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MAY 17, 2026 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

It will be another busy week in our parish. Today our high school seniors from Mater Dei will be graduating. Later on this week, our seniors from North Posey, Reitz, and North High Schools will also be graduating. Things are wrapping up in our grade school as well, with field day and honors day and culminating in our eighth grade graduation this coming Wednesday evening.

Our Men's Club are taking orders for their brauts and braut burger sales through May 25 with pick up on May 29, and our Community Baseball League is having their chicken dinner carry out dinners this Thursday from 5-6:30. Meanwhile we are gearing up for our 25th Rummage Sale June 5-6. The Altar Society will be making and selling their delicious kuchen to be sold during this event as well. There are many opportunities with both of these events to offer your help.

And this week, we begin preparations for our annual Summer Social Grand Raffle and Chicken Dinner which is coming up on July 26. This year our current social chair couples (Chip & Megan Altstadt and Britt & Patrick Fehrenbacher) will be training our new chair couples (Jordan & Jena Phelps and Jordan & Kelly Wilkinson). We're getting the whole process started by sending out a packet of raffle tickets to everyone. You will be receiving them in the mail this week.

Our raffle is the main source of money for our summer social, and I know that you will want to do your part in ensuring its financial success. We are asking each family in the parish to take \$200 worth of tickets (10 tickets, 5/\$100). We have already had several families who are leading the way by taking even more than the \$200 worth of tickets.

If, by some strange coincidence, you don't get a packet of tickets this week, be sure to let us know and I will deliver them to you personally. I know you don't want to feel left out of this parish event!

In a few more weeks we will be sending out our chicken dinner tickets as well. Look for them in June.

So, whether you are graduating, a little hungry, looking for a great bargain, or just want to try your luck at winning some money....we've got you covered!

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

COME JOIN US THIS MONTH AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES. SPECIAL INTENTION: PEACE IN OUR WORLD



RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 3 pm to 7 pm

Friday Shoppers pay **DOUBLE PRICE** (Except for Furniture)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 7 am — 11 am

Special bag sale beginning at 9:00

Our 25th rummage sale is approaching fast. Over the years, our rummage sale has made well over \$200,000. All that is because of you!

We have such a great crew who are so very faithful in helping each year. They work hard to transform the gym into a giant showroom. It takes a great deal of time to sort and price them. That's why we need new people to help out.

We'll be working each day, June 1-4 from 9 am till 7 pm, as well as the days of the sale, June 5 & 6. Come for a day, or more, or a few hours, here and there.



BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE GYM

AFTER ALL MASSES ON MAY 30-31 and 9 AM TO 7 PM JUNE 1, 2 & 3.

Wednesday, June 3 is the last day we will accept items

We regret that **NO** Console TV's, Computers, Electronic Devices or Tires will be accepted

Food and Drinks will be also be available during the sale.



KUCHENS St. Anne Altar Society will be selling their famous cinnamon kuchen on Friday & Saturday.

Come join them to help make kuchen

Thursday June 4 and

Friday, June 5

Questions? Call Imogene

812- 963-5221





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, MAY 16
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

5:00 PM MASS: Fran Happe, Marilyn Mossberger, Edward and Helen (Schweikart) Loehr, Maria Hoster (1864), Louisa Wiesendauger (1890), Magdalen (1930) & Casper Hillenbrand, Peter (1940) & Regina Urich, Robert Woodward (2001), Dorothy (2016) & Royse Kroeger, Eddie Spaetti (2016)

SUNDAY, MAY 17
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

8:00 AM MASS: Delores Strupp, Oliver Wallace, Amber Gogel, Donald & Margaret Kafel, Rudy Schrepfer, Helen Kissel

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Brent Glaser, Anna Lensing (1889), Adolf Effinger (1935), Clarence (2011) & Catherine Miller

MONDAY, MAY 18
EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: Infant Spitzer (1862), Ephrosina Schenk (1900), Margaret (1955) & Walter Cox, Dorothy (2005) & Leo Vollman

TUESDAY, MAY 19
EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: George Lang (1865), Helen Lambers (1888), Margaret Goebel (1918), Beverly Barrett (1955), Joseph Clary (1969), Mandy Elpers (2024), Oliver Wallace (2024)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
EASTER WEEKDAY

NB: 6:00 PM MASS (EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION): Reinhold Loessing (1891), Henry Seiler (1892), Katharine (1936) & Frank Will, Kenneth (1993) & Marcia Hipp

