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APRIL 26, 2026 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A community of joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

Today we celebrate with all the young boys and girls who are making their First Communion. What I remember about my First Communion was memorizing the prayers we said before we received communion and after we received communion, and practicing the right way to receive communion. But what I remember most was the dinner with family, cousins, aunts and uncles and grandparents. I'm sure it will be much the same with the young boys and girls who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time. I guess that's understandable. After all, what was I able to comprehend at the age of seven? Truth is that we don't come to understand everything about being Catholic as much as we come to learn about it by seeing how others live their lives. Made not born, is how one person described the journey of being Catholic.

So our young boys and girls will need to watch the way we live and act if they are to come to understand what receiving communion is all about. In this simple ordinary act of eating and drinking, which is what receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in communion is all about, we teach them that God is present in the most ordinary of events. And because we believe in the Real Presence, we teach them that this Real Presence is everywhere and in everything. And we teach them that we become what we eat—we become the very life of Christ for the world. We teach them that when we come to pray at Mass we bring all our the brokenness of our life to be healed. We teach them that when we love one another as Christ loves us we become the presence of Christ revealed to the world.

Now that's a lot to learn and even more a lot to actually live out in our lives. So we'll give these young boys and girls some time to embrace all of this. In the meantime, we teach them that even now, when they come to communion, they are being fed with the life of Jesus, the Christ. And that nourishment will help them be Christ to all the people they come into contact in their world today. What's great about this is that they don't really have to understand just how this happens. All they have to do is open their hearts and let God's life flow through them. They don't even have to know who it affects or even how it affects them. They just have to be willing to let God do great things through them. And they will learn how to do this by watching all of us do the same thing in our lives. All in all, pretty heady stuff! So let's join in congratulating and celebrating with our young first communicants today.



This weekend we also extend a warm welcome to the Knights of St. John and their wives from throughout Indiana who have gathered here for their annual state convection. The members of our local Knights of St. John Commandry are hosting this event and providing all the food for the gathering. That means that everyone will eat well!

As these men gather for food, meetings and fellowship, I am reminded of the words of Psalm 133: How good and how pleasant it is, brothers dwelling in unity and peace!"

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to all our faithful mowing crews. Thanks as well to the great crew who fixed and served the meal for the Nut Club members this past Tuesday, and thanks to our great volunteers who have prepared our newsletter for mailing.



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3
AT 9AM FOR DONUTS, COFFEE
AND SO MUCH MORE!

Congratulations to these young boys and girls who are making their First Communion today

- Sam Back
- Ella Carlisle
- Rhett Gambrel
- Anthony Greubel
- Ansley Hendon
- Riley Hertel
- Hensley Jarboe
- Asher Kares
- Oakley Kendle
- Andrew McCauley
- Bryce Mehringer
- Jack Mochau
- Grayson Muensterman
- Caroline Owens
- Payne Schiff
- Vivi Spaetti
- Brinley TenBarge
- Ella Weber
- Abigail Williams
- Ike Williams



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30 PM MASS: Billie Jo Dieckhaus Elana Lopez, Frank (1955) & Katherine Will, Henry Strott (1955), Anna Angermeier (1962), Bettye (2022) & Art Logel



SUNDAY, APRIL 26

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Jerry Cain, Don & Mary Appler, Geroge & Margarette Summers, Matthew & Anne Summers, Mike Knight, Joe Chesser, Jr., Mother Angelica, Pope Francis

10:30 AM MASS: (First Communion Celebration) Brent Glaser, Chester, Eloise, Joe, Mike, & Adrian Glaser, Rich Kellner, Dorothy Glaser. Anthony Frank (1870), Francis Beyer (1884), Theresia Tieken (1927), Virgil (2011) & Rosemary Spaetti (2011), Harold (2019) & Esther Niemeier

MONDAY, APRIL 27

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

6:30 PM MASS: Thomas Eichberger (1877), Anna Wolf (1901), Brian Fuchs (1997), Ann (2022) & Mac Glaser

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

7:30 AM: John (1964) & Rosa Kraft, Irvin (1993) & Norma Moutoux, William Schneider Jr. (1998)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

