

St. Joseph Church

October 8, 2023

Twenty Seventh 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.

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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

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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: Ed Hebda

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*



Monday, October 9, Weekday
 9:00 AM Nathanael Hughes
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, October 10, Weekday
 9:00 AM Rosemary Pigulski
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Wednesday, October 11, Weekday
 9:00 AM John Quinn
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Thursday, October 12, Weekday
 9:00 AM Zig Kwiatkowski
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Friday, October 13, Weekday
 9:00 AM Joe David Sr.
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

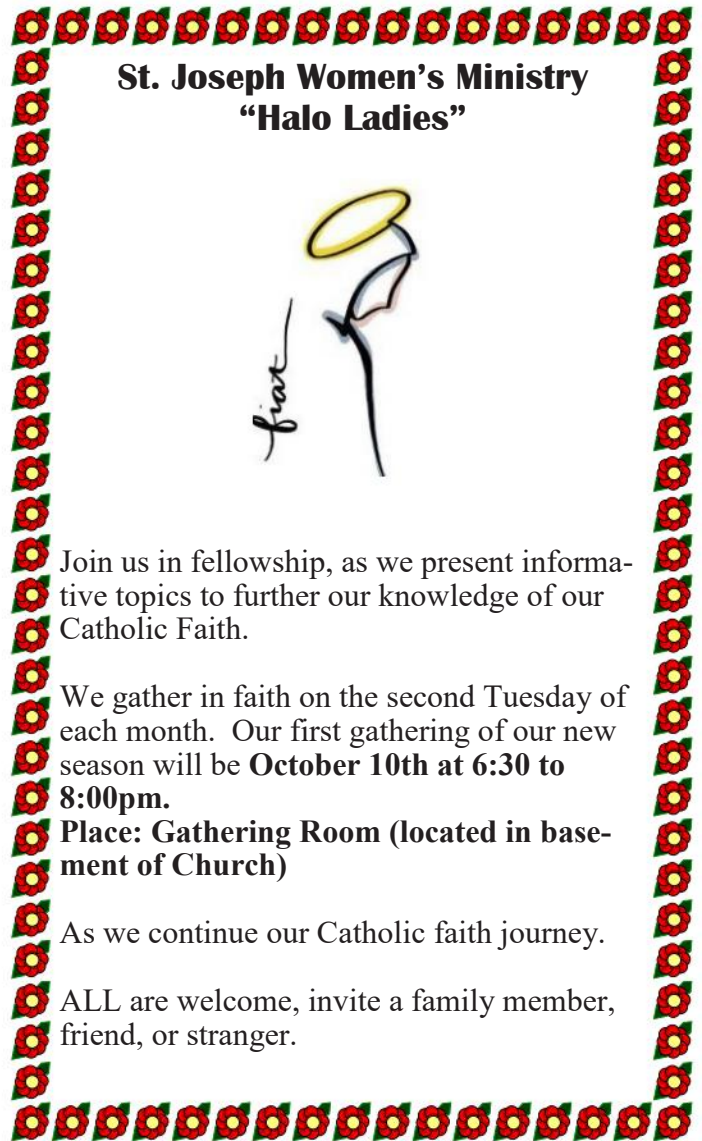
Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Beverly Cascone
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Sunday, October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Michael Slawinski
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

10:00 AM Nick Coniglio
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

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



**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 **October 10th 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.



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

• WHERE •
Avalon Manor Banquet Center
 3550 E. Lincoln Hwy • Merrillville, IN 46410

• 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

On Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 in the evening we are going to celebrate a Mass for the intention of our loved ones who have fallen away from the practice of the Faith. You will be invited to write on pieces of paper the names of friends and family who no longer practice the Catholic faith. Those papers will be gathered in a basket and brought to the altar along with the gifts of bread and wine. What more beautiful way can there be to pray for conversion of heart then through the Holy Eucharist? Please join us for this special opportunity.

St. Joseph Men's Ministry

The St. Joseph Men's Ministry will have their monthly gathering on Saturday, October 21. The morning will begin with 8:00am Mass, followed by breakfast and the presentation. Theme of this days presentation is: "Getting Clarity on the Mission." All Men are invited for a morning of prayer, fellowship and encounter. The morning will conclude at 10:30am.

Family Rosary For Life 3 Year Anniversary

Saturday, Oct. 14th—10:00am

Here at St. Joseph Dyer where it began. We pray for our families and the end of abortion each month throughout our diocese. Please join us in prayer on the 14th.



Learn how to spread the Gospel message to those who need to be re-introduced to Christ!

Session I: Oct. 27-28
Fri. 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Sat. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

\$60 COST PER SESSION | **\$40** PER NIGHT (OPTIONAL)

Camp Lawrence
68 E 700 N
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What will you learn?

