

# St. Joseph Church

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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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

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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, July 17, Weekday**

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, July 18, Weekday**

9:00 AM The John & Mary Fry Family  
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

**Wednesday, July 19, Weekday**

9:00 AM Robert Turek  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Thursday, July 20, Weekday**

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski  
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

**Friday, July 21, Weekday**

9:00 AM Jane & Bernie Bernard  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 22, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Joseph & Francesca Basel  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, July 23, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Dolores Adams  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Charles J. Thiel  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

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

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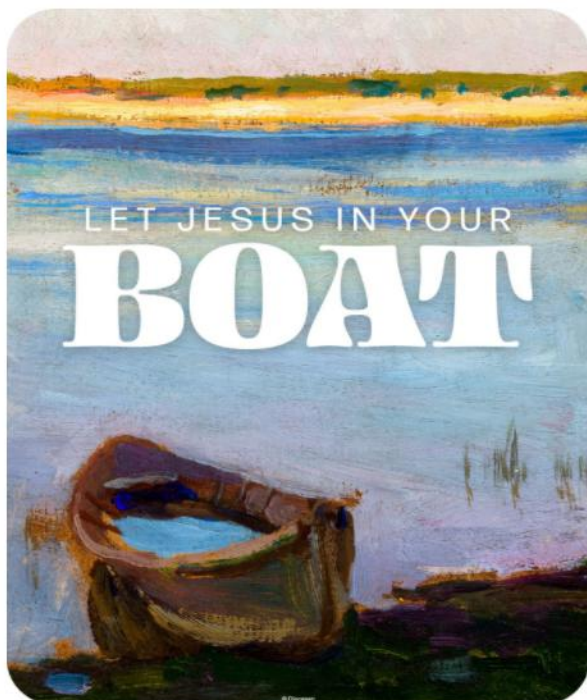


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You are invited to be a sponsor, vendor, or showcase your apostolate for this important event. Sponsors can be individuals or corporate and there are different sponsorship levels. As a sponsor, you will be promoting the Catholic faith and devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sponsors will help fund the *Eucharistic Miracles of the World* display, based on the work of Blessed Carlos Acutis, that will be shown at the conference and will be available for parishes afterwards. In addition, sponsors will receive recognition in the program and on the Diocese of Gary website. Vendors and apostolates are welcome to come display their services, products, and ministries. For more information and to register go to <https://www.dcgary.org/eucharistic-revival> or call 219-769-9292 ex259.

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of July 16, 2023**

**Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

**Monday** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

**Tuesday Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**  
Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**  
Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

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

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$10,182.02**  
**Charity: \$90.00**  
**Religious Education: \$25.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$170.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$300.00**

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

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$6353.11**  
**Charity: \$0**  
**Religious Education: \$265.00**  
**Ascension: \$10.00**  
**Catholic Charities: \$10.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$2662.75**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$265.00**

**Jesus, I Trust In You.**

**Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Pray For Us.**

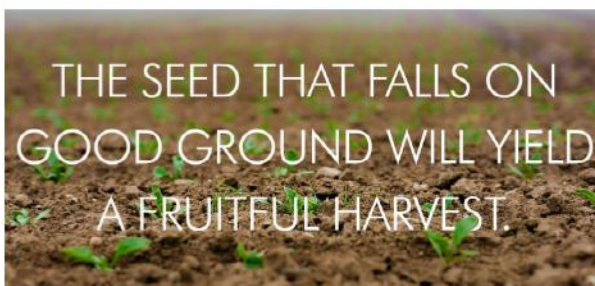


**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, July 17**  
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing  
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass

**Wednesday, July 18**  
 10am-12noon—Food Pantry Distribution  
 6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry Distribution

**Thursday, July 19**  
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour  
 6:30pm—Family Rosary



**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on**

**July 5th was #527**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$845.00**

(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 July 22nd & 23rd

### Lectors

4:30pm— George Kucka

8:00am— Karen Ziolkowski

10:00am— Sue Blue

6:00pm— Michael Gallenberger

### Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Mary Ann Deutsche, Mark Gabrione,  
Judy Nowacki

8:00am— Sisters

10:00am— Mike Bartnicki, Art Tkacz, Kathy  
Lebryk

6:00pm— Emma Gallenberger

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## Tending the Soil of Our Souls

The Parable of the Sower helped me understand the transformative power of spending time daily with the Word of God, especially in overcoming obstacles to living the Catholic faith.

Although the Catholic Mass is seeped in Scriptures, it took me years to realize it; not exactly sure where in my catechesis the communication breakdown occurred, but the fact remains that the seeds, the Word of God, had been scattered before me, my entire life. However, like the seeds strewn on the rocky path in the parable, although the Word had reached my ears, the devil took full advantage of my ignorance and snatched the meaning away before it could penetrate my heart.

At times, I attempted to grow spiritually by attending retreats or presentations. These set my heart on fire for the things of God. All my senses heightened — the incense smelled sweeter, the readings felt more inspired, the homilies touched deep into my heart as if they were written just for me; even kneeling in prayer felt more reverent. Filled with this renewed desire to become closer to God, I vowed to pray a daily Rosary, attend Mass more faithfully, and not give into my fears by continuing to avoid the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Yet, over time all those things I had discovered to nourish my budding faith — the encouraging retreat team, consistent study of the Scriptures, or quiet time for prayer — faded. I did not stick with anything long enough to develop deep roots of faith, and my attention to God withered away. Left with a thirst for more yet unable to duplicate the euphoric feelings of my retreat experiences, I allowed the thorns of the world to grow all around me. Any seeds dropped would be choked by the weeds of daily worries, concerns, and tasks.

Prayer dissolved into a speedy blessing before meals, a quick petition as I tried to make our income cover our expenses, or an Our Father or Hail Mary as I drifted off to sleep; all prayed more out of habit than a yearning for a deeper faith. My weekly Mass participation spurred more out of a desire for perfect attendance and a heavenly insurance policy than a love of the Lord.

Finally, joining a small group faith sharing tilled the rich soil necessary for true spiritual growth. However, even rich soil needs consistent tending for seeds to continue flourishing within it—weeds of distraction, busyness, and apathy need constant extraction, or they will completely overtake our time with the Lord. Fertilizing the soil is critical. Our faith is watered and nurtured by what I refer to as the "Grace Trifecta," which consists of daily participation in prayer, sacrament, and Scripture. Our beautiful Catholic faith provides the gardening tools for an abundant harvest; we merely need to pick them up and tend the soil of our souls.

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