AUGUST 2025



WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THE JOY OF BEING FOUND

This month, we explore the profound theme of being found by God, as illustrated in Luke 15. This chapter contains a trilogy of parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. These stories are not merely about being lost but are a celebration of being found. They reveal the heart of God, who seeks out the lost with relentless grace and love.

We begin by acknowledging the challenge of listening to God, an invisible presence that often seems silent. Yet, as Dallas Willard suggests, we are in God's will when we live the life He desires for us. This involves a deep intertwining of hearing and doing His will, much like a parent who desires their children's joy and happiness. Our choices, whether within or outside of God's will, shape our lives and our relationship with Him.

The parables in Luke 15 offer a powerful narrative of God's grace. The lost sheep represents those who wander off, not out of rebellion but out of foolishness. The shepherd's search and the village's joy upon the sheep's return illustrate God's grace that seeks us out. The lost coin, misplaced and disconnected, symbolizes those who are lost through no fault of their own. God's grace is depicted as a woman who lights a lamp and sweeps the house until the coin is found, showing that we are never invisible to God.

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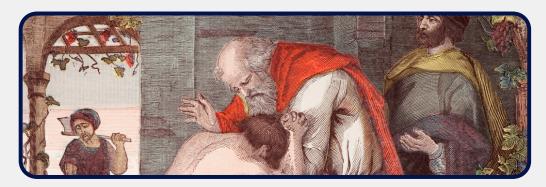
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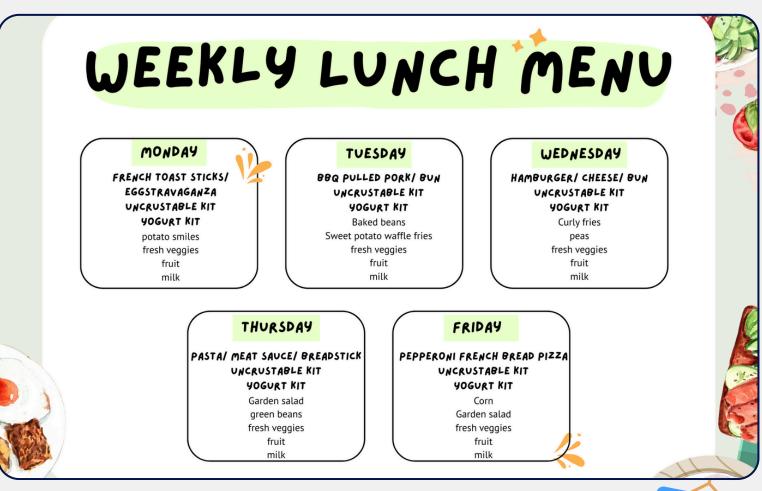


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The story of the prodigal son is perhaps the most well-known, highlighting a father's unconditional love and forgiveness. The younger son's journey from rebellion to repentance and the father's eager embrace upon his return is a vivid picture of grace that restores. The elder brother's reaction, filled with bitterness and jealousy, serves as a reminder of the dangers of a transactional relationship with God, rather than one based on love and grace.

These parables challenge us to reflect on our own lives. Are we wandering, unsure, or buried under shame? Are we resentful of grace given to others? Regardless of where we find ourselves, God's grace is always seeking us, ready to embrace us and celebrate our return. This trilogy is a celebration of foundness, a reminder that when we come home to grace, there is joy in heaven. (Anonymous)





JOB OPENING & SUBSTITUTE SEARCHING

WE'RE HIRING!

We are looking to hire an individual for our "After Care" on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:00-4:30. We need someone 16 and older.

