

St. Joseph Church

December 8, 2013

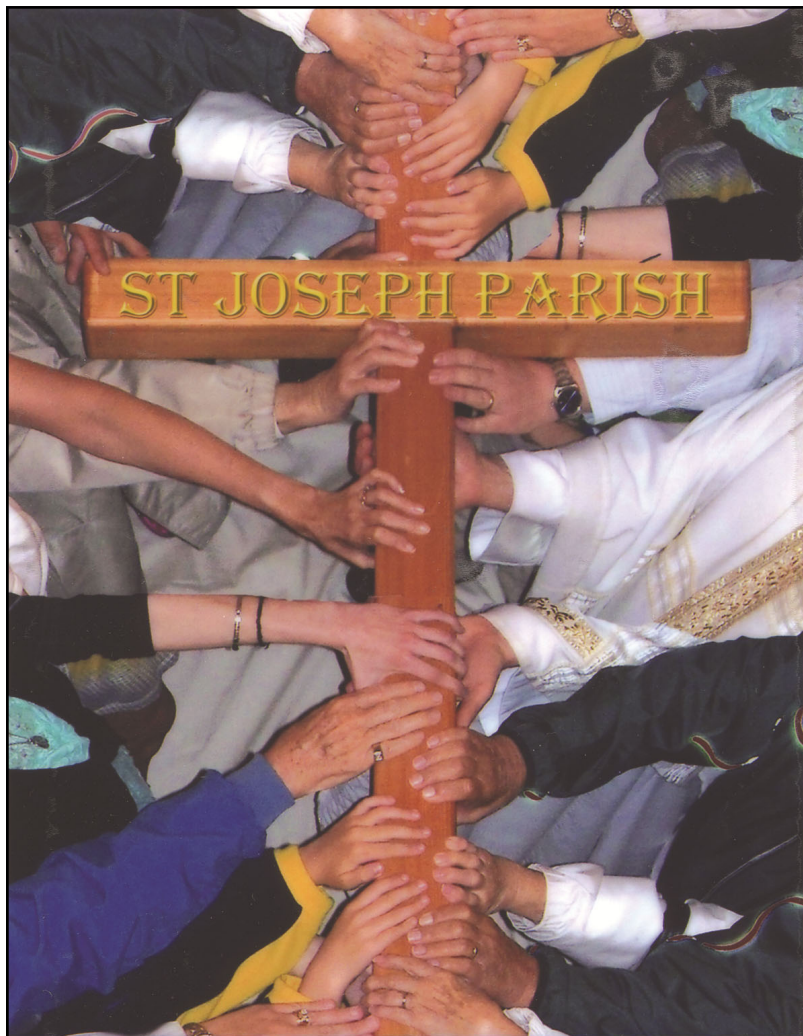
Second Sunday of Advent

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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

Parish Office865-2271

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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, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

No 9:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM Mary Meade

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 13, St. Lucy

9:00 AM Lucille Thiery

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Richard Baccetti

Sunday, December 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Magdalena Schleng, Joseph Emrich & Martin Kuhar

10:00 AM The People of the Parish

6:00 PM Kevin Andrew Garza

Please Note!

There will be no morning mass on Monday, December 9th.

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.

Reflections on Holy Mass

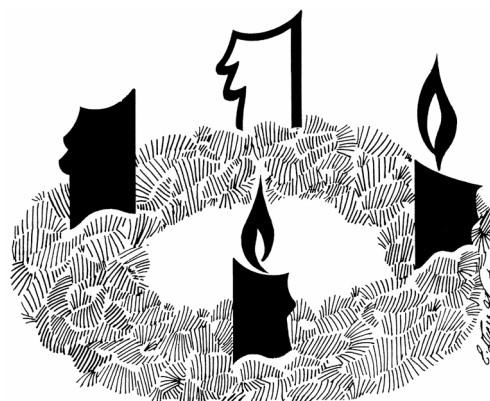
This Advent we will be offering a series of DVD Reflections on Holy Mass immediately following the 10:00am Mass beginning December 1st in the Gathering Room. Abbot Marcel Rooney, O.S.B. will guide us in understanding Holy Mass better, and then in celebrating Mass with a true spirit of prayer. These DVDs are intended to foster a deeper faith formation and appreciation for the gift of Holy Mass.

If you have any questions, please call 219-865-2355.

**Gathering In Faith,
Discovering Community**

Advent Reconciliation Service

St. Joseph Parish will have an Advent Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm. The service will start with Liturgy of the Word followed by an examination of the conscience and then your confession to a choice of several priests.



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Pastor's Column

Dear Parishioners:

With the Christmas shopping season unfolding, we need some discipleship perspective in Christ. Societally we are encouraged to get into a shopping frenzy for a month leading up to Christmas Day. Perhaps in the light of Jesus, we can approach Christmas Shopping with less frenzy and more reflectiveness. We can act more peaceably on-line or in the store and be thankful for the resources to be Christmas Shopping in the first place.

"Thank you" after Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful way to keep perspective on the 4 weeks of Advent leading up to Jesus' Nativity. As people of the weekly Eucharist, where the word "Eucharist" means to "give thanks", we can be strengthened in conscious awareness that Christmas gift shopping is not a compulsion, but rather, a blessed opportunity to gratefully share the fruits of God's generosity with others.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry

Stewardship of Treasure Report

November 23rd & 24th

Sunday Ordinary Collection: \$4965.46

Children's Collection: \$16.10

Charity: \$371.00

Religious Education: \$10.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$734.55

50/50 Raffle: \$370.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on November 26th
Was # 430**

The Winner Would Have Won \$3478.00
(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 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 9

No morning mass

Tuesday, December 10

9:45am—50/50 Raffle drawing

6:00pm—Religious Ed Penance Service in church

Wednesday, December 11

No morning mass

4:45-5:15pm—Market Day pickup

5:30pm—Pickup food from Aldi for Food Pantry

5:45pm—Unload food from Aldi's to St. Joseph

Thursday, December 12

6:30pm—Family Rosary

7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Sunday, December 15

Mass Reflections after 10am Mass in Gathering Room

Confession Schedule

Thursday, December 19—7:00pm

Friday, December 20—11:00am

Monday, December 23—7:00pm

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm

10:00pm Christmas Choir Concert

10:30pm

Wednesday, December 25

8:00am

10:00am

NO 6:00PM MASS



The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace” is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through four decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual.

Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God’s grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms.

Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than “meets the eye.”

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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: 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

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

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

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Ministry Schedule
December 14th & 15th

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Fran Lisac,
Judy Nowacki
8:00am—Carol Jablonski, Patti Pawl,
Tim Pawl
10:00am—John Hearne, Tom Heffernan,
Tamara Fredrickson, Ron Reichelt
(choir)
6:00pm—Isabella Skurka, Brad Zielke,
Paula Zielke

Lectors

4:30pm—Joe David
8:00am—Rita D'Arcy
10:00am—Young People's Mass
6:00pm—Brian Blue

Possibilities

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed
Mother. —Don Bosco

Ministry Schedule
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Altar Servers

4:30pm—Need Servers
8:00am—Joe Stankovich
10:00am—Young People's Mass
6:00pm—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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