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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,

This week it is the great "Chicken Dinner dash to the finish," our big push to sell our chicken dinner tickets. It's been very gratifying to see so many folks stepping up to sell extra tickets for our upcoming chicken dinner. Every effort, large and small will go a long way to heeling us reach our goal of 2600 meals.

This is the week to get all of our chicken dinner orders in. We've sold over 700 tickets so we have a ways to go to get to our target. The good thing is that everyone likes a good chicken dinner and we have the best one in the area. Everyone should have received dinner tickets to buy. And of course we have extra dinner tickets to sell.

Remember you need to get your sold dinner tickets to us by the end of the week so we can make sure we have ordered enough food for the dinner. If you need more tickets, call/text me (812-499-9074) and I'll make sure you get them. Be sure to check with your friends and neighbors. We don't want them to miss out on a great dinner!

Don't forget to get your sold packet of raffle tickets back to us as well. So far about half of our parish families (268) have returned their sold tickets. Our raffle ticket sales are the biggest source of income for our social so it is important that we get everyone to help by doing their part. Once again, every effort, large and small will be a big help. If you need more tickets, call/text me (812-499-9074) and I'll make sure you get them.

By this time you should have received your issue of the *The Carpenter*. In it is a list of workers for the various jobs connected with preparing for our chicken dinner. And there were also a number of places we are putting out the call for help. One such even is happening this coming Monday when we gather to roll the dough for the dumplings. We'll start at 7 am so bring a rolling pin and/or pizza cutter and join in the fun. No experience recurred. You'll be an expert in no time.



This weekend we welcome Marilhyn (Effing) Wassmer who is coming to speak on behalf of the missionary work of the Mary, Mother of God Mission Society in Vladivostok, Russia. Many of you are familiar with Marilyn since she is a daughter of the parish. She is the brother to Fr. Myron Effing, who founded this mission society in the 1990's to work with the Catholic communities in eastern Russia. Marilyn is here on behalf of the Diocesan Mission Co-op Program through which a different mission group is invited to come and speak to our parish about their missionary work and to join in this work through our prayers and financial support. Many of you are also aware that we have been actively support the work that Fr. Myron is doing through our quarterly special collections. I thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder

IT'S CHICKEN DINNER



DASH TO THE FINISH

IT'S TIME TO MAKE THE DUMPLINGS

This coming Monday, we will begin our social dinner preparations by making dumplings. We'll start at 7 am. Bring a rolling pin and/or pizza cutter and join in the action. No experience is required. You'll be an expert in no time!



May your mind
come alive
today to the
invisible
geography

that invites you to new frontiers,
to break the dead shell of yesterdays,
to risk being disturbed and changed.

May you have the courage today
to live the life that you would love,
to postpone your deams no longer
but do at last what you came here for
and waste your heart on fear no more,

John O'Donahue





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 11
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY I
N ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Dan Singer, Elizabeth Ann Singer, Lena Spahn, Paul Becker, Stan & Dorothy Lietemeier, Andy Schentrup, Brent Glaser, Valentine Freyhaut (1879), Ethel Helfrich (1971), Albert Woodward (1974), Anna Bender (1982), Karen Elpers (2014)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Paul, Marlene, Stan, Sheryl, & Steve Hasselbrinck, Susan Weis, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dan & Alex Trowbridge, Janet Zirkelbach

10:30 AM MASS: Andy & Carolyn Seib, Frank & Msry Louise seib, Charlie & Doris Head, Leroy & Marilyn Jochum, Agatha Fischer (1870), Agatha Broermann (1895), Francis (1990) & Viola Englert

MONDAY JULY 13

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Darren and Gerald Drone, Jerry Cain, Clarence Goebel (1912), Justina (1983) & Edward Weiss, Darren Drone (1988), Charlie (2019) & Doris Head

TUESDAY, JULY 14

SAINT KATERI TEKAWITHA

7:30 AM MASS: Sr. Mary Veronica, OCS, Clara Schorlau (1861), Anna Ziegler (1879), Theodore Schenk (1894), George Baehl (1921), Mary Scheller (1962), Kevin Cain (1977), Keith Cain (1977), Jerome Elpers (1994)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

