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Saturday-5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM

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JULY 13, 2025, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

This week it is the great "Chicken Dinner dash to the finish." We've sold about 800 tickets to date so we have a way to go to reach our goal of 2600. But, we've done it before and we can do it again! So get your tickets back to us by the end of the week. And if you need some extra tickets, call/text me (812-499-9074) and I will get them to

CHICKEN DINNER

DASH TO THE FINISH

Another thirty families have returned their sold raffle tickets which is really great. Be sure to get your raffle tickets in as well. Again if you need more tickets, let me know and I will get them to you.

If you are looking to go the extra mile, what about buying a chicken dinner for your neighbors, especially those you may not have a lot of contact with. Or maybe buy a dinner for someone you don't know. It's all about making room in our lives for others. And that involves compassion and empathy. Sadly, those virtues seem to have fallen out of favor for many today. That is what happens when the flames of fear are fanned by leaders and news pundits. But it has never gone out of style with Jesus. In fact he tells us that that compassion and empathy are at the heart of the Gospel. And to reinforce this, he tells the story of the Good Samaritan, that we read from the Gospel today.

The story of the Good Samaritan may be the most well know story that Jesus ever told. And it is extremely important. Not simply because he helps a stranger in need, but because the Good Samaritan is really God! God is the great helper. And there is no limit to God's help. The kingdom of God unfolds before us to the extent that we allow ourselves to make room in our lives for others.

When Jesus set his story on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, all his listeners knew of the dangers. That the wayfarer was met by thieves, almost left dead, would be of no surprise. The priest and the Levite would know that. What was surprising, however, was the reaction of the so-called religious people to the beaten man. Put simply, they ignored him. Maybe they had some good reasons. See another person who was robbed and you think, well here's another person that got it. The smart move is to mind your own business and don't make any waves. Anyway, what was this guy doing that got him into trouble in the first place. He must have done something to provoke this.

Then came the Samaritan who did all that was necessary and more. And what might have gone through the minds of the priest and Levite when they heard about the actions of the Samaritan?

Well I hope he doesn't get taken by this guy. I've helped plenty of people in the past. How often have I been a sucker for a good story? And when I got taken by their line, I was so embarrassed I promised myself I would never do that again. But the Samaritan, who probably felt many of the same things, chose to act differently.

The Kingdom of God is built by us with deeds like his. Most of them are hidden. A mom sets out her child's clothes, cleaned and pressed, for the next day of school. The child mechanically puts on the clothes the next morning and sleepingly goes to school with no notice of much of anything. Maybe mom stayed up late and missed precious sleep so that her child would have clean and decent clothing. Does this act of generous love count? Absolutely! And eternally too! Maybe part of heaven's joy and delight will be our realizing all that was done for us and by us out of love. This realization will make eternity all the better. We can never underestimate the value of a single loving deed.

> Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder

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!





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 12 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Catherine Grider, Lena Spahn, Agatha Fischer (1870),

Agatha Broermann (1895), Francis (1990) & Viola Englert

SUNDAY, JULY 13

FIFTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Christine Pedo, Geneveive & Henry Kares, Virginia Happe, Darren Drone (1988), Jerry Drone, Jerry Cain, Clarence Goebel (1912), Charlie (2019) & Doris Head (2019) 10:30 AM MASS: Anna Jenkins, Joe Stith, Justina (1983) & Edward Weiss, Henry Weiss, Tony and Violet Weiss, Leroy & Rose Weiss, Leo & Marie Gumbel, Ellie Collins, Herman & Vicki Brenner, Herman Schmitt, Sr., Roger Welage, Anthony Ruppel, Bill & Marion Hepler, For the needs of all the people in our parish,

MONDAY, JULY 14 SAINT KATERI TEKAWITHA

6:30 PM MASS: Clara Schorlau (1861), Anna Ziegler (1879), Theodore Schenk (1894), George Baehl (1921), Mary Scheller (1962), Kevin Cain (1977), Keith Cain (1977), Jerome Elpers (1994)

TUESDAY, JULY 15 SAINT BONAVENTURE

7:30 AM MASS: John Elpers (1865), Eugene (1982) & Mary Butler

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Francis Goebel (1858), George Salzmann (1872), Andrea Wersdorfer (1872), Henry Riedford (1935), Fred Hartmann (1978)

THURSDAY, JULY 17 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Veronica Schmitt (1858), Infant Yest (1864), Margaret Seib (1867), Samuel Combs (1939), Virginia James (1945)

FRIDAY, JULY 18 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Beckerle (1858), Anthony Erbacher (1881), Teresa Herdink (1890), Applonia Hillenbrand (1899), Kenny Deisher (2018)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Albert Martin, For the needs of all the people in our parish, Guilelmus Legeling (1861), Infant Urich (1868), Francis Spitzer (1877), Mary (1964) & John Hillenbrand, Ray (2007) & Wilma Voelker, Joe (2011) & Nannie Schmitt, Jason Coughlin (2016)

SUNDAY, JULY 20 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Dolores Strupp, Frank Will, Eugene Macklan, Fran Wigger, Bob Wigger

10:30 AM MASS: Sue Gries, Raymond & Loretta Hillenbrand, Ann Hillenbrand, Nicolas Spitzer (1905), Mildred Schapker (1944), Henry Schili (1945), Raymond Spayd (1990), Paul Kroeger (2015)



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St. Francis Xavier (Vincennes)—July 13 St. Matthew (Mt. Vernon)—July 13 St. Wendel Knights — July 17, 18, & 19 St. James—August 3 St. Phillip—August 9 & 10

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet this neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers—and us—to go and do the same!

