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OCTOBER 4, 2026 THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILATION
Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

It's Fall Festival Week which means lots of folks will be helping out with our Men's Club and PTO Booths. They have been hard at work already making 2000 pounds of pork into thousands of quarter pound sausage burgers squeezing the juice out of 15 cases of lemons for those great lemon shake ups and making that famous Heidelberg Cheesy Potato Soup.

It's not too late to offer your help at the PTO Booth and Men's Club Booth. Sign up today to help at the PTO Booth. Sign up online https://ttsu.me/stjff2023 for the PTO booth. Call Josh Elfreich (812-746-2068) to help at the Men's Club Booth. Remember that the Men's Club has a new spot for their booth this year, in front of Bud's Country Bar and Grill. I thank you all in advance for all your work this week at the Fall Festival.

One of my great joys as pastor is to learn the stories of people. And once you learn people's story, you can never remain indifferent to them. In knowing them, we can be a blessing to them. That is what Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is today, tried to teach by the example of his life. He challenged his followers to notice others and make room for them in your life. I heard once, that the best description of a Christian is a person who by their very presence, makes you feel better about yourself and about life.

In a world full of angry voices, where people are so quick to divide others into good or bad, into those who are with us and those who deserve to be thrown out, what a great thing it would be to have folks who focus on being a blessing to others. We can easily dismiss this as being naïve and simplistic. What is worse is that we can easily succumb to an attitude that "there is nothing I can do about it."

Jesus was constantly reminding his disciples, "don't be afraid." St. Paul tells us "We give thanks to God whose power now at work in your lives can do far more than you can ask or even imagine." When we allow ourselves to be a blessing for others we are really allow the life of Christ to flow through us. To be a blessing for others is to allow the love and compassion of Jesus to flow through us to touch the hearts of others. This is what brings life and hope to our world.

Leaning into the journey of life,
Fr. Gene Schroeder

JOIN US TODAY AFTER THE 8 AM MASS FOR COFFEE, JUICE, DONUT S & MORE TASTY TREATS

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PARISH GOAL	$133,345.00	
PLEDGED TO DATE	$ 34,820.36	26%
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	35	7%

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MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS George & Betty Duncan, Infant Sauer (1864), Casparus Westhofer (1888), For all the people in our parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: William Daniel Oldham, Bill Summers, Mac & Ann Glaser, Clarence & Catherine Miller, Gerald Drone, Janet Zirkelbach

10:30 AM MASS: Carol Golzhauser (1864), Sylvester Ulrich (1865), Gusparus Goebel (1868), Frances Seiler (1875), Joseph Rexing (1880), Catharina Witt (1898), Anna Seib (1915), Frank (1984) & Theresa Arnold, Verena Steckler (1992)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Barbara Kraft (1882) Florentina (2006) & Albert Gries

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Deichelbohrer (1859), Guielmus Goebel (1882), Rosa Gobel (1887), Gustaf Wiesinger (1982), Louise Thornsberry (1995)

WEDNESDAY, OCTBOER 7
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

7:30 AM MASS: Charles and Marge Buechlein, Daniel uechlein, Monica & Joseph Berger, Frank (2009) & Dorothy Eckart

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: John Storssen (1917), Randall Rexing (1987), Jim Collins (2022)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS (IN THE RECTORY): Francis Behme (1870), John Litzler (1877), Benjamin Muensterman (1963), Albert Kissel (1986), Theodore Kraft (1997)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: JoAnn Schoenstein, Fran Happe, Maria Brentl (1874), Francis Rexing (1893), Joseph (1984) & Clara Frank

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM MASS: Janey Egli, Sr. Helen Brewer, D.C. Joe & Eleanor Lasher, For all the People in our Parish

10:30 AM MASS: Anna & Joe Glaser, Dolores Goebel, Rosie Corn, Art Glaser, Oliver Wallace, Francis Schmitt (1876), Matilda Will (1902), Laurence Spitzer (1909), Infant Hartweck (1957), Francis (1969) & Norma Maurer, Martha Seib (1976), Donald (2019) & Delores Schroeder

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	**$ 8,837.00**
WEEKLY BUDGET	**$ 15,350.00**
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	**$ 157,239.16**
BUDGET TO DATE	**$ 199,550.00**
MAINTENANCE	**$ 200.00**
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:	**$ 6.00**

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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

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RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: *Carl Kempf*
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 4: Mark Weidner
OCTOBER 5: Briley Barkley, Chad Craney, Lillian Mochau, Tony Tenhumberg, Patti Will
OCTOBER 6: Brian Mullins, Matt Raben
OCTOBER 7: Jack Elpers, Asher Kares, Kelly Pennington
OCTOBER 8: Mitchell Adler, Andrew Craney, Jaiden Putney, Tony Scheller, Judy Werner, Jacob Stratman
OCTOBER 9: Audrey Chrislie, Carter Kinnaman, Keelie Link, Mason Mossberger, Dan Schenk, Cale Schanus
OCTOBER 10: Al Debes

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 4: Rick & Pauline Elpers, Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Rick and Chris Scheller (40 Years)
OCTOBER 5: Larry & Jackei Gries, Don & Lissa Rexing
OCTOBER 6: Troy & Autumn Link
OCTOBER 7: Doug & Cindi Klueh, Dennis & Bobbie Gibbs, Roy & Stephanie Hostettler, Michael & Sarah Wiley
OCTOBER 8: Debbie & Tom Clem
OCTOBER 9: Andy & Jennifer Hoffman
OCTOBER 10: Bryan & Ann Craney, Kevin & Ladonna Elpers

Please remember in your prayers ***Donald Tieken,*** the brother of Becky Richter and Janice Herr and cousin of Darlene Appler and Julie Market who died last week. Donald was a prominent leader of Habitat of Georgia. May God grant him eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of Donald's family.

