

St. Joseph Church

September 17, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311
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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:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

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

Staff Directory

Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha

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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, September 18, Weekday

9:00 AM Patrick & Bonnie Gabrione
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, September 19, Weekday

9:00 AM Edward Govert Family
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

9:00 AM Mass John Quinn
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, September 21, St. Matthew

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, September 22, Weekday

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 23, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Rene` Garza
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Sunday, September 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph & Adeline Pacholski
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Jane & Bernard Bernard
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

6:00 PM The People of the Parish
Celebrant: Fr. Declan

CAMP SHARING MEADOWS

Fall 2023 Minicamps

A WEEKEND FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY & PRAYER.

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NOVEMBER 10-12
DECEMBER 15-17

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2:30PM CDT SUN

For more info contact Corinne at 219-778-2585/
camp@sharefoundation.org

SIGN UP HERE!

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WANTED!

The Share Foundation is looking for new campers and volunteers to join our camp program at Camp Sharing Meadows! The unique mini-camps (retreats) are held in LaPorte, IN are for adults with developmental & intellectual disabilities (ages 18 years and older).

We also have openings for camp counselors, nurses, and cooks with some nice perks we can explain in detail! Come join us for a weekend full of adventure! For more information and application information, call or email, Corinne DeLucenay, at 219-778-2585 or camp@sharefoundation.org.

Rachel's Vineyard

The Diocese of Gary is sponsoring a Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat on September 22-24 in Michigan City. This retreat is for the spiritual and emotional healing of anyone who has had or has been involved in an abortion. The retreat is open to women and men of all faiths and is completely confidential. Please call 219-552-2944 or email nwinrv@outlook.com for more information or to register. You can also go to www.helpafterabortion.net.

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.

**October 13, 2023 — Food and Wine
Will Meet Their Match!**

An extraordinary event benefiting thousands of families and individuals in Northwest Indiana served by **Catholic Charities**.
6:30 pm, Trinity Banquet Hall • 640 N. Calumet Rd. • Chesterton, IN 46304 □ **MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND.**

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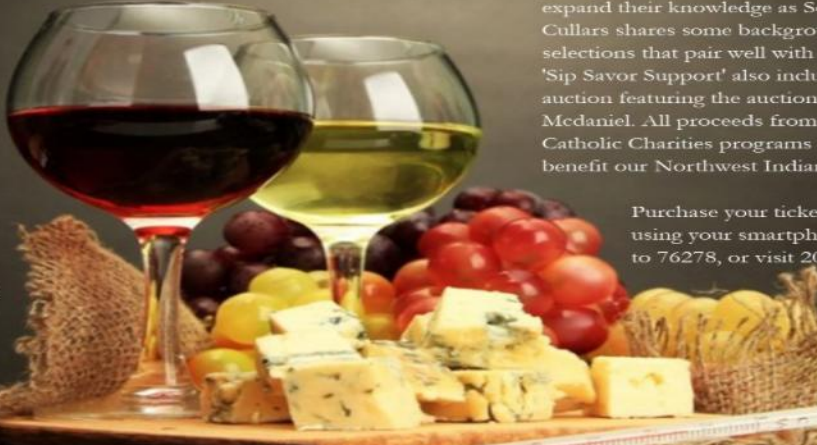


Sip Savor Support

Join us for this most delicious and memorable dinner and wine pairing experience. While treating your palate to the best in food and wine, guests will expand their knowledge as Sommelier Patrick Cullars shares some background on the wine selections that pair well with the dinner and dessert. 'Sip Savor Support' also includes a live and silent auction featuring the auctioneering talents of Brian Medaniel. All proceeds from the event support the Catholic Charities programs and services that benefit our Northwest Indiana Neighbors in need.

