

St. Joseph Church

September 10, 2023
Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Maria Goretti)..... 219-322-6124

Staff Directory

Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha

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St. Maria Goretti

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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.*

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Monday, September 11, Weekday

9:00 AM Frances Beaver

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, September 12, Weekday

9:00 AM John Quinn

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, September 13, St. John Chrysotom

9:00 AM Geraldine Paskis

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Julie Demarkes

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 16, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mario Fabris & Ricky Nadal

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, September 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Susie Kwiatkowski

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

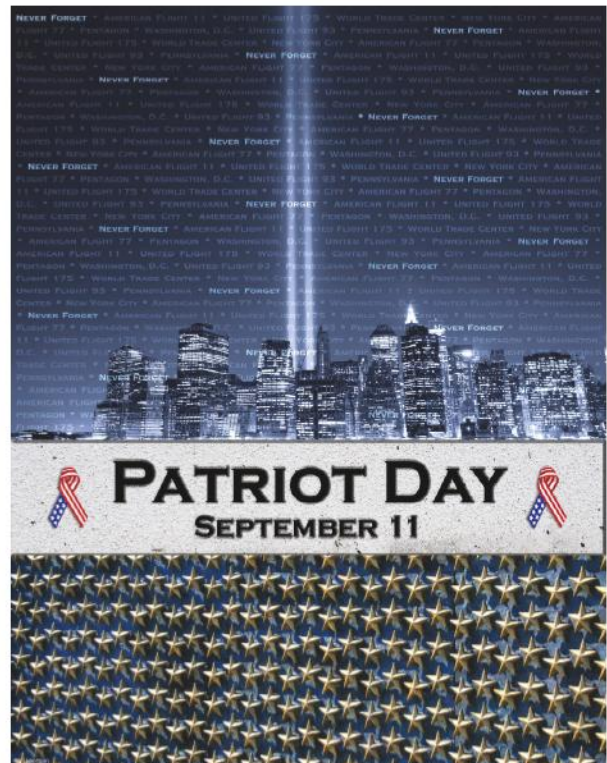
Religious Education

Religious Education classes for St. Maria Goretti and St. Joseph families will begin in just a few weeks. Students in first through 4th grade will begin classes on Saturday, September 16th and Saturday, September 23rd. The Saturday classes will meet from 9:00am—10:30am on alternating Saturdays. Classes for 5th through 8th grade will begin on Monday, August 21 and August 28th. These classes are held from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. All classes are held in the classrooms of Casa Maria hall. Families that have registered for classes will be sent the year schedule along with room numbers and catechists names. We invite a parent to attend the first class for a brief meeting and introduction to the program. Bring your calendar so that you can sign up to help with events that have been planned for the year. If you have questions about the program, please contact Kathy Hansen at 219-322-6124 ext. 308. If your are interested in joining our team as a Catechist or as an aide please let Kathy know.

Save the Date!

Diocese of Gary CONFERENCE '23 Training and Renewal for all Liturgical Ministers

The Conference will take place on Friday, October 27th from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday, October 28th from 7:30am to 2pm at St. Michael the Archangel in Schererville. Our theme this year is *"Our Hearts are Burning Within Us: Journeying with Jesus in Ministry"*, and will feature Father Michael S. Driscoll, Professor Emeritus of Liturgical Studies at Notre Dame University.





Catholic Road Trip Next Summer

Joe & Gina Cascone and son Frankie (16 year old), parishioners of St. Joseph, are going to attend the **Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis next July.**

The US Catholic Bishops have been preparing for over two years to receive tens of thousands of Catholics from around the entire nation to a revival unlike one we have seen in our lifetime. Catholics will fill Lucas Oil Stadium for four days to celebrate our beliefs in what the Church has been teaching for 2000 years about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.

