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From the Desk of Fr. Jose...

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to share with you some joyful news. On August 28th, I received a phone call from Bishop Joseph Siegel informing me that, beginning September 1st, I will officially become a permanent member of the Diocese of Evansville Presbyterate. I am deeply grateful to Bishop Siegel for his warm welcome and for assigning me to continue my ministry in the Evansville Diocese.

Since this moment is such a blessing in my life, I would like to look back and share with you a little about my journey that brought me to this point.

I was born on April 20, 1970, in Kerala, a state in southern India. I am the seventh of eight children in a devout Catholic farming family of Thomas and Theresa (may they rest in peace). My parents worked from morning until evening in the fields, and my mother, with her deep devotion to Mary, gathered us every night to pray the rosary and prayers before dinner and very strict about attending Sunday masses and Saturday morning. It was in that atmosphere of faith that my vocation began to take root.

At the age of 19, while visiting my aunt, I had a life-changing conversation with a missionary priest. In that moment, I made the decision to pursue the priesthood. Within just a week, I left home to begin seminary formation in Manipur, a state nearly 2,500 miles away in northeastern India. It was not easy for my mother and family to let me go so far away, and it was a challenge for me to leave the comfort of home so suddenly. But one thought guided me: *I made a commitment to God, while I talked to the priest and I would follow through.*

I enjoyed 13 years of my seminary formation but those years were not without trials. The unexpected death of my father, and the heartbreaking loss of my younger brother in an accident, just 30 days before my ordination, tested my faith deeply. Yet the words of one of my spiritual directors, quoting Luke 9:62, gave me strength: *"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

On April 22, 2002, I was ordained a priest in my home parish in Kerala for the Diocese of Imphal, Manipur. I served three years as an associate pastor and then 10 years as pastor and school principal in various parishes in the mission Diocese of Manipur. I especially loved working with children from poor and underserved families, offering them opportunities for education and faith. I had the privilege and joy of baptizing many adults. Over the years, many young men from the diocese, four of whom were my own students—entered the seminary, and the diocese became blessed with an abundance of vocations. Over time, I came to see that priesthood is truly a call, and that God always strengthens those He chooses. When I think back on my years living in that part of the country, I remember how hard it was. I saw a priest killed right in front of me, a priest friend of mine was killed just a year after his ordination. There were nights I would look out my bedroom window, wondering if someone was out there with a gun. But even in those moments, I could see how much God was watching over me. His providence and care were always present, even when life felt overwhelming. Through those trials, I discovered something powerful: hardship can become the doorway to God's blessings. There were times I prayed for months and years, waiting and wondering why God was silent. But eventually, I realized an important truth, when we bring our deepest desires to God in prayer, He sometimes asks us to wait. That waiting isn't wasted. In fact, when the answer finally comes, the joy is far greater than if the prayer had been answered right away.

Knowing that the diocese was blessed with many local priests in spite of the challenges and feeling called to a new experience of ministry; I sought my bishop's permission to serve elsewhere. After two years of discernment, I was granted permission and began ministry in the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey. I enjoyed my ministry there. During those years, I visited friends in the Diocese of Evansville, and when my term in Camden ended, I felt drawn here. Growing up in a farming family, I found a natural connection with the people of this area, and I was encouraged by the support of several of my priest friends who already serve in the Indianapolis and Evansville Dioceses.

Since arriving in Evansville, I have truly enjoyed my ministry, both through my service at Divine Mercy Parish and through my friendships with brother priests. When I shared with Bishop Siegel my desire to become permanently incardinated in the Diocese of Evansville, he received me warmly and encouraged me in this decision.

When I shared the news with my family that I would not be returning to the mission diocese in Manipur, India, they were overjoyed. They knew how difficult and even dangerous the situation is there, and their hearts were often heavy with worry for me. The mission there, even now has many challenges—constant unrest, the threat of violence, and moments when life itself felt uncertain.

I want to thank each of you for the love, prayers, and support you have shown me. It is a great joy and privilege to be your priest here at Divine Mercy Parish. Please join me in giving thanks to God for the gift of priesthood and for the blessing of being part of the Diocese of Evansville.

