

St. Joseph Church

December 7, 2014

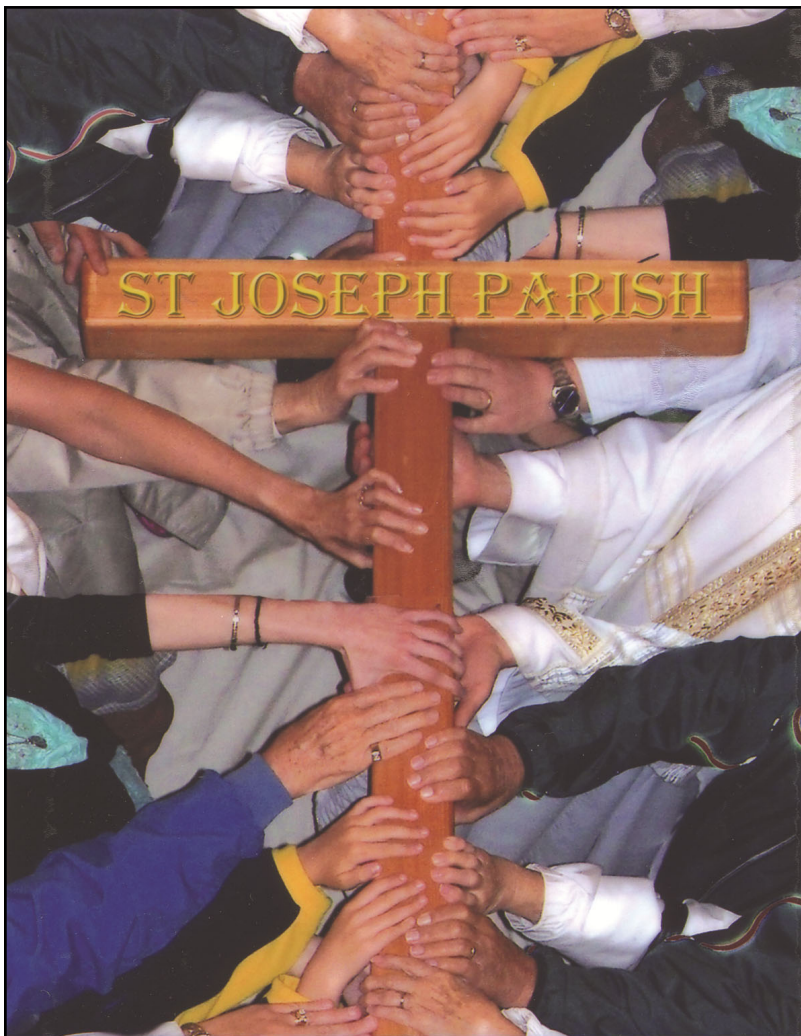
Second Sunday Of Advent

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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, 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: Mike Kulik 708-906-6652

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, in writing.



Monday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners
7:00 PM Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Julia Rietman

Wednesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 11, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM John "Jack" Clover

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Mary Ellen Konop

Sunday, December 14, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Bob Capparelli
10:00 AM Kevin Andrew Garza
6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Decorative border of small icons surrounding the text for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, including dates, mass times, and parish office closure information.



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Bishop Donald J. Hying

On November 24, 2014, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Donald J. Hying as the fourth bishop of Gary and simultaneously accepted the resignation of Bishop Dale J. Melczek as Gary's third bishop. Bishop Melczek reached the age limit as specified by Church law in 2013.

The sixth child, all boys, born to Albert and Catherine Hying, Bishop Hying, a native of West Allis, Wisconsin, was ordained to the priesthood for the archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1989, where he served in numerous parishes, as well as La Sagrada Familia, the archdiocese's parish in the Dominican Republic. Additionally, he served as dean of formation at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary where he was later appointed rector, serving there until Pope Benedict XVI named him auxiliary bishop of Milwaukee in 2011.

Fluent in Spanish, Bishop Hying's missionary experience will bring a strong sense of understanding and compassion to many of the faithful in the Diocese of Gary. We ask you to join us in keeping Bishop Hying, as well as Bishop Melczek, in our prayers during this time of transition

A Mass of installation will be celebrated at Holy Angels Cathedral on January 6.