This national Eucharistic Revival will happen between July 17-21, 2024. Please consider attending the Revival. You can find all information and costs to register for any or all days of the Revival at **National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's Invitation.**

Please call Patty at the parish office to express your desire for more information. We as the Cascone family would love to know who from St. Joe's will be attending. We can be reached at **casconejoe@outlook.com** for any help with registering, transportation and accommodations. After all, we are a Catholic/parish family.

St. Joseph Pray For Us



Stewardship of Treasure Report September 2nd & 3rd

Due to Labor Day, the above Stewardship of Treasure Report will be published next week.

St. Joseph Women's Ministry "Halo Ladies"



Join us in fellowship, as we present informative topics to further our knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

We gather in faith on the second Tuesday of each month. Our first gathering of our new season will be **September 12th at 6:30 to 8:00pm.**
Place: Gathering Room (located in basement of Church)

As we continue our Catholic faith journey.

ALL are welcome, invite a family member, friend, or stranger.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 11
7:00pm—Pastoral Council meeting

Tuesday, September 12
9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.

Thursday, September 14
6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
6:30pm—Family Rosary

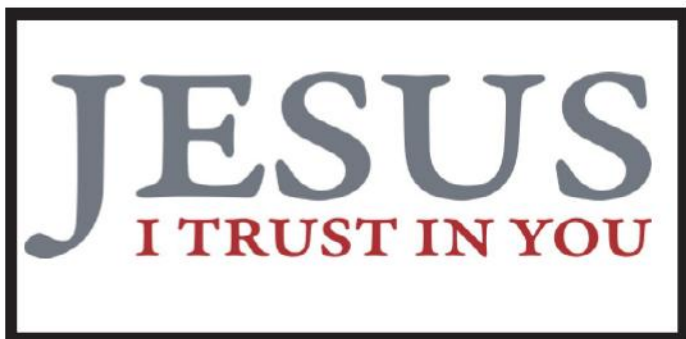
Saturday, September 16
Men’s Ministry Retreat
8:00am Mass followed by retreat

**Inaugural Luxury Bingo
Women’s Care Center**

Please Join Us: **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**
Halls of St. George—6:00pm
Benefiting the moms and babies of our community!
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Or text “MerrillvilleBingo” to 41444

Contact Victoria Cain, Outreach Director,
By phone at (815)900-8366 or email
victoria@supportwcc.org



Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on
August 29th was #228

The Winner Would Have Won \$150.00

(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
September 16th & 17th

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe Cascone
8:00am—Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Sue Blue
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Patty & Paul Jarzembowski, Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Arlene Stephens, Ray Voyles
10:00am—Allan Burgos, Jim Paolino, Mike Jasinski
6:00pm—Emma Gallenberger



Here I am, Lord!

“In the twilight of our lives, we will be judged based on how we loved.” - St John of the Cross.

How do you treat others? Do you take for granted those closest to you? Do you open your eyes to strangers in need, or look the other way?

I know for myself I am extremely sensitive to criticism. It can be so hard to be around those who have hurt or offended me. Forgiveness is perhaps the most difficult of Christ's teachings to follow in my daily life. And yet, as a Christian, we will be known by our ability to forgive. To truly love one another as Christ has loved us, we must set ourselves apart from the rest of the world. Since we are all part of the Kingdom, we need to figure out how to get along with each other - after all, we will be spending eternity together!

One day we will be judged on how we loved. On love alone. Ultimately we have to ask ourselves, “Did I show up? Did I say, ‘Here I am’, to those who needed me?” As Abraham, Moses, Samuel, and others said “Here I am” to God, do I show the same readiness to serve those around me? Christ teaches us that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, and all our being by loving one another. The Good Shepherd will give up his life for his sheep.

If God were to call me now, in this very instant, would I be ready to die? How have I shown love? Have I made those around me feel valued and loved? God will ask us how much we gave of ourselves. Were we able to overcome our own egoism?

Let us reflect on how we treat both strangers and those closest to us.

God, soften my heart. Set me free from the bondage of refusing to forgive and serve others.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

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