

St. Joseph Church

September 15, 2013

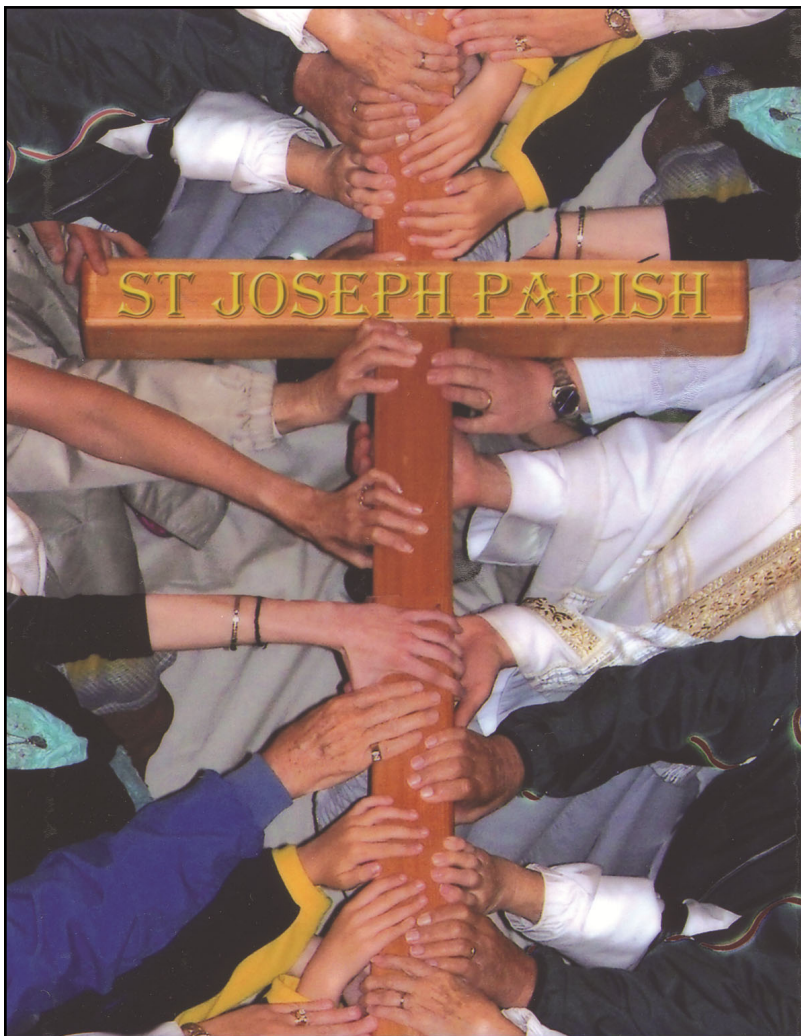
Twenty Fourth Sunday In
Ordinary Time

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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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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, September 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Tuesday, September 17, Weekday

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Wednesday, September 18, Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, September 19, Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim

Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 21, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Brother Gerald Hall, CPPS

Sunday, September 22, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Poor Souls

10:00 AM Frank Kaczocha

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

In this day and age, privacy within the Hospital and Nursing Home industry is a high priority. As a result, notification of churches about parishioners who are in a Hospital or Nursing Home is left up to the family or friend of the patient. Please call 219-865-2271 to let us know here at the Parish Office if you or your loved one is in a Hospital or Nursing Home.

Thank You.

SPARC

There will be a SPARC meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at 10am at Casa Maria in St. Maria Goretti Parish.

Year of Faith Conference

On Friday, October 4, 2013

7:00-9:00pm

&

On Saturday, October 5, 2013

9:00am—12:30pm

At

Nativity of Our Savior Parish

2949 Willowcreek Road in Portage

The speaker on Friday evening will be Fr. Donald Senior. C.P., former President, and now Professor of New Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union at Chicago. Fr. Senior's focus will be on the Vatican II "Constitution on Divine Revelation: Dei Verbum."

The speaker on Saturday morning will be David Fagerberg, Ph.D., associate Professor of Liturgy and Senior Advisor at the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. Dr. Fagerberg's topic will be the Vatican II' Constitution on Sacred Liturgy."

On Friday evening at 7:00pm, Bishop Melczek will open the Conference with Evening Prayer, and on Saturday morning at 9:00am we will celebrate the end of the Year of Faith with a special Eucharistic Liturgy. Bishop Melczek will be the celebrant.

For more information, read the brochures located at all the entrances or call 219-769-9292, ext. 280. There is no fee for this program. The Conference Committee urges all parishioners to participate in this special event as we bring the Year of Faith to closure.

Autumn Tea

To benefit Bethany Retreat House on Sunday, September 29th from 2pm to 4:30pm. (Doors open at 1:30pm) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Social Hall, 7128 Arizona Ave. in Hammond.