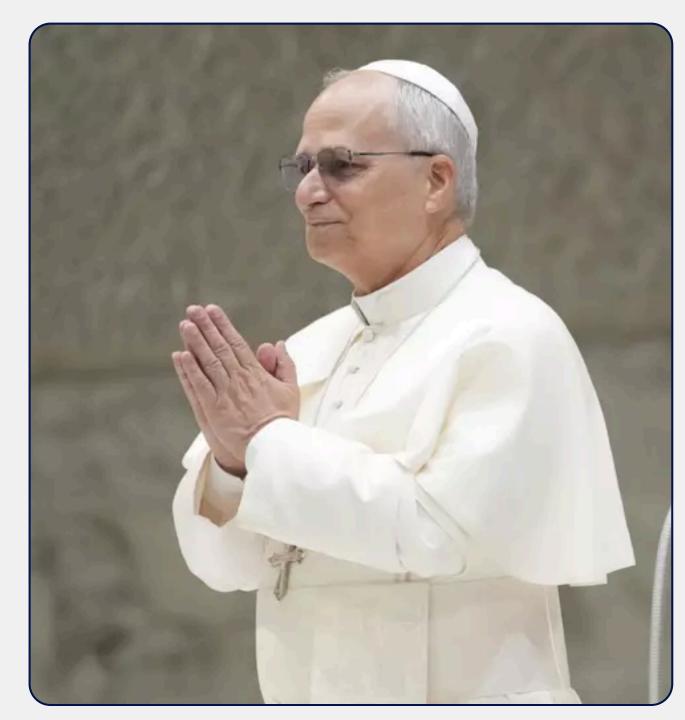
We are also looking for substitute teachers and substitute administrative assistants. These are paid positions.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in any of the above, please contact Sister Catherine at 812-423-9115.

TODAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, WE CELEBRATE THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Pope Leo has invited all of the faithful to celebrate this day by praying and fasting for peace.

In his Wednesday (8/20/25) general audience, Pope Leo said, "Mary is the Mother of the faithful here on earth and is remembered as the Queen of Peace." As our world continues to be wounded by wars, in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, and in other parts of the world, the Pope invited all the faithful to take part in "a day of prayer and fasting" for all those who suffer because of war, "imploring the Lord to grant us peace and justice, and to wipe away the tears of those who suffer because of ongoing armed conflicts." He added, "May Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede so that peoples may find the path of peace." Amen.



FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

We are off to a great start! Thank you to all WCS families who have signed up to cover Fall Festival shifts! As a reminder, all school families with preschool or pre-K students only are asked to either be a chairperson or cover two different shifts and families with K-8 students with or without preschool or pre-K students are asked to either be a chairperson or cover four to five different shifts. Extended family members and friends are welcome to help cover your family's individual shifts, too!

Keep the sign ups coming! Click on the link below to sign up for your family's shifts. There are still a few openings next week for making dumplings and many openings for making cookies, fudge and potato candy the weekend before the festival starts. These are all great options for families whose schedules will not allow them to cover shifts during the actual week of Fall Festival. Sign up now to find shifts that will work best for your family!

Please contact WCS parent and 2025 Fall Festival Volunteer Scheduling Chair

Melissa Pfafflin at 812-449-7820, mmrobison1@yahoo.com with any problems signing up

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2025 Fall Festival Booth Co-Chairs
Kelly Winters 812-483-5381, michela.winters@yahoo.com
Karlee Harris at 317-728-9191, karleeguerrettaz@gmail.com
with questions about open chairperson positions.

Fall Festival WCS Volunteer Sign Up





STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Mrs. Broyles has been sharing her love of teaching with little ones for more than 20 years. She has taught everything from Pre-K through 2nd grade, including a year in developmental preschool, but her heart has always been in Kindergarten.

She and her husband, Gregg, have three grown children and five wonderful grandchildren who she loves spending time with. When she's not in the classroom, you'll often find her traveling, working in her flower beds or garden, enjoying the outdoors, or relaxing with a good book.









Fall Consignment Sale

Saturday, August 23 starting at 8 AM

Sellers

 Seeking new & experienced sellers of gently used, high quality child & maternity merchandise.

2) You can get cash and help various charities by selling:

- Fall and winter children's clothing preemie to junior sizes, boys and girls
- ⇒ Toys, books, DVDs, electronic games
- ⇒ Bedding, furniture, maternity clothing
- Strollers, car seats, pack and plays and more

3) More details are available on the website

Shoppers

Sale is Saturday, August 23

\$1 admission—Sale items are cash and check only!

