

# St. Joseph Church

October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth 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

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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.*

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**Monday, October 23, Weekday**

9:00 AM Chuck, Shirley & Linda Earley  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, October 24, Weekday**

9:00 AM Norbert & Vera Smith & Family  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Wednesday, October 25, Weekday**

9:00 AM Michael Slawinski  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter  
 7:00 PM Departed Souls of St. Joseph Parish  
 Celebrant: Fr. Ross

**Thursday, October 26, Weekday**

9:00 AM Eileen Sukta  
 Celebrant: Fr.

**Friday, October 27, Weekday**

9:00 AM Wally Mroz  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

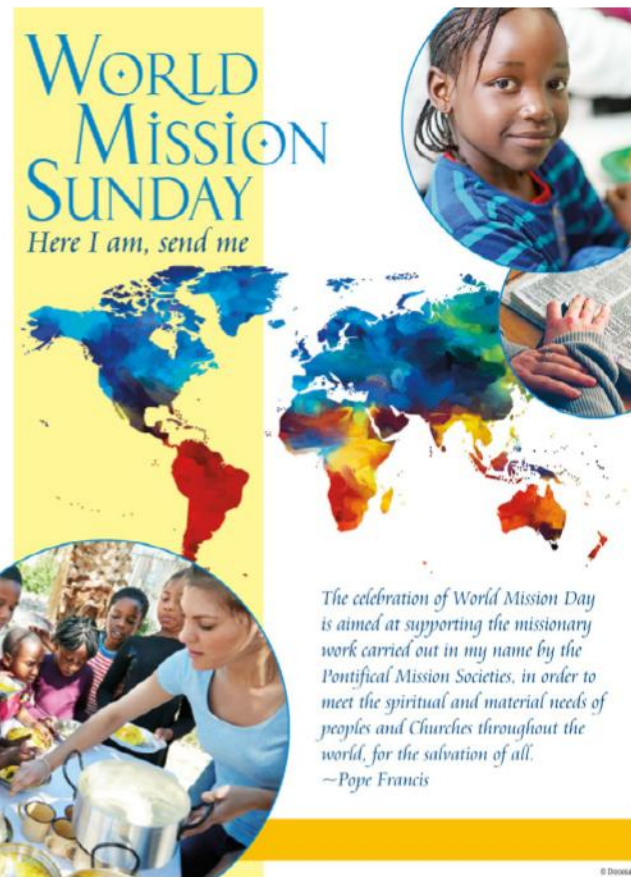
**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 28, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Erik Anderson  
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, October 29, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Earl Shisler  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter  
 10:00 AM John Quinn  
 Celebrant: Fr. Peter  
 6:00 PM The People of the Parish  
 Celebrant: Fr. Stenzel



*The celebration of World Mission Day is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.*  
 —Pope Francis

**Please Note!**

The November 2nd envelope for All Souls Day is marked as Memorial Donations.

All the money collected in those envelopes will go towards items needed for the altar or for vestments or anything to do with the liturgy. You still can put names of those on the envelopes and they will be put in a basket to be prayed for on that day and throughout the month of November.

**Special Mass on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm for the Intention of the All Souls Memorial.**

**All Saints Day**

Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints Day is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be masses at 9:00am and 7:00pm.

Thursday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. We will have a mass at 9:00am and an additional mass at 7:00pm for the Intention of the All Souls Memorial.



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**Please Note: We need Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for all of the above masses. Please call 219-865-2271 to volunteer.**



**LAS VEGAS NITE**

Saturday, November 4, 2023, St. Joseph Gym, 440 Joliet (Route 30), Dyer, Indiana.

Open 5:30 until 11:30pm featuring blackjack, roulette, 3-card poker, money wheel, beat-the-dealer dice, live poker, cash raffle and tip-split.

\$15 admission includes all foods, desserts and beverages.

Open to all those 21 years and older.

More information: 219-718-3787.

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**  
October 7th & 8th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$8744.31**

**Charity: \$20.00**

**Religious Education: \$321.00**

**Food Pantry: \$2863.79**

**50/50 Raffle: \$290.00**

**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.

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**  
October 14th & 15th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$6632.95**

**Charity: \$10.00**

**Religious Education: \$0**

**World Mission Sunday: \$10.00**

**Food Pantry: \$40.00**

**50/50 Raffle: \$295.00**

**IT'S A CLASS REUNION!**

Did you go to **Elizabeth Seton High School** in South Holland, IL?

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Looking forward to hearing from you.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, October 24**  
 9:45am—50/50 Raffle  
 Drawing  
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in  
 Gathering Room immediately  
 after mass.

**Wednesday, October 25**  
 7:00pm Mass for Intention of  
 Fallen Loved Ones

**Thursday, October 26**  
 6:00pm—Evening Prayer &  
 Holy Hour  
 6:30pm—Family Rosary

**Catholic Services Appeal**

As of 9/7/23, we have collected \$96,034.00 in pledges and donations. Our goal is \$39,538.00. We are approximated \$13,000.00 short of what we received last year at this time. We still would welcome any pledges/donations for this years appeal. Remember, everything we receive now will come back 100% to our parish.

Thank you to the following parishioners who recently donated: Anthon & Marianne Lesniewski, Kathleen McShane, Catherine Beiriger, Arlene Stuchlak, John & Jean Ciscerella, Steven & Candace Bodnar, Sr., and Rose Ilgin.

**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.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on**

**October 10th was #456**

**The Winner Would Have Won**  
**\$987.50**

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** **October 28th & 29th**

### **Lectors**

4:30pm— Thomas Cline  
8:00am— Karen Ziolkowski  
10:00am— Sue Blue  
6:00pm— Michael Gallenberger

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Patty & Paul Jarzembowski, Judy Nowacki  
8:00am— Sisters  
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Art Tkacz, Jim Paolino  
6:00pm—Jill Hayhurst



## **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **“He Alone Is LORD”**

In the scriptures, being anointed usually meant you were a prophet or king of Israel. Anointing was a sign that God had chosen you for that job. But it was almost unheard of to call a king from another country anointed. So why is Cyrus given that title? Cyrus was king of Persia when the Babylonians held the people of Israel captive. God used him to defeat the Babylonians and eventually bring the Israelites back to their homes.

In our first reading, we hear the Lord’s words to Cyrus about God’s plan for Israel. Notice that God is in charge: telling Cyrus what God will do, making other kings run from him, opening doors or gates that might have blocked Cyrus’ armies—all for a king who doesn’t even know God. Cyrus only knew the Persian gods. That is why the reading says several times that there is no God but the LORD.

One thing this tells us is that God can work through anyone, not just saints and religious. Any time someone does a good deed, God is behind it. Just as God used Cyrus to free the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, God can use governments to protect the poor, to help rebuild after disasters, to defend freedom.

In that sense, we can understand what Jesus says about payment to Caesar and to God. Since everything belongs to God, that should be our first allegiance. When a government does not protect the weakest or the rights of the poor, it should be accountable. But when God works through governments, we can give some support to them by such activities as voting, or paying taxes. Let us ask God to work through us also, helping us to proclaim that God alone is LORD.

Tom Schmidt



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