Purchase your tickets/sponsorships now using your smartphone TEXT: 2023savor to 76278, or visit 2023Savor.givesmart.com





Catholic Services Appeal
 * As of 8/9/23 we have \$77,564.00 in pledges *
 * and donations. We ask you to prayerfully *
 * discern a pledge or payment this year. We are *
 * approximately \$20,000.00 down from last *
 * year at this time. *
 * We would like to thank the following families *
 * for their help this year: *
 * John & Eva Smolinski, Carol Barnes, Francis- *
 * co & Olivia Soto, Jr. Claudia Solvais, Grego- *
 * ry and Gina Anderson. *
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**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
September 2nd & 3rd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$10,972.18
Charity: \$30.00
Religious Education: \$45.00
Assumption: \$50.00
Website Maintenance: \$570.10
Food Pantry: \$131.00
50/50 Raffle: \$260.00



**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
September 9th & 10th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$6834.81
Charity: \$50.00
Religious Education: \$242.00
Website Maintenance: \$50.00
Food Pantry: \$3342.15
50/50 Raffle: \$285.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, September 19
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.

Wednesday, September 20
 10am-12noon—Food Pantry Distribution
 6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry Distribution

Thursday, September 21
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour
 6:30pm—Family Rosary

Sunday, September 24
 12Noon-4:00pm—Parish Picnic at Dyer Pheasant Hills Park, South Pavilion

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on
 September 5th was #677

The Winner Would Have Won
\$280.00

(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, HOME-BOUND 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

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Come celebrate the priesthood by supporting our seminarians and forming priests for our future.

• **WHERE** •
Avalon Manor Banquet Center
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• **WHEN** •
Friday, October 20, 2023

6:00 to 7:00 PM
 Open Bar and Appetizers

7:00 PM
 Plated Dinner of Medallions of Beef with Madeira Sauce,
 Grilled Chicken Breast with Tarragon Cream, House Salad,
 Seasonal Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

•••
 Music and Dancing until 10:00 PM
 •••
 Live and Silent Auction

Cost \$85 per person
 Table of 8 \$600
*Black Tie Optional

Register online at GARYVOCATIONS.com by October 13, 2023

Ministry Schedule September 23rd & 24th

Lectors

4:30pm—John Fry
8:00am— Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Manny Hermano
6:00pm—Tom Roach

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm— Mary Ann Deutsche, Paul Gerrity,
Bonnie Gruver
8:00am— Sisters
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Mike Bartnicki, Art
Tkacz
6:00pm—Joe Nowacki



Forgive From the Heart

I'm not sure what I was up to when I was a kid but I recall having frequent cuts and scrapes that required my body to produce scabs. My mom told me not to pick at them to avoid scars but to my childhood mind, scars were irrelevant. More interesting were these scratchy patches on my arms and legs that indicated healing and were fun to mess with. The healing process slowed way down when the scab was picked off but there was satisfaction in doing it anyway.

What does this have to do with forgiveness? In today's Gospel Jesus instructs us to forgive from our heart reminding us that forgiveness is a head thing as well as a heart thing. Announcing to myself that I forgive a person is only part of the process. The second part, forgiving from my heart means I have to stop picking at the scab from the wound. That's less easy.

Scabs serve a useful purpose in protecting what was damaged while it heals but they also are a reminder of the wound and are especially annoying when they itch or crack or otherwise cause us to notice they are there. When someone hurts us it's part of our human nature to roll around in that hurt; replaying it in our mind, maybe even making it bigger than it was. There is satisfaction in staying in that place. There can be a sense of justified victimhood and gleeful self pity. "Look at me. Look what happened to me. I am hurt. See my scar. Look what I survived."

When we dwell on the hurt, when we pick the emotional scab, we are slowing down the forgiveness and healing process and hurting ourselves in the end. It's like opening a slow cooker. Each time you do, you add a half hour to the cooking time. Each time you pick that scab, you add healing time and you spend longer feeling bad.

The answer lies with Jesus. When we show him our wound and tell him how the scab is bothering us, he helps us. I'm convinced that fully forgiving someone from the heart is only possible with the help of our Lord. That pesky scab is just too tempting. But if we give it to him and take the time needed for healing, it will happen and we will forgive as he asks us to. We will also avoid scars that prevent us from loving. We will forgive with and from a heart that is centered on Jesus. But first we need to go to him. He is waiting.

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