

# St. Joseph Church

January 10, 2016

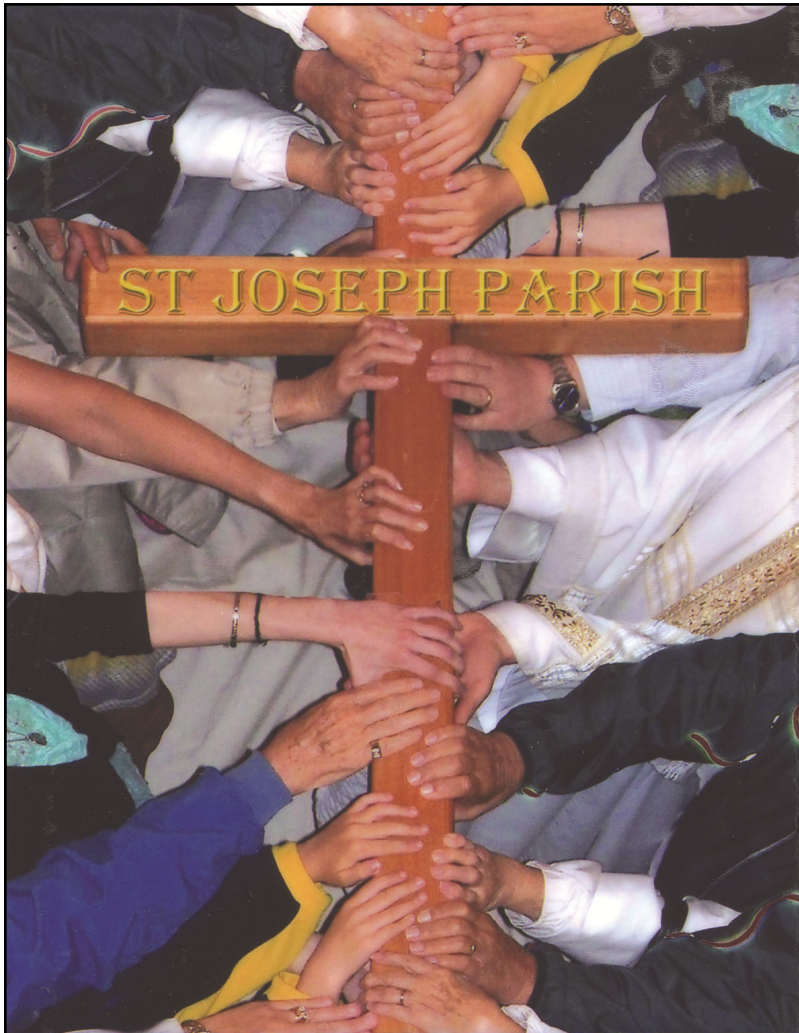
The Baptism of the Lord

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**GATHERING IN FAITH,  
DISCOVERING COMMUNITY**

## 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 with Father Terry in person. Please call the parish office, 865-2271 for an appointment.

## Parish Telephones

**Parish Office** .....865-2271

Parish Fax .....865-2350

Email .....[dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dyerstjoe@sbcglobal.net)

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PASTOR: Rev. Terry J. Steffens

**Religious Education Office:** .....865-2355

Religious Education Fax .....865-3740

Email .....[yseweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:yseweaver@yahoo.com)

**DIRECTOR:** Yvonne Weaver

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

### Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

## Sacramental Life

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Confession*)

Saturday 3:30 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 Sick

Call the office any time.

## Knights of Columbus

**Grand Knight:** Ed Hebda 219-865-6922

## Bulletin Deadline

**Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.**



**Monday, January 11, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Tuesday, January 12, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Wednesday, January 13, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Thursday, January 14, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Friday, January 15, Weekday**

No 9:00 AM Mass

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 16, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Mary Babusiak

**Sunday, January 17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Ted Korabel

10:00 AM Rose Kellam

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

**PLEASE NOTE!!**  
 There will be no morning masses from Monday, January 11th through Friday, January 15th. Father Terry will be on vacation.

**Christmas Un-Decorating**

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful of the stewardship response in the past and hope to see more participants this year. Please say you will invest God's gifts of your time and talents by coming to the church on Saturday, January 17th at 9:00am. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too!

**Sunday Readings Reflections of 1/17/2016**

**Reading 1 Isaiah 62:1-5**

In the Old Testament, God's covenant with the people is sometimes compared to a marriage covenant between a husband and wife. In today's first reading, the prophet uses this imagery. With great enthusiasm, he celebrates a great event. The Lord has not only delivered the people from their enemies but has "married" them and made them his own. Their faithfulness has been rewarded. Now they can say to their enemies, "See, we told you! Our God has saved us."

**Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Today's second reading reminds us that the Christian community is filled with gifts of the Spirit. These gifts enable some of us to be teachers or counselors, prophets or preachers, healers or leaders. But they all come from the same Spirit and are intended to build up the faith community. We should never be jealous of someone else's gift because all the gifts truly belong to all of us as the Body of Christ. Do you ever rejoice in the gifts of others?

