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JUNE 22, 2025 FEAST OF THER APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Dear friends,



Troubling news out of the middle east this week. Interesting comments from two citizens of our country regarding the events that are happening. "Tonight I can report to the world that the air strikes were a spectacular military success. Iran, the bully of the Middle East, must now make peace. If they do not, future attacks will be far greater and a lot easier. There will either be peace or there will be tragedy for Iran, far greater than we have witnessed over the last eight days." President Donald Trump.

"Every member of the international community has a moral responsibility: Stop the tragedy of war before it becomes an irreparable abyss, War does not solve problems, but rather it amplifies them and produces deep wounds in the history of people that take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, the stolen future. Let diplomacy silence the weapons. Let nations chart their future with works of peace, not with violence and bloody conflicts." Pope Leo XIV

President Trump is certainly not the first President of our country to ignore what Pope's, in preaching the gospel of Jesus, have said. If you are a student of history you will know that the countries of the Middle East, (Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia) all trace their origins to the end of World War I when the area formally know as the Ottoman Empire, was divided into several different countries. World War I was hailed as "the war to end all wars." If you needed a good example of how absurd wars are and how they never solves problems, you need look no further than the history of World War I. In 1914, filled with patriot fervor, men from all over Europe marched off to war by the thousands only to be slaughtered by the thousands.

Places like Verdun, The Soome, Passchendaele and Gallipoli were all sites of battles where there were hundreds of thousands of causalities. At the Soome, over 20,000 British soldiers were killed in the first hour of the battle. At Gallipoli, where troops from Australia and New Zealand fought troops from Turkey, they called a truce so that the dead bodies could be buried and once they were, the soldiers, who had just joined in the effort to bury the dead, once again went back to killing each

the dead, once again went back to other. The absurdity of war.

And yet, the belief among world leaders that nations could bomb another country into submission continued to persist. In World War II, Hitler thought he could force the people of England into submission by bombing them. It didn't work. Later, Winston Churchill thought he could force these same Germans into submission by bombing their cities and killing lots of people. That didn't work either. As Pope Leo said, War does not solve



problems, but rather it amplifies them and produces deep wounds in the history of people that take generations to heal. No armed victory can compensate for the pain of mothers, the fear of children, the stolen future.

In the face of such news, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. What can a person do? There is wisdom in the saying "think globally, act locally." No one is going to come to us to solve the crisis in the middle east. But what we can do is to be very intentional about living in peace in our own life. What good will that do, you may ask? There is an old saying "hurt people hurt people." But it is equally true that people who live in peace help to bring peace to the world.

So how do I do that? I have to be conscious of the words I use in talking with others and the words that I choose to focus on when I am just by myself thinking about things. How do I respond when I find myself in situations of conflict? There are enough situations that can set off the best of us, and it takes lots of intentional effort to maintain of peaceful presence.

To create a sense of peace has a lot to do with our willingness to make room in our life for others. And it means being willing to stand in another person's shoes and see the world from their point of view. As we hear in the prayer of St. Francis, Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder

