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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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NOVEMBER 16, 2025 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Dear friends,

We are coming to the end of our liturgical year and in the readings today we hear at about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings. Jesus tells them that the day will come when not one stone from the temple will be left undisturbed

What are we to do? The great spiritual fathers and mothers of our catholic tradition remind us that we should busy ourselves with the things that Jesus was concerned about—giving our lives in service to others, looking out for others especially the poor. I see this kind of thing happening each week

in our parish. It happens when folks are giving their time serving the needs of others at the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry, and Birthright. It happens in simple ways when people offer their time to coach a ball team or volunteer for playground duty, or serve as a part of a lawn mowing crews.

And it happened as folks gathered to work at the Fall Festival Booths last month or gathered to make Burgoo several weeks ago and sausage this past week. It also happened when folks contributed to our Sausage for the Homeless campaign. With your help we were able to provide the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry with almost 300 pounds of sausage to be shared with families in need.

And it happens when people help to do the work of our church throughout our diocese by making a financial pledge to our Catholic Parishes Campaign. With the help of 55% of our parish families, we have now reached 93% of our CPC goal. My prayer is that their example of generosity will inspire the other 44% of our parish families to come up with the remaining \$9,685.00 we need to reach our goal.

All these efforts, large and small, are examples of people who are making their world bigger. In the process they are embracing the things the things Jesus considered important. And through it all they are bringing hope to a world that so desperately needs signs of hope.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$131,040.00

PLEDGED TO DATE \$121,355.00 93%

NUMBER OF PLEDGES 278 55%

AVERAGE PLEDGE \$436.46

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the CMA. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

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LET EVENING COME

Let the light of late afternoon shine through chinks in the barn, moving up the bales as the sun moves down.

Let the cricket take up chafing as a woman takes up her needles and her yarn. Let evening come.

Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned in long grass. Let the stars appear and the moon disclose her silver horn.

Let the fox go back to its sandy den. Let the wind die down. Let the shed go black inside. Let evening come.

To the botle in the ditch, to the scoop in the oats, to air in the lung let evening come.

Let it come, as it will, and don't be afraid. God does not leave us comfortless, so let evening come. Jane Kenyon



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Kenny Schapker, Maria Schilly (1863), Sr. Eusebia O.S.F. (Mary Hartlein) (1901), Cecilia Beyer (1905), Louisa Beyer (1905) Sr. Adolphina O.S.F. (Elizabeth Gumbel) (1926), Betty (2010) & Urban Will, Alex & Jamie Williams, For all the people in our parish



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe & Anita Rexing, Clarence & Mildred Rexing, Mac & Ann Glasser, Hank & June Preske, Dick & Mary Ann Klausmeier, Leo & Berta Waninger, Herman & Alvina Titzer 10:30 AM MASS: Mike Helfert, Francis Reising (1861), Catharine Macke (1900), Maria Kuebler (1900), Leonard Woodward (1979), Sheryl, (2016), Paul, Marlene, Stan and Susan Hasselbrinck, Eugene & Mary Butler

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

6:30 AM MASS: Maria Eva Reis (1859), Catharine Barbara Weidner (1860), Maria Erbacher (1872), James York (1989) Anna Zehner (1990)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Koester (1871), Joel Eickhoff (1994), Mag & Joe Eickhoff, Fr. John Finis (18th Pastor of St. Joe) (2002)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Janice Goebel, Fr. Bill Dietsch, Edward & Marie Dietsch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

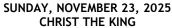
NO MASS: Fred Lunkenheimer (1859), Ferdinand Angermeyer (1880), Lulia Beyer (1905)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025 PRESENTATION OF THE MARY

7:30 AM MASS: Br. Barry Stanton, FPM, Infant Frey (1861), Elisabeth Bahl (1873), Maria Neuhofer (1886), Anna (1915) & Barthal Bender, Hubert (1991) & Rose Ellen Unfried

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025 CHRIST THE KING

5:00 PM MASS: John Hartlein (1872), John Rockemeyer (1878), Joseph Kercher (1891), Caecilia Ritter (1902), Dorethea Goebel (1926), John (1994) & Mary Effinger



8:00 AM MASS: Mary Jane Hochgesang, John Reckelhoff, Helen Klueh, For all the people in our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Anthony and Elizabeth Kempf, Virgil and Rosemary Spaetti, Florence and Charlie Osterman, Margaret and Cletus Wannemuehler, Art Kempf, Greg Kempf, Edgar Hartz



Children's Uturgy 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

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved



NOVEMBER 9, 2025	\$ 5,627.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 227,976.76
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 291,650.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 45.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 15.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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TOTAL PLEDGED \$ 805,572.00 \$ 808,488.23 RECEIVED TO DATE

Your monthly packet of collection envelopes now includes a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

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

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Christine Settle, 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

Congratulations to Caroline and Michael Coughlin on the birth of their son, Atlas Michael.

