

St. Joseph Church

April 3, 2016

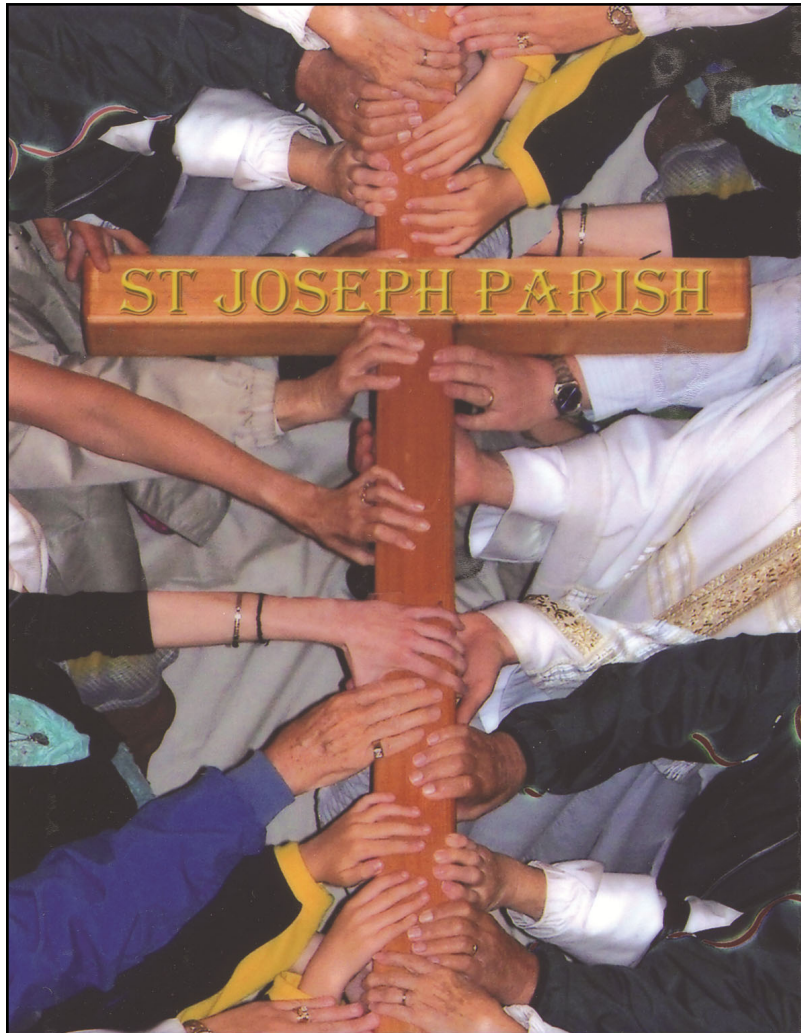
Second Sunday Of Easter

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Rev. Terry J. Steffens, Pastor



**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

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

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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, April 4, The Annunciation of the Lord
 9:00 AM Lawrence & Delores Govert
Tuesday, April 5, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Donald Smith
Wednesday, April 6, Easter Weekday
 No 9:00 AM Mass
Thursday, April 7, St. John Baptist de la Salle
 9:00 AM Joseph & Myrtle Bober
Friday, April 8, Easter Weekday
 9:00 AM Rose Ford

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 9, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter
 4:30 PM Sharon Kramer
Sunday, April 10, 3rd Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM Ted Korabel
 10:00 AM The People of the Parish
 6:00 PM William L. Beaver

Catholic Services Appeal

The annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will be held in all parishes in the Diocese of Gary the weekend of April 16 & 17. A gift to the CSA empowers the faithful of our diocese to give witness to our discipleship call and affirm our identity as the People of God by responding to one another's needs. Participation of all our parishioners is essential for our diocese to continue Jesus' mission for our diocese to continue Jesus' mission of peace, love and justice here on earth.

Please support the 2016 CSA Campaign



Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, April 9th & 10th for our Food Pantry. You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

Sunday Readings Reflections of 4/10/2016

Reading 1 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

If our readings each had titles, this one could be called "Brave Heroes Spread Good News." Although Peter and some of the other apostles had been imprisoned and beaten, they continued to preach in Jesus' name. They also dared to accuse the religious authorities of putting Jesus to death. Despite the danger to themselves, the apostles spoke out with great courage. "We must obey God rather than men," they proclaimed. Now that they were filled with the Holy Spirit, facing danger for Jesus' sake actually made them joyful!

Reading 2 Revelations 5:11-14

The title of the second reading might be "All Creation Praises the Lamb." It describes a vision of the heavenly court in which a huge crowd of angels and all living beings are gathered. They are all singing the praises of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Lord. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has reconciled us with God and given us cause for great joy.