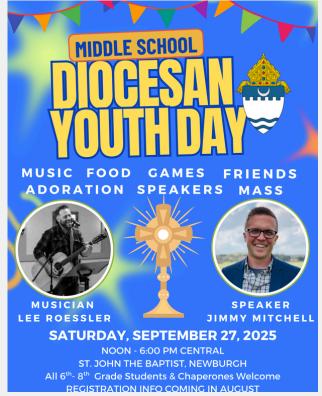
8 a.m.—10:30 a.m.: Regular Priced Items 11 a.m.—Noon: Select items are half off

Location: St. John the Baptist School Center 625 Frame Road, Newburgh IN

For safety reasons, no strollers/car seats and no children under 12 admitted into the sale. Infants in soft carriers only.

For more information, go to: www.mothertomothersale.org https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?







ST. PHILIP BIDDY BALL 2025

WAIVER AND RELEASE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE YOUTH'S NAME

GRADE______ BOY OR GIRL __

SCHOOL _____

EVENT: BIDDY BALL GRADES K-2
Date(s) of Event 10/2025 through 11/2025

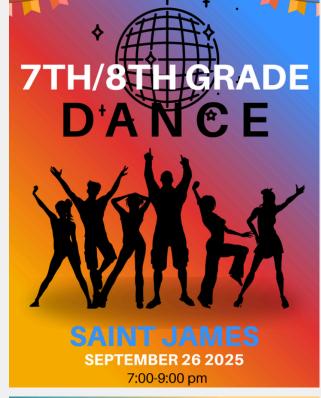
I/We, the parent(s) of the above-named youth, hereby give my/our approparticipation in the above event. I/We assume all risks and hazards incid conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the event. I/We chereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the Bishop Diocese of Evansville, St. Philip Parish/School, and Father Ryan, and an respective affiliates, successors, agents, employees, members, and repressonsors, and other volunteers involved in the activities and transportatio with the event from any and all claims, including claims of personal injuryouth or property damage, under any theory of law (including negligence

reckless or intentional conduct) in any way resulting from or arising in co

the activities and/or transportation to and from the event.













Volleyball Tournament for All Vocations in the Evansville Diocese

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Families and spectators of all sorts are welcome to join us for Sunday Mass at 4:00 at St. Ben's Cathedral. The volleyball tournament will be in St. Ben's gym at 5 pm.
Pizza and waters will be provided.
This year we will be adding a team of fathers and a team of mothers. You don't have to be the parent of a Savio or Siena kid to participate. If you are interested in joining a team, contact abbyzenthoefer@gmail.com





If the Hacienda whole GIVE BACK school NIGHT can sell \$1000 SEPTEMBER worth 18 **Pearl Drive location** of the gift **ZSELL** cards, the PTO "Please help support Westside Catholic School*

purchase an ice cream treat for all the students in the school!!

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ST. AGNES CHURCH

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM SATURDAY - 4:30 PM

ADORATION TIMES

MONDAY - 6:30 PM SACRED HEART FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - SACRED HEART



ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

SCHOOL MASSES

TUESDAY - 8:00 AM
WEDNESAY - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM
GROTTO
SATURDAY - 8:00 AM

STBONIFACEPARISH.ORG



SACRED HEART CHURCH

MONDAY - 7:30 PM FRIDAY - 7:30 AM SUNDAY - 10:00 AM LATIN MASS

SUNDAY - 12:00 PM

UPCOMING DATES:

- Italy & Greece trip meeting August 26 2:45
- No School on Labor Day September 1
- School Pictures September 3
- 8th grade field trip to Audubon State Park September 5
- Grading period one mid term September 5
- PTO Meeting September 9
- No bus service September 11 and 12
- Hacienda Give Back Day September 18
- 7th grade field trip to Seaton Harvest September 26
- Fall Festival October 6-10

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Aurora Barber 1
- Cash Lannert 1
- Mr. Robertson 2
- Marshall Wetzel 5
- Laina Vollman 8
- Ms. Wargel 10
- Aleksandra Buck 11
- Madison Condi 11
- Caroline Clark 14





- Ella Farmer 18
- Leo Gries 18
- Savannah Schultz 20
- Michiel Rainey 21
- Joyce Vadbunker 21
- Gwendolyn Greenwell 25
- William Lovelace 28
- Ben Pfafflin 29

