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OCTOBER 18, 2026 THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

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Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Want to enjoy a great chicken dinner? Or how about buying some sausage? If not that, how about some burgoo? And by the way, you can come and enjoy a Halloween party or a bingo night! And while you're at it, why not buy a lottery ticket for our parish lottery!

Does it feel a little overwhelming? It gives a whole new meaning to coming to church to be fed! All these are worthy causes. All of these projects benefit our parish community and involve lots of folks who spend considerable amounts of time on these efforts. And I am happy to support them and to encourage others to do so as well.

When we think about all this, It's important to keep the big picture of being "church" in mind. Being "church" is about finding God in the ordinariness of our lives, seeing God amidst the unending list of things we do each day. Many of these things are routine and mundane—eating, sleeping, doing laundry, going to work. God is here. God is not "out there" or "up there."

So, for us, God is present among us as we make sausage, burgoo, sell lottery tickets, have a Halloween party or plan a bingo night and all the other things that make up the day to day activities of our parish life. It is here that we will learn how to "love our neighbor as ourselves." It is here that we

**SHUT UP
SUIT UP
SHOW UP**



will learn how to care for others, to learn tolerance and patience. And in all these ways we learn how to be "Jesus" to our world.

Dr. James Hollis, a noted author and psychologist offers some great advice to people as they go about their daily life: "Shut Up, Suit Up and Show Up." Yes there are always challenges and difficulties in life. But that being said, our job is to just shut up, put our big boy (and big girl!) pants on and get on with life. That may sound a bit flippant, but that is the same thing that Mary displayed in saying to the Angel Gabriel, "let your will be done in my life."

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder



8 --NOON IN THE GYM

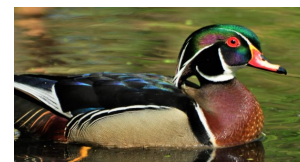
THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound

in fear of what

my life and
my children's
lives may be,

I go and lie down
where the wood



drake rests in his beauty on the water,
and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things

who do not tax their lives with

forethought of grief. I come

into the presence of still water.

And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time I rest
in the grace of the world, and am free.

Wendell Berry

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Dan & Elizabeth Ann Singer, Valentine Schenk (1879), Valeria (2013) & Marcellus Elpers (2013), John Reckelhoff (2021)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Doris Ann Martin, Leo & Marie Gumble, Ray & Betty Fischer, John Reckelhoff

10:30 AM MASS: For all the People in our Parish, Henry Zeglink (1873), George Rexing (1902)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

JOHN de BREBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES AND COMPANIONS

6:30 PM MASS: Mary Shelton (1961), John (1965) & Rosa Schmitt, Rosemary (1991) & Virgil Spaetti, David Spaetti

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Henry Angermeyer (1857), Infant Murphy (1865), Elisabeth Golzhausen (1872), Urban (0202) & Betty Will, Herman Schmitt (2024)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Sister Rosa Lee Kramer, DC, Carol Goedde (1999), Mildred & Clarence Rexing

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Michael Freihaut (1880), Mary (1980) & Anthon Wolf, David Cartwright (2021)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Mattheus December (1858), Helena Lampers (1876)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

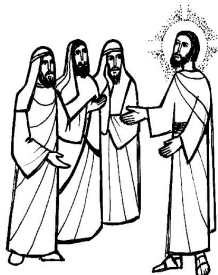
5:00 PM MASS: Rosina (1952) & Joseph Effinger, Joseph (1978) & Mary Schneider (1978), Monie (2023) & Floyd Titzer, For all the People in our Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Janet Zirkelbach, Jim & Avila Fehrenbacher, Gilbert & Alberta Fehrenbacher, Wilbur & Marian Fehrenbacher

10:30AM MASS: Frank Matthews (1982), Mary(1989) & Joseph Schneider, Paul (2016) & Marlene Hasselbrinck, George David (2024)



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WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 190,562.94
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 230,250.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 50.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

Saluting our young stewards: Beatrice, Peter, Paul, John, Agnes, & Bernadette Reckelhoff

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OCTOBER 18: Rex Baumgart, Star Lincoln, Sandy Schmitt

OCTOBER 19: Cole Lannert

OCTOBER 20: Margaret Angermeier

OCTOBER 21: Megan Altstadt, Jensen Burk, Roger Hall, Taylor Koester, Jennifer Muensterman

OCTOBER 22: Dana Grasso, Jared Muensterman, Becky Heidorn

OCTOBER 23: Rodney Baehl, Jayne Downs, Carson Englert, Jodi Fehrenbacher, Fred Happe

OCTOBER 24: Lucas Murray, Nancy Ruminer, Cale Schnaus, Lauren Voelker, Heather Wingert

OCTOBER 18: Gary & Kathy Weinzaepfel (40 Years!)

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OCTOBER 24: Glenn & Joyce Lewis

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



JOIN US THIS WEEK

- Learn more about *Becoming Catholic*
Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm
- That Man is You* Men's Faith Sharing Group
Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm
- Foundations of our Faith* Study Group
Wednesday evening at 6:45 pm.