SAINT BONAVENTURE

7:30 AM MASS: Darlene Weinzapfel, Edwin & Irene Berendes, John Elpers (1865), Eugene (1982) & Mary Butler

THURSDAY, JULY 16

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Francis Goebel (1858), George Salzmann (1872), Andrea Wersdorfer (1872), Henry Riedford (1935)

FRIDAY, JULY 17

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Darwin Feller, Veronica Schmitt (1858), Infant Yest (1864), Margaret Seib (1867), Samuel Combs (1939), Virginia James (1945), Fred Hartmann (1978)

SATURDAY, JULY 18

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Albert Martin, Dan Singer, Elizabeth Ann Singer, Maria Beckerle (1858), Anthony Erbacher (1881), Teresa Herdink (1890), Applonia Hillenbrand (1899), Kenny Deisher (2018)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 MASS: Delores Strupp, Dwane Saalman, Jim Gries, Janet Zirkelbach

10:30 AM MASS: Mary Stratman, Fran Happe, Bob Happe, Darlene Baumgart, Joann Schoenstein, Guilelmus Legeling (1861), Infant Urlich (1868), Francis Spitzer (1877), Mary (1964) & John Hillenbrand, Ray (2007) & Wilma Voelker, Joe (2011) & Nannie Schmitt, Jason Coughlin (2016)



BECOME A HERO and BUY A FRIEND
or NEIGHBOR A CHICKEN DINNER

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.



June 28, 2026	\$ 7,340.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 7,340.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 15,530.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 110.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger

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JULY 12: Sherry Dile, Melissa Gillenwater, Amelia Minor

JULY 13: Ray Happe, Griffin Jarboe, Shane Ritter, Lucas Weinzapfel

JULY 14: Cassie Englert, Eve Macke, Alexis Will, Arly Will

JULY 15: Alison Martin, Jacquelyn Raben, Tim Voelker, Jordan Wilkinson, Jack Wingert, Knox York

JULY 16: Parker Warren, Don Coomes, Eran Happe

JULY 17: Madison Mossberger, Paul Reckelhoff

JULY 18: Margaret Effinger, Tiffny Henderson, Beatrice Reckelhoff, Isaac Williams

JULY 12: Brian & Jenny Elpers

JULY 14: Jim & Kristie Elsner

JULY 16: Tony & Alma Scheller (60 Years!)

Josh & Jade Elfreich, Adam & Bayleigh Burress

JULY 17: Tom & Mary Goedde, Paul & Becky Ondash

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Please remember in your prayers *Darlene Weinzapfel*, the mother of Gary Weinzapfel and *Andy Seib*, step-father of Chris Schapker and brother-in-law of Rick Baylor. Andy and his first wife Carolyn (Baylor), who died in 2010) were long time members of our parish. May God's peace be with all the members of these families.



We have an amazing opportunity to help raise some money for the school! The Young Dairymen Booth at the Vanderburgh County Fair have asked St. Joe to work Friday, July 24 & in return they will donate \$750 to the school! If you are willing and able, please sign up & enjoy some ice cream too! Contact Hadley Kendal (812-430-4310) to offer your help



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Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher,

Mary Loehrlein Eric Reffett 8

AM (L) Josh Baehl (EM)

Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher, Chick Duncan Marcia Frey 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Diane Bassemier Doris Taylor. Danielle Weledge, Debra Baumgart

WEEKEND OF JULY 18-19 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe

(EM) Diane Woods, Carolyn Hutchinson, Donald

Werner Brandon Werner 8 AM (L) Tom Blythe (EM)

Jean Duncan, Marcia Frey, Brian & Ann Craney

10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller (EM) Angie Will, Sally

Kempf, Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig

IT'S CHICKEN DINNER DASH TO THE FINISH



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Come join us this Monday, July 13. That is the day we will make the dumplings. We'll start at 7 am. Come with a rolling pin and/or pizza cutter. No experience necessary. We'll teach you everything you need to know. High School students—this is a great way to fulfill your service hour requirements



FAMILIES HAVE NOW SOLD THEIR RAFFLE TICKETS!