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

RECONCILATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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| | STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way |
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| CELEBRATION OF | Saints Peter and Paul worked tirelessly to |
| THE EUCHARIST | spread the Gospel. Not all can be apostles, |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 28 | but we, too, must be good stewards of our |
| FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL | vocation, using the gifts we've been give3n in |
| 5:30 PM MASS: Michael Schroering, Cryil | the service of God's Kingdom. |
| & Berdetta Schroering, Freddie Schroer- | June 22, 2025 \$ 6,403.00 |
| ing, Maria Geutling, Harry Woods, Peter | WEEKLY BUDGET \$ 15,350.00 |
| Stockler (1871), Magdalen Venerale | TOTAL INCOME TO DATE \$ 712,476.03 |
| (1881), Mary (1954) & Edwin J. Englert, | BUDGET TO DATE \$ 786,500.00 |
| For all the people of our parish | CHILDREN'S COLLECTION \$ 2.44 |
| SUNDAY, JUNE 29 | MAINTENANCE COLELCTION \$ 10.00 |
| FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL | OUTREACH MINISTRIES |
| 8:00 AM MASS: Fr. Henry Kuykendall, Harry & Mary Catherine | HAITI \$ 510.00 |
| Kuykendall, Mary Alice Bell, John & Alice Scully, Michael Bell, | HAITI SEWING SCHOLARSHIPS \$ 165.00 |
| Winifred Long, Blanche Deane, Julie (Wittgen) Best, Maria | VLADIVOSTOK MISSION \$ 25.00 |
| Guetling, Bill Bennett, Dennis Mehringer, Dick Herrell | ST. VINCENT DEPAUL \$ 5.00 |
| 10:30 AM MASS: Magdalene Spitzer (1857), Infant Munster- | May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support. |
| mann (1871), Maria Angermeier (1874), Teresa Grawe (1887), | to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that |
| Theodor Goebel (1896), Clementine Montgomery (1966), Mark | you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL: |
| Rexing (2020), Carl & Madeline Rexing, Richard Herrell | St. Joseph Church 6202 W. St. Joseph Rd. Evansville, IN 47720 |
| MONDAY, JUNE 30 | REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN |
| WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | TOTAL PLEDGED \$ 805,572.00 |
| 6:30 PM MASS: Infant Bahl (1865), Infant Reising (1865), Jo- | RECEIVED TO DATE \$ 790.320.23 |
| seph Ochsner (1924), Sr. Germana O.S.F. (Elizabeth Effinger) | Your monthly packet of collection envelopes now |
| (1885), Henry Prior (1890), Joseph (1935) & Catherine Hillen- | includes a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope |
| brand | which you can use to make your pledge contributions. |
| TUESDAY, JULY 1 | PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO |
| SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA | HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME |
| 7:30 AM MASS: Margaret Bahl (1858), Angela Rexing (1858), | BRENTWOOD CARE CENTER: Lee Askins |
| Magedelen Seib (1890), Fr. Sylvester Ziemer (17th Pastor of | HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Christine Settle, Jack Fleeger |
| St. Joe) (1952), John Rexing (1957), Virginia (1990) & Theo- | HOLIDAY RETIREMNT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries |
| dore Conner, Rita (Wells)(2020) & Bob Englert | BETHEL MANOR: Margaret Kafel |
| WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 | CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck |
| WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Carl Kempf |
| 7:30 AM MASS: Alex Riedford (1861), Henry Rexing (1882), | RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones |
| Francis Berendes (1892). Priscilla Quinlin (2012) Larry (2012) | HAMILTON POINTE: Carolyn Pfaffman |
| & Stella Ubelhor | EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis |
| THURSDAY, JULY 3 | JUNE 29: Drew Pfaffman, Homer Taylor HAPPY |
| SAINT THOMAS APOSTLE | JUNE 30: Carolione Coughlin, Michael Egler, BIRTHDAY |
| NO MASS: Elisabeth (1909) & Anton Schili, Frank Effinger | Dee Dee Eickhoff, Susie Head, Becky Richter, |
| (1923), Yvonne Kautzman (1982), Guy Smyth (2015), Larry | Michelle Thompson |
| Chapman (2017) | JULY 1: Mackenzie Douglas, Nolan Eickhoff, Becky Harl |
| FRIDAY, JULY 4 | JULY 2: Caroline Back, Judy Gries, Phil Hartig, |
| INDEPENDENCE DAY | Rodney Lincoln, Mary Schentrup, Mallorie Will |
| (NOTE) 7:30 AM MASS (IN CHURCH): | JULY 3: Harper Hoiffman, Deborah Sculze |
| Mel & Bernice Behnen, Francis Will | JULY 4: Sadie Kassenbrock |
| (1873), Joseph Hartlein (1888), Gulieliuus | JULY 5: Paula Gibson, Bud Jarboe, |
| Fine UCO Bayer (1894), Mary Barnett (1985) | Alison Moore Ethan Schnur HAPPY |
| SATURDAY, JULY 5 | JULY 4: Ray & Charlene Schapker, Eddie & Sonja Luigs ANNIVERSARY |
| FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| 5:00 PM MASS: Gene Hirsch, Maria Steinmetz (1861), Ca- | Please remember in your prayers Sr. Mary Leon |
| tharin Lunkenheimer (1865), Infant Ochsner (1868), Dorothy | W Baehl, OSB, the sister of Bob Baehl, Gene Hirsch, the |
| (1972) & August Kraft, Norma | which we have a straight with the straight when the straight with the straight when |
| Moutoux (1982) | Harrell the brother of Janet Debes who died this past |
| SUNDAY, JULY 6 | week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His |
| FORTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY | peace be with all the members of their family and friends. |
| 8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie | GOT A FEW HOURS TO HELP GET OUR SCHOOL CLEAN? |
| Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Akex | We looking for folks who can help get our school we are a school who can help get our school with the school w |
| Trowbridge, For the needs of all the | cleaned for the next scholl year. If you can help, call |
| people in our parish | Bob Fehrenbacher (812-453-0669) or Dennis Nie- |
| 10:30 AM MASS: Sr. Mary Leon | meier (812-480-1770). We're looking for folks who |
| Baehl, OSB, Richard & Linda Her- rell, William and Henrietta Herrell, | can do some light cleaning and moving school deask |
| Bernard Rexing (1882), Wilma (2019) | and furniture. Also, we're still looking for someone who would be |
| & Cyril Ubelhor | willing to clean school during the school year (3-4 hours/day). |
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COME CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION, THIS FRIDAY, JULY 4, AS WE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY. JOIN US FOR MASS AT 7:30 AM. WE WILL HAVE MASS IN CHURCH.