With gratitude and joy,
Fr. Jose Thomas



Religious Education News...

Religious Education Classes have begun for all Kindergarten – Grade 12 students. We are so very blessed with wonderful and knowledgeable catechists to teach our young parishioners about our awesome Catholic faith.

We continue to use the curriculum “Pflaum Gospel Weeklies” for kindergarten – grade 4. It has been very well received by the students as well as the catechists. Each week, the students receive a “Gospel Weekly” that explains the Sunday readings and includes related stories and activities. The lessons are sent home with the children, so hopefully as a family, there is a chance to have some good discussion.

This year, we have adopted the “Word of Life” books through Augustine Institute for Grade 5 & 6 just as we did last year for the 7th & 8th grade. The Diocese recommended this curriculum since the age of Confirmation will be changed to the 5th grade by the year 2029. The books offer more in-depth learning about our Catholic Faith.

The youth group activities are incorporated in with the high school religion classes that are held on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m., in the Parish Center.

Following is a list of the dedicated catechists who spend endless hours preparing for class; teaching and sharing their faith. Also, something very unique to our parish is that we also have prayer catechists who pray for a particular class and their catechists. Most of them pray during the actual class time, which makes it very special.

Catechist

Kindergarten---Diane Blume & Rebecca Sparrow (assistant)

Grade 1---Nicole Hulsman

Grade 2---Renee Berg & Jonna Breitwieser

Grade 3---Brenda Allen

Grade 4---Steve Merkley & Patti Hasenour

Grade 5---Judy Lamkin & Darlene Merkley

Grade 6---Sharon Meyer

Grade 7---Nicole Hulsman & Stannye Hasenour

Grade 8---Judy Lamkin & Sharon Meyer

Grade 9---Janice Thayer

Grade 10---Amanda Lange

Grade 11---Kelly Schroering and Hannah Sitzman

Grade 12-- Wilma Wendholt

We are blessed to have 2 new catechists this year—Brenda Allen and Stannye Hasenour. They are both very excited to share their faith with our young folks in the parish.

Prayer Catechist

Jane Durcholz

Sue Brames

Eileen Hauser

Eileen Hauser

Inez Schroeder

Pat Henke

Pat Henke

Sharon Fischer

Joni Wagner

Sherry Fischer

Diane Hasenour

Joni Wagner

Diane Verkamp



New Church Bus

We have purchased a 2011 Bluebird Bus for the transportation of our religious ed students. We had it painted white and “Divine Mercy” is painted on both sides of the bus. Dennis Fleck from Ferdinand is our primary driver both on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and we are also using “The Spirit” bus from Christ the King Parish on Wednesday morning that is driven by Janice Hochgesang. This bus purchase was necessary due to the new regulations from the State of Indiana that only allow children to be transported to and from school.



Religious Education News...

Age of Confirmation

The age of Confirmation has been changed to 5th Grade by the year 2029. Therefore, we will be preparing our current 8th grade, freshmen, and sophomores for Confirmation in September 2026. Confirmation will be held at both Masses, 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, and 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony on September 27, 2026. More information will be forthcoming.



Bible Study

We are planning an 8 - week Bible Study "The Chosen IV" that will begin the week of September 29. Following is the list of location, facilitator, day, and time that each Bible Study will be held. Please call the Parish Office with your reservation, so we can get the books ordered.

<u>Location/Facilitator</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Parish Center Library (Terri Vaal-facilitator)	Monday	10:00 a.m.
Kevin & Sherry Fischer's home	Monday	7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church Basement (Deacon Charlie-facilitator)	Wednesday	6:45 p.m.
Parish Center Library (Dan & Anne Hasenour-facilitators)	Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Steve & Nancy May's home	Thursday	6:30 p.m.



Photo Courtesy of Jeff Wollenmann Photography

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish celebrated First Communion for 21 of our young parishioners on Sunday, June 22, 2025, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Anthony Church. Congratulations to them, their parents, and their families.

