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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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JULY 26, 2026 THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

Today, the humble chicken is once again the center piece of our famous fried chicken dinner.

We think the chicken is one of God's greatest creations. For over 100

years, the humble chicken has been giving its life so that we can enjoy a great meal. It is not an exaggeration to say that each chicken, when it is doing what it was meant to be, simply being a chicken, it praises God and is a reflection of God's love for the world.

I keep thinking of the words we read in the Gospel when Jesus tells his disciples, "there is no great love than to lay down one's life for another (John 15:13). Jesus took simple things, like eating and drinking, and used them to reveal a great mystery—that God is always feeding us with his life so that we, in turn, can be that life for the world.

One of our great spiritual masters was the humble



Brother Lawrence, a Carmelite lay brother (1611-1691). He encouraged others to take brief moments of pause during the daily events of our life to enhance our awareness of God's presence around us. He kept reminding us that God is present with us in all times and circumstances. One of the things he was fond of saying was that we ought not be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work but the love with which it is performed.

So as we go about preparing meals for all our guests who are joining us for our chicken dinner, let us remember that God is present among us. And in these ordinary gestures of preparing food and feeding people, part of the great mystery of God feeding us so that we can be his life to the world is being played out. Everyone and everything is a part of this great mystery. Even and especially the humble chicken.

A special word of thanks to all those who have helped out with our social. It is especially great to see the younger members of our parish helping out. They are building great memories of working with the parents and in many cases with their grandparents. Through their example, they are reminding their children and grandchildren that service to the parish community holds a place of honor in their lives. Those kind of examples yield benefits for many years to come. Thanks to all of you for caring so much about our parish!

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder



**We need
YOU!**



COME HELP AT OUR SUMMER SOCIAL

6 AM Start Frying Chicken
Making Dressing, Dumplings
corn, green beans,
mashed potatoes

9 AM Serving Line set up
and ready to go

10 AM — 1 PM Fill
carryout orders

1-3 PM Clean up

3 PM Come joins us for our
After Social Party

Grand Raffle Drawing

Be sure you get your sold raffle
tickets to us before 3 pm so we can
put your name in the drawing!

BEES

The bees do not stop
collecting pollen
when humans
murder each other
with guns.

The bees think:
how strange, how low
on the evolutionary scale
must those humans be,
that they haven't yet
figured out
how to make honey
or peace.

—Alden Solovy



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 25
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Albert Martin, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Michael Wooldridge, Jacob Rexing (1867), Elisabeth Anslinger (1886), William Urich (1891), Angela Ziliak (1974), Donald Holder (1995), Fr. Felix Preske (1996) (son of the parish), Debbie Givens (2019), Darlene (2022) Don Baumgart



SUNDAY, JULY 26

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Robert Reckelhoff, John Reckelhoff, Jim Gries, John & Luella Gries, Larry Spalding, Don & Mary Appler, Henry & Elise Appler, John, Mina & Elizabeth Lorenz, Clara Gruppenbacher, Joe & Winnie Schu, Katy Miller, all deceased Social Workers, For all the members of our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Makella Laumer, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Theresa, Bob & Charles Shull, Anna Helfrich (1877), George Hoefling (1919), Joseph (1949) & Mary Frank Sr., Barbara (1962) & Joe Botzum

MONDAY, JULY 27

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Matthia Hartlein (1871), Maria Spindler (1886), Peter Reising (1901), Gertrude (1943) & Henry Rexing, Mary (2011) & Herbert Geuss, Robert (2020) & Imelda Woodward

TUESDAY, JULY 28

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Simon Schmitt (1873), T.M. Bender (1888), Agnes Effinger (1892), Bernard Urich (1904), Ed Wolf (1956) Wilfred (2000) & Eileen Will, Jerome (2010) & Estelle Schneider

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

SAINTS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

7:30 AM MASS: Alma Berendes (1908), Infant Schapker (1949), Ralph Ritter (1991)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Leona Barrett (1995), Eileen (2007) & Tony Ruminer, Virginia Vollman (2020), Gene (2024) & Marianne Ritter

