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SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

VANDERBURGH COUNTY EVANSVILLE, INDIANA ESTABLISHED IN 1841

JUNE 22, 2025 FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Dear friends,



Special thanks to Jessica Reckelhoff for leading our Vacation Bible School this past week. We joined with the folks at Resurrection Parish for this week long event. We had a great group of folks who helped with conducting classes, heading up craft activities and providing snacks for the students who participated. Thanks to all of you for giving your time to help our young children learn



about the bible.

Thanks to all the folks who came to help load up the items remaining from our rummage sale for shipment to the St. Vincent DePaul Store and Habitat Resale. Our rummage sale grossed \$14,323.23. You have to sell a lot of \$1 and \$2 items to make this amount of money! We're inviting all those who helped with the rummage sale to join us for a thanksgiving dinner. Check inside for details.

A word of thanks to Zach Fehrenbacher, Joe Arnold, Brad Dick, Bob Fehrenbacher and Dennis Gibbs for helping to remove book cases in four of our classrooms. We will be installing new cabinets in these rooms later this summer. With that effort, all the school classrooms will have new cabinets. Thanks as well to Chip Altstadt and the folks from Altstadt/ Hoffman for removing the old, unused heating units

from these classrooms. That allows us to give the teachers more storage space in their classrooms.

We also undertaking a number of other maintenance issues this summer. Among these is finishing the paving and restriping of the parking lot. Weather permitting that will be completed this week. The new gym roof has been installed and several areas of the exterior walls of the school have been tuck pointed and sealed.

Thanks as well to all those who have helped to move desks and chairs from classrooms so that we can strip and wax the floors. We made the decision earlier this year to terminate our contract with the company that has been cleaning the school and are now undertaking that work ourselves. We're still looking for folks to help us with school cleaning once the new school years starts. Check out the details on this inside of the bulletin.

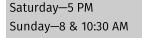
Finally, thanks to the 177 families who have sold their packet of raffle tickets. Our raffle is the bigget source of our income for the social. That is why we are asking each family to buy/sell their packet of tickets.

Everyone should have received four dinner tickets that we are hoping people will buy or sell. We have a great dinner and I know folks have already started asking for them. If you need more tickets, call/text me (812-499-9074) and I will get them to



you. You can also stopy by the office to get some.We're also looking for people to help our effort by taking additional chicken dinner tickets to sell.Let me know and I will get some tickets to you.

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder We pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding on to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men or women to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we were created." - Author Unknown



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

RECONCILATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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SCHOOL

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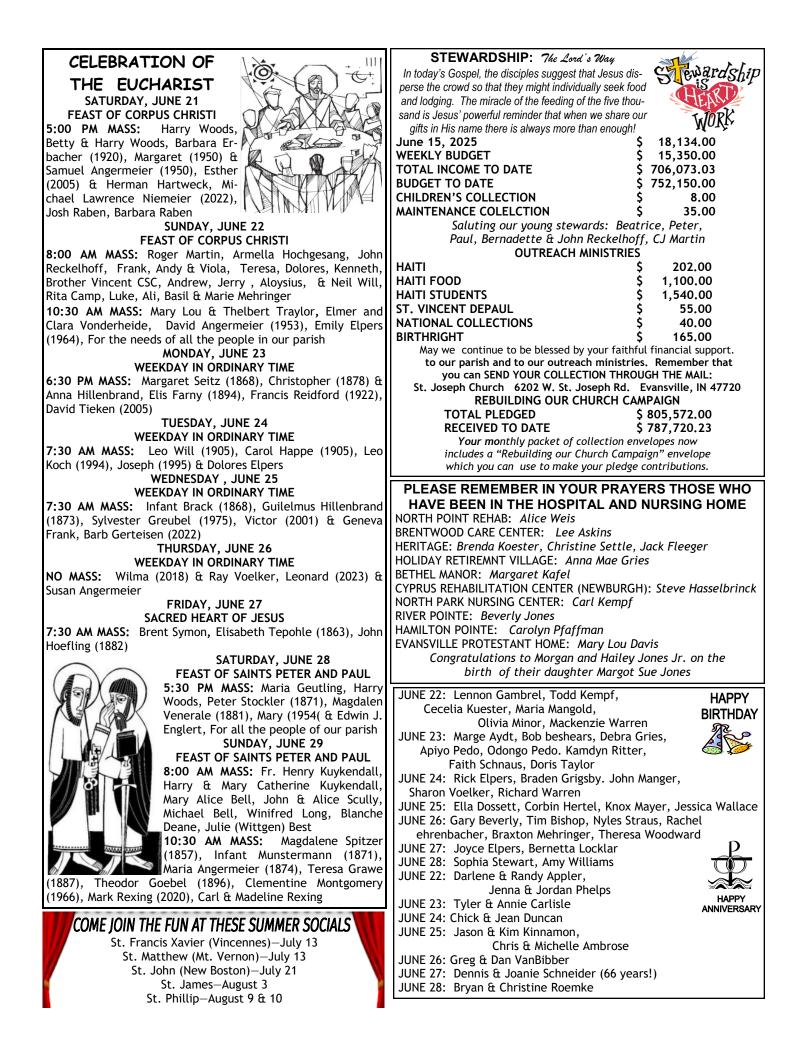
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(L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) (L) Tom Blythe (EM) Jean Duncan Lisa Cook, Rodney and Paula Baehl 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller, (EM) Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch, Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand

WEEKEND OF JUNE 28-29: 5 PM (L) Toni Askins (EM) Eric and Karen McDonald, Butch and Linda Feulner 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Darlene Appler Kylie Frey, Stephanie Frey Jalene Weber 10:30 AM: (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Jena Wessel Rachael Schanus, Becky Dosher Steve Jung

COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 27



By now you should have four (4) chicken dinner tickets. We know that four tickets is not going to be enough for most of you, so, call, text us (812-499-9074) and let us It's Chicken know how many more tickets you

Dinner Time! need, and we will get them to \$15/dinner you. You can pick up tickets at the parish office as well

Can you help sell extra chicken dinner tickets? if you can take some extra tickets and sell them. let us know and we'll get you set up.