Row One: Lexie Hasenour, server, Milo Combs, Bailey Persohn, Amelia Betz, Blakely Allen, Sydney Winters, Paisley Leonard, Alec Stenftenagel, Brody Foll, Brooklyn Lane, Ethan Verkamp, Mason Verkamp, Adalyn Weyer, server

Row Two: Raylee Weyer, server, Maddox Combs, Carson Knies, Luke Hasenour, Maci Schuetter, Avery Hasenour, Benton Welp, Hudson Weyer, Rossines Ramos, Hazel Aparicio, Edward Jazyk, Bryce Metz, server

Row Three: Jonna Breitwieser, catechist, Renee Berg, catechist, Father Jose Thomas, Deason Charlie Johnson, Janie Kempf, Parish Catechetical Leader

First Communion



Leo Verkamp celebrated his First Reconciliation and First Communion the weekend of April 26/27, 2025 during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Ferdinand Church with his Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class.

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish

52-Week Raffle Winners - June 2, thru August 25, 2025

June 2 - Jason Brames, Danville, IN (Ticket #619)

June 9 - Loretta Hasenour, Newburgh, IN (Ticket #721)

June 16 - Larry Schaefer, Fort Branch, IN (Ticket #616)

June 23 - Kat Voegerl, New Albany, IN (Ticket #806)

June 30 - Abby Fischer, Dallas, TX (Ticket #287)

July 7 - Tom Uebelhor, Jasper, IN (Ticket #746)

July 14 - Larry Schaefer, Fort Branch, IN (Ticket #617)

July 21 - Ryan Verkamp, St. Anthony, IN (Ticket #580)

July 28 - Brandi Rasche, St. Anthony, IN (Ticket #433)

August 4 - Clint Cummins, Birdseye, IN (Ticket #667)

August 11 - Melinda Johnson, Ferdinand, IN (Ticket #543)

August 18 - Greg Knies, Huntingburg, IN (Ticket #340)

August 25 - Sue Hasenour, St. Anthony, IN (Ticket #753)



Congratulations! to our Lucky Winners



Pilgrimage

By: Deacon Charlie Johnson

How does a vacation to Italy differ from a pilgrimage to Italy?

Sometime in early 2024, my brother asked me if Melinda and I would like to go to Italy with him and his wife. A tour group of people from his area of the state still had a couple openings. We didn't have much time to give him our answer, but it didn't take us long to decide it's time we made a trip like that! We've never been to Europe and Italy is famous for its natural and architectural beauty, its wine, and its food.

About six months later a question came up about the details of the trip. What kind of food would we be eating and how much walking would it involve? It was then that my brother informed us that this trip was a pilgrimage. We would be walking *everywhere*, and eating like Jesus did.

He was joking, of course, but it got me thinking about pilgrimages. And when I came to know that 2025 was a Jubilee Year—a Pilgrimage of Hope—I knew I had to re-think my

intentions for this trip.

Our final meeting (and the only one we were able to attend) with the tour/pilgrimage group was in mid-August. It was then that we met most of the other pilgrims and their parish priest, who would be saying daily Mass for us in some of the most famous churches in the world, including Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

That fact alone converted me from a tourist into a pilgrim. Regrettably, I haven't been to daily Mass for seven consecutive days since my deacon training when I spent a week at St. Meinrad, learning to write and give homilies. The opportunity to participate in Masses where the saints of Italy lived draws my attention to the impending blessings, not just the history and architectural beauty of the churches. Unlike the build-up to most *vacations*, I'm feeling a quiet excitement growing as the days count down to departure.

When the expectation of encountering God enters into a situation, a trip becomes a



pilgrimage. And it doesn't need to be a trip to an exotic location. It could be a slow drive to Huntingburg like the pilgrimage our parish made on August 10th. It could be a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle of one of our own parish churches. It could be a walk across the bedroom or living room to a favorite prayer chair.

In fact, the whole of life is a pilgrimage if we keep in focus what awaits us at the end. I'm looking forward to this experience in Italy giving me more hope for the rest of that *life-long* journey!



Reflection

Faith is deliberate confidence in
the character of God
whose ways you may not
understand at the time.

—Oswald Chambers

YOU'RE INVITED!

RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

During the Month of October



**Cribs will be in the back
of both churches for
your donations**

This baby shower is to honor all mothers who choose life instead of abortion, and in a special way, to help all single, needy, unwed mothers and their infants. Collected items will be donated to the local Matrix, the Evansville Christian Life Center, and the local Trotter House.



Christian Mothers Update...

The Divine Mercy Christian Mothers have been busy with parish ministry.

The September meeting was impactful with the viewing of *The Veil Removed*. Discussion followed about how the video allows one to experience mass in a more intentional way. At each meeting, time is spent sharing resources and ideas as women of faith.

Christian Mothers supports the parish in various ways, including hosting a reception after the Confirmation Mass. The group coordinates the Country Store at the Harvest Festival and also works with St. Anne's to sponsor the Pie Baking Contest. Christian Mothers contributes to funeral meals, helps with the town-wide Tree-Lighting, visits the homebound, donates handmade quilts, provides spiritual readings in the Church Narthex and serves in numerous other ways.

Christian Mothers invites any parish woman to a meeting, or to join as a member anytime. The group meets only four times a year (next meeting is Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. - after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.) Meetings provide a time for planning, sharing, and fellowship. Members are encouraged and welcome to provide their gifts to the group, and to the parish in ways they desire, whether it be providing food, service, information, or prayer.

Happy Birthday to: Our 80+ Parishioners

Parish News

October

Nancy Rohl	10/3
Pauline Klem	10/10
Lila Buechler	10/11
Mary Jane Brinkman	10/16
Brenda Blume	10/23
Joe Fischer	10/24
Pat Henke	10/30
Ralph Knies	10/31

November

Kenny Blessinger	11/11
Agnes Merkley	11/16
Jim Klem	11/18
Leon Kordes	11/19
Rose Herbig	11/22
Juliana Stenftenagel	11/24

December

Wilfred Buechler	12/3
Tom Henke	12/7
Mary Bieker	12/12
Inez Stetter	12/14
Georgina Sermersheim	12/15
Jeannie Haas	12/16
Bill Hauser	12/19
Donna Schneider	12/19
Joe Lee	12/20
Lee Joe Welp	12/24
Mary Jane Fischer	12/27
Marjorie Lampert	12/27
Maurice Blume	12/28
Ann Primus	12/29
Jim Stetter	12/30



Mabel Terese Kern, daughter of Clayton & Claudia Kern - Baptized on July 26, 2025
 Kohen Allen Hopf, son of Blake & Katie Hopf - Baptized on August 10, 2025
 Catherine Mae Hasenour, daughter of Jeremy & Stannye Hasenour - Baptized on August 17, 2025
 Kate Christine Leonard, daughter of Reece & Paige Leonard - Baptized on August 31, 2025



Marriage



Joseph Hurst and Kendra Hoffman - Married on August 2, 2025



Our Family Members Who Entered Eternity

Clara Englert - on June 25, 2025
 Dana Persohn - on July 8, 2025
 Helen Callea - on July 14, 2025



Knights of Columbus News...

The members of the 4th Degree participated in an honor guard for Fr. Donald Ackerman's 90th birthday at the Jasper K of C.

The Knights provided an honor guard and carried the canopy for the Corpus Christi procession.

new members to the council.

The Knights welcomed the 4th Degree assembly to the 800 Club Shelter House for the bimonthly meeting.

The Knights provided an honor guard for the mass, for their

procession from Sacred Heart Church to St. Mary Church, in Huntingburg.

The Knights provided an honor guard for the funeral visitation of two knights.

The Knights are looking for Catholic men who are 18 years old and up, to join the council. If you would like to know more about the Knights of Columbus, or our council, join us at our monthly meeting in the 800 Clubhouse on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., contact one of our members, or go to kofc.org/join, enter your information and our council #15777, and the agent code tjjarboe.

The first year is free!!



The Knights made BBQ pork to benefit their various programs.

The Knights conducted an exemplification, welcoming 2

deceased members and Father Michael McGivney's feast day.

The Knights provided an honor guard for the Eucharistic



Senior Dinner

A Senior Dinner for parishioners 55+ years young was held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, in the Divine Mercy Parish Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. 90 parishioners were in attendance.

Deacon Charlie Johnson welcomed everyone and led the "Meal Prayer for Senior Luncheon/Dinner".