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JULY 6, 2025	\$	6,908.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$	6,908.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$	15,350.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$	5.00
MAINTENANCE COLELCTION	\$	60.00

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Bayleight & Adam Burress

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

JULY 19: Danny & Linda Kares



Please remember in your prayers Sue Gries, sister-in-law of Carolyn Hutchison and Fred Gries, and Gina Baehl, the aunt of Norah Furgeson, (our Third Grade Teacher, and Dr. Eugene Macklan, our friend and co-worker who worked with our friends in Plaine du nOrd Haiti, all of whom died this past week.

May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their family and friends.



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WEEKEND OF JULY 12-13 5 PM

and Jodi Fehrenbacher, Mary Loehrlein Eric Reffett

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) 8 AM (L) Josh Baehl (EM) Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher, Chick Duncan Marcia Frey 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller (EM) Diane Bassemier, Doris Taylor, Danielle Weledge Debra Baumgart

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IT'S CHICKEN DINNER DASH TO THE FINISH



This is the week for our big push to sell lour chicken dinner tickets. We need to get them back by the end of the week so we can know how much food to or-

der. So...now is the time to be selling/buying your chicken dinner tickets. 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.

GET YOUR CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS BACK TO US THIS WEEK

Come help us make dumplings this coming Monday, July 14. 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 for the year!

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

Another 15 families have returned their sold raffle tickets bringing us to a total of 277 amilies who have sold their packet of raffle tickets and raised \$55,945.00. What a 2nd Prize \$2,500 great response so far.

1st Prize \$10.000 3rd – 6th Prizes \$500 Each

TICKETS \$25

5 /-\$100

\$15,000 in prizes

Can you help us by selling more tickets? Call/text us and we'll get the tickets to you.

Thanks to the following families who have returned their tickets

(partial listing)

Dave & Sandy Schmitt Betty Will Paul & Joan Hillenbrand Michael & Joanna Egler Harry & Donna Lincoln Steve & Anne Lannert Fred & Mary Happe Bob & Linda Englert Cassie Englert Ted & janet Zirkelbach Randy & Jeannine Schumate

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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."

LOVE FOR LOVE

In the spiritual experiences of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, we encounter, along with an ardent declaration of love for Jesus Christ, a profoundly personal and challenging invitation to entrust our lives to the Lord. The knowledge that we are loved, and our complete confidence in that love, in no way lessens our desire to respond generously, despite our frailty and our many shortcomings.

A LAMENT AND A REQUEST

Beginning with his second great apparition to Saint Margaret Mary, Jesus spoke of the sadness he feels because his great love for humanity receives in exchange "nothing but ingratitude and indifference", "coldness and contempt". And this, he added, "is more grievous to me than all that I endured in my Passion".

Jesus spoke of his thirst for love and revealed that his heart is not indifferent to the way we re-

spond to that thirst. In his words, "I thirst, but with a thirst so ardent to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament, that this thirst consumes me; and I have not encountered anyone who makes an effort, according to my desire, to quench my thirst, giving back a return for my love". Jesus asks for love. Once the faithful heart realizes this, its spontaneous response is one of love, not a desire to multiply sacrifices or simply discharge a burdensome duty

EXTENDING CHRIST'S LOVE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

We need once more to take up the word of God and to realize, in doing so, that our best response to the love of Christ's heart is to love our brothers and sisters. There is no greater way for us to return love for love. The Scriptures make this patently clear.: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). "For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Gal 5:14

Love for our brothers and sisters is not simply the fruit of our own efforts; it demands the transformation of our selfish hearts. This realization gave rise to the oft-repeated prayer: "Jesus, make our hearts more like your own". Saint Paul, for his part, urged his hearers to pray not for the strength to do good works, but "to have the same mind among you that was in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5).

We need to remember that in the Roman Empire many of the poor, foreigners and others who lived on the fringes of society met with respect, affection and care from Christians. This explains why the apostate emperor Julian, in one of his letters, acknowledged that one reason why Christians were respected and imitated was the assistance they gave the poor and strangers, who were ordinarily ignored and treated with contempt. For Julian, it was intolerable that the Christians whom he despised, "in addition to feeding their own, also feed our poor and needy, who receive no help from us". The emperor thus insisted on the need to create charitable institutions to compete with those of the Christians and thus gain the respect of society: "There should be instituted in each city many accommodations so that the immigrants may enjoy our philanthropy... and make the Greeks accustomed to such works of generosity". Julian did not achieve his objective, no doubt because underlying those works there was nothing comparable to the Christian charity that respected the unique dignity of each per-

By associating with the lowest ranks of society Jesus brought the great novelty of recognizing the dignity of every person, especially those who were considered 'unworthy'. This new principle in human history - which emphasizes that individuals are even more 'worthy' of our respect and love when they are weak, scorned, or suffering, even to the point of losing the human 'figure' - has changed the face of the world. It has given life to institutions that take care of those who find themselves in disadvantaged conditions, such as abandoned infants, orphans, the elderly who are left without assistance, the mentally ill, people with incurable diseases or severe deformities, and those living on the streets".

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