



SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

VANDEBURGH COUNTY EVANSVILLE, INDIANA ESTABLISHED IN 1841

APRIL 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

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,

It is Easter Sunday and I find myself wanting to write something especially meaningful that will match all the extra effort that surrounds our Easter celebrations. But I find myself at a loss. There has to be something more than just Easter Egg Hunts, the special dinner with families, special liturgies and the church filled with flowers and extra special decorations. All these will fade and once again our lives will be taken up with the job, school, ball practices, mowing lawns, and going to the next event that our grandchildren are a part of. What does Easter really have to offer to our world?

Easter is not a celebration of Jesus defying the laws of nature and rising from the dead. Jesus did not come to offer us a way of escaping from all the things we find so wrong and confusing about the world we live in and offering us the chance to "go to heaven" where we no longer will have to be bothered by all the things that trouble us now. Our faith is not some kind of escape plan for the next world.

What Jesus did was to enter fully into the world that existed at that time with all of its limitations and inconsistencies, all of its pains and injustices. And by entering into this world, by holding the pain and absurdity of life that was all around him, he transformed it and gave us a path of life to follow.

And then Jesus tells us that what He has done, so we must do. And we went even further by telling the disciples that they would do even greater things. Jesus came to show us how to be a presence in the world that gives life. And this is what Easter is all about. In effect he tells us "I want to show you how to see everything in the world, I want to give you the ability to stand in the midst of all the world offers—the things that are good, the things that are painful, the things that make sense, the things that defy meaning, the people who strive mightily doing courage acts of living everyday and the people who seem to be only concerned about their needs and wants, the people who are exceedingly generous and the people who wouldn't give a cup of water to a person dying of thirst. This is your world. And then he tell us to be present to all of it as well

And as we are present to this world, Jesus tells us to listen to our hearts and trust that we will hear his voice inviting us to do our little part in the great drama of life. Jesus has great confidence in us. Remember his words "It was not you who chose me but I chose you to bring life to the world." So we do our part. We share a kind word with a person, we take the time to listen to their story, we offer to help another with a task, we respond to a request to give money to a cause or maybe we get involved with the cause itself. We make an effort to be conscious of the words and judgments we hear all around us. And in this conscious effort perhaps we have the courage to see all people and all events through the eyes of compassion. And we let this kind of vision influence the words we will choose to say and how we will say them.

This is what it means to be a life giving presence in the world. And being a life giving presence is what we committed ourselves to when we renewed our baptismal promises. And it is to this way of life that our newly baptized and confirmed catechumens and candidates—Adam Burress, Cathy Drake, Madi Eagan, Zach Kendle, Erin Marx, Rachel Pedo and Erin Zirkelbach—committed themselves to as well. All that we have, our time, our energy, our enthusiasm, our material possessions and money are not just meant for our own use but have been given us to for the good of others. Whenever we care deeply about others, whenever we give freely of the gifts that have been given to us, when we think kindly and act gently in our world, we can be sure that we are being a life giving presence in the world. This kind of presence lives long after the Easter flowers have faded, and the food from our Easter dinner has been consumed.

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to all our choir members, music ministers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers and our church decorates, led by Karla Murray, for making our Holy Week services a prayerful experience for all of us.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

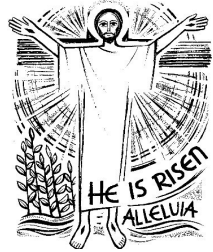
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
EASTER MASS AT NIGHT

(NB) 7:00 PM: Easter Flower Memorial Names, Valentin Meyer (1881), Herman Hassing (1889), Van Thomas (1953), Elizabeth Williams (1997)



SUNDAY, APRIL 5
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

8:00 AM: Easter Flower Memorial Names
10:30 AM: Easter Flower Memorial Names: Theresa Beckerle (1877), Bernard Urich (1887), Henry Will Sr. (1890), Elisabeth Muhs (1905), Josephina (1969) & Joseph Goebel (1969)



