

St. Joseph Church

December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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.

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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

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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.*



Monday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Rose Parks

Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Charlie & Pam Thiel and Family

Celebrant: Fr. Peter

Tuesday, December 31, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

4:30 PM Martin Joseph Gianotti

Fr. Leo Gajardo

Wednesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary

10:00 AM Mass at St. Maria Goretti

Thursday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 AM Henrietta & Mike Szala

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

Friday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Doug Terandy

Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4, Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM Frank Climack

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Larry & Kathy Kallas

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

10:00 AM Frances & Harry Stan

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

6:00 PM The People of the Parish

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo



You Are Invited!

Father Leo Gajardo, Pastor of St. Maria Goretti and St. Joseph Parishes, will have a “Welcome to St. Joseph” after all the masses on the weekend of January 4th & 5th.

There will be light refreshments in the Gathering Room after all the masses.

Please stop by to introduce yourself and say “Welcome”.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st.

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

December 31 & January 1 Masses

St. Joseph Parish will have the 4:30pm Mass on Tuesday, December 31st.

St. Maria Goretti will have the 10:00am Mass on Wednesday, January 1st.

We will celebrate this Holyday of Obligation together this year.

If you are attending St. Maria Goretti, you may still put in your envelope and they will be sent over to St. Joseph. The same relates to St. Maria Goretti envelopes coming here and we will return to their envelopes to their parish.

Environment & Art Committee

Needs your help to remove the Christmas decorations in our church again this year. If you have helped with installing the Christmas decorations previously, maybe you can lend a hand now? If you are a seasoned pro—we need your help too! Christmas un-decorating will begin on **Saturday, January 18th at 10:00am**. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting. There are jobs for the young and for our seniors too—no experience is required!

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Lake County Right to Life

The Diocese of Gary Office of Pro-life Activities and Lake County Right to Life invite you to join us at the annual March for Life Indianapolis on January 22, 2025. We will be traveling via a premium coach bus. Registration and prepayment is required. Cost is \$35 per person which includes a box lunch for the way home. Youth Rally and Mass are being hosted by the 5 Dioceses of Indiana. The fight for the right and dignity of life is not over! Come and be a voice for the voiceless. For more information and to register, go to the [dgary.org](http://dcgary.org) events page. Or call Roseanne at 219-769-9292 x 88259.

Our Departed Loved Ones

Please keep the following parishioners who have passed away this past year as well as their family in your prayers:

- Rose Parks
- Gladys Heffernan
- Lena M. Roach
- Dorothy S. Colella
- Pauline Rybicki
- Janice M. Keilman
- David R. Roach
- John Werner
- Martin J. Gianotti
- Rosemary J. Levene
- Joseph M. Ciserella
- Barbara VanderHeyden
- Mark Gerard Keilman
- Colleen Quinn
- Gwain S. Zagley
- June Ann Rozin
- Anna Perruso
- Gerald Lesinski
- Soonae Gajewski
- Marcella Mrjenovich
- Frank & Lois Galullo

Stewardship of Treasure Report

December 21st & 22nd

Due to the holidays, the Stewardship of Treasure Report for December 21st & 22nd will be in next week's bulletin.

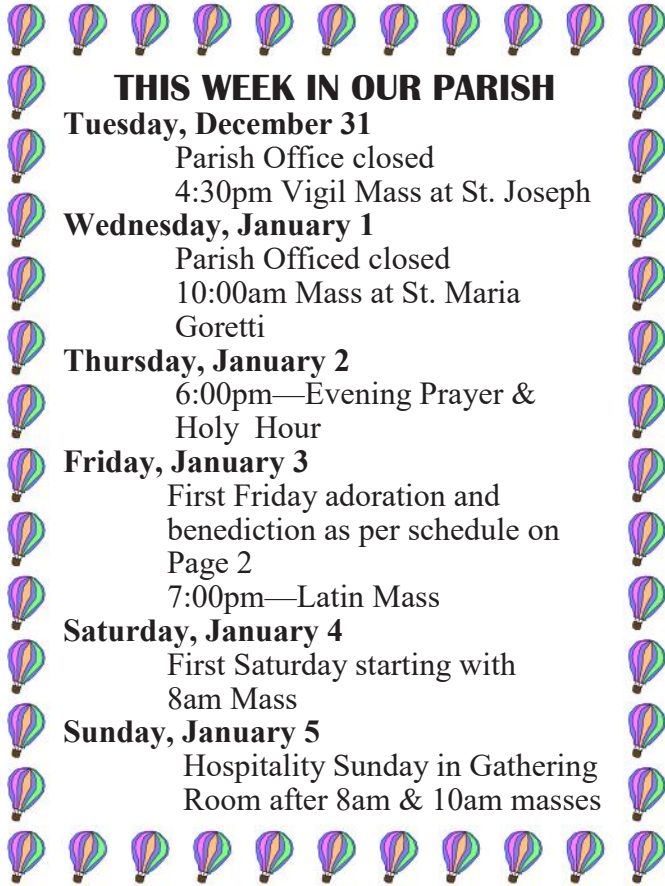
Thank You!!

