hear His voice in my mind so I am not stolen away by a thief or robber, who would lead me astray and abandon or slaughter me. The Good Shepherd is there for me to turn to in every situation. He is there to forgive my erring way and to heal me. He is the Truth, the Way, the gate to everlasting life. Blessed be God in all His designs! Amen! Alleluia.

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