THIS WEEK'S MOWING CREW: TEAM 5

What a great job our mowing crews do each week

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 3-4 5 PM (L) Jim Hermann, (EM) Donald Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher,Donna Niemeier, Diane Woods, 8 AM (L) Tom Folz (EM) Darlene Appler, Jalane Weber, Kylie & Stephanie Frey **10:30 AM** (L) Chad Martin (EM) Amy Cody, Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus, Becky Dosher **WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 10-11 5 PM** (L) Toni Askins (EM) Eric & Karen McDonald, Butch & Linda Feulner **8 AM** (L) Tom Blythe (EM) Tom & Dolores Folz, Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers **10:30 AM** (L) Jane Scheller, (EM) Austin Frey, Steve Jung, Al Debes, Debra Baumgart

Mary and the Month of October

Please join us in October as we pray the rosary before each of our weekend Masses. We will begin praying the rosary twenty -five minutes before Mass.

You are also invited to join the monks at St. Meinrad for their special prayer and rosary each Sunday during October at the Monte Casino Shrine located on the abbey grounds. The prayer service, which includes a sermon and the recitation of the rosary, begins at 2 pm (EST).

COMING OUR WAY.....

MEN'S CLUB BURGOO SUN. OCT. 25
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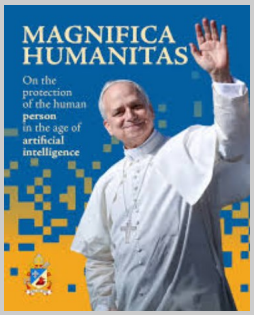
--COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES--

Again this year, we have an opportunity to stay in touch with and support our college young adults by filling out a college care package with all the kinds of snacks that will keep them going during their final exams. **PICK UP PACKAGE THIS WEEKEND. Please fill up and return them by Sunday, October 17-18.**

COME CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Cross Chicken Dinner—October 4
St. James All School Reunion—Nov. 7 2 pm-?
Haubstadt Community Center
Mater Dei Band Craft Show—Nov. 28 9-2

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



Pope Francis noted that solidarity is a way of making history that creates communities and not just masses of individuals. For this reason, it requires a modest and shared way of life, the ability to forego immediate benefits in order to create opportunities for others in the future, and a willingness to challenge habits and privileges — including those related to digital consumption and the use of technology — when they prevent others from living with dignity.

In a world marked by increasingly close connections between people, communities and nations, solidarity also takes on a global dimension. Benedict XVI strongly emphasized the link between development, justice and responsibility toward future generations, stating that authentic development requires solidarity and intergenerational justice, as well as an awareness of the bonds that unite us to the natural environment. Today, this responsibility also extends to digital and information infrastructure. Like the natural environment, the "digital ecosystem" can be preserved or exploited, shared or monopolized. Solidarity demands that decisions regarding data, algorithms, platforms and artificial intelligence take into account not only the immediate benefit for a few, but also the impact on all peoples and on future generations.

THE PRINCIPLE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the Christian community, social justice is a concrete way of following Jesus and remaining faithful to the Gospel. In the New Testament, Jesus proclaims the "good news to the poor" and identifies himself with the lowly, the sick, the imprisoned and strangers. He thus teaches us that justice is born from, and fulfilled in, fraternity, because the way we approach and relate to the least among us becomes, in concrete terms, the measure of our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters. Justice, however, concerns not only the behavior of individuals, but also the way in which the structures of society are conceived and organized. In this regard, the Second Vatican Council reminds us that every institution is called to serve the human person and his or her dignity. Social justice is, therefore, characterized by the capacity of a social, economic and political order to allow everyone — particularly the weakest — to live a truly dignified life, without leaving anyone behind.

The recent Magisterium has insisted that social justice begins with the least among us. Saint John Paul II spoke of a preferential option for the poor that must guide both personal and societal choices, while Pope Francis denounced a "'throw away' culture" that generates ever new forms of exclusion. From this perspective, social justice requires us to look at individuals and communities, starting with the most vulnerable: the poor, migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, victims of violence and people living in urban or existential peripheries.

The idea of "social justice" helps us recognize that injustices do not arise solely from the wrong choices of individuals, but also from structures, mechanisms and economic and cultural systems that produce inequality almost automatically. Saint John Paul II spoke in this vein of structures of sin that oppose God's will and require a commitment to personal and social conversion. In this perspective, justice is not merely about the fairer distribution of resources or the correction of current injustices, but also assumes a restorative dimension. It aims to mend broken bonds and reintegrate those who have been excluded, taking into account the wounds caused by injustices, such as wars, colonialism, racial or gender discrimination, violence against entire peoples and exploitation. This may include restoring dignity and a voice to those who have been ignored, fostering processes of healing for collective memory, opposing discriminatory laws and practices, and providing concrete support to those who still bear the consequences of wrongs suffered in the past.

Today, social justice must also grapple with the environment shaped by digital technologies. The spread of global networks, platforms and artificial intelligence systems is changing the way we obtain information, communicate and access services. Justice demands that we prevent the emergence of new forms of exclusion and deprivation of freedoms: individuals and peoples hindered or denied access to basic technologies, communities exposed to invasive surveillance and social groups penalized by opaque algorithms that perpetuate prejudice and discrimination. In the digital age, a just social order guarantees everyone equal access to opportunities, protects the youngest and weakest. combats hate and misinformation and subjects the use of data and technology to public oversight, so that the guiding principle is not solely profit but the dignity of every person and the common good of all people.

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