**Gospel John 2:1-11**

The Old Testament reading today celebrates the "marriage" of Israel with the Lord. In the gospel reading, Jesus and his friends are taking part in a wedding celebration at Cana. Everyone is having a grand old time until the wine runs out. Then Jesus, in what is described as the first of his signs (miracles), turns six jars of water into choice wine! Everyone is astonished. But turning the water used for Jewish rituals into wine, Jesus gives God's people a sign that the Messiah has come. Later the disciples would recognize Jesus as the Bridegroom of the Church, the new people of God.

**Pastor's Column**

Dear Parishioners:

With a New Year, hopefully we are thankful for 2015 with its many experiences lingering in our memory. To be thankful is foundational to our faith journey as Jesus' disciples because God gift's us abundantly. In particular, we need to be thankful to God for every circumstance we came upon in 2015, including the things that we classify as real pains and difficulties. To be thankful for the messes of 2015? On the faith level the answer is "Yes" because no matter what we went thru last year, all is well right now in God's faithful oneness with us in Christ the Savior.

Eucharist means "to give thanks" all the time for the Holy Communion we share with Christ in His Body and Blood. This does not imply that we have to be constantly saying out loud "thank you" to God; however, we need to thank God with our constant faithfulness to God. Because God is constantly one with us through Christ His Son, we simply need to be silent within ourselves and observe how the weekly Eucharist deepens our being faithful to God all the time. To be one with Christ is to be thankful to Christ because Christ's saving love makes all well no matter what circumstances we have encountered, will encounter or are presently encountering. This is the cornerstone of our faith journeys and it cannot be verbalized with enough "thank you" statements, but it can be pondered in silence in our depths in the light of the "to give thanks" Eucharistic experience.

Faithfulness and thankfulness are one in our Holy Communion with Christ Jesus. As a result, we can reflect on 2015 in peace and embrace 2016 with peace, letting go of trying to classify each experience as thank-worthy or not. The Good News in Christ is that every experience of life is thank-worthy in God's constant, all-providing faithfulness. Happy New Year!

Thankful for all in Christ,

Fr. Terry

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

December 26th & 27th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$5152.61**  
**Charity: \$198.00**  
**Religious Education: \$0**  
**Christmas: \$9977.00**  
**Christmas Flowers: \$5.00**  
**Immaculate Conception: \$10.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary: \$60.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$9577.61**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$151,450.00**  
**Fiscal Year Surplus: \$2427.89**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$185.00**

**Stewardship of Treasure Report**

January 2nd & 3rd

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00**  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$7186.31**  
**Charity: \$34.00**  
**Religious Education: \$0**  
**Christmas: \$465.00**  
**Solemnity of Mary: \$1351.00**  
**Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$3211.31**  
**Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$157,275.00**  
**Fiscal Year Surplus: \$5639.20**  
**Food Pantry: \$405.00**  
**50/50 Raffle: \$200.00**

**K of C Council 8082—Dyer**

**6th Annual Paczki Ball Dinner/Dance**

When: Saturday, January 30, 2016; 5:30-11:30pm  
 Where: Casa Maria Hall on the grounds of St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer  
 Cash bar and family style Polish dinner followed by dancing featuring Jimmy Killan & Honky Chicago Polka Band. Ticket cost is \$25 per person. To purchase tickets or further info contact: **Ambrose Kapitan (219-864-7343 or aam-pak@comcast.net**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Monday, January 11**

No 9:00am Mass

**Tuesday, January 12**

No 9:00am Mass

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—Religious Education classes  
in school

**Wednesday, January 13**

No 9:00am Mass

**Thursday, January 14**

No 9:00am Mass

7:00pm—Choir practice

**Friday, January 15**

No 9:00am Mass

**TREASURES FROM  
OUR TRADITION**

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

The Number Drawn on December 29th

Was # 87

The Winner Would Have Won \$453.00

(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.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus after he was baptized by John. Husbands and wives, let the Holy Spirit help strengthen your marriage relationship. The dates are Feb. 12-14 or April 8-10, or June 10-12, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. For reservations, call Jim & Kris 630-577-0778.

**Ministry Schedule**  
**January 16th & 17th**

**Extraordinary Ministers**

4:30pm—Lee Kobza, Joe Nowacki,  
Judy Nowacki  
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,  
Tim Pawl  
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,  
Tamara Fredrickson  
6:00pm—Irene Magana, Isabella Skurka,  
Frances Vasquez

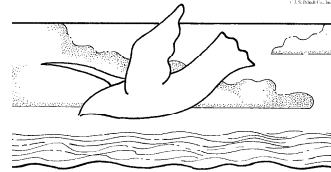
**Lectors**

4:30pm—Gary Blue  
8:00am—Rita D’Arcy  
10:00am—Religious Education  
6:00pm—Michael Gallenberger

**Ministry Schedule**  
**January 16th & 17th**

**Altar Servers**

4:30pm— Lillian Smith  
8:00am— Joe Nowacki  
10:00am— Jim Morris, Dominic Rizzo  
6:00pm—Mary Shutoski



**The Baptism of the Lord**

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He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

-- Titus 3:5

**TEMPER AND PRIDE**

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride  
is what keeps us there. --Anonymous

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