

St. Joseph Church

December 4, 2016

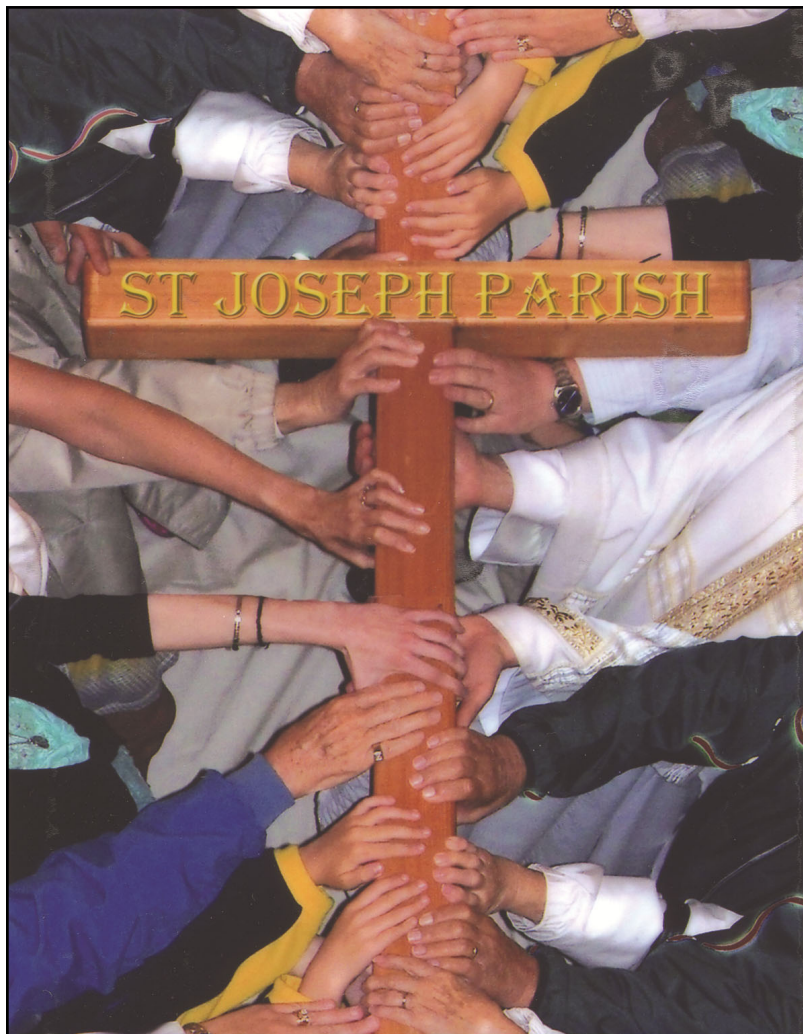
Second Sunday of Advent

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www.stjosephdyer.org

Rev. Ted J. Mauch, Administrator



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 by calling or stopping in the parish office.

Office Hours

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

Parish Telephones

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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 Anointing of the Sick

Call the office any time.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Steve Costa 219-365-4204

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing*.



Monday, December 5, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Heather & Christopher Aune
Anniversary Blessings

Tuesday, December 6, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Wednesday, December 7, St. Ambrose

No 9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 7, Vigil: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM David Greene

Thursday, December 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM The Living & Deceased Members of
Brooks/Prystalski Families

6:30 PM Family Rosary

7:00 PM St. Joseph Parishioners

Friday, December 9, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Earl & Marie Reitz

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Leonard & Marie Gallenberger

Sunday, December 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Richard A. Heffernan

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

**Immaculate Conception
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holyday of Obligation**

Thursday, December 8th is a Holyday of Obligation. The mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, December 7—7:00pm Vigil
Mass

Thursday, December 8—9:00am & 7:00pm
Masses

Helping Hands Food Pantry

There will be a second collection next weekend, December 10th & 11th, for our food pantry.

You are also invited to bring groceries to help restock our shelves.

Sunday Readings Reflections

12/11/2016

First Reading -- The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm -- Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -- Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel -- Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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150th PARISH HISTORY BOOK

Orders are now being taken for the commemorative history book for the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish.