To make reservations, \$25 each, contact 219-398-5047 or bethanyrh@sbcglobal.net. Please bring your own cup and saucer for the tea.

Pastor’s Column

Dear Parishioners:

At times there is a tinge of nostalgia that can well up in our minds about the “good old days”. A generation or two ago we might proclaim that “things were better back then”. We say that things were simpler 20 or 30 years ago or longer. Ok, do you use a Microwave Oven? Wow! What an invention! Talk about simplifying life now!

It is tempting to want to go back in time and cook the old fashion way. Ok to a point, but, come on, a microwave oven is amazingly fast.

Yes, perhaps things are a bit too fast-paced these days, but human progress is worth celebrating overall because it acknowledges God’s creativity in our midst. Inventions are Holy Spirit events that can impact much of the world as have microwave ovens.

I hope that upon further “pausing”, we will spend less time in “nostalgia-ville” and more time celebrating God’s progress of creativity that is Holy Spirit inspired in the humanity that we are all gifted with in Christ.

Love you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Personal or Memorial Ads

JS Paluch, our bulletin publisher has a wonderful opportunity for members of our parish to place **Personal or Memorial Ads** on the back of our bulletin. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to congratulate their children as they reach milestones like First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Graduation. It is a nice way for parishioners to celebrate birthdays or to promote cleaning services, garage sales or space for rent.

Black and White single space ad = \$25/week
 For information, contact customer-care@jspaluch.com.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

August 31 & September 1

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$7963.13

Children’s Collection: \$7.00

Charity: \$35.00

Religious Education: \$40.00

50/50 Raffle: \$320.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on September 3rd
 Was # 684**

The Winner Would Have Won \$1328.00
 (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.** You must use your current weekly treasure envelope with your sacrificial amount and the pre-printed 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.

You are invited!

Holy Spirit Catholic Church “Fall Fantasy”, 7667 East 109th Avenue in Crown Point (Winfield). Dinner, Style Show, Silent Auction. 11th annual fundraiser to help the needy with utilities, rent assistance, gasoline, groceries. Saturday, October 5, 2013—6:00-10:00pm held in our Rev. Joseph V. Murphy Parish Life Center. Dinner catered by Teibel’s Restaurant. Call 219-661-0644 for reservations by 9/27/13. \$35 donation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, September 17

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing
 4:30-5:45pm—Session A—Religious
 Education classes in school
 6:15-7:30pm—Session B—Religious
 Education classes in school

Wednesday, September 18

10:00am-Noon—Food Pantry pickup
 4:45-5:15pm—Market Day pickup
 6:00-7:30pm—Food Pantry pickup

Thursday, September 19

6:30pm—Family Rosary

LAVISH FORGIVENESS

Moses appeals to God for compassion in today’s first reading. The point of Moses’ pleas is not to provide a blueprint for pacifying an angry God, but to demonstrate that no matter our sin and its grievousness, God will always forgive.

In his Letter to Timothy, Paul uses himself, the great sinner, as an example of just how great is God’s forgiveness. Finally, today’s Gospel parables create a mural of God’s forgiving love. Like a diligent housekeeper, a good shepherd, a loving father, God goes out of the way to recover the lost and to forgive. By pointing out that the woman leaves her nine silver pieces, that the shepherd leaves his ninety-nine sheep waiting, and the father leaves his elder son upset, Jesus urges us to abandon a stingy view of life. If God can be so generous, so forgiving, and so loving to those deemed unworthy, we must act likewise.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God’s call to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God’s creation, but not disturbing it.

For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

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Share Foundation

Share Foundation With the Handicapped is looking for individuals to work at weekend Camps for developmentally disabled adults. Professionals, NURSES, cooks, homemakers, college students, retirees, temporarily unemployed or anyone over the age of 16, wanting to share their time and talents with our special Campers are needed. Our weekend Fall Mini-Camps are held once-a-month from September until December. Please call Nick Roland at 219-778-2585 or email: camp@sharefoundation.org if interested.



Ministry Schedule
September 21st & 22nd

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Lorraine Golon, Bonnie Gruver,
Lee Kobza
8:00am—Perla Garcia, Judy Kline,
Steve Kline
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue,
Barb Graegin, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Allan Burgos, Ernie Leicht,
Constance Peschel

Lectors

4:30pm—Mary Flanagan
8:00am—Marianne Trembacki
10:00am—Mike Klausman & Diane Giovane
6:00pm—Brian Blue

Needed

The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family. —Anonymous

Ministry Schedule
September 21st & 22nd

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Need Servers
8:00am— Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Jessica Hearne, Jesse Navarro
6:00pm— Need Servers



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— *Psalm 51:12*

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