After a delicious meal of fried chicken (prepared by Arnie's Catering) and all the sides plus desserts provided by volunteers of the parish, the group listened to a presentation given by Irene Moschner from the Diocese of Evansville Endowments.

Ms. Moschner spoke of the many types of endowments available in the diocese that people can contribute to, or they can create a



new endowment for whatever they choose to support.

She then shared a page of Divine Mercy Parish Endowments already in existence.

The group was invited to take home a booklet from the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana, entitled "Helping Individuals Create Legacies to Serve God Through Catholic Causes", to help them discern if they would like to create a new or contribute to an existing endowment.

Fr. Jose Thomas ended the evening with a blessing, to the group.

G² Appalachian Mission Trip - Team 11

The 11th Mission Trip Team embarked to Eastern Kentucky from June 1-6, 2025.

Twenty youth and adults were able to help and serve. A mix of new and experienced missionaries were able to serve five appreciative families. The sweat and work was well worth the joy that the participants felt after our team's hard work.

While the days were full of construction, the team also spent time at mass, adoration, prayer, and reflection time.

Games and getting to know each other were also a memorable part of the week.

The team appreciates all the prayers and support from the Divine Mercy Parish family.

Plans are already being made for Mission Trip #12.



Divine Mercy Parish Health Ministry

Eight Topics of Wellness

Wellness is an intentional, active process of trying to improve one's overall quality of life. We are encouraged to focus on a few dimensions of wellness that will best optimize our happiness and a healthy lifestyle. If we do these things, it will improve one's overall quality of life. In the past, looking at your diet and exercise goals were what people focused on, but we realize now that it is so much more than those two things. People are encouraged to look at their emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual outcomes.

These wellness dimensions need our attention. Ignoring a problem in one area often leads to problems in another area. It is nearly impossible to balance all eight of these dimensions at once. The key is to explore what works the best for you and to find your own personal harmony. Everyone has unique personal experiences that will shape their own outcomes. Emotional wellness is the ability to handle life's stresses and adapt to difficult situations. It is working through your emotions in a positive and healthy way. Environmental wellness is one's ability to connect with the world around you and to utilize the resources you have available. The key to financial wellness is staying on top of your expenses before it gets too overwhelming.

Intellectual wellness encourages us to engage in creative activities where one explores different hobbies and interests. Every person has value

and a unique set of skills. All of us must find a balance between work and leisure which improves one's occupational wellbeing. Building relationships with peers at work and in our free time will help us reach that goal. Positive physical health habits include exercising, having healthy sleep habits, and enjoying a well-balanced diet. All of these will decrease stress and lower your risk of disease. The positive relationships we build with other people in our communities help us navigate our lives in a healthy way. Having a feeling of belonging and acceptance makes us feel better in our overall health.

The most important wellness goal that impacts all areas of your life is how you define your spiritual wellness. Spiritual wellness has the power to make decisions and choices easier. It gives us the ability to face our challenges in life with grace and inner peace. Catholic spiritual health is a concept that encourages us to develop a strong relationship with God to strengthen one's inner well-being and live out his/her faith through prayer and action. Living out the Catholic faith encourages everyone to strive to live out their baptismal promises through service, social contributions and acts of compassion. A healthy spiritual life acknowledges the interconnectedness of all aspects of wellness in one's life.



Mark Your Calendars...

Divine Mercy Supper and Silent Auction - back by popular demand, Roast Beef and mashed potatoes with all the fixings. The Silent Auction will be in need of donations as well, so start planning for your favorite creations to donate. Please mark the date of Saturday, November 8, 2025. Events are in the Schnellville Community Clubhouse. Everyone is invited for a fun night of fellowship. We hope to see you there!!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Jasper Classes Starting September 8, 2025!

Neighbor to Neighbor is a FREE faith-based, life skills education program that helps individuals/families move beyond relief and build healthy habits for long term success.