The cost of this wonderful remembrance is only \$20.00. You can pre-order by taking the order sheet found at all the entrances, fill it out, and put it in an envelope marked "History Book" along with cash, check or money order (payable to St. Joseph Church). You can deposit the envelope in the collection basket, bring it to the parish office, or mail it in.

Another option is to go to our website, www.stjosephdyer.org, go to the front page of the website and click on link for details of the 150th Parish Anniversary. From there you will be connected to Vanco Services and pre-order on-line and have the option of paying by credit card, debit card, checking account or savings account. The parish will be notified by Vanco Services with your information that you placed an order and paid for it.

As an added bonus, you can also reserve a copy of the History Book of the Diocese of Gary published in 2006 for an additional \$5.00.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.



SYNOD 2017

As the diocese continues to process the feedback submitted by parishes in the last few weeks, some parishes are developing their own report based on the findings of their synod discussion meeting. Do you know who your parish synod liaison is? Have you talked with the liaison about how you can help with new parish initiatives that came out of the discussions? For more information on the synod, visit www.dcgary.org/synod.htm, and remember to visit www.dcgary.org for Bishop Hy-ing's Advent reflections and read how Advent ties in to our synod.

REMINDER:

Just a friendly reminder that the **tax deadline** for 2016 is fast approaching. If you would like your Catholic Services Appeal contribution to be deductible for the **2016 tax year**, it must arrive in the CSA Office **by December 31**.

*Thank you for your commitment
To the mission of the Diocese of Gary!*

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion are needed

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are on a volunteer basis for Christmas. Please call the parish office, 865-2271 or email your willingness, office@stjosephdyer.org to serve.

12/24—4:30pm & 10:30pm
12/25—8:00am & 10:00am

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 19th & 20th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$6051.00

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$5841.36**

Charity: \$10.00

Religious Education: \$10.00

Campaign for Human Development:
\$1052.00

Food Pantry: \$180.00

50/50 Raffle: \$270.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 26th & 27th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$4778.18

Charity: \$193.00

Religious Education: \$2.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$50.00

Food Pantry: \$120.00

50/50 Raffle: \$275.00

Christmas Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help with the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful of your 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 **Sunday, December 18th after the 10:00am mass and on Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm**. We especially need some **strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting**. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too! Bring your tools and your ladders if you have them. Come and help prepare our church and your hearts for our Savior's birth!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Tuesday, December 6**

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

4:30-5:45pm—RE Classes in school

Wednesday, December 7

7:00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 8

9:00am Immaculate Conception

Holyday Mass

6:30pm Family Rosary

7:00pm Immaculate Conception

Holyday Mass

Friday, December 9

4:30-7:00pm Fish Fry in Gathering Room

Sunday, December 11

9:15am-9:45am—Ministry of Care

Meeting—Gathering Room

**TREASURES FROM
OUR TRADITION**

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home. On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 22nd

Was # 145

The Winner Won \$1540.00

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.

**Lake Perch Fish Fry at St. Joseph's
Friday, December 9, 2016****4:30pm to 7:00pm****Gathering Room**

Adults: \$12 - Kid's : \$6.00

Menu: 1/2 pound Lake Perch, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter, Dessert & Beverage

Carry outs available

Kid's chicken and Macaroni & Cheese too!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
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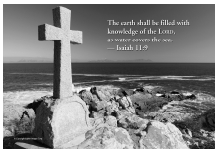
Ministry Schedule
December 10th & 11th

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—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht, Volunteer needed

Lectors

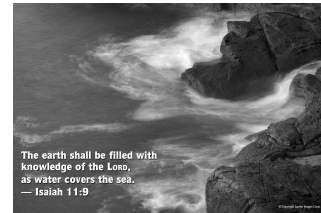
4:30pm—Sandy O'Drobinak-Joe David
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Mike Klausman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver



Ministry Schedule
December 10th & 11th

Altar Servers

4:30pm—Joe Nowacki, Lillian Smith
8:00am—Joe Nowacki, Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Jim Morris
6:00pm—Ian Gruver, Lanie Taylor



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The earth shall be filled
with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

-- Isaiah 11:9

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