NOV. 16: Beverly Jones, Jessica Raben

NOV. 17: Ruth Burk, Sydney Smith,

Karen Trimborn, Drew Wiley

NOV.18: Brooks Dalrymple, Graham Gibson,

Cindy Schmitt, Joe Weber

NOV. 19: Donna Blythe

NOV. 19: Dane Freeman, Amy Spaetti, Rose Yancey

NOV. 20: Keri Hartiz, Brinley Tenbarge,

Easton Wagner

NOV. 21: Savana Hrulbut, Dana VanBibber

NOV. 22: Matt Kelly, Chad Martin, Caroline Owens

NOV. 16: Keith & Carrie Fehrenbacher



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY



Please remember in your prayers Fr. **Bill Dietsch**, a priest in our diocese who died this past week. Fr. Bill grew up in St. Wendel Parish and was ordained priest on December 18, 1971. He served at a number of parishes in our

diocese including St. Theresa, Sts. Peter and Paul in Petersburg, Mary Help of Christians in Mariah Hill. St. Agnes and St. Francis in Poseyville. We give thanks for Fr. Bill's service to our diocese and we pray that God will grant him eternal rest.



Kempf, Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15-16 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson, Sis & Katy Jarobe 8 AM (L) Josh Baehl, LECTOR (L) ELCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) (EM) Randy and Kathy Fehren-

bacher, Bryan and Ann Craney 10:30 AM (L) Jane Schller, (EM) Debra Baumgart Sally

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 22-23 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker (EM) Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson, Sis & Katie Jarboe, 8 AM (L) Jalene Weber (EM) Bryan and Ann Craney, Marcia Frey Terry Drone 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Doris Taylor Sally Kempf, Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig

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contacting the parish office (812-963-3273).



Parents Night Out is coming-Saturday December 13th from 6-9 pm. Children are welcome to come for a night IN while

parents can enjoy a higt OUT!. We will have dinner, decorate Christmas cookies, play Christmas games, and watch a Christmas movie! Jr. High and High School students are welcome to help. (Receive a school free dress pass for helping.) If you are interested, please contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812-598-1151) to register by December 8th. \$10.00 per child.

INTERESTED IN MAKE A CURSILLO WEEKEND? ALREADY MADE A CURSILLO WEKEEND? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Cursillo is a Catholic lay movement that aims to help people discover their personal relationship with Christ and live out their faith joyfully and authentically. A four-



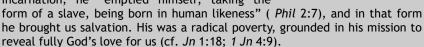
day encounter (Thursday evening to Sunday) prepares the Christian to live out his or her faith. Members then meet in groups for mutual support and encouragement. If you are interested in making a Cursillo, have questions or looking for a sponsor, contact Cale (812-774 -0732) or Rachael (812-499-8248) Schnaus.

If you have completed your Cur-sillo, we would love to know if you are grouping. If so, where and when are you grouping and if you are willing to accept any new Cursillista's? If you are not grouping, but would like to find a group to join, we will help get you into a group. Thank you for your help in keeping the Cursillo movement

ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exortation Delexi Te of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor JESUS, THE POOR MESSIAH

The Old Testament history of God's preferential love for the poor and his readiness to hear their cry — to which I have briefly alluded comes to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. By his Incarnation, he "emptied himself, taking the



As Saint Paul puts it in his customarily brief but striking manner: "You know well the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9).

The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that "there was no place for them in the inn" (Lk 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15).

At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. Lk 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. Mk 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this privilegium pauperum. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor.

There are some clues about Jesus' social status. First of all, he worked as a craftsman or carpenter, téktōn (cf. Mk 6:3). These were people who earned their living by manual labor. Not owning land, they were considered inferior to farmers. When the baby Jesus was presented in the Temple by Joseph and Mary, his parents offered a pair of turtledoves or pigeons (cf. Lk 2:22-24), which according to the prescriptions of the Book of Leviticus (cf. 12:8) was the offering of the poor.

A fairly significant episode in the Gospel tells us how Jesus, together with his disciples, gathered heads of grain to eat as they passed through the fields (cf. Mk 2:23-28). Only the poor were allowed to do this gleaning in the fields. Moreover, Jesus says of himself: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Mt 8:20; Lk 9:58). He is, in fact, an itinerant teacher, whose poverty and precariousness are signs of his bond with the Father. They are also conditions for those who wish to follow him on the path of discipleship. In this way, the renunciation of goods, riches and worldly securities becomes a visible sign of entrusting oneself to God and his providence.

21. At the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus appeared in the synagogue of Nazareth reading the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and applying the prophet's words to himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor" (Lk 4:18; cf. Is 61:1). He thus reveals himself as the One who, in the here and now of history, comes to bring about God's loving closeness, which is above all a work of liberation for those who are prisoners of evil, and for the weak and the poor. The signs that accompany Jesus' preaching are manifestations of the love and compassion with which God looks upon the sick, the poor and sinners who, because of their condition, were marginalized by society and even people of faith. He opens the eyes of the blind, heals lepers, raises the dead and proclaims the good news to the poor: God is near, God loves you (cf. Lk 7:22). This explains why he proclaims: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God" (Lk 6:20). God shows a preference for the poor: the Lord's words of hope and liberation are addressed first of all to them. Therefore, even in their poverty or weakness, no one should feel abandoned. And the Church, if she wants to be Christ's Church, must be a Church of the Beatitudes, one that makes room for the little ones and walks poor with the poor, a place where the poor have a privileged place TO BE CONTINUED

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