

St. Joseph Church

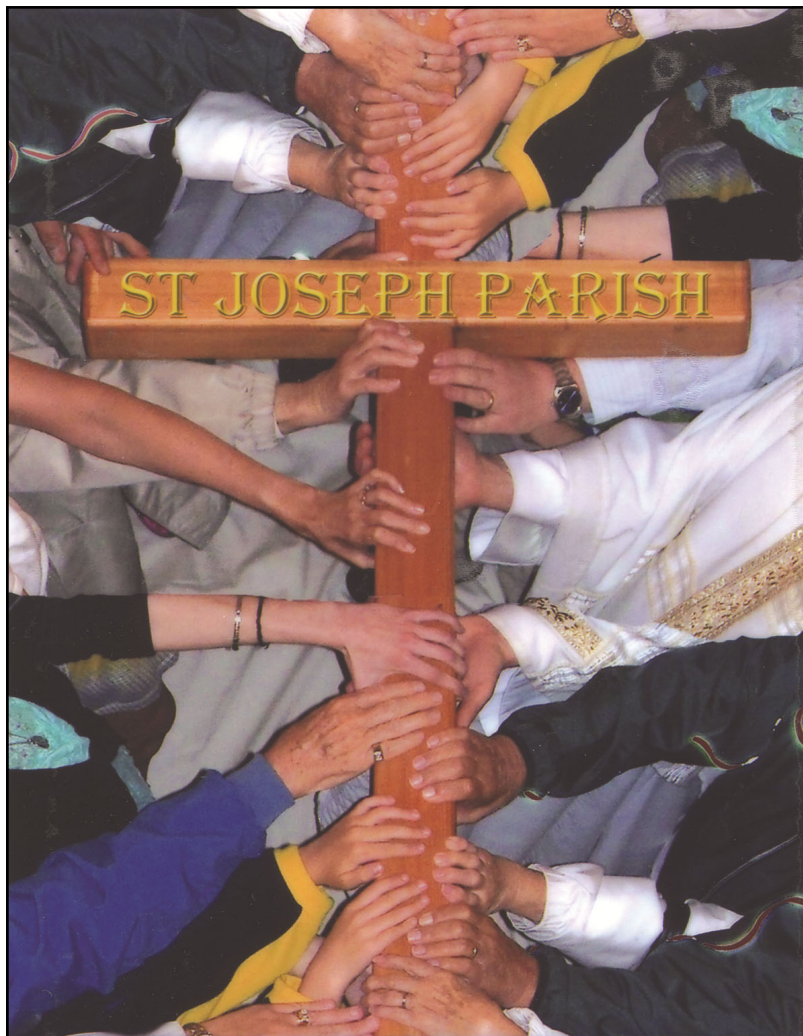
August 12, 2012

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

(219) 865-2271

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

Parish Office865-2271

Parish Fax865-2350

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-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: Mike Kulik 708-906-6652

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, August 13, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

9:00 AM Kaczocha & Zarlenga Families

Tuesday, August 14, Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM St. Joseph Parishioners

Wednesday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Poor Souls

7:00 PM Myrtle Bober

Thursday, August 16, Weekday

9:00 AM Michael Zerebny

Friday, August 17, Weekday

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 18, Vigil: 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Joe Lencino

Sunday, August 19, 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Joe Lupucki

6:00 PM Herbert Roach & Family

Please Note!!

There will be no 9:00am Mass on Monday, August 13th. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th.

Eucharistic Adoration


Eucharistic Adoration at the new Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Salvatorian Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Street in Merrillville takes place every Monday through Saturday from 7:30am to 6:30pm. To commit to an hour a week, please call 219-884-0714 or email: info@myczestochowa.us. Jesus will thank you for your love!

VISITING MISSIONARY

Fr. Johnus Cherunilath V.C., a Vincentian Missionary Priest from India, will be in our parish next weekend to participate in our Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. He will preach at all the masses and make an appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missions.

The Vincentian Congregation (V.C.), a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India in 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Members of this flourishing Religious Congregation, all natives of India, are engaged in Mission Work in all parts of India and in several countries in Africa.

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities in their missions worldwide. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. There will be a second collection next weekend to help the Missionary work of the Vincentian Fathers.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a **Holyday of Obligation**. There will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00pm and the masses on Wednesday are 9:00am and 7:00pm.

We need Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers for this feast. Please call the parish office, 865-2271, with your willingness to serve.

Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

A personal reflection and awareness that I have been pondering in recent days is the issue of acceptance. My broken family history had taken a heavy toll on my acceptance of my self. I kept thinking I was not good enough and, thus, not acceptable to God and to people. Talk about depressing! Yuck.

Well, thanks be to God, I am becoming more peaceable about accepting my unique self which leads me to accept others in their uniqueness. I know this seems so obvious but being from a broken family atmosphere made for an upbringing of self-doubt and at times despair.

