

# St. Joseph Church

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph

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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**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:** Ed Hebda

**Bulletin Deadline**

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

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**Monday, January 1, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 AM Zig & Susie Kwiatkowski  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Tuesday, January 2, Sts. Basil & Gregory**

9:00 AM Gerald Hunter  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday**

9:00 AM Scott Homans  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Thursday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00 AM Jim Ruf  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, January 5, St. John Neumann**

9:00 AM Jerry Trumble  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 6, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:30 PM Chester Lakomek  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM Eugeniusz Broniek  
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM John Kuhar  
Celebrant: Fr. Peter

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

**REMINDERS!**

You can donate your weekly and special contributions on-line by going to our website, [www.stjosephdyer.org](http://www.stjosephdyer.org) and on the main page, look for Online Give, then hit Give Now

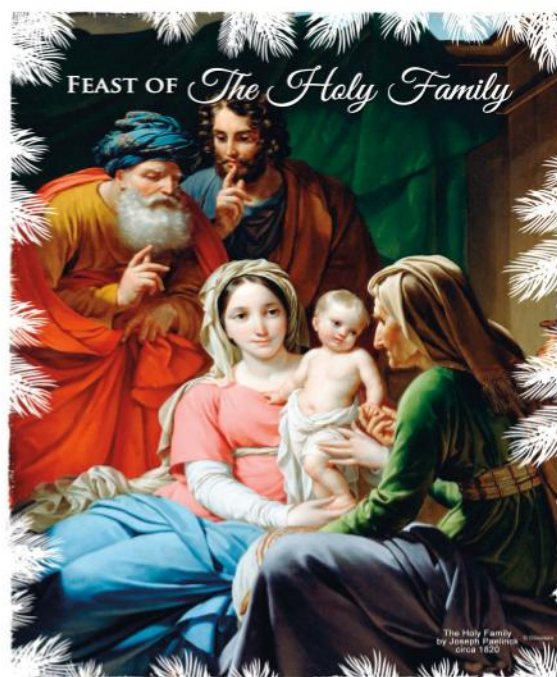


**First Fridays at St. Joseph Parish**

You are invited Friday, January 5th to be part of our First Friday devotions. This will be every First Friday, each month.

**First Friday Schedule**

- 9AM—Holy Mass (Ordinary Form)
- 9:45AM-6:45PM—Eucharistic Adoration (10 Hours of Adoration)
- Noon Angelus + Midday Prayer
- 5PM—Evening Prayer
- 6:30PM—Benediction
- 7:00PM—Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form)
- Note: Ordinary Form = English
- Extraordinary Form = Traditional Latin Mass



**March for Life Indianapolis  
Be a Voice for the Voiceless**

The Diocese of Gary Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the Indianapolis March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2024. We will be leaving the Our Lady of Consolation parish parking lot at 7AM CST on premium coach buses. The day starts with Mass celebrated by 4 bishops from Indiana, continues with the March and a rally afterwards. The trip home includes a box lunch. Space is limited. Registration and pre-payment are required. Take a stand for life!

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?eidk=a07ek34o9ug9523a355&llr=auyfgkvab>

**Please Note!**

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 1st.

**Christmas Un-Decorating**

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful for the generous parishioners who helped install the beautiful decorations. If you could not attend before Christmas maybe you can lend a hand now? Please say you will invest God’s gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on **Saturday, January 13th at 10:00am.** We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!



**Stewardship of  
Treasure Report**

December 16th & 17th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected: \$7411.84**  
**Charity: \$50.00**  
**Immaculate Conception: \$165.00**  
**Christmas: \$560.00**  
**Memorial Christmas Flowers: \$160.00**  
**Food Pantry: \$760.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$245.00**

**Stewardship of  
Treasure Report**

December 23rd & 24th

The Stewardship of Treasure Report for December 23rd & 24th will in next week’s bulletin due to the Holiday printing Schedule.

**Please Read!**

A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by The Most Rev. Bishop Robert J. McClory, Bishop of Gary honoring the Presence of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, East Chicago, IN will be held on Sunday, January 7th, 2024 at 2 pm at the Carmelite Monastery at 1628 Ridge Road, Munster, IN

The Carmelite Sisters will be leaving East Chicago after serving thousands of children and youth for over 110 years! Please join us for this Spiritual Farewell to the Carmelite Sisters!

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, January 1**  
Office closed

**Tuesday, January 2**  
9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.  
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing

**Thursday, January 4**  
6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour

**Friday, January 5**  
First Friday adoration and benediction as per schedule on page 2  
7:00pm—Latin Mass

**Saturday, January 6**  
First Saturday starting with 8am Mass

**Sunday, January 7**  
Hospitality Sunday after the 8am & 10am Masses

**Parish Life Ministry Meeting**

St. Joseph Parish Life Ministry will have a meeting on Monday, January 15th at 6:00pm. Please come to help plan all or some of the great events for our parish in the new year.

- Family Outdoor Movie Night**
- Family Potluck Dinner**
- White Elephant Sale in Church Parking Lot**
- Daytime Bingo (seniors)**
- Monday night/weeknight trivia.**
- St. Joseph’s Day Dinner**
- Mother Group**
- Open Gym Night – Family Men’s or Women’s**
- Food Truck Festival – with Ministry Fair**
- New Members – Welcome Wagon**
- Meals Ministry – baby; illness; temporary**
- Ride Share Ministry – to & from events or mass**
- St Joseph Kids Night in the Gym**
- Family Holiday Movie Night**

**We need you to become involved.** Please come to lend your time and talents to help plan these fun events.

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on**

**December 19th was #234**

**The Winner Would Have Won \$565.00**

(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**  
**January 6th & 7th**

**Lectors**

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for**

8:00am— **schedule for all masses**

10:00am—

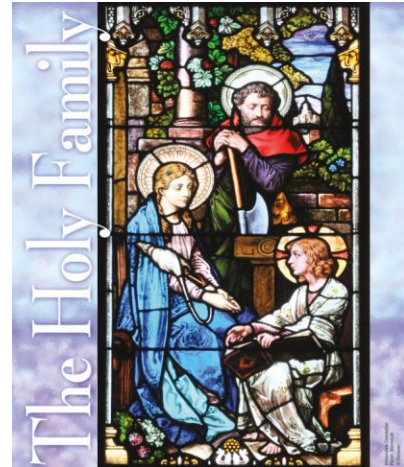
**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—

8:00am—

10:00am—

6:00pm—



**The Sorrows of Mary**

“Your sufferings, accepted and borne with unshakeable faith, when joined to those of Christ take on extraordinary value for the life of the Church and the good of humanity”. (Message of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II for the First Annual World Day of the Sick, 5)

As the mother of Christ, one of Mary's many titles is "Our Lady of Sorrows". Fittingly, the name “Mary” has roots in the Hebrew word “marah” meaning “bitterness”. Commonly depicted in art with a sword piercing her heart, today's Gospel introduces us to the first of Mary’s Seven Sorrows: "And you yourself a sword will pierce". The Holy Family went through many trials together but Mary in particular endured, steadfast in her fiat and never once wavered in her devotion to God, although she was exposed to so many trials.

Saint John Paul II declared: “[T]he Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross... uniting herself with a maternal heart with His sacrifice” (*Lumen Gentium*, 58). In her apparitions as Our Lady of Kibeho in the 1980’s in Rwanda, Mary asked that we pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows for repentance, and also noted that we must “bear our sufferings every day” if we want to be with Christ in Heaven. If we imitate Mary's faith, we too will survive whatever wounds this hard world inflicts on us and one day rejoice with God's Holy Family. What suffering in your life is God using for His glory?

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh



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