WEEKEND OF JUNE 20-23. OPM (L) Toni Askins (EM) Eric and Karen McDonald, Butch and Linda Feulner 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) (EM) Darlene Appler Kylie Frey, Stephanie Frey Jalene Weber 10:30 AM: (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Jena Wessel Rachael Schanus, Becky Dosher Steve Jung

WEEKEND OF JULY 5-6: 5 PM: (L) Sis Jarboe, (EM) Sis & Katie Jarboe, Diane Woods Donna Niemeier 8 AM (L) Dave Schmitt (EM) Tom and Dolores Folz, Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers 10:30 AM (L) Chad ZMartin (EM) Shane Wessel Debra Baumgart, Al Debes, Angie Will

IT'S TIME TO ENJOY OUR GREAT DINNER TIME-JULY 27 TICKETS PRE SOLD--DRIVE THRU PICK UP 10--1



Now is the time to be selling/ buying your chicken dinner tickets. If you didn't get TICKETS your tickets in the mail, call/text us ARE \$15 812-499-9074) and we will get

tickets to you.

Can you help sell extra chicken dinner tickets? Call, text us (812-499-9074) and let us know how many more tickets you need, and we will get them to you. You can pick up tickets at the parish office as well.

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

\$15,000 in prizes So far, 207 families have sold their packet of raffle tickets and raised \$44,445.00. What a great start. Get your tickets in by Monday, June 30, to be eligible for our early bird drawing of \$500. Can you help us by sellingmore tickets? Call/text us and we'll get the tickets to you.