FRIDAY, JULY 31

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

7:30 AM MASS: Deceased members of the Jesuit Community

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

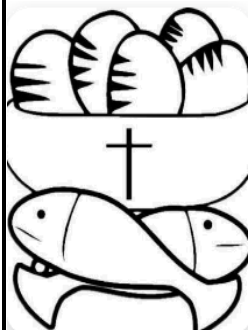
5:00 PM MASS: Chuck Hirsch, Fran Happe, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Gertrude Bahl (1862), Theresa Hoefling (1877), John Lambers (1888), Catherine Hillenbrand (1961), Adelaide (1964) & Robert Ubelhor, Mary Lou Coomes (1979), Joseph (1995) & Delores Elpers, Clara (1998) & Joseph Frank

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Srs. Benedict & Adeline, SP, Srs. Honora, Celina, & Huberta, OSF, Srs. Othmar, Delorosa, & Mary Rose, OSB,

10:30 AM MASS: Mary Gerteisen, Barb Gerteisen, Willie & Joyce Nieten, Ludovicus Happe (1878), Caroline Helfrich (1976), Patrick (2012) & Myrna Craney, For all the members of our parish



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest That I could honestly say the same?



JULY 19, 2026	\$ 9,663.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 33,774.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 46,050.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 40.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI	\$ 40.00
HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 800.00
HAITI SEWING SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 675.00
HAITI FOOD FUND	\$ 25,000.00
ST. VINCENT dePAUL FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5.00

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 or give online at <https://www.osvhub.com/evdio/giving/funds>

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

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Jack Fleeger

HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser

RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: Carl Kempf

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones

NEWBURGH HEALTHCARE: Carolyn Pfaffman

JULY 26: Adam Burress, Jason Eickhoff, Jim Herr, Ron Mayer

July 27: Lisa Cook, Tucker Grossman, Mariah Schneider

JULY 28: Lisa Douglas, Sally Kempf,

Josh McGehee, Jalene Relleke, Joey Scheller

JULY 29: Quinn Drennan, Barb Rexing, Joe Ritter, Betty Will

JULY 30: Eva Bilderbach, Glenn Givens,

Eddie Luigs, Bryan Trimborn

JULY 31: Marcus Elpers, Heidi Forcum, Becky Mayer, Eric Ondash, Bryan Will

JULY 26: Eugene & Elizabeth Schmitt, Denny & Hanna Rodriguez

JULY 27: Charlie & Lisa Cook, Jon & Aislinn Gourley

JULY 29: Tom & Jayne Downs, Shane & Whitney Ritter

JULY 30: Bob & Martha Baehl, (60 Years!),

Ron & Donna Miller, Leo & Terry Zimmer

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Please remember in your prayers *Mary (Niemeier) Gerteisen*, a daughter of our parish the aunt of Cyril Gerteisen and *Chuck Hirsch*, the cousin of Jane Luigs and Janet Herr. May God grant them eternal rest and may his peace be with their family and many friends.



Dear friends at St. Joseph,

I enjoyed my visit with you and connecting once again with so many of the friends I knew growing up in the parish. I just wanted to send a small thank you to all of you for your generous donations to the Mary Mother of God Mission Society. Please continue to pray for Fr. Myron and the continued success of the work they are doing in Vlsdivook, Russia.

Marilyn (Hasselbrinck) Wassmer



THIS WEEK'S MOWING
CREW: TEAM 5



What a great job our mowing crews do each week

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

WEEKEND OF JULY 25-26
5 PM (L) Jim Hermann (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier, Eric & Karen McDonald
8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Terry Drone Lisa Cook, Rodney & Paula Baehl
10:30 AM: (L) Chad Martin (EM) Paul Hillenbrand, Amy Cody, Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus
WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1-2 **5 PM** (L) Susie Schapker (EM) Butch & Linda Feulner, Eric Reffett, Toni Askins
8 AM (L) Terry Drone (EM) Kylie Frey Stephanie Frey, Tom & Dolores Folz
10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Becky Doshier, Jenna Wessel, Steve Jung, Al Debes

THIS IS THE BIG DAY

Be sure to get your raffle tickets in by next Sunday. We will have the drawing this Sunday afternoon at 3 pm.



FAMILIES HAVE NOW SOLD THEIR RAFFLE TICKETS!

