

St. Joseph Church

December 25, 2016

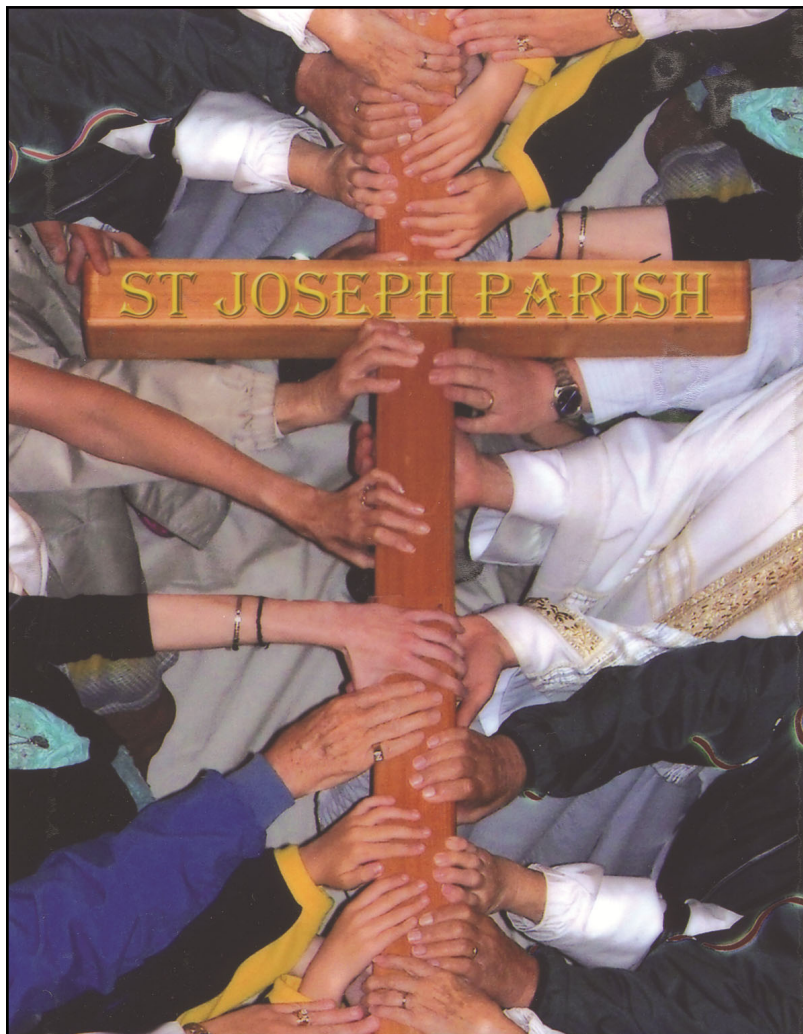
**The Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)**

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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

Parish Office 865-2271

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Staff Directory

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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 26, St. Stephen

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Tuesday, December 27, St. John

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Wednesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

No 9:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 29, 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

6:30 PM Family Rosary

Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 AM St. Joseph Parishioners

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:30 PM Lester Komarowski

Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM The People of the Parish

10:00 AM Ruth Wisor

No 6:00 PM Mass

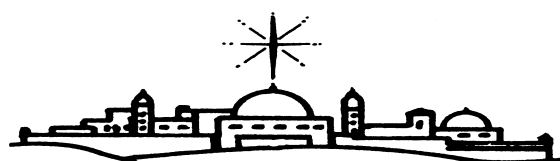
PLEASE NOTE!

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26th, thru Wednesday, December 28th & Friday, December 30th.

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31—4:30pm

Sunday, January 1—8:00am & 10:00am—**NO 6:00PM MASS**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Sunday Readings Reflections

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First Reading -- The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm -- May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading -- God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel -- The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our Music Director & Liturgist and our fantastic choir who have given many hours to enhance our Christmas Liturgies.

Music Director & Liturgist

William Coble

Parish Choir

Frank Batinick	Irene Narcisi
Celeste Dusek	Henry Polochak
Phyllis Howard	Rita Pritchett
Rose Ilgin	Emily Reichelt
Lee Klausman	Ron Reichelt
George Kucka	Arlene Stuchlak
Tom Lewandowski	Dan Sullivan
Tony Maicher	Lad Tajer
Ken Mantel	Marianne Trembacki

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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Please pray for the following parishioners who are not able to worship with our parish family: Joseph Bona, III, Eileen Bork, Nancy Hanck, Laurie Hays, Tom Heffernan, Dolores Kaczocha, Fran Lisac, Mark Maicher, Tony Maicher, Betty Rose Paulson, Edna Stankovich, and Eileen Sukta,

Omission from Departed Loved Ones

Please also keep Dorothy Ochs and her family. Dorothy passed away this past November.

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 17th & 18th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed: \$6051.00

Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount

Collected: \$5235.90

Immaculate Conception: \$45.00

Religious Education: \$55.00

Christmas Flowers: \$85.00

Christmas: \$475.00

Food Pantry: \$360.00

50/50 Raffle: \$210.00

Merry Christmas

Wishing you a Blessed & Faith-Filled Christmas!

"The true joy of Christmas is the love of Christ, shared with family and friends. May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year."

Heartfelt thanks to our St. Joseph Parishioners who have been loyal and generous in their Time, Talent & Treasure.

"We wish you a Christmas filled with the wonder of the birth of Christ."

The St. Joseph Parish Staff

Christmas Un-Decorating

The Environment & Art Committee needs your help removing the Christmas decorations again this year. We are very thankful of the 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, January 14th 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!

LOVE

Let those who never loved before,
love now:

Let those who always loved,
love the more.

--Anonymous

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Monday, December 26**

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, December 27

Parish Office closed

No RE Classes

Wednesday, December 28

Parish Office closed

Thursday, December 29

6:30pm Family Rosary

Friday, December 30

Parish Office closed

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.

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on December 13th
Was # 277**

The Winner Would Have Won \$357.50
(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.

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!*

Ministry Schedule

December 31st & January 1st

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Florence Andrzejewski, Emma
Gallenberger, Kathy Lebryk
8:00am—Rick Dernulc, Frank Ziolkowski,
Karen Ziolkowski
10:00am—Edwin Abangan, Jessica Abangan,
Laura Hays
NO 6:00pm MASS

Lectors

4:30pm—Wayne Gallenberger
8:00am—Noel & Kathy Cusick
10:00am—Sandy Riley
NO 6:00pm MASS

LEARNED AT HOME

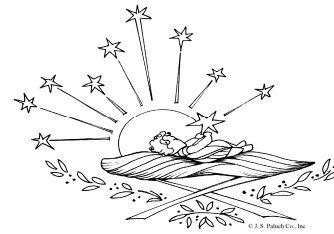
The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family.
Strength of character may be acquired at work, but
beauty of character is learned at home.
--Henry Drummond

Ministry Schedule

December 31st & January 1st

Altar Servers

4:30pm— Joe Nowacki, Lillian Smith
8:00am— Joe Nowacki, Joe Stankovich
10:00am— Dominic Rizzo, Russell Wells
NO 6PM MASS



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The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
-- John 1:5

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