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

Thanks to the following families 5/--\$100 who have returned their tickets (partial listing)

Joan Stewart Steve Preske **Debbie Preske** Bob & Martha Baehl Jim & Carol Fechtmeister Teve & Debbie Scheller Jim & Susan Helmer Carrie Clem Jim & Janice Herr Greg & Susie Head Jean Brown Theresa Chapman Kenny & Cynthia Massberg Bob & Christi Beshears Larry Keil Kim Spaetti Jerry & Beth Spaetti Fred & Mary Happe Nick & Kelsey Austin Jim & Becky Heidorn Mary & Kelly Messal Tom & Jayne Downs Steve & Laura Gries

Joe & Lori Fritch Homer & Doris Taylor Derek & Brooke Williams Darlene Straub Betty Will Barbara Angermeier Victor & Jane Aydt Steve & Sharon Willis Dan & Dosey Lehman Pat Ashby Jack & Hadley Kendle David Connaway Cindy Smyth Tom & Mary Goedde Margie Aydt Richard & Judy Fehrenbacher Rick & Jenny Elliott Glenn & Kristi Givens Brad & Susie Traylor Neil & Jessica Kassenbrock Pat & Lavern Fleck Greg & Dana Vanbibber GET YOUR TICKETS IN FOR THE EARLY BIRD DRAWING--JUNE 30

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." Reasons of the heart

It might appear to some that this aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart lacks a firm theological basis, yet the heart has its reasons. Here the sensus fidelium perceives something mysterious, beyond our human logic, and realizes that the passion of Christ is not merely an event of the past, but one in which we can share through faith. Meditation on Christ's self-offering on the cross involves, for Christian piety, something much more than mere remembrance. This conviction has a solid theological grounding. We can also add the recognition of our own sins, which Jesus took upon his bruised shoulders, and our inadequacy in the face of that timeless love, which is always infinitely greater.

We may also guestion how we can pray to the Lord of life while at the same time comforting him in the midst of his sufferings. Here we need to realize that his risen heart preserves its wound as a constant memory, and that the working of grace makes possible an experience that is not restricted to a single moment of the past. In pondering this, we find ourselves invited to take a



mystical path that transcends our mental limitations yet remains firmly grounded in the word of God.

Anyone possessed of great love for God, and who looks back to the past, can dwell in meditation on Christ, and see him labouring for man, sorrowing, suffering the greatest hardships, 'for us men and for our salvation', well-nigh worn out with sadness, with anguish, nay 'bruised for our sins' (1s 53:5), and bringing us healing by those very bruises. The more the faithful ponder all these things the more clearly they see that the sins of mankind, whenever they were committed, were the reason why Christ was delivered up to death".

The Gospel, in all its richness, was written not only for our prayerful meditation, but also to enable us to experience its reality in our works of love and in our interior life. This is certainly the case with regard to the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The temporal distinctions that our minds employ appear incapable of embracing the fullness of this experience of faith, which is the basis both of our union with Christ in his suffering and of the strength, consolation and friendship that we enjoy with him in his risen life.

We see, then, the unity of the paschal mystery in these two inseparable and mutually enriching aspects. The one mystery, present by grace in both these dimensions, ensures that whenever we offer some suffering of our own to Christ for his consolation, that suffering is illuminated and transfigured in the paschal light of his love. We share in this mystery in our own life because Christ himself first chose to share in that life. He wished to experience first, as Head, what he would then experience in his Body, the Church: both our wounds and our consolations.

When we live in God's grace, this mutual sharing becomes for us a spiritual experience. In a word, the risen Lord, by the working of his grace, mysteriously unites us to his passion. The hearts of the faithful, who experience the joy of the resurrection, yet at the same time desire to share in the Lord's passion, understand this. They desire to share in his sufferings by offering him the sufferings, the struggles, the disappointments and the fears that are part of their own lives. Nor do they experience this as isolated individuals, since their sufferings are also a participation in the suffering of the mystical Body of Christ, the holy pilgrim People of God, which shares in the passion of Christ in every time and place. The devotion of consolation, then, is in no way ahistorical or abstract; it becomes flesh and blood in the **TO BE CONTINUED** Church's pilgrimage through history.

RUMMAGE We want to take time to celebrate what we have done. So, to all of you who helped in one way or another with Dur rummage sale, we'd like to treat you to dinner, TUESDAY, July 1 at 5:30 PM at the Carriage Inn in **THANKS** 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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