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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 2, 2025 COMMERATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



Dear friends,

In our Catholic Tradition, the month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have died. To be remembered is a deeply held human need. We all want to know that people will remember us, that we will not be forgotten. Remembering is a gift we give to others. Each time we recall a

memory of those we love, they continue to live in our

One of the ways we remember people is by praying for them at Mass. You may remember this as "having a Mass celebrated for a particular person." Each week we list the particular intentions in the weekly bulletin. These are the names of loved ones that people would like the parish to remember at Mass.

All of us know members of our family who have died: an aunt or uncle, a cousin, a grandparent or a child or even a close friend or co-worker. Even if your loved ones do not happen to have been a member of the Catholic Church, you are invited to share their names as well. You may also want to list the particular day you want to remember them-perhaps their birthday, or wedding anniversary, or the day they died. If you come to a particular Mass, you may want to ask that your loved ones be remembered at that particular time. There is no charge for this, but if you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved one, you can always do that.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

#### CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$131,040.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$113,085.00 86% NUMBER OF PLEDGES 253 49% AVERAGE PLEDGE

\$446.98 Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our APPEAL

gross income to the CMA. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

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### **REMEMBERING OUR PARISHIONERS** WHO DIED THIS PAST YEAR

Herman Schmitt David George Mary Stratman Betty Fischer Harry Woods Everett "Bub" Baylor Dave Fehrenbacher Charlie Niemeier Rose Weiss Marie Gumbel Marianne Ritter Fran Happe Stephanie Purcell Margaret Will Dolores Schroeder John Koch

The great challenge is to claim the joy that Jesus offers us. Jesus is God of the living. Jesus came to bring life, and life in abundance. Jesus came to break the chain of wounds and needs and to overcome death. He came to give life.

and life is joy. "I want my joy to be yours and for your joy to be complete" (John 15:11). Jesus says, "I came to overcome death and to give you life that does not end."





### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 FEAST OF ALL SOULS

5:00 PM MASS: Harold Recker, Herman Schmitt, George David, Mary Stratman, Marianne & Gene Ritter, Fran Happe, Harry Woods, John Farne (1875), Stephanie Purcell, Rhett Harrison (1988)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 FEAST OF ALL SOULS

**8:00** AM MASS: Al & Kate Schmitt, Jerome & Matilda Lutz, George Joseph Lutz, Betty & Ray Fischer, Fischer, Bub Baylor, Marie & Leo Gumbel, Rose & Leroy Weiss, Dave Fehrenbacher, For the needs of all the people in our parish 10:30 AM MASS: John Koch, Dolores Schroeder, Don Schroeder, Bill Helfreich, Charlie & John Niemeier, Margaret & Sylvester Will, John Ferstel (1871), James Smith (1981)

#### NOVEMBER 3 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**6:30 PM MASS:** Regina Frank (1869), Philip Freppon (1888), Francis Helfrich (1904), Fred (1925) & Margaret Goebel, (Dorothy (2011) & Eugene Wargel

#### NOVEMBER 4

ST. CHARLES BARROMEO

**7:30 AM MASS:** Norbert (2006) & Emma Yellig, Alberta (2009) and Gilbert Fehrenbacher, Harvey Klenck, Dennis Fehrenbacher, George David

**NOVEMBER 5** 

**WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

7:30 AM MASS: Victor Wolf (1982),

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Maria Spahn (1878), Rosa (1917) & John Reising, Regina (1929) & Peter Urich, Clarence (1966) & Nadine Macke, Marcia (2000) & Kenny Hipp

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7:30 AM MASS:** Christina Rode (1862), Barbara Kling (1868), Maria Baehl (1900)

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

#### DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN CHURCH IN ROME

**5:00 PM MASS:** Virginia Schoolfield, Joseph & Veronica Mayer, William & Bryan Schoolfield, Ruth Waters, Rosemary Kirshner, Rita Hoefling, Carolyn Bray, Syl & Bernie Mayer,. Kenny Fehrenbacher, Marian & Wilbur Fehrenbacher, Dave Fehrenbacher, Joseph Hartlein (1887), Sylvester Hartlein (1919), Walter Baehl (1921), Infant Jochum (1968), Carmen (2004) & Jack Sheridan, Herman Tenhumberg (2004)

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

#### DEDICATION OF ST JOHN LATERAN CHURCH IN ROME

**8:00 AM MASS:** Carl Morris, Jr., David Seib, Dennis Fruitts, Henry & Elsie Appler, John, Mina, Tony, Peter, & Elizabeth Lorenze

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Freddie, Rose & Leroy Weiss, Val Pfaffman, Joe & Annabelle Straub, Mary Gribsby, Randall Rexing (1953), Carl & Madeline Rexing, For all the people in our parish





Please remember in your prayers *Virgina*Schoolfield, the sister of Joe Meyer who died
last week. May God's peace be with Virginia and all her family and friends.

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

As we pray today for an increase of spiritual gifts, we are reminded by the bishops' pastoral on stewardship that good stewardship of the Church "means cherishing and fostering the gifts of all, while using one's own gifts to serve the community of faith."



