

# St. Joseph Church

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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[www.stjosephdyer.org](http://www.stjosephdyer.org)



## 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

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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.*

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**Monday, May 8, Easter Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Martin Trombetta  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, May 9, Easter Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Repose of the Soul of Sandra Phillips  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Wednesday, May 10, Easter Weekday**  
 9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Thursday, May 11, Easter Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Caroline Bogdziewicz (Bo-gev-ich)  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, May 12, Easter Weekday**  
 9:00 AM Irene Rutkowski  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 13, Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter**  
 4:30 PM Patty Kenis  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, May 14, 6th Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 AM Dolores Adams  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Mary Beth Mantoan  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM The People of the Parish  
 Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

**“Halo Ladies”**

Our last gathering of the “Halo Ladies”, St. Joseph Women’s Ministry is **Tuesday, May 9th**. We will begin with Mass at 6:30pm celebrated by Fr. Peter Muha. Please bring your written prayer intentions to be placed in an “Intention Basket” for Father to bless. We will have a presentation to Mary and pray the rosary. We will share a dinner together to culminate our year. May the Holy Spirit bring us together as we journey in faith to Jesus Christ.

**MAY CROWNING**



May Crowning, honoring the Queen of Heaven, **Sunday, May 21, 2023, 7:00pm at the Carmelite Monastery, Munster, IN.** Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, outdoor Candlelight procession. For info call (219) 836-8779.

**The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A** tell us that we are called to follow Jesus and serve him, even though we don’t know where that might lead us. The first reading tells how and why the first deacons were chosen. The psalm reminds us that God “loves justice and right”. In the second reading Peter calls the people to be “a holy priesthood”. And in the gospel Jesus tells us to have faith in him.

- **Service:** In Acts 6:1-7, the theme of service is prominent as the apostles seek to meet the needs of the community by appointing seven men to serve as deacons. In the gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, Jesus emphasizes the importance of serving others and encourages his disciples to continue his work.
- **Unity:** The readings highlight the importance of unity within the community of believers. The appointment of the seven deacons helps to maintain unity and prevent division within the early church. Jesus speaks of his unity with the Father and encourages his disciples to remain united in him.
- **Leadership:** The first reading for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A provides an example of leadership in action as the apostles make a decision to address the needs of the community.
- **Faith:** Faith is a common theme in the readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, as the early believers trust in God to provide for their needs, and Jesus encourages his disciples to have faith in him as they continue his work.
- **Vocations:** The seven men chosen to serve as deacons were specifically selected for their ability to serve the needs of the community. The first reading highlights the importance of recognizing and affirming one’s vocational calling, as well as the value of vocations within the Church.

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**Knights of Columbus 8082  
 Movie Knight**

Monday, May 22nd—6:30pm  
 Gathering Room  
 The Events at Garabandal...  
 and their impact on each of us.

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of May 7, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St Damien of Molokai, Priest</b> Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr</b> Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Fatima</b> Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Will be on Sunday, June 4th, at 11am, at Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary. All couples celebrating a “5” year milestone anniversary, such as 5, 10, 15, and so on are invited to attend. A light reception will follow. Family members are welcome. Registration is necessary. Register at [www.dcgary.org](http://www.dcgary.org) or call the Pastoral Center at 219769-9292 x 259.

**Stewardship of  
Treasure Report**

April 29th & 30th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$9160.09**  
**Charity: \$23.00**  
**Religious Education: \$0**  
**Ascension of the Lord: \$31.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$20.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$315.00**

**Catholic Services Appeal—2023**

We would like to thank the following parishioners who pledged/donated to this years CSA Appeal. Our goal this year is \$39,538.00. As of 4/26/23, we have collected \$12,825.00.

If you need any pledge cards, please feel free to call the parish office, 219-865-2271, or to the CSA office, 219-769-9292 ext. 268. You can also donate online at [www.dcgary.org/csa](http://www.dcgary.org/csa). Make sure to put our parish #106 in your information.

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**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS**

12 Step Program

Free Emotional Support Group for those 15 years and up every Monday (except holidays and snowy inclement weather) at St. Michael The Archangel Church, 1 E. Wilhelm Street in Schererville. Use East Doors/St. Patrick Hall in Southwest corner Room.

Every Monday night 6-7:30pm.

Jennifer Davids, Your Trusted Servant.  
Call for availability (219) 308-0929 cell.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, May 9**  
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing  
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass  
 6:30pm—Women’s Ministry

**Thursday, May 11**  
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour  
 6:30pm—Family Rosary



**REMINDERS!**

You can donate your weekly and special contributions on-line by going to our website, [www.stjosephdyer.org](http://www.stjosephdyer.org) and on the main page, look for Online Give, then hit Give Now.

Don’t forget to take advantage of the opportunity to subscribe to “FORMED”. Get thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly when you sign up of which St. Joseph Parish has paid for.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on  
**April 25th was #653**

The Winner Would Have Won \$172.50

(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**  
May 13th & 14th

**Lectors**

4:30pm— Joe Cascone  
 8:00am— Mary Marszalek  
 10:00am—George Kucka  
 6:00pm—Tom Roach

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Judy Nowacki & Paul Jarzembowski  
 8:00am—  
 10:00am—Kathy Hamill & Mike Bartnicki  
 6:00pm—Jill Hayhurst

**Advertising**

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with Diocesan Publications, the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers—many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times.

**Spiritual and Religious**

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

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