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

Another 36 families have sold \$15,000 in prizes their packet of raffle tickets. Get your tickets in by June 30 to be eligible for our early bird drawing worth \$500. If you need more tickets, call us at the office (812-963-3273) and we will get them to you.

1st Prize \$10.000 2nd Prize \$2,500 3rd -- 6th Prizes \$500 Each Preliminary Drawing June 30 \$500 TICKETS \$25

5/--\$100

SO FAR, 177 FAMILIES HAVE SOLD THEIR RAFFLE TICKETS RAISED TO DATE: \$38,545

Thanks to the following families who have returned their tickets (partial listing)

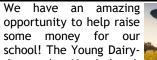
Mike & Joyce Elpers Ryan & Aliu Niemeier Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher Chip & Megan Altstadt Stan & Glenda Love Stephen & Phyllis Schenk Ruth Burk Judith Schneider Dan Hartman Matt & Kitty Deig Jake Schiff Nancy Angermeier Eric & Lisa Douglas

Tony & Alison Moore Ryan & Natalie Kassenbrock Daveid & Angie Henderson Brandon & Amelia Hartz Jacob & Sam Weinzapfel Jim & Amy Back Mariah Schneider Andv & Andrea Jarboe Donald & Renee Werner Nathan & Jessica Werner

Gene & Earlene Elpers **Tony Stratman**

GET YOUR TICKETS IN FOR THE EARLY BIRD DRAWING--JUNE 30





men Booth at the Vanderburgh County Fair have asked St. Joe to work Friday, July 25 and, in return, they will donate \$750 to the school! Sign up today at the St Joe PTO Gathering Place facebook page. Enjoy some ice cream too!

THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

We continue reading from Pope Francis' recent letter to the church "On the Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ." THE DEVOTION OF CONSOLATION

The wound in Christ's side, the wellspring of living water, remains open in the risen body of the Saviour. The deep wound inflicted by the lance and the wounds of the crown of thorns that customarily appear in representations of the Sacred Heart are an inseparable part of this devotion, in which we contemplate the love of Christ who offered himself in sacrifice to the very end. The heart of the risen Lord preserves the signs of that complete self-surrender, which entailed intense sufferings for our sake. It is natural, then, that the faithful should wish to respond not only to this immense outpouring of love, but also to the suffering that the Lord chose to endure for the sake of that love.

With Jesus on the cross

It is fitting to recover one particular aspect of the spirituality that has

accompanied devotion to the heart of Christ, namely, the interior desire to offer consolation to that heart. Here I will not discuss the practice of "reparation", which I deem better suited to the social dimension of this devotion to be discussed in the next chapter. I would like instead to concentrate on the desire often felt in the hearts of the faithful who lovingly contemplate the mystery of Christ's passion and experience it as a mystery

which is not only recollected but becomes present to us by grace, or better, allows us to be mystically present at the moment of our redemption. If we truly love the Lord, how could we not desire to console him?

Pope Pius XI wished to ground this particular devotion in the realization that the mystery of our redemption by Christ's passion transcends, by God's grace, all boundaries of time and space. On the cross, Jesus offered himself for all sins, including those yet to be committed, including our own sins. In the same way, the acts we now offer for his consolation, also transcending time, touch his wounded heart. "If, because of our sins too, as yet in the future but already foreseen, the soul of Jesus became sorrowful unto death, it cannot be doubted that at the same time he derived some solace from our reparation, likewise foreseen, at the moment when 'there appeared to him an angel from heaven' (Lk 22:43), in order that his heart, oppressed with weariness and anguish, might find consolation. And so even now, in a wondrous yet true manner, we can and ought to console that Most Sacred Heart, which is continually wounded by the sins of thankless men".

TO BE CONTINUED

LOOKING FOR SOME PART TIME WORK? We are seeking someone to do Custodial work in our school approximately 4-5 hours per day. Hours can be flexi-Position would begin with the new school year, the ble. first week in August. contact Dennis Niemeier, 812-480-1770 for more information.





Please remember in your prayers Fr. Henry Kuykendall, María Guetling, Mary Bell and Lorí Best who died last week. Fr. Henry served as a priest in our diocese for 39 years, most recently as Pastor of Nativity Parish. He was very involved in Hispanic ministry and ministry to the deaf community. Maria is the niece of Pat Kempf and Jackie Elsner. She

was killed in a tragic car accident on North St. Joe Avenue last week. Mary Bell is the mother of Patti Wittgen and Lori Best is the sister of Jeff & Patti Wittgen. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of his family and friends.



RUMMAGE Our rummage sale volunteers are the great the rum-Our rummage sale volunteers are the greatest. With mage sale, we made \$14, 323.20. What a great job! Now we want to take time to celebrate what we have

THANKS done. So, to all of you who helped in one way or another with our rummage sale, we'd like to treat you to dinner, TUESDAY, July 1 at 5:30 PM at the Carriage House in Haubstadt. Come join us for a great meal. Call Imogene (812-963-5221) or the Parish Office (812-963-3273) and let us know if you can make it. Let us know by June 30th.

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