MONDAY, APRIL 6

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

6:30 PM MASS: Joseph Forestel (1884), Sebastian (1929) & Katherina Weiss, Andrew Martin (1965), Joyce Smith (1983), Dolores (2009) & Jim Niemeier, Allen Hartweck (2013), Jeff Schneider (2020)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Schmitt (1872), Francis Weiss (1880), Maria Rexing (1915), Mary (2013) & T.P. Lewis, Bob McIntosh (2017)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 AM MASS: Joanna Rexing (1883), Catharine Freppon (1887), Anton Salmen (1903), Amy Wallis (2020)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

NO MASS: Appolonia Schmitt (1896), Albert (1963) & Elsie Hillenbrand

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 AM MASS: Eloise Hartman (1965), Hank (2016) & June Preske

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM MASS: Fran Happe, Albert Voelker (1891), Anton Hoefling (1892), August (1938) & Victoria Theyry

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

SECDN SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM MASS: Ray & Esther Will, Ravah & Curtis Will, Jim & Dolores Niemeier, Basil, Marie, Dennis, Luke & Ali Mehringer

10:30 AM MASS: Jeff Schneider, Jack & Kate Siemers, Henry Frank (1881), Angela Kempf (1960), Loraine Meyer (1993)



In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "be intent on the things above rather than the things of earth." We too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

MARCH 29, 2026	\$ 12,019.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 572,739.78
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 598,650.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 540.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI	\$ 108.30
ST. VINCENT DePAUL	\$ 5.00
HOLY LAND	\$ 25.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSIONS	\$ 175.00

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 RETIREMNT VILLAGE: *Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser*
CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): *Steve Hasselbrinck*
RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: *Carl Kempf*
RIVER POINTE: *Beverly Jones*
HAMILTON POINTE: *Carolyn Pfaffman*
EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: *Mary Lou Davis*

APRIL 5: Tania Cunningham, Henry Fehrenbacher, Jim Happe, Clarence Keller, James Raben, Lukie Willis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 6: Andy Jarboe, Crew Jones, Kay Moutoux, Theresa Roberts, Darlene Straub



APRIL 7: Mike Evans, Claire Grentencord, Izze Lagunzad, Julie Lagunzad

APRIL 8: Carol Ashmore, ConnueHarpenau, Charlene Schapker

APRIL 9: Margaret Angermeier, Rio Burk, Grayson Muensterman, Kim Spaetti

APRIL 10: Ivy Coughlin, Owen Messal

APRIL 11: Millie Elfreich, Gary Fehrenbacher, Houston Houchin, Danny Knight, Lauren Macke

APRIL 6: ERIC & Lisa Douglas, Dustin & Nicole Paul

APRIL 9: Stu & Jennifer Gibbs,

Thomas & Margaret Kimmel



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

COMING THIS WEEK St. Anne Altar Society will be meeting this coming Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 pm in the school meeting room. Come join them as a welcome a speakers who will speak on living healthy lives and look for and paying attention to the warnings and symptoms of strokes.

St. Joe Senior Citizens will meeting this coming Friday, April 10 at 1 pm in the school meeting room. Join them for entertainment, food and fellowship.

Please remember in your prayers *Ravah Wicks*, the sister of Fr. Lowell Will and cousin of Chris Will who died last week. May God's peace be with all the members of her family.



HAPPY Easter



Thanks to all those who donated blood at our Blood drive last week. We were able to provide 27 units of blood to our local blood bank. This effort will benefit the lives of 81 people! Special thanks to Imogene Baehl for organizing this event and to Donna Blankenberger, Terry Drone, Jeff and Jenny Puckett for their help.

If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you will look forward, do so prayerfully.. But the wisest course would be to be present in the present gratefully,Maya Angelou

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF APRIL 4-5 7 PM (L) Tom Blythe (EM) Butch and Linda Feulner, Sis & Katie Jarboe 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Darlene Appler, Kylie Frey, Stephanie Frey, Jalane Weber, Bryan & Ann Craney, Lisa Cook 10:30 AM (L) Chad

Martin (EM) Shane Wessel, Debra Baumgart, Al Debes, Angie Will
 WEEKEND OF APRIL 11-12 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher, Donald & Brandon Werner 8 AM (L) Terry Drone (EM) Tom & Delores Folz, Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge, Doris Taylor Debra Baumgart

COMING THIS WEEK.....

