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JANUARY 25, 2026 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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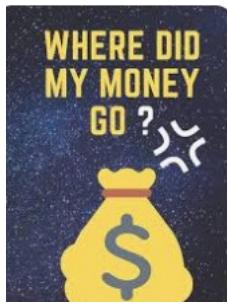


Dear friends,

Today you can pick up your contribution statements for 2025. It should reflect the contributions you made to the parish, the Catholic Ministries Appeal, as well as your contributions to our work in Haiti and other outreach efforts. . The end of 2025 is the conclusion of our two year Rebuilding the Church Campaign so your statement should also reflect and contributions you made to this campaign during this past year.

Please take the time to review your statement. We make every effort to be accurate in the records we keep, but there is always the chance that we have made a mistake. So, if you find some inconsistencies in your report, please let us know so that we can make the necessary corrections. You should also be receiving a separate statement from our diocesan office which will give you an additional record of your contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

This yearly ritual is a good time for all of us to reflect upon the common responsibility we have to provide the money needed to do the work of our parish. We have been blessed with so many folks through the years who have been great examples of stewardship. I know that their witness has inspired many others to embrace that same spirit of stewardship in their lives. As a result we have been able to do the many different ministries in our parish as well as supporting our ministry to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. And we have done our part to provide for the financial support of our diocese through our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign. What a blessing that has been for so many.



Times like this are also good to ask ourselves "Just where did all our money I had go this past year? And it's an appropriate time for us to reflect together on our call to be good stewards of the money we have been entrusted with in our lives.

Trying to get a handle on how we use our money can be a daunting task. I am reminded of the old saying "don't let the tail wag the dog." An important part of being a good steward of our money is to be able to be intentional about how we use our money. That's pretty hard to do because we live in a world that continually bombards us with messages that tell us what we need to have in order to be happy in our life. Being intentional means taking charge of what we do with our money. We need to be in control—we don't need to let the tail wag the dog.

Being in charge also means being able to distinguish between our wants and our needs. Our culture is very good at creating all kinds of "needs" in our life, and then telling us the exact things that will fulfill these needs. And since we live in such an instantaneous world, when we have a need, society tells us that we need to meet it right away. There are people and programs which try to teach us how to live responsibly with our money. They all have a basic message: live within your means, clearly distinguish between your needs and our wants; be in charge of what you do with your money.

It only makes sense that we cannot really begin to embrace a life of stewardship of our money until we can get a handle on how we use our money. I think this really means praying for the grace and courage to live lives that run contrary to much of what our contemporary culture teaches us. To do this we need the strength and support of one another!

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Weeks. We say that we have a school because it is the best way we know of to try to help parents in their role as "teachers of the faith" for their children." What we really hope for, in all our efforts in school, is that we can create an atmosphere where our young children can see the teachings of Jesus being lived out in the lives of the teachers and staff and parents. They don't so much "learn" about Jesus, as much as they "catch" what Jesus is all about by seeing it living out. The school becomes an incubator of sorts, where the children can be "steeped in" the teachings of Jesus. It's important work. And I am grateful for the part you play in this work as well.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



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**Follow
ME &
I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF Men.**
MATTHEW 4:19

**CELEBRATION OF
THE EUCHARIST**
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: John Bahl (1862), Joseph Birger (1875), John Hoeftling (1879), Frank (1950) & Mary Hoeftling, Elizabeth (1955) & Peter Wigand, Noble Gentry (1969), Ella Kijenka (1997)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Eddie Lagunzad, Janet (Will) & Kenneth Gest, Al & Verna Will, Monte Jackson, Tammi Lattner, Sharon & Tim Will, For all the people in our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Margaret Wolf (1884), Elizabeth Bender (2005), Gregory Kempf (2005), Doug Schapker (2022), Elmer & Charlotte Schapker

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS

6:30 PM MASS: Herman & Katherine Schroeder, Silas & Fronnie Mehringer, Magdalene Meger (1928), Henry Angermeier (1942)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Weidner (1870), Maria Hartlein (1880), Joseph Weiss (1887), Agnes (1990) & Roscoe Daugherty, Earl (2007) & Millie Hoeftling, Eddie Lagunzad (2021)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

7:30 AM MASS (IN CHURCH WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN): Catherine Beckele (1858), Genevieve Sebastian (1904)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Delores (1997) & Merl Hoeftling (1997), Kay Beshears (2006), Ron Hartman (2017)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS (IN THE RECTORY): Christina Zuber (1877), Elisabeth Buchart (1881), Pauline (1936) & August Recker, Nannie (2013) & Joe Schmitt (2013), Marianne (2924) & Gene Ritter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Pat Koch, Jan Hermann, Lee Askins, Mary Seiler (1888), George (1957) & Mary Reising, Joan (2013) & Charles Roberts, Mary (2013) & Eugene Butler

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: William & Dorothy Martin, Bud & Sharon Werner, Dolly Werner, John Koch, Joe & Mag Eickhoff, Joe & Dolores Elpers, Paul, Marlon & Ella Mae Kroeger

10:30 AM MASS: For all the people in our parish, Catharina Fischer (1872), Samuel Fischer (1889), Henry Schorlan (1894), Joseph Urich (1931), Louis (1945) & Elizabeth Happe, Leo (1958) & Oliva Schapker, Phyllis Mangold (1974), Veronica Mayer (1981), Chester (1993) & Donna Fenwick, Albion Inkenbrandt (2012), Kevin Glaser (2012)



The watchword today is "immediately."

Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ.