Thanks to the following people who have returned their tickets

Jeff & Lisa Raben	Eric & Karen McDonald
Jim & Becky Harl	Joe & Mary Mary
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Dan & Kathy Schenk	Lissa & Don Rexing
Dennis & Donna	Josh & Danielle
Niemeier	Weledge

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

FAMILIES RETURNING THEIR TICKETS 321 **RAISED TO DATE \$65,025.00**

Back to School Bash

11:30--1:00 PM



NEXT SUNDAY--AUGUST 2

Join us following Mass
 Meet your Teachers
 Pick Up Parent Packets
 Drop off School Supplies
 Enjoy the Cookout

Thanks to the PTO, Public Relations Committee, St. Joe Baseball League and the St. Joe Men's Club



COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER EVENTS

St. James--August 2
 St. Phillip--August 8 & 9
 St. Francis of Assisi (Mariah Hill)--August 9
 St. Bernard (Rockport)--August 16
 Siena Breakfast--Sts Peter & Paul
 Haubstadt -- Aug. 23 7-10 am
 Christ the King (Ferdinand) August 23
 St. Wendel--September 12-13
 St. Mary (Ireland)--September 13

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

The years of the Second Vatican Council

A new phase in the Church's social teaching began with Saint John XXIII, who placed a greater emphasis on the global dimension of social issues and the language of rights. In *Mater et Magistra*, he presented the Christian faith as a light capable of uniting heaven and earth. He recalled that, while the Church's primary mission is the sanctification and proclamation of eternal goods, she does not neglect the concrete needs of people's daily lives, and is concerned with every authentic human good.

Based on this unified vision of humanity, John XXIII emphasized that societal life requires a balance between the initiative of citizens and groups – who are called to organize themselves and work together – and the action of the State, which must coordinate and provide support without stifling the freedom and responsibility of individuals. Hence, he drew attention to fair remuneration for work, worker participation and the growing disparities between countries. A few years later, in *Pacem in Terris*, John XXIII addressed for the first time not only the faithful, but also all people of good will, organically linking the dignity of the person to the recognition of fundamental rights and duties, and proposing a direction for society – at the international level too – based on truth, justice, love and freedom.

In the present day, which is marked by widespread conflict and new forms of global interdependence, the following aspects of his thought remain particularly significant: the universal perspective of his appeal; his reference to human rights as a shared framework; and his conviction that lasting peace requires institutions and relations between peoples that are inspired by the dignity of every person.

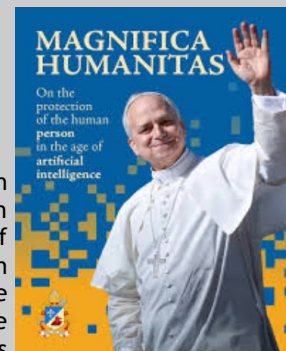
The Second Vatican Council marked a turning point in the Church's understanding of herself in the contemporary world. In the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, the Council presented the image of a Church that is close to humanity, engaged with the world and committed to reflecting on the concrete reality of historical situations, rather than abstract concepts. The text addresses the major issues of marriage and the family, economic and societal life, the political community, war and peace. It insists that economic and institutional structures are just only to the extent that they serve the integral development of the person and promote the responsible participation of all.

The importance of this conciliar document for the Social Doctrine of the Church lies not only in having opened up horizons for thematic reflection, but also in its method of discernment that invites us to interpret historical changes guided by the Gospel and human expertise. This approach reveals that dialogue with the world is not a tactical choice for the Church, but a concrete expression of her mission because the Gospel, like leaven, is capable of transforming the structures of society from within and forging paths toward a greater humanity.

The Declaration *Dignitatis Humanae* can be included in the same context. Here, the Council recognized that religious freedom is a fundamental right grounded in human dignity that must be guaranteed by law so as to prevent people from being forced to act against their conscience or impeded from seeking and professing the truth both privately and publicly. This principle is highly relevant today and continues to provide Social Doctrine with decisive criteria for protecting individuals and building pluralistic and peaceful societies.

During the Pontificate of Saint Paul VI, an understanding of peace emerged that was not reduced to the mere absence of war, but took shape within the scope of integral human development. In *Populorum Progressio*, he described development as a transition from less humane to more humane living conditions. He further understood it as a process that concerns “each person and the whole person,” [31] that is every dimension of the person and all people without exception. For this reason, Paul VI could affirm that development understood in this way is in reality “the new name for peace,” because it aims to eradicate the roots of injustice and conflict and create opportunities for a more dignified life for all. The establishment of the Pontifical Commission *Iustitia et Pax* should also be seen in this light as an attempt to give stable form to this insight at the ecclesial and international levels, while bearing in mind the growing gap between rich and poor countries and the need for policies that genuinely promote more humane living conditions for all.

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



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