

St. Joseph Church

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

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

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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.*

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Monday, January 20, Weekday

9:00 AM Sr. Campion Breske SCC
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

Tuesday, January 21, St. Agnes

9:00 AM For the Souls of Joe, Marie, &
Jim Rokosz
Celebrant: Fr. Leo

**Wednesday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

9:00 AM Edward & Diane Smosna
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

Thursday, January 23, Weekday

9:00 AM Sigmund & Bernice Maslanka
Celebrant: Fr. Leo

Friday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales

9:00 AM Roman Bukowski
Celebrant: Carmelite Fathers

Weekend Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 25, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Joan Leoni
Celebrant: Fr. Schweitzer

**Sunday, January 26, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00 AM Sister M. Janice Kolesiak
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

10:00 AM Matthew Vojvodich
Celebrant: Fr. Krolczyk

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

**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

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**MARRIAGE
DATE NIGHT**

Friday, February 7, 2025
Don Quijote Restaurant
119 E Lincolnway | Valparaiso, IN

5:30 p.m. Cash Bar
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Speaker
\$100 per couple

Guest speakers:
Sofia and James Bilder
Topic:
"Pilgrim Hearts"

Learn more and register at dgary.org

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.

Dear Friends,

I don't normally make New Year's resolutions, but last year I resolved to try to become more familiar with poetry. I bought a few collections of poetry, memorized some poems, and started listening to *The Daily Poem* podcast. While I didn't read or memorize as many poems as I would have liked, a year later I am much more aware of the power of poetry to express what is hard to articulate in other ways. *The Daily Poem Podcast* has been particularly helpful in introducing me to poets and genres of poetry I might not have otherwise encountered.

An episode of the podcast last week featured the poem "A Wedding Toast," by American poet Richard Wilbur (1921-2017), which he wrote for the wedding of his oldest son Christopher in 1971. I'd like to share it with you:

*St. John tells how, at Cana's wedding feast,
The water-pots poured wine in such amount
That by his sober count
There were a hundred gallons at the least.*

*It made no earthly sense, unless to show
How whatsoever love elects to bless
Brimms to a sweet excess
That can without depletion overflow.*

*Which is to say that what love sees is true;
That this world's fullness is not made but found.
Life hungers to abound
And pour its plenty out for such as you.*

*Now, if your loves will lend an ear to mine,
I toast you both, good son and dear new daughter.
May you not lack for water,
And may that water smack of Cana's wine.*

I couldn't help thinking back to this poem as I reflected on the beautiful Gospel account of the Wedding at Cana proclaimed at Mass this Sunday. I think that Wilbur wonderfully captures the gracious and superabundant nature of the sign that Jesus performed. The amount of wine truly "made no earthly sense, unless to show / How whatsoever love elects to bless / Brimms to sweet excess."

I think it is so important for us, who live in a hyperactive and consumeristic culture that deeply influences and shapes us, to remember "[t]hat this world's fullness is not made but found." It can be so tempting for us to become obsessed with achieving and creating the life we want or think we deserve. But Wilbur's poem, and—even more so—the account of the sign of water being turned into wine, invite us to recognize that fullness of life is, ultimately, not our accomplishment, but the gracious and loving gift of God to us.

And in his great love for us, God allows us to experience and enjoy the "sweet excess" of his life when he gathers us to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Sunday after Sunday, the Father brings us together, his sons and daughters in Christ, to "lend an ear" to his love revealed in the Word proclaimed. Then, in the banquet that he prepares for us, Jesus takes the bread and wine that we offer and transforms them into the sacrament of his presence among us and in us, so that we can be transformed into his presence in and for our world.

In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we discover what Wilbur means when he writes, "Life hungers to abound / And to pour its plenty out for such as you." That "Life" is not some generic force, but the one who said both, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," (Jn 14:6) and, "This chalice which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." (Lk 22:20) By receiving the life Jesus pours out on us, our lives can "smack" of the joy and goodness "of Cana's wine."

Peace,

Father Leo

PS. If you would like to listen to a recording of Richard Wilbur reading "A Wedding Toast," you can scan this QR code:





Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina for the Third 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,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.

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, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing

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, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

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

He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. Who has helped me to grow in my faith? How can I help others learn more about Jesus and his Church?

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. How do I customarily observe the sabbath day? How has the practice of my faith developed since my childhood?

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor. What gifts has the Spirit given me? How can I use those gifts to serve God's people?

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

Closing Prayer:

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

(continued)

Let the words of my mouth and the thought
of my heart
find favor before you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
(From Psalm 19)

Living the Word This Week

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

Learn more about your parish and diocesan catechetical efforts and prayerfully discern how you might become involved – as student, a teacher, or both.

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**Stewardship of
Treasure Report**
January 11th & 12th

Weekly Budget Amount Needed:
\$9100.00

**Weekly Sunday Treasure Amount
Collected: \$11,210.94**

Charity: \$2.00

Religious Education: \$253.00

Outreach Ministry: \$348.00

Christmas: \$30.00

Mary, Mother of God: \$298.00

Food Pantry: \$2399.25

50/50 Raffle: \$270.00

Weekly 50/50 Raffle

**The Number Drawn on
January 7th was # 310**

The Winner Would Have Won \$625.00

(This amount will be added to next week)

**Ministry Schedule
January 25th & 26th**

Extraordinary Ministers
4:30pm—Judy Nowacki
8:00am—
10:00am—Ray Voyles
6:00pm—Jill Hayhurst

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 21
9:45am—Gospel reflections in
Gathering Room immediately
after mass.
9:45am 50/50 Raffle Drawing
6:00pm Finance meeting

Thursday, January 23
6:00pm—Evening Prayer &
Holy Hour

Friday, January 24
6:00pm Young Adult
Christmas Party in Gym

**Diocesan Marriage &
Family Life Meeting**

Anyone interested in marriage and family life ministry is invited to join our spring Diocesan Marriage and Family Life meeting which will be held at the Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, on Thursday, March 13th, starting at 6pm.

We will be having guest speakers, Dcn Matt Virus and his wife Milly who works in the diocesan tribunal office. They will be speaking on common problems in marriage that lead to difficulties and divorce, as evidenced by the tribunal cases. This knowledge will be a great help to all who work with engaged and married couples.

For more information contact Rosanne at 219-769-9292 x88259 or rkouris@dcgary.org

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