

# St. Joseph Church

September 24, 2023  
Twenty-Fifth 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:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

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

## Staff Directory

**Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha**

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**Coordinator: Deacon Gary Blue**

Email: buildings@stjosephdyer.org

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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 25, Weekday**

9:00 AM John Quinn  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, September 26, Weekday**

9:00 AM Matthew Vojvodich  
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

**Wednesday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul**

9:00 AM Donald R. Smith  
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

**Thursday, September 28, Weekday**

9:00 AM Christopher Cascone  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

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

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 30, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Martin Trombetta  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, October 1, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM John Kuhar  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter


10:00 AM Eugene McLaughlin  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

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


**St. Joseph Outreach Ministry**  
 This Ministry will start October 1st. If you need assistance from this ministry, please call 219-440-7126. Please leave you name, phone number and your call will be returned within 24 hours.

**PLEASE NOTE!!!**  
 The Latin Mass on Friday, October 6th will be celebrated at approximately 7:30pm with Benediction previous to that. Canon Luke Zignego will now be the celebrant. Canon is coming back into town that evening from a meeting out of town.

**2023 LIVING ROSARY**  
 The annual Knights of Columbus Council 8082 Living Rosary Service will be held on Thursday, October 5th at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church. The Service will begin with the regular schedule of Evening Prayer & Holy Hour at 6:00pm followed by recitation of the Rosary beginning at 6:30. The entire parish community—families, children, friends are invited to join us in praying the Rosary.



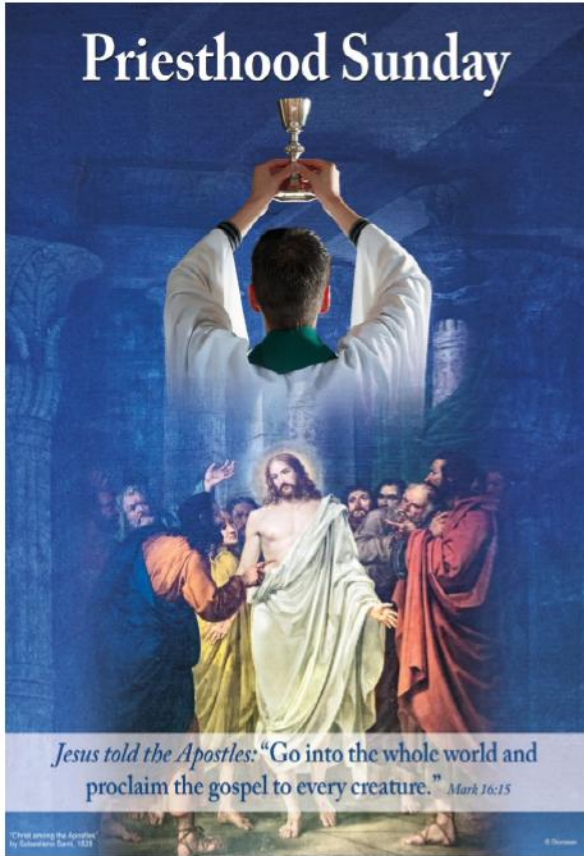
**Blessing of Pets**



In honor of St. Francis, there will be a Blessing of Pets on Saturday, October 7th at 11AM in the parking lot. Parishioners are encouraged to bring pets; dogs should be on leashes and other pets should be in appropriate carriers.

**St. Joseph Pray For Us**





**Stewardship of  
Treasure Report**  
September 16th & 17th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$6578.25**  
**Charity: \$9.00**  
**Religious Education: \$8.00**  
**Assumption: \$10.00**  
**Website Maintenance: \$35.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$285.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$280.00**

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of September 24, 2023**

**Sunday**      **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday**      Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;  
Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**      **Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**      **Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**      **Memorial of Saint Wenclaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs**  
Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**      **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday**      **Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday**      **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**  
**2023 Life Chain**  
**October 1st**

The Annual Life Chain Sunday, October 1st from 1-3pm.  
 This is a time of prayer for the end of abortion, for those who have suffered from abortion, and for the respect and dignity of ALL human life.  
 Pro-life volunteers will be stationed along the route holding pro-life signs and praying. All those passing by will see and receive our message.  
 If you wish to be a part or you want more information, please call Christine Lukawski at Lake County Right to Life, 219-838-1138.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, September 26**  
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle Drawing  
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.

**Thursday, September 28**  
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour  
 6:30pm—Family Rosary

This program is presented by one of our Parishioners (Tom Cline)

**Attracting Joy, Success, and Sanity**

Learn concepts that help people think clearly, make healthy choices, and develop attitudes that lead to success and self-confidence. Attendees will learn tenets that successful, healthy, and happy people use to cut through confusion, fear and lies told in the current culture. They leave with tools designed to cope with difficulty and will be given resources that create hope during cultural and institutional chaos. Exposure to these concepts is critical for young people. The workshops are for all ages! Parents are encouraged to bring their teens.

**Dates:           October 6, 13 & 20 2023**

**Time:             5:00 to 6:30**

**Location:       Plum Creek Center**  
                     **222 Schulte St, Dyer, IN**  
                     **46311**

**Fee:               \$35 per reservation, Contact: 219-865-2505**

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on**  
**September 12th was #510**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$422.50**

(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** **September 30th & October 1st**

#### **Lectors**

4:30pm—

8:00am—

10:00am—

6:00pm—

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm— Mark Gabrione, Patty &amp; Paul Jarzembowski

8:00am— Arlene Stephens, Marilyn Tumpis

10:00am— Kathy Hamill, Jim Paolino, Art Tkacz

6:00pm— Jill Hayhurst

### **Annual Red Mass**

All members of the finance and legal communities are invited to join the Catholic Foundation for Northwest Indiana on Thursday, October 5 at 8 am at Our Lady of Consolation for the annual Red Mass, invoking the Holy Spirit on all members.

If you wish to RSVP or if you did not receive an invitation, please reach out to Judy Holicky at the Pastoral Center, 219-769-9292 x 268  
[orjholicky@dcgary.org](mailto:orjholicky@dcgary.org)

### **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Management Unfair**

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew's Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God's generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God's generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God's work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew's church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can't help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord's ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

Tom Schmidt

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