Thank you to all of our parishioners in the Ministries of St. Joseph Parish. Thank you for saying "YES" to your call to serve Our Lord and your fellow parishioners.

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Food Pantry Ministry
- Women's "HALO" Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Parish Life Ministry
- Building & Grounds Committee
- Environment & Art
- Hospitality Committee
- Money Counters
- Ministers of Care to Nursing Homes
- Lawn Cutting Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Choir
- Office Staff Helpers

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated to the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Your generous donations will help feed many families during the Christmas season. Many thanks to Patti Pawl and all her loyal helpers who always are there to pick up the groceries, bag the groceries, and load the groceries into the cars of the families who need them. We are blessed to have this fantastic group of people!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, December 31

Parish Office closed
4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office closed
10:00am Mass at St. Maria
Goretti

Thursday, January 2

6:00pm—Evening Prayer &
Holy Hour

Friday, January 3

First Friday adoration and
benediction as per schedule on
Page 2
7:00pm—Latin Mass

Saturday, January 4

First Saturday starting with
8am Mass

Sunday, January 5

Hospitality Sunday in Gathering
Room after 8am & 10am masses

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

December 17th was # 78

The Winner Won \$182.50

(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 EN-
VELOPES FOR THE CURRENT
WEEK EVEN IF YOU ARE A
MONTHLY, ELECTRONIC, HOME-
BOUND OR WEEKLY CONTRIBU-
TOR. ALL CONTRIBUTORS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY MUST
MAKE THEIR SACRIFICIAL CON-
TRIBUTION BY THE FIRST SUN-
DAY OF THE MONTH AND INDI-
CATING 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 enve-
lope 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



Blessing Bags for the Holidays

St. Joe's Did It Again!

We filled 120 Swag Bags with Winter Supplies for
the Needy

Warming Hearts, Heads, Hands, Feet and Bellies
Knit Hats, Gloves, Hand Warmers, Scarves, Socks,
Tissue, Lip Balm, Tooth Brushes/Paste, Shampoo,
Conditioner, Sanitizer, Hand Lotion, and Gift
Cards for Hot Meals!

We raised \$1355 plus supplies, thanks to: Knights
of Columbus Council 8082, the
Berg, Blue, Cascone, Coniglio, Cusick, Doyle, Ellis,
Fry, Hebda, Hermano, Keelin, LaBlanca, Piscatelli,
Polochak, Powell families, and four Anonymous
donors

Each Blessing Bag Cost Approximately \$15.
Thanks to you we made a difference!



Ministry Schedule January 4th & 5th

Lectors

4:30pm— **Please see MSP schedule for**
8:00am— **schedule for all masses**
10:00am—
6:00pm—

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—
8:00am—
10:00am—
6:00pm—



Why?

“But they did not understand what he said to them.”

Mary and Joseph have just experienced every parent's worst nightmare: their son was missing for THREE DAYS, as they searched and asked and retraced the steps of their journey. Imagine their relief when they returned to the Temple and saw him at last. Surely they ran to him with joy and exasperation, only to hear his answer, “Why were you looking for me?” Why? WHY?!

Of course they did not understand what he said to them. Their hearts had gone through the wringer of fear and anxiety, their imaginations had probably thought of worse case scenarios, their minds could not understand why he would separate himself from the ones who loved him and had supplied his every need in every moment of his life up until then. And he seems to give a dismissive answer, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Like a sword to the hearts of Joseph and Mary, his response does not seem to take their anxieties into account.

This is hard to understand, so hard that Mary must store it away to ponder later, as we are told she “kept all these things in her heart.” But he returns to their home in Nazareth, and is obedient to them.

This Holy Family did not have a schedule given to them from Heaven. Yes, they were holy; yes, Jesus was the Incarnate Son of God; yes, Mary was sinless; yes, Joseph was a just man. They were good Jews, subject to the Jewish Law and open to the will of the Father. But they did not know where the will of the Father would take them. It took them to Bethlehem when they should have been preparing at home for the birth of Jesus. It took them to Egypt for several years to flee the murderous rage of Herod when they wanted to return home with their infant. It took them back to Nazareth at last, where they raised a child they knew to be the Messiah. And it took them over a painful journey of three days to find him in the Temple.

What did this require of them? The same thing that it requires of us: loving trust. They are the model for us of a life of love and trust, obedience and patience, great faith and hope and humility, knowing the will of the Father is always for our good, even when it is difficult.

Let us pray for the grace to continue to submit ourselves to the will of the Father, especially when it is hard to understand, when it seems something else would be better, when it costs us. It is then that our trust is deepened and our love grows.

By Kathryn Mulderink

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