7:30 AM MASS (IN CHURCH WITH SCHOOL PARENTS): Maria Schili (1888), Bertha (1955) & Frank Gerteisen

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

NO MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 1

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

7:30 AM MASS (IN THE RECTORY): John Goebel (1936), Marcia Adcock (1972), Elizabeth (1994) & Joseph Woods, Patricia Fleeger (1997), Benjamin Mossberger (1997)

SATURDAY, MAY 2

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM MASS: Beth Hoefling (1955), Joseph (1981) & Agnes Scheller, Bernie Scheller, Dale Titzer (1982), Floyd & Monie Titzer



SUNDAY, MAY 3

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: William & Dorothy Martin, Susan Werner, Charlie and Bertha Head, Frank & Elizabeth Goedde, Edward Goedde, Michael Schaefer, Ermalinda Wargel, Arthur, Raymond, Sylvester, and Elmer Goedde.

10:30 AM MASS: Sr. Jacqueline Shively, Brent Glaser, OSB, Joseph Frank (1880), Fr. John Urich (1939), Susan Gardner (2009)

Anna Mae Gries is turning 100! Help shower her with cards on her birthday, May 11th. You can send a card at: The Village at Holiday, 1200 W Buena Vista Rd Apt 142, Evansville IN 47710



Please remember in your prayers **Bertha Head**, the step mother of Greg Head, who died last week. May God's peace be with Greg and all the members of his family.

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

APRIL 19, 2026	\$ 8,739.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 612,995.78
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 644,700.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI	\$ 323.00
HAITI FOOD	\$ 250.00
HAITI SEWING FUND	\$ 75.00
HOLY PLACES & HOME MISSION	\$ 50.00

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 RETIREMENT VILLAGE: *Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser*

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RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: *Carl Kempf*

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EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: *Mary Lou Davis*

April 26: Connie Gries, Aleilah Nisley, Tony Stratman

April 27: Bailey Fehrenbacher, May Scheller, Annabelle Stolz

April 28: Ron Eickhoff, Jason Gerteisen, Hunter Gillenwater, Linda Kares, Matthew Ondash, Zach Price

May 1: Sophie Fehrenbacher, Sonja Luigs, Gail Maurer

May 2: Abby Elpers

April 27: Chuck & Sharon Hollingsworth, Fr. Gene Schroeder, Ben & Lindsey Mehringer

April 28: Curt & Lisa Lannert, Zach & Amy Spaetti, Zach & Haldley Kendle

April 29: Gary & Diane Wunderlich, Adam & Rebecca Nisley

April 30: Terry & Julie Fehrenbacher, Joe & Julie Greubel,

Dave & Charlotte Schlichting (60 Years!)

May 1: Clarence & Julie Keller (50 Years!)

Mary & Nancy Schmitt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY JUNE 5 3-7 PM

SATURDAY JUNE 6 7-11 AM

Bag Sale begins at 9 am



Join us for CARIBBEAN NIGHTS NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 2.

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Dinner and Desserts

7:30-10:00 PM Dancing

Live and Silent Auction

If you haven't got your tickets, let us know (812-499-9074) and we will get you a place at the table. 50/ticket. All proceeds go to support our brothers and sisters in Plaine du Nord, Haiti



THIS WEEK'S MOWING CREW: TEAM 2



Liturgical Ministers WEEKEND OF APRIL 25-26 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier, Eric and Karen McDonald 8 AM LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) (L) Tom Folz (EM) Rodney and Paula Baehl, Lisa Cook, Darlene Appler 10:30 AM First Communicants
 WEEKEND OF MAY 2-3: 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Butch and Linda Feulner, Sis & Katie Jarboe 8 AM (L) Terry Drone (EM) Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher, Tom & Dolores Folz 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller (EM) Amy Cody Rachael Schnaus, Jena & Shane Wessel

CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Cozy Up with the Arts Night Thursday, April 30, 5-7:30 featuring a showing of art work by Kindergarten thru 8th Grade



Book Fair -- April 27-30
 Shop as a family on April 30th

Join us for Mass on Wednesday at 7:30
 Pastries reception after Mass

PASTRIES WITH PARENTS
 April 29 7:30 AM



ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY SPRING DINNER

The Altar Society is inviting all the ladies of the parish to their **SPRING PIZZA DINNER** on Thursday, **MAY 8th** at 6 in the school cafeteria. Make your reservation now by calling Donna Dippel at 812-963-5911,



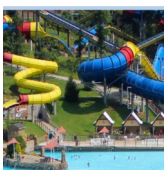
Reservations need to be made by May 6th.