- That Man is You Wednesday, at 5:30 pm
- Foundations of Faith Wednesday at 6:30 pm
 For information contact Jessica Reckelhoff, 812-598-1151 or email jreckelhoff@evdio.org



Join us for **CARIBBEAN NIGHTS** celebrating the culture and people of our sisters and brothers in Haiti. The evening includes a whole hog roast and an evening of dancing and fellowship. Included with the evening is a chance to bid on some special items through a live and silent auction.

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Dinner and Desserts

7:30–10:00 PM Dancing Live and Silent Auction

Attire Island Casual \$50/person \$400/Table of 8
 RSVP by April 18. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Eric (812) 618-5945 or Monie (812) 575-9167. Proceeds benefit our Haiti Ministry.



Recently, a number of people were the unfortunate recipients of a scam email that purported to invite the recipients to click on an invitation that came from me. In the past other people have received spam text messages that supposedly came from me asking you to buy gift cards to help out a family, or to call me because I needed your help. All spam massagers!

Unfortunately in the world we live in, we have to be on the lookout for suspicious text messages and emails. Just so you know, I never ask people for money or gift cards to help people. And I won't send any kind of invitation to you by email that you have to download and open.

Many of you have texted me if you received an email or text that looked suspicious. That's a really good thing to do. Bottom line, if it looks suspicious, delete it. When in doubt, delete it. Fr. Gene

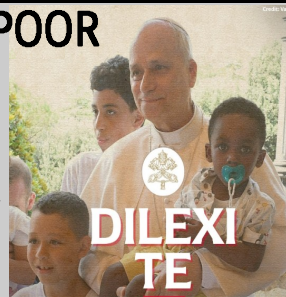
RUMMAGE SALE

COMING SOON
FRIDAY JUNE 5
SATURDAY JUNE 6

MARCH LOTTERY WINNERS ST JOE: \$750–Martin Hopf, \$300–Shane Ritter, \$200– Jon Locklar, \$100 Heidi Griese
MATCHER TRADITION: \$10,000–Dan Weinzapfel, \$1,500–Sydney Curts, \$1,000–Marvin & Sarah Tempel, \$500–Fr. Jim Koressel

ON THE LOVE FOR THE POOR

We are reading from the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* of Pope Leo to all Christians on the Love of the Poor
THE POOR AS SUBJECTS



The life of the universal Church was enriched by the discernment of the Aparecida Conference, in which the Latin American bishops made clear that the Church's preferential option for the poor is implicit in the Christological faith in the God who became poor for us, so as to enrich us with his poverty. The Aparecida Document situates the Church's mission in the present context of a globalized world marked by new and dramatic imbalances.

In their Final Message, the bishops wrote: "The stark differences between rich and poor invite us to work with greater commitment to being disciples capable of sharing the table of life, the table of all the sons and daughters of the Father, a table that is open and inclusive, from which no one is excluded. We therefore reaffirm our preferential and evangelical option for the poor."

At the same time, the Document, taking up a theme treated in earlier Conferences of the Latin American episcopate, insists on the need to consider marginalized communities as *subjects* capable of creating their own culture, rather than as *objects* of charity on the part of others. This means that such communities have the right to embrace the Gospel and to celebrate and communicate their faith in accord with the values present within their own cultures. Their experience of poverty gives them the ability to recognize aspects of reality that others cannot see; for this reason, society needs to listen to them.

The same holds true for the Church, which should regard positively their "popular" practice of the faith. A fine passage from the Aparecida Document can help us reflect on this point and our proper response: Only the closeness that makes us friends enables us to appreciate deeply the values of the poor today, their legitimate desires, and their own manner of living the faith... Day by day, the poor become agents of evangelization and of comprehensive human promotion: they educate their children in the faith, engage in ongoing solidarity among relatives and neighbors, constantly seek God, and give life to the Church's pilgrimage. In the light of the Gospel, we recognize their immense dignity and their sacred worth in the eyes of Christ, who was poor like them and excluded among them. Based on this experience of faith, we will share with them the defense of their rights.

All this entails one aspect of the option for the poor that we must constantly keep in mind, namely that it demands of us an attitude of attentiveness to others. This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good. This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture, and in their ways of living the faith. True love is always contemplative, and permits us to serve the other not out of necessity or vanity, but rather because he or she is beautiful above and beyond mere appearances... Only on the basis of this real and sincere closeness can we properly accompany the poor on their path of liberation. For this reason, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have chosen to live among the poor, not merely to pay them an occasional visit but to live with them as they do. Such a decision should be deemed one of the highest forms of evangelical life.

