

# St. Joseph Church

November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

440 Joliet St., Dyer, IN 46311

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## 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

Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### Parish Telephones

Parish Office:..... 219-865-2271

Religious Education Office:

(At St. Maria Goretti)..... 219-322-6124

### Staff Directory

Pastor: Rev. Peter Muha

Email: pastor@stjosephdyer.org

Pastoral Associate & Building & Grounds

Coordinator: Deacon Gary Blue

Email: buildings@stjosephdyer.org

Office Manager: Patty Jarzembowski

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Director of Religious Education: Kathy Hansen

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Director of Music & Liturgy: William Coble

Email: music@stjosephdyer.org

Assistant to Office: Mary Marszalek

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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM

#### Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Wed., Thurs, Fri: 9:00 AM

#### Holy Day Masses

Please see schedule inside bulletin.

### Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation (*Confession*)

Saturday 3:00 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: Randy Piscitelli 815-258-6923

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 Noon, *in writing.*

PLEASE LIKE ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



**Monday, November 25, Weekday**

9:00 AM Fr. Charles Fanelli

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Tuesday, November 26, Weekday**

9:00 AM Fr. Charles Fanelli

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Wednesday, November 27, Weekday**

9:00 AM Joe & Marie Rokosz

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Thursday, November 28, Weekday**

9:00 AM Helen Wright

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Friday, November 29, Weekday**

9:00 AM Mario & Brenda Martinez & Family

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

**Weekend Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 30, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent**

4:30 PM Margaret & Dan Keca Sr.

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

**Sunday, December 1, 1st Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Anna Mitchell

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Daniel Sewnig

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Gaza

**Bake Sale**

Join us for a little homemade goodness and Christmas cheer! Our Women’s “Halo” Ministry will be hosting a bake sale and hot cocoa bar on Saturday, December 14th after the 4:30 mass and Sunday, December 15th after the 8:00am, 10:00am, & 6:00pm masses in the gathering room. All are invited! Cash only.

Baked goods from our talented parishioners are also welcome. Please label your goodies and note items containing nuts. Drop off time starts at 9:00am on Saturday, December 14th.



**St. JOSEPH FAMILY**  
**MOVIE NIGHT**

**The STAR**

440 Joliet Street, Dyer

Wednesday, December 4

Gathering Room - 6:30-8:30 PM

Snacks and Drinks Provided

Feel Free to bring sleeping Bags and Pillows

**PLEASE RSVP at**  
**casconejoe@outlook.com**



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**St. Joe’s Is Doing It Again!**

**We are filling Zip-Lock Bags with Winter Supplies for the Needy Warm Hearts, Heads, Hands, Feet and Bellies**

**We need to buy supplies, fill the bags, and keep them in our cars for people in need.**

**Email Casconejoe@outlook.com to donate NEW Supplies or \$.**



### Veteran’s Day Dinner

We would like to thank all the donors, the Halo and Parish Life Ministry Volunteers for all their generous support of the Veteran’s Dinner. It was a great success. Below are also Donors to this Dinner.



**St. Joseph Pray For Us.**

**50/50 Envelopes**  
 We are asking you not to draw or doodle on the 50/50 envelopes. We just had to place another order and the envelopes went up almost 50%.  
 We truly appreciate your understanding in this situation.

**Stewardship of  
 Treasure Report**  
 November 16th & 17th

**Weekly Budget Amount Needed:**  
 \$9100.00  
**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount Collected:** \$7826.25  
**Charity:** \$30.00  
**Religious Education:** \$20.00  
**All Saints:** \$75.00  
**All Souls Memorial:** \$35.00  
**Outreach Ministry:** \$5.00  
**Campaign-Human Development:** \$10  
**Food Pantry:** \$20.00  
**50/50 Raffle:** \$325.00

**Asking for Help**

Helping Hands Food Pantry is having the Advent Tree for children again this year. We will purchase gift cards for the children and ask if you could help donate money for these cards. Please put your donations in an envelope marked “Advent Giving Tree” and place in the collection basket.