THURSDAY, MAY 21
EASTER WEEKDAY

NO MASS: Andreas Weigand (1862), Infant Effinger (1866), Deloris (2020) & Robert Gentry

FRIDAY, MAY 22
EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS (IN THE RECTORY): Henry Schrand (1874),

SATURDAY, MAY 23
PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 PM MASS: Arlene Smith, Bob and Mark Kozlowski, Lee Askins, Henry (1963) & Josephine Niemeier, Billie Jo Dieckhouse, Elena Lopez

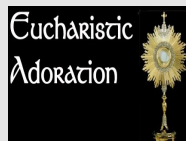
SUNDAY, MAY 24
PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM MASS: Clarence Frey, Lloyd Joest, Brent Glaser, Oliver Wallace, Mandy Elpers

10:30 AM MASS: Bob & Nancy Schull, Janet Zirkelbach, Elisabeth Muenstermann (1910), Leo (2012) & Marie Gumbel, Jan Hermann (2019)



Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. We always looking for new people to take the place of those who can no longer come for an hour of adoration.



Please remember in your prayers *Arlene (Kozlowski) Smith*, the sister of Joan Hillenbrand, who died last week. May God's peace be with Joan and all the members of her family.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples "All power has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

May 10, 2026	\$ 26,990.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 666,746.68
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 690,750.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 35.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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HAITI EDUCATION	\$ 1,216.66

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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*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): *Steve Hasselbrinck*

RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: *Carl Kempf*

RIVER POINTE: *Beverly Jones*

HAMILTON POINTE: *Carolyn Pfaffman*

May 17: Chase Gertiesen, Dave Lappe, Dave Schlichting, Nolan Weidner

MAY 18: Ruth Harper, Kim Kinnaman, David Link, Bryan McGehee

MAY 19: Tom Blythe, Ryan Kassenbrock

MAY 20: Philip Kares

MAY 21: Wyatt Loehr, Betty Polk, Alexandra Stewart

MAY 22: Brett Stucke

MAY 23: Elyse Austin, Laura Clem, Henry Gourley, Lori Jones, Morgan Jones, Debbie Scheller

MAY 17: Steve & Sharon Wallis, Scott & Lisa Marts, Chris & Rhonda Fehrenbacher,

MAY 18: Don & Lynn Kiesel, Chris & Patti Will, Bob & Paula Gibson, Karla & Paul Murray, Nathan & Jessica Werner, Kyle & Megan Coates

MAY 19: Bud & Sis Jarboe, Jackei & Jill Putney

MAY 20: Paul & Joan Hillenbrand

MAY 21: Neal & Peggy Dossett,

Britt & Patrick Fehrenbacher

MAY 22: Jim & Dorothy Happe (50 Years!), Michael & Caroline Coughlin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION: MONDAY, MAY 25



Memorial
DAY

Join us on Monday, May 25 for our annual Memorial Day Prayer. We will gather in our cemetery (weather permitting) at 8 am to remember the veterans buried in our cemetery. We will then continue with the Mass in church. You are also invited to attend the annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph (city) Cemetery, on Monday, May 25th at 10 am, We will gather in the mausoleum chapel.

THIS WEEK'S MOWING CREW: TEAM 5



Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF MAY 16-17: 5 PM (L) Toni Askns (EM) Diane Woods, Eric Reffett, Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson **8 AM (L)** Jsh Baehl (EM) Brian & Ann Craney, Marcia Frey, Terry Drone **10:30 AM (L)** Chad Martin (EM) Diane Bassemier, Doris Taylor, Danielle Weledge Debra Baumgart

WEEKEND OF MAY 23-24 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods, Eric Reffett, Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchinson **8 AM (L)** Chick Duncan, (EM) Brian and Ann Craney, Marcia Frey, Terry Drone **10:30 AM (L)** Jane Scheller, (EM) Sally Kempf, Cecelia Koch, Kitty

ENJOY A GREAT CHICKEN DINNER THURSDAY, MAY 21

CARRYOUT ONLY 5-6:30
PRE-SOLD TICKETS ONLY....available from St. Joe Baseball Players or the Parish Office (812-963-3273)



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ST. JOE COMMUNITY BASEBALL PROGRAM



GET YOUR BRAUTS & BRAUTBURGERS 4 LB MINIMUM ORDER \$5/1b

Sign up sheet in church or call the office (812-963-3273), Join us on Friday afternoon, May 29, beginning at 1 pm to help make the brauts and braut burgers. Pick up on May 30, 7-10 am



GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Each year from Mother's Day to Father's Day we have a tradition of collecting items to help unwed mothers and fathers through Birthright.