- Call, Mission and Prayer
Life of a Disciple
- Mary, Star of the New Evangelization
- How to Witness and Answer Common Questions

Presented by:



Fr. Jacob McDaniel | Sean Martin

Learn more & register: dcgary.org/discipleshiptraining

Stewardship of Treasure Report

September 30th & October 1st

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:

\$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$10,038.47

Charity: \$73.00

Religious Education: \$70.00

Parish Website: \$560.00

World Mission: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$260.00

50/50 Raffle: \$285.00

Please Read!!!

St. Joseph Parish will have the first meeting of the new **Parish Life Ministry on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Room.** This ministry will plan and execute events to bring our parish together, to spread the joy of living our faith; and to promote an atmosphere of vibrant catholic life at our parish. We all have a family member who has fallen away from our faith. With God's grace & mercy, if our parish were more energetic, joyful & engaged would we not draw our lost ones home? Please come to share your ideas and talents and to help us in this worthy ministry.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following sponsors (who were missed from last week's bulletin) who donated Gift Certificates or Prizes for our St. Joseph Fellowship Picnic:

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 9

7pm—Pastoral Council Meeting—
Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 10

9:45am—50/50 Raffle

Drawing

9:45am—Gospel reflections in
Gathering Room immediately
after mass.

6:30— Women’s Ministry “Halo Ladies”
Meeting—Gathering Room

Thursday, October 12

6:00pm—Evening Prayer &
Holy Hour

6:30pm—Family Rosary

Saturday, October 14

10am—Family Rosary for Life

Traveling Vocation Cross

Vocations are a gift from God. We can help by offering prayers in support of those who are called to become a priest, religious sister, deacon or brother. These prayers may lead to vocations within our diocese and parish.

We are starting a Traveling Vocation Cross. **Starting in November**, families and individuals may bring our Vocation Cross home for a week and pray daily for vocations. A daily prayer booklet is included with the Vocation Cross. Praying from this booklet takes only several minutes a day. Your daily prayers make a difference; they help to water the seeds of a vocation planted by God.

“The harvest is rich, but there are few laborers to gather it in. Beg the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the harvest.” - Matthew 9:37-38

You may sign up to bring our Vocation Cross home for a week, and pray for vocations. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of the church after each weekend Mass during **October**. Lisa Makar is the coordinator of our Traveling Vocation Cross and will be available to help with sign ups.

Thank you in advance for your generous participation.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

September 26th was #48

**The Winner Would Have Won
\$700.00**

(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

Ministry Schedule **October 14th & 15th**

Lectors

4:30pm—

8:00am—

10:00am—

6:00pm—

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Mary Ann Deutsche, Mark Gabrione,
Bonnie Gruver

8:00am—Arlene Stephens, Karen Ziolkowski

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

6:00pm—Joe Nowacki

Flowers

I looked into a flower's face
And saw a work of love and grace.
For who but God could even form
The daffodil so vibrant warm?
The great Creator has designed
Sweet violets with beauty lined.
He made the passion flower rare
Like tatted lace beyond compare.
He fashioned lilac's purple hue
To glisten in the morning dew.
In all the wonders of God's hand,
I find a flower the most grand!

Virginia Borman Grimmer

The Gift of the Mass

In the Gospel of Luke Jesus says, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.” (Luke 10:23-24) We do not live in Jesus' time. We have access to some incredible multimedia and visual representations of what life could have been like during Jesus' life and ministry. Having those visuals can be a light shining into a dark space. They offer a brief look at his time: the people, the clothing, the food, the homes, etc. God made us visual people as well as auditory people, so these visual opportunities can certainly enhance our faith experience. Not everyone has the opportunity to travel to the Holy Land. TV shows and documentaries are excellent resources which help to bring the time of Jesus alive in our imaginations.

Just as there is the temptation to romanticize the past in historical fiction novels, we might have the temptation to think that what Jesus said and did are things that happened, “back then.” There is a very real and important difference between watching a show about Jesus and participating in Mass.

When we are at Mass, we aren't there to watch. The word “attend” is even problematic. The Mass isn't a concert or lecture. It's the real and true participation in the heavenly banquet we all hope to participate in for all eternity. We gather around an altar. Altars aren't for eating, they're for sacrifice. Jesus is our paschal lamb, He is the perfect sacrifice which restores us to right relationship with the Father. Since God operates outside of space and time, this perfect sacrifice of Jesus is continually offered for the redemption of humanity. We participate in this eternal sacrifice and communion with the Father when we gather to share the Eucharist.

During the Offertory prayers, though the priest is speaking, he is offering the bread and wine on behalf of the whole community. He asks the Holy Spirit to come transform the gifts we offer. This is one reason why the gifts are brought forward from within the community to the altar.

Many generations have desired to see what we see, to hear what we hear, every time we come to Mass. Many still today long to have free and easy access to regular liturgical practice and cannot. What Jesus said and did isn't just something that happened long ago. He lives in each baptized member of the Body of Christ. He is present to us, speaking to us, at every single Mass we partake in. There is nothing on earth that can replace Jesus' true Presence in the Eucharist.

By Kate Taliaferro

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