Gospel John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

The title of this wonderful story from John's Gospel might be "Surprise Picnic at the Beach." In a very human way, it shows the great love Jesus and his friends had for one another. While the disciples are out fishing, the risen Christ appears on the shore at Lake Tiberias. They are anchored at a distance and do not recognize him. But when they follow his advice and wind up with a sagging net full of fish, John figures out that the stranger is Jesus. Coming ashore, they enjoy the picnic breakfast Jesus has prepared for them.

Although our reading stops after the meal itself, we know from the rest of the Gospel that Jesus called Peter aside after they ate. He asked Peter to "feed my lambs. Tend my sheep."

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

We can be stubborn in our prayer because we can become stagnant in how we relate with God. We say the same morning and night prayers and get into a frenzy if we forget to say them or don't say them the "correct" way. Getting stuck in our prayer approach is unnecessary because God's Spirit of Love always provides for us including every heart-beat and every breath.

Pushy-prayer gives the impression that we have to force God to do our Will. This does not work because God's Love is freely given to us all the time. Holy Communion with Jesus reminds us of how oneness with God in Christ is prayer. It goes beyond word or action and leaves us silently dependent on God's Will in our every moment. In Silence we pray most simply and effectively to our Lover God. All force is surrendered and peaceable openness taking its place. No longer is prayer an ordeal—it simply is in the Silence. Stubbornness disappears and humility is the resulting prayer approach for we manifest trust in God's ever-faithful Love. Talk about the freedom of the children of God! Prayer becomes Risen Joy for us because we are relating with God on God's terms which liberates us from repetitious prayer approaches and enlivens us with mysterious prayer in God's Loving Will.

In God's Prayer Approach,

Fr. Terry

**Religious Education
First Eucharist**

This week the young people of the parish who are preparing for First Eucharist reflected on their Baptism. Through Baptism we are initiated into the life of Christ and His Body the Church. The church belongs to the Lord Jesus, whom God has called together. As they continue on their spiritual journey, please keep them, their parents, and family members in your prayers.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 19th & 20th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4839.56
Religious Education: \$5.00
Easter: \$210.00
Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$770.44)
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$221,370.00
Easter Flowers: \$534.00
Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$1778.46)
Food Pantry: \$100.00
50/50 Raffle: \$210.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

March 26th & 27th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5825.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4870.00
Religious Education: \$20.00
Easter: \$4115.00
Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$3180.00
Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$221,415.00
Easter Flowers: \$41.00
Fiscal Year Surplus: \$2171.98
Food Pantry: \$50.00
50/50 Raffle: \$200.00

Adult Confirmation

Faith Formation Classes for those baptized Catholics who, for whatever reason were not confirmed as a teenager, will begin. Sunday April 10 after the 6pm Mass (approximately 7-8:30pm) meeting in the Gathering Room (lower level of the church) and continuing on:

Sunday, April 17, 7-8:30pm, Gathering Room

Sunday, April 24, 7-8:30pm, Gathering Room

Sunday, May 1, 7-8:30pm, Gathering Room

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION celebrated on: May 15, 2pm, Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary.

For registration or more info, contact: Yvonne Weaver, DRE Office: 865-2355 (M,T,TH 10-4) yseweaver@yahoo.com (anytime)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 5
9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

Thursday, April 7
7:00pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, April 10
9:15-9:45am—Ministry of Care meeting
in Gathering Room
7:00-8:30pm—Faith Formation classes
for Adult Confirmation—Gathering
Room

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We return to our reflections on the rites of marriage with a brief consideration of reforms from the Council of Trent. When the Protestant Reformation took hold, the fairly recent achievements of the Church in regard to the sacrament of marriage were reviewed with a critical, reforming eye. In general, Protestants returned to an earlier view that marriage was a civil matter, although some said that the civil society had to be in harmony with Christian teaching. In the Catholic Church, the Council of Trent took the question up in 1563, and decided to shore up its teaching on the sacramentality of marriage. They identified many threats to this, including secret marriages and easy divorce. So they enacted laws that still govern our practice today: to be valid, marriage consent must be exchanged in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Ever since Trent, marriages must also be announced three weeks in advance to the community, and recorded in a register. In some places in the world, the "banns" are still posted in the public square. In the United States, parishes sometimes publish the "banns" in the bulletin.

Anyone who has ever watched a soap opera has seen the standard scene of a minister announcing gravely, "If there is anyone here present who sees any reason why these two should not be married . . ." This bit of drama has no place in the Catholic liturgy, but survives among Protestants who broke with us before Trent edited this cliff-hanger out of our public prayer.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle
The Number Drawn on March 22nd
Was # 349

The Winner Would Have Won \$925.00
(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.



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Ministry Schedule
April 9th & 10th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabelle Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Dennis Bork, Tina Bork, Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Pat Bergstrom, Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Diana Giovane
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Ministry Schedule
April 9th & 10th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki
8:00am—Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Mary Howe, Jim Morris
6:00pm—Ian Gruver, Mary Shutoski



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Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.

-- Revelation 1:18a

TRUE TEACHERS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters. --St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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