May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

JAN. 18, 2026	\$ 14,498.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 399,189.61
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 445,150.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 30.00

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI	\$ 95.00
HAITI SWING HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 25.00
ST. VINCENT DePAUL	\$ 5.00

May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL: St. Joseph Church 6202 W. St. Joseph Rd. Evansville, IN 47720

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger

HOLIDAY RETIREMNT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries

BETHEL MANOR: Margaret Kafel

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HAMILTON POINTE: Carolyn Pfaffman

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

JAN. 25: Heather Hendon, Violet Tenhumberg, Shepard Dickason, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JAN. 26: Alexis Price, Kent Ruminer

JAN. 28: Annie Carlisle, Kurt Denning, Carolyn Pfaffman

JAN. 29: Bob Loehrlein, Betty Polk, Derek Williams

JAN. 30: Chip Altstadt, Ella Dalrymple, J'ean Duncan, Cari Raben Norma Duncan, James Hoffman, Oakley Kendle, P

JAN. 31: Brooke Barkley, Julie Forcum, Stephanie Frey, Tom Goedde, David Market, Amy Smith-Mullins

JAN. 25: Jacob & Sam Weinzapfel

JAN. 31: Mike & Michelle Reffett



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HOPE
Women's Retreat

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NEXT SUNDAY.....BLOOD DRIVE

COFFEE, DONUTS AND TASTY TREATS FROM THE ALTAR
SOCIETY AFTER THE 8 AM MASS



8--NOON IN THE GYM

**PARISH FISH FRY'S COMING
FEBRUARY 27 and MARCH 13**

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin, (EM) Paul Hillenbrand Jena Wessel Rachael Schnaus, Becky Dosher

WEEKEND OF JAN. 31-FEB. 1: 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Butch and Linda Feulner, Diane Woods, Eric Reffett 8 AM: (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Kylie & Stephanie Frey, Tom and Dolores Folz 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Jane Scheller, Steve Jung, Al Debes Rachel Schnaus

COMING THIS WEEK.....

- **Women's Bible Study Friday 8:30-10 am** We will meet in the school meeting room. We're studying the Acts of the Apostles. Childcare Provided
- **That Man is You Wednesday, at 5:30 pm** in the school meeting room.
- **Foundations of Faith** covering the catechism through videos and reading. **Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the meeting room**

For information contact Jessica Reckelhoff, email jreckelhoff@evdio.org, 812-598-1151



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ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exhortation *Delexi Te* of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor

We cannot conclude this reflection on people deprived of their freedom without mentioning those in various prisons and detention centers. In this regard, we recall the words that Pope Francis addressed to a group of prisoners: "For me, entering a prison is always an important moment, because prison is a place of great humanity... Humanity that is tried, sometimes worn down by difficulties, guilt, judgments, misunderstandings, suffering, but at the same time full of strength, desire for forgiveness, and a desire for redemption."

This desire, among other things, has also been taken up by the orders devoted to the ransom of prisoners as a preferential service to the Church. As Saint Paul proclaimed: "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Gal 5:1). This freedom is not only interior: it manifests itself in history as love that cares for and frees us from every bond of slavery.

WITNESSES OF EVANGELICAL POVERTY

In the thirteenth century, faced with the growth of cities, the concentration of wealth and the emergence of new forms of poverty, the Holy Spirit gave rise to a new type of consecration in the Church: the mendicant orders. Unlike the stable monastic model, mendicants adopted an itinerant life, without personal or communal property, entrusting themselves entirely to providence. They did not merely serve the poor: they made themselves poor with them. They saw the city as a new desert and the marginalized as new spiritual teachers. These orders, such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, Augustinians and Carmelites, represented an evangelical revolution, in which a simple and poor lifestyle became a prophetic sign for mission, reviving the experience of the first Christian community. The witness of the mendicants challenged both clerical opulence and the coldness of urban society.

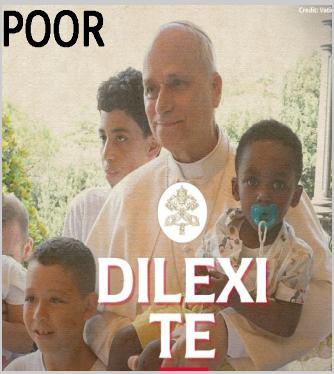
Saint Francis of Assisi became the icon of this spiritual springtime. By embracing poverty, he wanted to imitate Christ, who was poor, naked and crucified. In his Rule, he asks that the brothers should not appropriate anything, neither house, nor place, nor anything else. And as pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, they should go about begging with confidence, and should not be ashamed, because the Lord made himself poor for us in this world. His life was one of continuous self-emptying: from the palace to the leper, from eloquence to silence, from possession to total gift.

Francis did not found a social service organization, but an evangelical fraternity. In the poor, he saw brothers and sisters, living images of the Lord. His mission was to be with them, and he did so through a solidarity that overcame distances and a compassionate love. Francis' poverty was relational: it led him to become neighbor, equal to, or indeed lesser than others. His holiness sprang from the conviction that Christ can only be truly received by giving oneself generously to one's brothers and sisters.

Saint Clare of Assisi, who was inspired by Francis, founded the Order of Poor Ladies, later called the Poor Clares. Her spiritual struggle consisted in faithfully maintaining the ideal of radical poverty. She refused the papal privileges that could have guaranteed material security for her monastery.

This choice expressed her total trust in God and her awareness that voluntary poverty was a form of freedom and prophecy. Clare taught her sisters that Christ was their only inheritance and that nothing should obscure their communion with him. Her prayerful and hidden life was a cry against worldliness and a silent defense of the poor and forgotten.

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