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MAY 24, 2026 THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

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Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

It has been there for over a hundred years ago, standing strong and tall at the intersection of Orchard Road and St. Joseph Avenue. This linden tree was planted on November 11, 1918, Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. That war, which killed millions and introduced wholesale slaughter of people on a scale previously unimaginable, was to be the "war to end all wars." Sadly, it has failed completely in this task. That war was followed by World War II, which was followed by the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War in Iraq and in Afghanistan, and now wars in Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Gaza. And that list doesn't include the countless number of wars that have happened in countries that don't garner enough interest to be reported on in the evening news.

In the midst of such news we gather to remember those members of our parish who have served in nation's military and who are buried in our cemetery and other cemeteries in our area. These men and women have served in every war from the time of our nation's civil war in the 1860's through the conflict in Iraq. They did not always know what would be asked of them. Many of them, especially those who served in armed conflict, carried the woundedness of this experience throughout their life.

Memorial Day leaves me feeling very conflicted. On the one hand, there is something inspiring about people who are willing to offer the time and energy and even their lives in service toward others. What can be more Christ-like. And on the other hand, the sheer stupidity of war becomes more and more apparent. I think of the words of Pope Leo spoke to the diplomatic corps this past January: "War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading."

While it is good for us to bear witness to the service that veterans have offered, our faith invites us to proclaim a way of life that does not include war. It's the way of life Jesus calls us to. It's too hard to do and appears so foolish to many. But maybe we can be like the linden tree on St. Joseph Avenue. Many people go by and don't notice it. But still it stands strong and tall, providing a bit of a shady respite in a world often gone mad with war.

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR PACKET OF SOCIAL RAFFLE TICKETS? IF NOT, LET US KNOW SO WE CAN GET SOME TO YOU.



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.

Questions? Call Imogene 812- 963-5221

KUCHENS St. Anne Altar Society will be selling their famous cinnamon kuchen on Friday & Saturday. Come join them to help make kuchen on Thursday June 4 and Friday, June 5



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

MONDAY, MAY 25
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

N.B. 8:00 AM MASS: All the deceased veterans of our parish, Anthony Koester (1857)

TUESDAY, MAY 26
ST. PHILIP NERI

7:30 AM MASS: Anton Ritfort (1888), Anna Convery (1999)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Geroge Recker, Victoria Spitzer (1862), Agnetun Baumgart (1866), Eva Wolf (1869), Agatha Steiner (1875), Everett Baylor (1991)

THURSDAY, MAY 28
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Victoria (1947) & August Theiry, Barbara Jean (Elpers) Wallace (2025)

FRIDAY, MAY 29
SAINT PAUL VI

7:30 AM MASS: Leonard Effinger (1864), Salome (1938) & Martin Ritter

SATURDAY, MAY 30
FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

5:00 PM MASS: Marylyn Mossberger, Jan Hermann, Lee Askins, Hank & Juen Preske, Linus Rexing (1929)

SUNDAY, MAY 31
FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

8:00 AM MASS: Eleanor & Joe Lasher, Robert & Marlene Harpenau, Dean & Alex Trowbridge, Sharon Lindauer, Delores Strupp
10:30 AM MASS: Fran & Bob Happe, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Dorthea Hartlein (1864), Vincent Macke (1926), Vernon (1973) & Beatrice Sidenbender, Ann Clark (1978), Joseph Reising (1996), Clarence (2012) & Mildred Rexing, Chaz Schwartz (2017), For the people of our parish



MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION: MONDAY, MAY 25



Join us this coming 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.

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts "for the common good"?



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

May 17, 2026	\$ 8,724.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 675,470.68
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 706,100.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,108.43

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI SEWING HOPE	\$ 25.00
HAITI FISH FARM	\$ 50.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL	\$ 5.00
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION	\$ 35.00

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
Congratulations to Victoria (Shane) and Bryan Ruder on the birth of their daughter, Rosaline and to Lauren (Niemeier) and Reid Grossman on the birth of their son Riley

MAY 24: Diane Layman, Brayden Raben, Brad Traylor, Jeff Wittgen

MAY 25: Bailey King, Emily Smith

MAY 26: Wyatt Gerteisen, Angie Will

MAY 27: Oaul Ondash

MAY 28: Elizabeth Carlisle, Wmily Daza, Sandy Hertel,

Margot Jones, Mike Loehrlein, Missy Singer, John Arnold

MAY 29: Jackson Brown, Mallory Luigs, Addison Elpers

MAY 30: Brooklyn Fuchs, Cassie Mayer,

Donna Miller, Simon Stratman

MAY 24: Bob & Christi Beshears

MAY 25: Tim & Judy Bishop, Doris & Holmer Taylor, Lee & Jodi Kissel

MAY 26: Jim & Susan Helmer, Brooke & Lee Barkley

MAY 27: Eric & Karen McDonald

MAY 28: Steve & Kathy Wingert,

Brandon & Amelia Hartz

MAY 29: Morgan & Beth Jones,

Jackson & Madison Traylor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Eucharistic



Adoration

Since Monday, Memorial Day is a holiday we will not be having any formal Eucharistic Adoration. However, our church will be open all day for anyone who wishes to come by and pray. This week on Tuesday we will also be having our 24 Hour Day of Prayer for Vocations from 6 am Tuesday through 6 am Wednesday. Sign up for a regular hour or come whenever you can.



SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS FOR MARY MOTHER OF GOD MISSION IN VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

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 Deig, Paul Hillenbrand

WEEKEND OF MAY 30-31: 5 PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier, Eric and Karen McDonald 8 AM (L) Tom Folz, (EM) Rodney & Paula Baehl, Lisa Cook, Darlene Appler 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Amy Cody, Rachael Schnaus, Jena & Shane Wessel



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.



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



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 Receklehoff (912-598-1151) or Rachael Schanus (812-499-8248) to reserve a copy of the book (\$20)

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

Holy Rosary—May 28-30
St. Joseph (Princeton)—June 6
St. Wendel Gillin' & Chillin'—June 6
Good Shepherd—June 4-6

WEEKDAY MASS NOTICE: Unless otherwise noted, we will continue to celebrate our weekday mass, (Monday at 6:30, and Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 7:30) am in the rectory conference room. Come through the front door of the rectory to join us. .



THIS WEEK'S MOWING CREW: TEAM 1



POPE LEO SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

On May 14, Pope Leo visited the students and staff of Sapientia University in Rome. He shares his wisdom to students there as well as students in universities throughout the world

It is with great joy that I accepted the invitation to meet the university community of La Sapienza — University of Rome. With a pastor's heart, I would like first to address the students, and then the teaching staff.

The avenues of the university campus, which I walked along to get here, are traversed daily by many young people, filled with conflicting emotions. I imagine you are sometimes carefree, rejoicing in your own youth which, even in a troubled world marked by terrible injustices, allows you to feel that the future is still to be written and that no one can take it away from you. So, the studies you are undertaking, the friendships that blossom during these years, and your encounters with various great thinkers are a promise of what can change us for the better, even before the reality around us. When the desire for truth becomes research, our boldness in study bears witness to the hope for a new world.

You know that I am spiritually connected to Saint Augustine, who was a restless young man: he made some serious mistakes, but nothing was lost of his passion for beauty and wisdom. In this regard, I was delighted to receive so many questions from you: hundreds of them! Obviously, it is not possible to answer them all, but I will bear them in mind, and I hope that each of you will seek further opportunities for dialogue. This is also why university chaplaincies exist, where faith meets your questions.

Yet there is also a sad side to this restlessness: we must not blind ourselves to the fact that many young people are suffering. Everyone goes through difficult times; for some, however, it may feel as though they never end. Today, this is increasingly due to the pressure of expectations and the burden of performance. It is the pervasive lie of a distorted system, which reduces people to numbers, exacerbating competitiveness and leaving us caught in spirals of anxiety. It is precisely this spiritual malaise felt by many young people that reminds us that we are not the sum of what we have, nor a random collection of matter in a silent cosmos. We are a desire, not an algorithm! It is precisely this special dignity of ours that leads me to share two questions with you.

To you young people, this unease asks: "Who are you?". Being ourselves, in fact, is the defining commitment of every man and woman's life. "Who are you?" is the question we ask one another; the question we silently pose to God; the question only we can answer for ourselves, but which we can never answer alone. We are our relationships, our language, our culture: all the more reason why it is vital that our university years be a time of great encounters.

Therefore, to those who are more mature, the malaise of youth asks: "What kind of world are we leaving behind?". A world, sadly, crippled by wars and the rhetoric of war. This is a pollution of reason, which, from the geopolitical level, invades every social relationship. The simplification that creates enemies must therefore be corrected, especially in universities, through an appreciation of complexity and the wise exercise of memory. In particular, the tragedy of the twentieth century must not be forgotten. The cry, "Never again war!", of my Predecessors, so in keeping with the rejection of war enshrined in the Italian Constitution, spurs us on to a spiritual alliance with the sense of justice that dwells in the hearts of young people, with their vocation not to shut themselves away behind ideologies and national borders.

For example, over the past year, the increase in military spending worldwide, and particularly in Europe, has been enormous: let us not call "defence" a rearmament that increases tensions and insecurity, depletes investment in education and health, undermines trust in diplomacy, and enriches elites who care nothing for the common good.

We must also keep a watchful eye on the development and application of artificial intelligence in both military and civilian contexts, to ensure that they do not absolve humans of responsibility for their choices and do not exacerbate the tragedy of conflicts. What is happening in Ukraine, Gaza and the Palestinian territories, Lebanon and Iran illustrates the inhuman evolution of the relationship between war and new technologies into a spiral of annihilation. TO BE CONTINUED

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