I suspect that you have had your moments about your own acceptance of self. But Jesus is with us in the Holy Spirit to remind us that we are acceptable, for each of us is created in God's image. I pray that we as parish continue to grow in accepting one another in Christ, celebrating each other's uniqueness.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

July 28th & 29th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$3393.00

Children's Collection: \$48.50

Charity: \$31.00

Calling All Crafters!

Griffith Boy Scout Troop 264 is looking for crafters for their 33rd Fall Harvest Craft Festival on September 29th & 30th held at Griffith Central Park on Broad Street. We are looking for handmade crafts only. We do not accept commercial or flea market items or outside food vendors. If you would like more information, please e-mail Sherry at griffithtroop264@yahoo.com or check our site at <http://troop264griffith.scoutlander.com/> or visit us on face book!

Rachel's Corner

Whether we face discouragement, loss, pain or despair, we can take great comfort in knowing that no sorrow is too deep that God cannot feel it with us. God wants to help deliver us from it.

—Reflections on Footprints

We can help on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

September 14-16, 2012
219-558-0625 kdruz@att.net
All calls confidential
www.rachelsvineyard.org

Golf for a Cause

Join in the fun! The Annual Catholic Charities Golf Outing "Golf for a Cause" will be played on Monday, August 27th at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville. The cost is \$150 per person. Help others while enjoying a day on the course with your friends. Tee time 9:00am, shamle format. Call Catholic Charities to purchase a ticket 996-3549.

No Harshness

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause. —St. John Kanty

Mass in the Polish Language

A Mass in the Polish language will be held at 2pm on Aug. 19th at All Saints Church, 570 Sibley Street in Hammond with Father Steve Kosinski. Following the Mass, a video entitled "Ojciec Mateusz" ("Father Matthew") will be shown.

Diocesan Year of Faith Conference

The ‘door of faith’ is always open for us...” ushering us into the life of communion with God, and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. In order to celebrate this Year in a worthy and fruitful manner, Bishop Melczek, and member of his Priest Council, have planned a special Conference on two different weekends in September at two different locations:

September 21 & 22 at St. Thomas More Parish

September 28 & 29 at St. Paul Parish

All parishioners are invited to attend **one of these two weekends**. The Conference will provide tools for us to better understand and live our faith with renewed conviction. Keynote speakers will share their insights on the Second Vatican Council, and the breakout sessions will focus on the Catholic Catechism and the Creed—all are tools to help us live our faith.

For additional information, go to www.dcgary.org for full information and registration. Please note there is no fee for the Conference, only a \$10.00 fee for lunch.

Contact 769-9292, ext. 280 for additional information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The roots of this week’s feast of the Assumption can be traced back at least to the fifth century, when it is noted in the Armenian lectionary. Celebrated in Jerusalem, the feast in honor of the *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, became the principal feast of Mary throughout the Christian world. The place of celebration was at the tomb of Mary in Gethsemane and was therefore known as the “Dormition of Mary.” In some cultures this feast is celebrated today with a resting statue of Mary, much like a wake service of modern times.

The liturgy of this feast provides images of “the place of your rest” in Psalm 132, and reverence for the Ark of the Covenant that held the signs of the Promise. Like that Ark, Mary is for us the ark of the Savior, the one who bore the Son of God. When the doctrine of the Assumption was defined in 1950 the Gospel reading for the feast was changed to include the verses of Mary’s song, the Magnificat. The scripture readings for both the vigil Mass and the Mass of the day speak to us of life after death as well as the path to be followed in order to reach it. The key to this promised immortality is found as we take to heart the words of the vigil’s Gospel, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

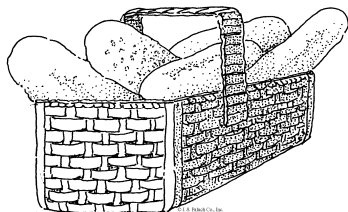
Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, “I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:41-51).

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Volunteers are being sought for the **Polish Heritage Festival** to be held from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, September 16th, at the International Friendship Gardens in Michigan City. Highlights will include a Polish Mass, children’s activities, music, Polish food and more. Interested persons should contact Theresa Child at 219-464-1369 by August 15th so that a volunteer T-shirt may be ordered in time for the festival.



Ministry Schedule
August 18th & 19th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Kay Hoffman,
Fran Lisac
8:00am—Barb Jurczuk, Stan Jurczuk,
William Wikar
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,
Connie Peschel (choir)
6:00pm—Stephanie Dines, Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Brian Blue

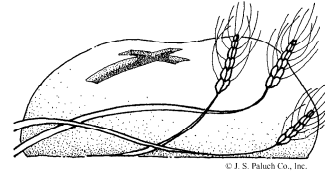
Anger's Offspring

As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children. —St. John Climacus

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—A. David, J. David
8:00am—D. McGrath
10:00am—J. Hearne
6:00pm—P. Kwasigroch



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I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— *John 6:51*

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