Participant Requirements:

- Working or actively seeking work
- Social security/disability parameters
- Attend an interview prior to acceptance in the class
- Attend 10 classes (2 classes a week for 5 weeks)
- Complete 1 and 2 Month Follow Up classes
- Complete 3 Month Follow Up Interview

Participants Learn:

- Goal setting in areas of finance, faith, health & community
- How to develop a personal budget
- Community and social engagement opportunities
- Skills for job development
- Action towards personal change



Upon the successful completion of the Neighbor to Neighbor program, participants earn a voucher toward their rent, utilities, or other appropriate expense.

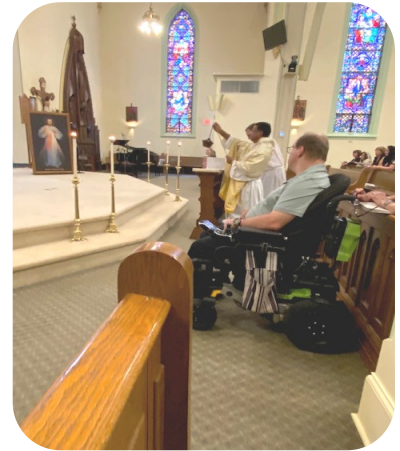
**For More Information or to Enroll Today!
812-423-5456 or NTNJasperIN@gmail.com**

Neighbor To Neighbor is a program offered by Catholic Charities Diocese of Evansville - 812-423-5456 - www.ccevanville.org

Eucharistic Pilgrimage from Sacred Heart Church



To St. Mary Church, Huntingburg



on
August 10,
2025



Confirmation in Divine Mercy Parish



Bishop Joseph Siegel conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 22 of our young adults on Sunday, September 7, 2025, during the 10:00 a.m. Mass, in St. Anthony Church. Congratulations to all the newly confirmed and their families.

Pictured are:

- Row 1: Seated Kennedy Boeglin, Avery Hill, Trinity Foll, Mollie Combs, Sasha Lubbers, Hannah Kuebler, Andrea Ponce, Wes Rohleder, server, Calvin Butkauskas, server
- Row 2: Sherry Fischer, Parish Catechetical Assistant, Amanda Lange, catechist, Callie Hopf, Claire Warren, Leigha Nord, Addison Mehling, Emma Schroering, Ashlyn Pund, Rocio Ramos, Emma Mehling, Kali Mohr, Colson Healy, server, Cale Rohleder, server
- Row 3: Kelly Schroering, catechist, Father Jose Thomas, Brody Beck, Drew Eckert, Carter Jochem, Bishop Joseph Siegel, Jace Mehling, Nathan Verkamp, Tucker Wathen, Janie Kempf, Parish Catechetical Leader, Deacon Charlie Johnson



Harvest Festival Theme Basket Raffle: We are requesting donations of theme baskets for the Divine Mercy Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Get creative as baskets can be just about anything including home décor, gift cards, books, toys, games, household items, and more! Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours, or on Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the parish gym. Reach out to a committee member if you have any questions. Micaela Spayd at 812-630-6722, Adhley Lueken at 812-661-2764, or Katherine Paulin at 812-631-3887.



Join us for a festival filled with fun for all ages!
Serving Arnie's Famous Honey Cashew Chicken or Roast Beef meals
with mashed potatoes, green beans, and slaw, burgers, potato
wedges with cheese, haystacks, chicken noodle soup & more!

**Country Store • Pie Baking Contest • Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Bingo • Half Pot • Theme Baskets • Scavenger Hunt
Quilt & Prize Raffle Drawings • Faith & Fun in 60 Seconds
Basketball Free Throw Contest • Kids' Games • Face Painting**

Come join us rain or shine! All proceeds to
benefit Divine Mercy Parish General Fund

St. Anthony Campus, 4444 S Ohio Street
divinemercyduco.org/harvestfestival

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Divine Mercy Catholic Parish

2026 52-Week Raffle

Enter for a chance to win
\$500 EACH WEEK!

That's only
\$1 per week!

Donation \$52.00 each

Only 1,000 tickets sold!

One ticket will be drawn every Monday morning starting January 5, 2026.

Complete the form and mail with payment to:

Divine Mercy Catholic Parish

PO Box 98

St. Anthony, IN 47575

Or drop in the collection basket or Parish Center drop box.