In light of this, it is evident that all of us must let ourselves be evangelized by the poor and acknowledge the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them. Growing up in precarious circumstances, learning to survive in the most adverse conditions, trusting in God with the assurance that no one else takes them seriously, and helping one another in the darkest moments, the poor have learned many things that they keep hidden in their hearts. Those of us who have not had similar experiences of living this way certainly have much to gain from the source of wisdom that is the experience of the poor. Only by relating our complaints to their sufferings and privations can we experience a reproof that can challenge us to simplify our lives

TO BE CONTINUED



THIS WEEK'S MOWING CREW: TEAM 4



THE EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF THESE LOVED ONES. LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE GIFT THEY HAVE BEEN IN OUR LIVES.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE Schapker & Will Families Frank Effinger Family Leroy & Cecilia Baehl Family Joseph & Coltilda Wannemuehler Family Gaylan & Agnes Curtis Family Ed & Catherine Hopf Family Herman & Katherine Schroering Family Kenneth & Catherine Jarboe family The Bassemier Family The Hughes Family Herman Behnen Family Bernard Drone Family Willis & TenBarge families Bartley, Cusic, Scheller and Niemeier families Joannem, Adamum and Clara (Gruppenbacher) Appler Family Herbert & Cleo Appler Family, Ray Waggoner Family Valentine & Anna (Elpers) Schmitt Family Werner Family Swain Family Moehlenkamp Family Schweizer Family Schmidt Family Mandy Elpers Jeff Schneider Carl & Keith Stewart Frank Will Bill & Marian Elpers Carl, Gertrude & Charles Elpers Joseph & Mary Schneider Alice Keil Jim & Mabel Blythe Homer & Rosalie Corbett Alice Goebel Anthony & Helen Mahler James & Frances Greubel Cleo & Barbara Baker Harry Woods Wendel & Marie Martin Donnie Martin Bud & Darlene Martin Harry E. & Betty Woods Walter & Evelyn Weis Dennis Weis, Jerry Weis Elaine Heidorn Albert & Viola Martin Fritz Martin Betty White Mary Rexing Fran, Bob & Ron Happe JoAnne Schoenstein Syl & Irene Happe Darlene Baumgart Jerry Shekell	Clinton, Beatrice, Jacob, Matilda & Susan Weis Ervin, Jeanne, Arthur, & Retha Kuester Peter & Barbara Elpers Joseph & Elizabeth Reiter Leo & Helen Feulner Jack & Ann MacGregor Ray, Magdalen, & Randy Beyerstedt, Robert, Ruth & Rose Loehrlein Ray & Wilma Voelker Robert Angermeier Robert & Charlotte Wehmer Susan Enlow Katie Schiff Barbara Gerteisen William & Joyce Nieten Kathy Nieten Henry & Josephine Niemeier Frank, Bertha, Rita & Clarence Gerteisen Oliver Wallace Edgar Hartz Thomas & Wanda TenBarge Malcolm & Ruth Patton Delores Helfrich Schroeder William L. 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(Pete), Kevin Morris, Bobby Brothers, Bill & Camilla Meinert Dick & Kathy Bennett, Mark, Ralph, Dorothy Heaverin, Carolyn Benedict Deceased members and Priests of White House Re- treat Center Fathers Patrick Kilfoil, Gus Busch, Donald Spaulding, Francis, Raymond, Cletus Schroering, Bob Wanne- muler, Ed O'Brein, Bob Doyle, Phil Kreilein, Kenny Herr, Gordan Mann, John Shipp, Syl & Ott Schroeder, Linus Hoff, Joe Ziliak, & Bill Deitsch John Hummel Stan & Bonnie, Glenn, Marvin, Harry, Nancy, & Sam Tenbarge, Charles , Ruth, & Barbara Holtz,	Deceased classmates of St. Joseph School (City), Deceased Deaconess Hospital Employees John & Pat Nellis, Doro- thy & Merlin Clark, Jerry Saville, Oral & Eelyleyn Roberts, Kenneth E. Hagen, Rev. 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