**Liturgy Hours in Advent**

Starting Monday, December 2nd, we will have Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours celebrated in the church Monday thru Friday.

**Morning Prayer—Monday thru Friday—7am**

The Liturgy of the Hours is the praying of the Psalms and Scriptures as prayed daily by all priests and men & women religious throughout the world.

This is an opportunity for those with busy schedules throughout the week to spend some time in prayer at church before work.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Tuesday, November 26**  
 9:45am—Gospel reflections in Gathering Room immediately after mass.  
 9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing

**Wednesday, November 27**  
 Parish Office closed

**Thursday, November 28**  
 Parish Office closed  
 No 6:00pm—Evening Prayer & Holy Hour


**Friday, November 29**  
 Parish Office closed

**Sunday, December 1**  
 Hospitality Sunday in Gathering Room after 8am & 10am masses

**COMMITTED TO PROTECTING YOUTH AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

The Human Resource/Safe Environment Office is dedicated to providing service and guidance. If you have a matter to discuss or report regarding the protection of youth and vulnerable adults, please contact:

- Cheryl Sopo – Victim Assistance Coordinator (219) 588-9089
- Kelly Venegas – Chief Human Resources Officer and Bishop McClory’s Delegate for Sexual Misconduct Cases (219) 769-9292 ext. 88224 or [kvenegas@dcgary.org](mailto:kvenegas@dcgary.org)
- Kathy Lafakis – Safe Environment Coordinator (219) 769-9292 ext. 88280 or [klafakis@dcgary.org](mailto:klafakis@dcgary.org)

 **Diocese of Gary**  
[dcgary.org](http://dcgary.org)

**Knights of Columbus  
 Council 8082—Blood Drive**

**Where:** St. Joseph’s Gym

**When:** Saturday, December 14th

**Time:** 9:00am—2:00pm

To make an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

or call 1-800-RED-CROSS  
 ( 1-800-733-2767)

**Weekly 50/50 Raffle**

**The Number Drawn on  
 November 12th was # 269**

**The Winner Would Have Won  
 \$1350.00**

(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

## Ministry Schedule

### November 30th & December 1st

#### Lectors

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for**

8:00am— **schedule for all masses**

10:00am—

6:00pm—

#### Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Mark Gabrione

8:00am—

10:00am—Jim Paolino

6:00pm—Emma Gallenberger

## We Now Have!!!

We now have installed a Koala changing station for our children in the handicapped restroom on the west side of the church.

Many of you have asked for this and we have listened. Thank you!



## Christ the King What is Truth?

When we celebrate Christ the King, we are not talking about political power. That is the only kind of king that Pilate recognized. Our first two readings describe in poetic terms what Christ's kingdom is like: a priestly kingdom of glory and power that will never end. Pilate was judging the One who would one day judge him. He wanted to know if Jesus claimed to be a king, or if the Jews who wanted Jesus destroyed were behind the rumors of kingship. Jesus does not deny his kingship; after all, he says his purpose in life is the Truth. If you were reading this in the Bible, you would see Pilate's response, "What is truth?"

For Jesus (and for us), truth is the relationship between God and God's people. God is the source of the universe, the source of all life. Jesus came to show us the truth of God's love for all people. The divine kingdom is simply the way that we relate to God and each other. We join that kingdom, not by signing a membership list, but by living a life of love: Love for God and for each other.

So why doesn't Jesus use all that power and glory to make everyone follow him? Because God asks us to be humble like Jesus. God doesn't force people to believe. That is another side of Truth: who God is and who we are. If you believe in God, you begin to see God in people whom you love, people who need our help, even people who don't like us. We even see God in the beauty and majesty of creation. A few years ago, when I heard that scientists were coming to accept that the universe was infinite, I was afraid that that would make people reject the idea of God. But then it occurred to me that an all-powerful God would make an infinite universe to show the divine glory.

Today Jesus invites us to accept the truth and become members of his kingdom. The tax is what we freely choose to give; the army are those who freely give themselves in service to the poor, the sick, and those who are seeking God. And the laws of this Kingdom are simple—Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. And that's the Truth.

Tom Schmidt

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