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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

When Jesus calls his original 12 apostles it is prefaced by Jesus spending the night in prayer with His Father, Our Father. This is significant because Jesus' choices are in communion with His Father's Will. The Father calls each of us through the Son Jesus to be faithful followers of Christ. It is our common vocation via Baptism to live in Christ Jesus, to be His presence in the world.

An important prayer approach every day is to ask God Our Father what His call for us is today as revealed in Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This way we do not lose touch with God's Wisdom working in our day-to-day lives. Choosing the good will become easier when we live more vigilantly alert to God's constant call in each day of life. God's persistent call is God faithfully providing new life to us again and again.

God is eternally interested in us as clarified by Jesus. We are called through Baptism to welcome Jesus' daily call to live in Him as prompted by the Father's Will. Our lives will be more fulfilled and peaceful because we are being more faithful to the God who provides for us daily beyond our imaginings. Some of our most important prayer involves asking God to help us respond to God's call to daily grow in living in Christ Jesus.

In God's Call,

Fr. Terry

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 **Saturday, December 20th 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! Bring your tools and your ladders if you have them. Come and help prepare our church and your hearts for our Savior's birth!

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 22nd & 23rd

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$4273.00

Charity: \$288.00

Weekly Treasure Support Deficit: (\$1404.00)

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$125,265.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$8629.48)

Campaign for Human Development: \$613.00

Food Pantry: \$50.00

50/50 Raffle: \$265.00

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 29th & 30th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$5965.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Envelope Amount Collected: \$9545.76

Charity: \$75.00

Weekly Treasure Support Surplus: \$3655.76

Fiscal Year Operating Budget Amount Needed: \$131,230.00

Fiscal Year Deficit: (\$4973.72)

Campaign for Human Development: \$40.00

50/50 Raffle: \$280.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 8

Office closed

Tuesday, December 9

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

6:00pm—RE Reconciliation Services in church

Wednesday, December 10

No 9:00am Mass

7:00pm—Introduction to Scripture—Advent Series, Gathering Room

Thursday, December 11

9:45am—Introduction to Scripture—Advent Series, Gathering Room

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30—9:00pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, December 14

9:15-9:45am—Ministry of Care meeting in Gathering Room

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on November 25th Was # 632

The Winner Would Have Won \$265.00 (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.

Annual One-day Christmas Sale!

Bethany Retreat House Bookstore
Friday, December 12, 2014, 10am—8pm
(No need to call ahead on sale day!)

- All enneagram & grief books 50% off
- All dream & Jungian books 20% off
- All journal books & blank journals 20% off
- All children's books 20% off
- All music CDs 20% off
- All greeting cards 20% off
- Drastically reduced bargain basket books—\$3 & \$5
- And more!
- along with our usual array of Spiritually nourishing books, quilted sweat-shirts,
- And environment-friendly gift—wrap bags and totes.
- Markdowns off original price on in-stock items only.

Christmas sale guests are eligible to win a \$25 gift certificate raffle.

Bishop Noll

Bishop Noll Institute Open House
Come tour our campus, meet our faculty, and see why Bishop Noll is a Four Star School.

Thursday, December 11th—6-8pm
1519 Hoffman Street
Hammond
219-932-9058

**Ministry Schedule
December 13th & 14th**

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Paul Jarzembowski, Patty Jarzembowski, Isabella Skurka
8:00am—Kathy Cusick, Carol Jablonski, Pauline Rybicki
10:00am—Gary Blue, Sue Blue, Mike Klausman, Ron Reichelt (choir)
6:00pm—Bonnie Gruver, Ernie Leicht

Lectors

4:30pm—Sandy O’Drobinak
8:00am—Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am— Sheila & Tim Huffman
6:00pm—Yvonne Weaver

Pure Hearts

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit. —St. Lucy

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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Mary Shutoski
8:00am—Need Servers
10:00am—Jim Morris
6:00pm—Ian Gruver



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Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill
shall be made low.
— *Isaiah 40:4*

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