We will have diaper bags in church which can be filled with powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, etc. and then brought back to the gym, or dropped off at the rectory. Get on board and help unwed mothers and fathers by filling a diaper bag for Birthright. Packages of diapers can also be donated. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. If you have questions please contact Toni Askins at 812-457-3214.



MAY 17 from 11-12:30 IN THE SCHOOL MEETING ROOM

Bring a plant or plant starts and exchange them for other plants or plant starts. No cost involved. Questions? Contact Hadley Kendle 812-430-4310



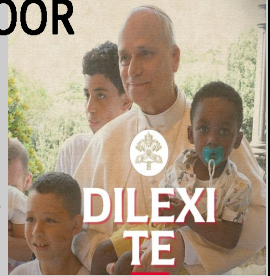
LOVE and LOYALTY

Women's Book Study Coming Wednesdays June 10-July 22

Join us as we explore the book, *Love and Loyalty: Heart Lessons From the Book of Ruth*. We will come to know that by seeking, trusting, and following God, we come to know we are held in God's hands. We will meet for 7 consecutive Wednesdays, starting on Wednesday, June 10th from 8:30 -10 am and concluding on Wednesday, July 22nd. Contact Jessica Recklehoff (912-598-1151) or Rachael Schanus (812-499-8248) to reserve a copy of the book (\$20)

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



Those inspired by true charity know full well that almsgiving does not absolve the competent authorities of their responsibilities, eliminate the duty of government institutions to care for the poor, or detract from rightful efforts to ensure justice.

Almsgiving at least offers us a chance to halt before the poor, to look into their eyes, to touch them and to share something of ourselves with them. In any event, almsgiving, however modest, brings a touch of *pietas* into a society otherwise marked by the frenetic pursuit of personal gain. In the words of the Book of Proverbs: "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor" (22:9).

Both the Old and New Testaments contain veritable hymns in praise of almsgiving: "Be patient with someone in humble circumstances, and do not keep him waiting for your alms... Store up almsgiving in your treasury, and it will rescue you from every disaster" (Sir 29:8,12). Jesus himself adds: "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys" (Lk 12:33).

Saint John Chrysostom is known for saying: "Almsgiving is the wing of prayer. If you do not provide your prayer with wings, it will hardly fly." In the same vein, Saint Gregory of Nazianzus concluded one of his celebrated orations with these words: "If you think that I have something to say, servants of Christ, his brethren and co-heirs, let us visit Christ whenever we may; let us care for him, feed him, clothe him, welcome him, honor him, not only at a meal, as some have done, or by anointing him, as Mary did, or only by lending him a tomb, like Joseph of Arimathea, or by arranging for his burial, like Nicodemus, who loved Christ half-heartedly, or by giving him gold, frankincense and myrrh, like the Magi before all these others. The Lord of all asks for mercy, not sacrifice... Let us then show him mercy in the persons of the poor and those who today are lying on the ground, so that when we come to leave this world they may receive us into everlasting dwelling places."

Our love and our deepest convictions need to be continually cultivated, and we do so through our concrete actions. Remaining in the realm of ideas and theories, while failing to give them expression through frequent and practical acts of charity, will eventually cause even our most cherished hopes and aspirations to weaken and fade away.

For this very reason, we Christians must not abandon almsgiving. It can be done in different ways, and surely more effectively, but it must continue to be done. It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing. Whatever form it may take, almsgiving will touch and soften our hardened hearts. It will not solve the problem of world poverty, yet it must still be carried out, with intelligence, diligence and social responsibility. For our part, we need to give alms as a way of reaching out and touching the suffering flesh of the poor.

Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies. It spans chasms that are humanly impossible to bridge, and it penetrates to the most hidden crevices of society. By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today.

Through your work, your efforts to change unjust social structures or your simple, heartfelt gesture of closeness and support, the poor will come to realize that Jesus' words are addressed personally to each of them: "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9).

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 4 October, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, in the year 2025, the first of my Pontificate. LEO PP. XIV

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