OCTOBER 26, 2025 \$ 12,339.00
WEEKLY BUDGET \$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE \$ 215,534,76
BUDGET TO DATE \$ 260,950.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION \$ 5.00

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## 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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EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

NOV. 2: Magnolia Curry, Ashley Engler, Ron Kremer, Easton Luigs, Emmelyn Reffett, Tracy Watson

NOV. 3: Gavin Dosher, Adam Elpers, Khris Seger

NOV. 4: Jenny Ellioitt, Bob Gibson, Leona Hays, Sam Lagunzad

NOV. 5: Connor Fehrenbacher, Austin Frey, Ken Massberg, Paul Stewart

NOV. 6: Carol Collins, Jon Gourley, Leslie Hertel, Michael Hiestand, Chandler Schell

NOV. 7: Don Hutchison, Jane Kremer, Jessica Reckelhoff, Chuck Roberts, Sawyer Schnaus

NOV. 8: Neringa Clark, Rob MoIntgomery, William Whitehouse

NOV. 3: Randy & Janice Tebarge, Sarah & Dan Kissel

NOV. 5: Jim & Diane Werner, Matt & Sydney Kelly

NOV. 6: Dave & Becky Richter, Glen & Debbie Seibert

NOV. 7: Tim & Cassie Meyer, Luke & Brook Spaetti

NOV. 8: Dennis & Donna Niemeier,

Joey & Kristen Arnold, Mark & Mendy Hall

In celebration of this Jubilee Year, our diocese is building a home for Habitat home for Mi-Kyla, and her daughter at 1508 Florence Ave-



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**HAPPY** 

**BIRTHDAY** 

nue. You can help with this project by being part of the building crew (contact Matt at the Diocesan Office (812-424-5536) and/or by helping to finance the cost of this house. Send your donations to the parish office vis the mail or through the collection.



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



WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 1-2 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Eric and Karen McDonald, Butch and Linda Feulner 8 AM (L) Tom Folz (EM) Marcia Frey, Stephanie LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Frey, Tom and Dolores Folz 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Becky Dosher Steve

Jung, Debra Baumgart, Al Debes

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7-8 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods Eric Reffett, Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Jalane Weber Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers Chick Duncan 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Shane Wessel Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor



#### FAMILY POTLUCK AND GAMES NIGHT NOV. 1

Join us for a Family Potluck, Bingo, and games in the gym. Bring your favorite side dish and join is some bingo and other

POTLUCK DINNER games night this comng November 1st after the 5:00 Mass. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff to register!

#### MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE SALE Taking orders thru November 3 5 lb Minimm Order Link/Bulk Cost is \$4/ pound. There are sign

up sheets at the church doors.





Mater Dei Open House Thursday, November 6th . 6-8 pm Mater Dei Band Craft Show and Vendor Fair, Saturday, November 29, 9-2

## OUS EDUCATION EWS - NEWS - NEWS - NEWS - NEWS - NEWS - NEWS



That Man Is You-Wednesday at 5:30 The Chosen Bible Study Wednesday at 6:45 pm Women's Book Study Friday 8:30 am RCIA (Sunday at 9 am

Boot Camp Exercise Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5 am For information about any of the above contact Jessica Reckelhoff, 812-598-1151 CELL, 812-963-3273 OFFICE

#### LOTTERY TIME 48 CHANCES TO WIN BIG BUCKS!! GET YOUR TICKET TODAY--\$75

THE 2026 ST. JOE MONTHLY LOTTERY 49 TICKETS are now available. \$1350 to be given :/// away each month. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Look for an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks for your opportunity to partici-



pate. Our lottery sellers will also be contacting those who have bought tickets from them in the past. Cost is \$75.



THE 2026 MATER DEI/MEMORIAL TREASURE THE TRADITION LOTTERY TICKETS are also no available. Ticket are \$100. Every month there are four prizes

totaling \$13,000 given away. Tickets can be purchased at the Mater Dei School Office (812-426-2258) or by contacting the parish office (812-963-3273).

OCTOBER LOTTERY WINNERS: ST. JOE: \$750-Julie Scott, \$300-Doris Thornton, \$200-Brian & Jenny Elpers, \$100-Lori Fritch MATER DEI TRADITION: \$10,000 - Susan Krag, 1,500 -Anonymous, \$1,000 -Patricia Martino, \$500 - James and Justine Cameron



Thanks to your help we were able to contribute 29 units of blood to the blood bank.

Thanks to Jeff & Jenny Puckett, Donna Blankenberger, Terry Drone and Imogene Baehl for hosting this event.

## ON 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

A concrete commitment to the poor must also be accompanied by a change in mentality that can have an impact at the cultural level. In fact, the illusion of hap-



piness derived from a comfortable life pushes many people towards a vision of life centered on the accumulation of wealth and social success at all costs, even at the expense of others and by taking advantage of unjust social ideals and political-economic systems that favor the strongest.

Thus, in a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists — sometimes well disguised — that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

We must not let our guard down when it comes to poverty. We should be particularly concerned about the serious conditions in which many people find themselves due to lack of food and water. In wealthy countries too, the growing numbers of the poor are equally a source of concern. In Europe, more and more families find themselves unable to make it to the end of the month.

In general, we are witnessing an increase in different kinds of poverty, which is no longer a single, uniform reality but now involves multiple forms of economic and social impoverishment, reflecting the spread of inequality even in largely affluent contexts. Let us not forget that doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending and protecting their vulnerable families.

While significant changes are under way in some countries, the organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men. We say one thing with our words, but our decisions and reality tell another story, especially if we consider the numbers of women who are in fact destitute.

#### IDEALOGICAL PREJUDICES

Looking beyond the data — which is sometimes "interpreted" to convince us that the situation of the poor is not so serious — the overall reality is quite evident: Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development. Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that new forms of poverty are emerging. The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship.

Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical Looking beyond specific situations and contexts, however, a 1984 document of the European Community declared that the poor shall be taken to mean persons, families and groups of persons whose resources (material, cultural and social) are so limited as to exclude them from the minimum acceptable way of life in the Member States in which they live. Yet if we acknowledge that all human beings have the same dignity, independent of their place of birth, the immense differences existing between countries and regions must not be ignored. TO BE CONTINUED

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