COMING...THURSDAY, MAY 8

EVANSVILLE WEST SIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH HOLIDAY WORLD TRIP WEDNESDAY-- JUNE 3



Incoming 6th-outgoing 8th Graders
 \$65 per Student Ticket \$50 Chaperone Ticket. Price includes ticket, bus ride, and all you can eat lunch buffet
 Last day for registration is May 13.
 Contact Jessica Reckelhoff for registration information. 812-598-1151



COME JOIN US THIS MONTH AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES.

SPECIAL INTENTION: PEACE IN OUR WORLD



APRIL LOTTERY WINNERS: ST JOE: \$750-Bernadine Kluesner, \$300-Randy Kuester, \$200-Pat Fleck, \$100-Kathleen Lehman **MATER DEI TRADITION:** \$10,000 -Mary Ann Shrode, \$1,500- Ralph & Carrie Weiss, \$1,000 - Michael Caputo, \$500- Phyllis Tubbs-Gingerich

ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

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



CHAPTER FIVE: A CONSTANT CHALLENGE

I have chosen to recall the age-old history of the Church's care for the poor and with the poor in order to make clear that it has always been a central part of her life. Indeed, caring for the poor is part of the Church's great Tradition, a beacon guide the decisions of all Christians.

That is why we must feel bound to invite everyone to share in the light and life born of recognizing Christ in the faces of the suffering and those in need. Love for the poor is an essential element of the God's dealings with us; it rises up from the heart of the Church as a constant appeal to the hearts of the faithful. As the Body of Christ, the Church experiences the lives of the poor as her very "flesh," for theirs is a privileged place within the pilgrim people of God. Consequently, love for the poor – whatever the form their poverty may take – is the evangelical hallmark of a Church faithful to the heart of God. Indeed, one of the priorities of every movement of renewal within the Church has always been a preferential concern for the poor. In this sense, her work with the poor differs in its inspiration and method from the work carried out by any other humanitarian organization.

No Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem; they are part of our "family." They are "one of us." Nor can our relationship to the poor be reduced to merely another ecclesial activity or function. In the words of the Aparecida Document, "we are asked to devote time to the poor, to give them loving attention, to listen to them with interest, to stand by them in difficult moments, choosing to spend hours, weeks or years of our lives with them, and striving to transform their situations, starting from them. We cannot forget that this is what Jesus himself proposed in his actions and by his words."

THE GOOD SAMARITAN, ONCE AGAIN

The dominant culture today would have us abandon the poor to their fate and consider them unworthy of attention and respect. Pope Francis, in his Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, challenged us to reflect on the parable of the Good Samaritan which presents the different reactions of those confronted by the sight of a wounded man lying on the road. Only the Good Samaritan stops and cares for him. Pope Francis went on to ask each of us: "Which of these persons do you identify with? This question, blunt as it is, is direct and incisive. Which of these characters do you resemble? We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak. Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still 'illiterate' when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, and ignoring situations until they affect us directly."

It is important for us to realize that the story of the Good Samaritan remains timely even today. If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being? What did the Good Samaritan do?

The many forms of indifference we see all around us are in fact signs of an approach to life that is spreading in various and subtle ways. Caught up as we are with our own needs, the sight of a person who is suffering disturbs us. It makes us uneasy, since we have no time to waste on other people's problems. These are symptoms of an unhealthy society. A society that seeks prosperity but turns its back on suffering. May we not sink to such depths! Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan." The final words of the Gospel parable – "Go and do likewise" represent a mandate that every Christian must daily take to heart.

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