

St. Joseph Church

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

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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

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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, 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, January 13, Weekday
 9:00 AM Sigmund & Bernice Maslanka
 Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday
 9:00 AM James Adler
 Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

Wednesday, January 15, Weekday
 9:00 AM Giovanni Burgio
 Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

Thursday, January 16, Weekday
 9:00 AM Beverly Cascone
 Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony
 9:00 AM David Jakubowski
 Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 18, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Sandra Phillips
 Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

Sunday, January 19, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Chester & Adeline Lakomek
 Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

10:00 AM Kay & Kenneth Hoffman
 Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

6:00 PM The People of the Parish
 Celebrant: Fr. Leo Gajardo

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 dcgary.org events page. Or call Roseanne at 219-769-9292 x 88259.

2024 Contribution Statements

There will be (3) ways to obtain your contribution statement for 2024:

1. Email the parish office, office@stjosephdyer.org requesting an email of your Year End Substantiation Letter
2. Call the parish office, 219-865-2271, and have your statement ready for pickup in the main vestibule.
3. Send in a self-addressed stamped envelope for your statement.

ST. JOE'S YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday January 24, 2025
 Starting at 6pm
 St. Joe's Dyer Gym
 440 Joliet St, Dyer, IN

Light refreshments provided, bring a dish to share!

- Christmas Season Talk
- Catholic/Christmas Trivia
- Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest
 - bake a minimum of a dozen cookies to enter

RSVP to John Banasiak @ (708)-928-2133



Halo Ladies" Dyer Indiana

Join us in fellowship, as we present informative topics to further our knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

We gather in faith on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering will be January 14th at 6:30 to 8:00pm

Place: Gathering Room (located in basement of Church)

As we continue our Catholic faith journey. ALL are welcome, invite a family member, friend, or stranger.

Dear Friends,

This is the first bulletin article that I am writing for both St. Maria Goretti and St. Joseph. While last week I wrote something for each of the two bulletins, starting this week I will write the same message for both parishes. This is not only a practical decision on my part since I only have so much time each week to try to complete all the tasks required to pastor both parishes. It is also a pastoral decision since I want to offer a common written message to all the members of both parishes every week, even if I can't be at all the Masses at both parishes.

As the people of St. Maria Goretti have experienced for the past two-and-a-half years, my focus in these articles tends to be the readings we hear proclaimed at Mass. I try to offer some reflections on how the Word proclaimed is meant to shape and guide our hearts, minds, and imaginations as we seek to follow the Lord. But, as much as I appreciate the opportunity to write to all of you, what I write is not the most important part of the bulletin. That distinction is reserved for the weekly *lectio divina* for the upcoming Sunday Gospel that is now included in both bulletins.

Why do I think that the *lectio divina* is the most important part of the bulletin? It's because the *lectio divina* is a wonderful way for us to prepare to receive the Word of God when we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Sunday. As much as we need to know about the upcoming events in our parish and other important information, it is only by grounding ourselves and our activities in the Word of God that it becomes possible for us to be attentive and responsive to God's voice as he invites us to live as his beloved sons and daughters.

That was certainly the case in the life of Jesus, as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. St. Luke gives us a beautiful account of that important event in the life of Jesus. The evangelist sets the scene by telling us of the expectation that the people at the time had as John the Baptist preached a baptism of repentance. Luke then tells us about Jesus' baptism experience, with the dramatic details about the heavens being opened, the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus in the form of a dove, and the voice from heaven calling out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

How important it must have been for Jesus to hear that voice proclaim his fundamental identity as the Son of God! That call must have grounded and shaped everything he did during his public ministry, culminating in his surrender of his life to his Father on the cross. I don't think it's a coincidence that St. Luke records Jesus' last words before his death as, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Even in that moment of supreme suffering and loss, he still knew himself to be God's beloved Son.

You and I were baptized into Christ Jesus, and, thanks to him, we share in his identity as beloved children of our heavenly Father. On the day that we were baptized, God made the same proclamation over us that he made over Jesus, calling us his beloved. But the challenges and distractions of life, both internal and external, can cause us to forget or to deny this fundamental identity. That is why we need to be constantly grounding ourselves on the voice of God, which we hear in a privileged way through the solemn proclamation of God's Word at Mass. Listening to that Word together, Sunday after Sunday, forms us and empowers us to live us God's beloved sons and daughters in Christ. Praying with that Word before Mass, whether by ourselves, with our spouse or a friend, or in a group, helps us prepare to receive and respond to that Word.

That is why I want to encourage you to take the time, each week, to prayerfully ponder the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, using the *lectio divina* guide in the bulletin or another resource you may know. My hope is that, as we develop the practice of attuning ourselves to the voice of God spoken to us through the Gospel, we will become more attuned to the voice of God speaking to us in and through the many relationships and experiences of our lives.

Peace,

Father Leo

Environment & Art Committee

Needs your help to remove the Christmas decorations in our church again this year. Christmas undecorating will begin on **Saturday, January 18th at 10:00am**. We especially need some strong young adults to help with the heavier lifting.



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina for the Second Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
(Collect, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times. John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the them, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Meditation (Meditatio)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses:

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition

Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. Into what parts of my life do I need to invite Jesus? How can I invite others to encounter Jesus?

Woman, how does your concern affect me? When have I failed to attend to the concerns of others? For what concerns do I need to pray?

Do whatever he tells you. What is God calling me to do? How can I become more docile to God’s will?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord’s Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;

among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,

give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

Worship the LORD in holy attire.

Tremble before him, all the earth;

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He governs the peoples with equity.

(From Psalm 96)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Invite someone to attend Mass with you this week.

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Ministry Schedule
January 18th & 19th

Lectors

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

Extraordinary Ministers

4:30pm—Mike Jasinski
8:00am—
10:00am—Ray Voyles
6:00pm—Emma Gallenberger



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 14

9:45am—Gospel reflections in
Gathering Room immediately
after Mass.
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:30pm Women’s “Halo”
meeting

Wednesday, January 15

10am-12noon—Food Pantry
Distribution
6:00-7:00pm—Food Pantry
Distribution

Thursday, January 16

6:00pm—Evening Prayer &
Holy Hour

Saturday, January 18

8:00am Mass with Men’s
Ministry gathering & breakfast



Weekly 50/50 Raffle

The Number Drawn on

December 30th was # 404

The Winner Would Have Won \$492.50

(This amount will be added to next week)

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**

December 28th & 29th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$9100.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$8764.29
Charity: \$15.00
Religious Education: \$0
Outreach Ministry: \$50.00
Christmas: \$18,848.00
Mary, Mother of God: \$51.00
Food Pantry: \$700.00
50/50 Raffle: \$295.00

**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**

January 4th & 5th, 2025

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$9100.00
Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$9760.45
Charity: \$25.00
Religious Education: \$10.00
Outreach Ministry: \$911.00
Christmas: \$70.00
Mary, Mother of God: \$2354.00
Food Pantry: \$260.00
50/50 Raffle: \$265.00

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