ALL GATHERINGS ARE HELD IN OUR SCHOOL MEETING

Children's Liturgy



CHILDREN (age 4 thru 2nd grade)
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE
LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE
10:30 AM MASS EACH SUNDAY

THIS WEEK'S MOWING
CREW: TEAM 2

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In our Catholic Tradition, the month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have died. On Sunday Nov. 1, we will have a special remembrance of all the members of our parish and friends and members of parish families who have died this past year.

We especially invite all those who have lost loved ones this past year to join us after the 8 am Mass on November 1 for coffee and breakfast treats.

Sunday, November 1, you are invited to the annual All Souls Day Mass at 2 pm at St. Joseph Cemetery in the city of Evansville. Mass will be in the cemetery mausoleum chapel.



Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 17-18
5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchison, Sis & Katie Jarboe
8 AM (L) Jalene Roeleke, (EM) Bryan & Ann Craney, Marcia Frey Ryan Frey
10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Angie Will, Austin Frey, Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24-25
5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Donald Werner, Diane Woods, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier
8 AM (L) Tom Blythe (EM) Rodney & Paula Baehl, Lisa Cook Darlene Appler
10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Paul Hillenbrand, Becky Doshe, Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus

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 St. James All School Reunion—Nov. 7 2 pm-7
 St. Bernard Mystery Dinner—Nov. 22 4 pm
 Mater Dei Band Craft Show—Nov. 28 9-2

This week we continue reading Pope Leo's letter (encyclical)
Magnifica Humanitas: On the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence

AN EXAMEN FOR THE CHURCH

With this in mind, subsidiarity becomes the guiding principle for governance and pastoral life. It involves recognizing and supporting the faithful and intermediary ecclesial organizations as they carry out their responsibilities, valuing charisms and skills and avoiding any form of paternalism that suffocates evangelical freedom. In practical terms, the participation of the baptized in decision-making processes and their shared responsibility in the mission are achieved through genuine, rather than merely nominal, participatory bodies.

For the Christian community, solidarity finds its source in the mystery of Christ and is nourished by the Eucharist. Solidarity emerges from communion in faith and the Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation unite us in Christ, so that we may become one Body and one Spirit, one heart and one soul (cf. Eph 4:4; Acts 4:32). The Eucharist, which is the sacrament of unity, nurtures our belonging to the Body of Christ and teaches us how to share. The diverse sensibilities present in the Church and the strong convictions that animate each person are a source of richness if they remain anchored in the certainty that unity is a gift received and a responsibility to be fulfilled.

Living out justice in the Church means purifying ecclesial relationships and structures from distortions that give rise to inequality, lack of transparency and abuse of power. In this regard, listening to the victims of spiritual, economic, institutional, sexual and power-based abuse, as well as abuses of conscience, is an integral part of a journey toward justice, which includes acknowledging the harm done, just reparation and taking steps to prevent it from happening again. Every power is at the service of communion and mission. All authority is at the service of the People of God. This ministry of service is expressed not only through our faith celebrated and lived in the Sacraments, and in the adoption of a synodal style, but also in the concrete sharing of goods.

Following the example of the early Church, ecclesial resources need to be shared so that no one among us may be in need (cf. Acts 4:34), and so that their administration may support the mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the poorest. Regular assessments of the exercise of ministerial responsibilities should be encouraged, not as judgments on individuals, but as tools for learning and correction oriented toward mission. Only to the extent that we are open to the action of the Holy Spirit will these principles of Social Doctrine become incarnate in ecclesial life. In this way, the Church will be able to bear credible witness to society that seeking the common good together, with shared responsibility and fraternity, is not a utopia, but a real possibility.

CHAPTER THREE TECHNOLOGY AND DOMINANCE THE GRANDEUR OF HUMANITY IN LIGHT OF THE PROMISES OF AI

Having recalled the principles that shine a light on Social Doctrine, I would now like to focus on certain challenges that profoundly shape our way of living today. The biblical image accompanying these reflections is that of a building project. On the one hand, there is the Tower of Babel, where collective effort follows a plan that dominates and ultimately dehumanizes (cf. Gen 11:1-9). On the other hand, there are the ruins of Jerusalem, which under Nehemiah's direction are rebuilt piece by piece as a project of shared responsibility (cf. Neh 2-6). We are called to reflect on the great "construction sites" of our era and ask: What are we building? As technological development rapidly transforms languages, relationships, institutions and forms of power, we believers must and can choose which projects to work on and in what manner, so as to safeguard and value the grandeur of humanity that has been given to us as a gift. This is a choice not only for our future but also for our present, since artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies are already part of our daily lives.

I am convinced that the concrete way of living out social relationships in the light of the Gospel is not established once and for all, but remains a task entrusted, from generation to generation, to the Christian community. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church allows herself to be enlightened by God's word, reads the signs of the times and creatively seeks new ways for relationships between peoples and nations to become ever more conformed to the demands of the Kingdom of God. For this reason, I encourage all members of the Church not to be afraid of the present challenges, but to listen to one another and firmly embrace their responsibilities in building a more humane and fraternal society.

TO BE CONTINUED You can read the whole document at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>



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