A ticket stub receipt will only be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included with order form once the Parish Office processes your order form.

Rules & Restrictions apply:

- Must be 18 years or older to enter.
- **ONLY ONE** name per ticket.
- Can win a maximum of twice during the drawing.
- Need not be present to win.
- Winner will be called and announced weekly in the bulletin and on the website.
- A complete list of rules are on the reverse side of this order form.



Proceeds will benefit Divine Mercy Parish General Fund.

Additional order forms are available in the back of both churches, in the Parish Center Office, and on our parish website.

Divine Mercy 2026 52-Week Raffle

Name – **ONLY ONE** name *(All tickets requested on this order form will be in the name above.)*

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone (Area Code)

Number of Tickets Requested: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to **Divine Mercy Parish.**

Divine Mercy Parish 2026 - 52-Week Raffle

Rules & Restrictions

- Must be 18 years old or older to purchase a ticket.
- ONLY ONE name per ticket.
- Each ticket costs \$52.00.
- One (1) ticket will be drawn every Monday morning for 52 weeks.
- Individuals may purchase more than one (1) ticket.
- Need not be present to win.
- One (1) \$500 prize will be awarded weekly.
- If the ticket holder has multiple tickets, they can only win a maximum of two times, among all their tickets, during the 2026 52-week raffle.
- If the ticket holder wins more than once, the ticket holder is required to complete a W-9 for tax purposes. The IRS requires a 1099 to be issued to any person who wins over \$600.00.
- First drawing will be held January 5, 2026 and last drawing on December 28, 2026.
- Maximum number of tickets sold will be 1,000.
- If all tickets are not sold, the prize will still be \$500 per week for 52 weeks.
- Tickets will be drawn every Monday morning at Divine Mercy Parish Office located at 4444 S Ohio Street, St. Anthony, IN.
- If Monday falls on a holiday, the drawing will take place the next business day.
- There will be 3 persons present when the drawing is held in the parish office.
- All tickets will be kept in the Divine Mercy Parish Office.
- Winners will be notified by phone and/or email on the day of the drawing.
- A check will be mailed to the winner's address.
- Winners will be announced in the Parish's weekly bulletin and the Parish's website.
- Checks made payable to Divine Mercy Parish and cash are the only forms of payment accepted.
Credit/debit cards are not accepted.
- Proceeds will benefit the Divine Mercy Parish general fund.

Calling All Bakers

Get your rolling pins and recipes ready!

Pie Baking Contest

FREE to enter

Adult & Youth
Age Groups

Additional rules apply. Copies of rules are available on our website and in the back of both churches.



Pie Categories:

- * Fruit Pies
- * Nut Pies
- * Cream, Custard, or Chocolate Pies



Attention Crafters...an opportunity for your creativity to be put on display!



Pumpkin Decorating Contest



CATEGORIES:

- 🍁 Most Creative
- 🍁 Religious
- 🍁 Cutest
- 🍁 Funniest
- 🍁 People's Choice

OPEN TO ALL AGES!

**NO
Pumpkin
Carving
Allowed**

Flyer copies are available on our website and in the back of both churches.

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH

P.O. Box 98

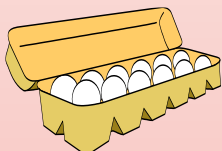
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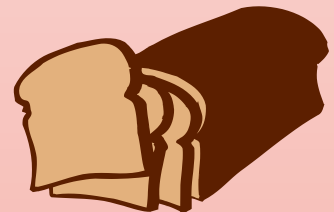
The Country Store



The Harvest Festival Country Store is a very popular stand at our Harvest Festival! We are so blessed to have so many talented and generous people in our parish.

Every item in our store is donated and is top-notch! We will continue the tradition again this year, so if you have extra produce from your garden, handcrafted items, house plants, eggs, baked goods, snack mixes, canned vegetables, jelly, jam, salsa,

mums, iris bulbs, pumpkins, gourds, etc., please consider donating to the Country Store!



All items are sold as a **free will donation** so nothing is priced unless you request a certain price for your items.

Questions, please call Judy Lamkin at 812-630-5741, or Julia Hurst at 812-631-4256.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!