Thanks to the following people who have returned their tickets

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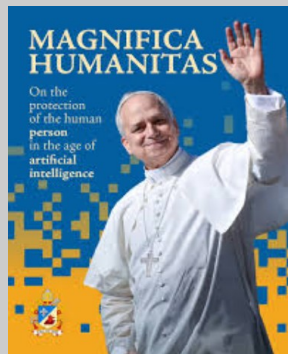
St. Francis of Assisi

(Mariah Hill)—August 9

St. Bernard (Rockport)—August 16

Christ the King (Ferdinand) August 23

This week we continue reading Pope Leo's letter (encyclical) Magnifica Humanitas: On the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence



In light of what has been said so far, the Church's Social Doctrine can be seen more authentically. It is not a handbook of principles and norms to be applied, but a process of shared discernment. It is born from the encounter between the eternal truth of the Gospel and the questions of history. It allows itself to be challenged by the signs of the times, and draws nourishment from the contributions of science, culture and human experience. Therefore, when the dignity of our brothers and sisters is violated, when politics fails to address the tragedies of humanity, when the economy turns against the person or science oversteps the limits of its competence, the Church — together with other Christian denominations and believers of other religions — must make her voice heard, not in order to dominate, but to promote communion. Understood in this way, Social Doctrine becomes a theology of communion in history, a history in which the Word made flesh continues to be present through dialogue, memory and prophecy.

The development of Social Doctrine from Pope Leo XIII to the present

Having outlined the way in which the Church is present in history and engages in dialogue with the world, I would now like to consider the development of Social Doctrine in the Magisterium, which has responded to the major social transformations from the nineteenth century to the present day. Naturally, I cannot do justice to the full richness of this teaching, whose fundamental principles are presented in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* and have been further examined by recent Magisterial teaching. Nor can I systematically explore everything that has been developed in the Encyclicals of my late venerable predecessors, especially in *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti*. Nevertheless, I will emphasize some essential points in order to show how the present text stands in continuity with that tradition. I would also like to stress how, within this tradition, the unchanging core of revealed truths regarding the human person and society is constantly intertwined with a renewed capacity for listening to historical situations and for responding to contemporary issues. I will now review some of the significant stages of this development, beginning with the period inaugurated by the Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*.

The first stages of the Church's Social Doctrine

What we now call the "Social Doctrine of the Church" is not a spontaneous product of the modern age. Instead, it is the fruit of receiving and structuring a long tradition of ecclesial reflection on life in society, rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Church Fathers and the theological and legal developments of the Middle Ages and modern era. Although the expression "Social Doctrine of the Church" was coined by Pius XII in 1950, its content began to take shape as an organic *corpus* of social teaching with Leo XIII's Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. Confronted with the "new things" of his time — the conflict between capital and labor, the question of the workforce, and economic and social transformations — Leo XIII did not limit himself merely to acknowledging the unrest, but saw these situations as an area for the Church's pastoral mission. He exposed them to rigorous discernment, illuminating their causes and possible solutions in the light of the Gospel and an integral vision of the human person created in the image of God.

Saint John Paul II regarded this approach as a "lasting paradigm" of Social Doctrine: an exemplary practice through which the Church, when faced with historical changes, exercises her right and duty to examine social realities, make pronouncements about them and indicate paths for finding just solutions. In this way, the perennial contents of the faith and ancient ecclesial wisdom find expression in a living doctrine that remains faithful to the Gospel while growing in response to the "new things" of every era.

Leo XIII's Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* constitutes a milestone in the development of the Church's social teaching. The document places the dignity of work and of workers at the forefront of its reflection; affirms the right to a fair wage for oneself and one's family; recognizes that persons have a fundamental value that takes precedence over capital and profit; defends private property along with its indispensable societal role; esteems workers' associations; and proposes forms of cooperation between the different components of society as an alternative to the mentality of class struggle. It is not surprising, then, that Pius XI defined it as the "*Magna Carta*" of Christian social action.

TO BE CONTINUED You can read the whole document at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>