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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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AUGUST 10, 2025 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

Now that school has begun, we're heading into lots of activities not just with school but also in the parish. All that means we will have the opportunity to work together on any number of projects. All that has got me thinking about the readings we have been listening to at our daily mass. We've been reading from the Book of Exodus and the Book of Numbers about the Israelites journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land.

What is interesting about this is that while you might think everyone is pretty happy about been freed from slavery and brought to the promised land, that is not always the case. Moses has led the people to freedom but once they got there not everyone was happy. At one point the people complain to Moses, "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt. It was better when we were slaves in Egypt. At least there we had something to eat. But you had to lead us into the desert to make the whole community died of famine."

All the complaining gets to Moses and he speaks to God. "What shall I do?" And he reminds God that this is "indeed a stiff necked people." God provides them with food and drink, but this is not the end of things. Soon the folks are complaining about Moses. "Is it through Moses alone that God speaks, doesn't he speak through us as well. Why should we listen to Moses."

Moses goes up on the mountain to receive the ten commandments, only to find that the people have erected a golden calf to worship. In disgust Moses smashes the tablets on which were written the ten commandments.

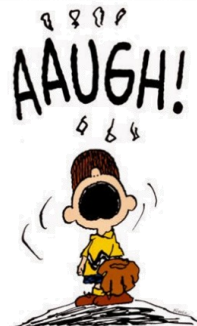
What a human journey this is. Not unlike the human journey we find ourselves on from time to time. We work hard and yet there are times when we get sideways with each other. Sometimes we get offended by the actions of others. Sometimes we don't feel appreciated for the efforts we make.

Sometimes there is lots of stuff coming at us, financial challenges, health challenges, family relationship challenges and these spill over onto other things in our life and onto other people that really aren't the source of the challenges. It happens to all of us. I am reminded of the lament of St. Paul who said, "the good I want to do I don't do and the bad that I don't want to do I do anyway." Who hasn't experienced this in one form or another?

But that is the way it is in family life and in our parish life as well. I think of the words of Pope Francis, who, in speaking of families, talked about the need to be able to say "I'm sorry," "That's my fault," "What can I do to make it better?" Good advice for all of us.

Leaning into the journey of life,

Fr. Gene Schroeder



IN BLACKWATER WOODS

Look, the trees are turning their own bodies
into pillars of light,

are giving off the rich fragrance
of cinnamon and fulfillment,
the long tapers of cattails

are bursting and floating away
over the blue shoulders of the ponds,
and every pond, no matter
what its name is, is nameless now.

Every year everything I have ever learned

in my lifetime leads back to this:

the fires and the black river of loss
whose other side is salvation,
whose meaning none of us will ever know.

To live in this world

you must be able to do three things:

to love what is mortal;

to hold it against your bones

knowing your own life depends on it;

and, when the time comes

to let it go, to let it go.

Mary Oliver





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Harry Woods, Wendel & Marie Martin, Bonita Wannemuehler, Elmer & Pauline Kissel, David Kissel, Bud Parkinbison For the needs of all the people in our parish, Valentine Freyhaut (1883), Julius Rexing (1896), Sylvester Baehl (1917)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Dave Fehrenbacher, Bill & Marian Elpers, Alice Keil, Deceased members of the Joseph & Mary Schneider Family, Alice Goebel, Rich Henderson, Alan Feldhaus

10:30 AM MASS: Ed Straub, John & Christina Straub, Leroy, Rose & Freddie Weiss, Tony & Violet Weiss, Leo & Marie Gumbel, Anna Freyhaut (1881), Infant Tepole (1900), Fred (1954) & Christina, Berendes

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

FEAST OF ST. CLARE

6:30 PM MASS: Elis Happe (1893), Anna Will (1905), Herman Elpers (1976), Scott Gentry (2019)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Ed & Martha Blondin, Marie, Larry, Richard, Edward, & Dave Blondin, Martha Goldin, Bill Duncan (2022)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Schony (1868), Joseph Erbacher (1894), Joseph Will (1929), Steven Schneider (1971), Joseph (1991) & Mag Eickhoff, Cathy Ann Luigs (2000), Don & Neacie Singleton, Elmer (2011) & Charlotte Schapker

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

6:00 PM MASS: Joan Hettiger (1880), John Eichenberger (1912), Theresa (1949) & Isidore Beyer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Dezember (1865), Francis Lenges (1878), Nicholas Rockemeyer (1886), Richard Henning (1915), Wilfrieda (1976) & Oscar Angermeier, Robert (1979) & Adeladie Ubelhor, Mark Hoefling (1998), Linda Elpers (2023)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Fran, Ron, & Bob Happe, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Sylvester & Irene Happe, Joann Schoenstein

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Frs. Francis, Raymond & Cletus Schroering, for the needs of all the people in our parish.

10:30 AM MASS: Margaret & Sylvester Will, Dennis & Donald Will, Katharian Farny (1892), Frank (1937) & Anna Seib



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

This coming Friday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holyday of obligation. We will have mass on Thursday evening, August 14 at 6 pm and Friday morning, August 17 at 7:30 am

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Am I waiting for the right time to become a good steward? So I plan to share my time and talents "later"? Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared—"at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."



AUGUST 3, 2025	\$ 13,546.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 51,198.30
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 76,750.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 60.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

Saluting our Young Stewards: Beatrice, Peter, Paul, John, & Bernadette Reckelhoff

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RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 800,157.03

Your monthly packet of collection envelopes now includes a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

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

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EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

AUGUST 10: Krue Elpers, Chris Fehrenbacher, Bobbie Gibbs, Bryce Mehringer, Chip Schwartz, Franklin Spaetti

AUGUST 11: Carson Arnold, Karl Forcum, Rebekah Nisley

AUGUST 12: Grace Doshier, Briley Jones, Patti Montgomery, Emery Oliver, Isabella Raben

AUGUST 13: Adrian Burk, Magen Coates, Thomas Daugherty

AUGUST 14: Stella Spaetti

AUGUST 15: Devin Feulner, Cambrie Henderson,

Nick Hughes, Carla McCord, Nathaniel Whitehouse

AUGUST 16: Mike Arnold, Josh Fenwick, Wrenley

Johnson, Chris Schapker, Zach Spaetti, Lillian Traylor

AUGUST 11: Allen & Rebecca Whitehouse,

Blaine & Elizabeth Nims

AUGUST 14: Josh & Tiffany Henderson,

Jake & Clare Grentencord

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

WEEKDAY MASS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Please note that with school beginning this week, our weekly mass with our school children will normally be on Friday at 7:30 am. We will gather in church for mass and you are welcome to join us. Throughout the school year, there will be times when we will gather with the school children on a different day than Friday. We will note those times in our weekly bulletin.



Children's Liturgy



**CHILDREN (age 4 thru 2nd grade) ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US LITURGY OF THE WORD
AT THE 10:30 AM MASS EACH SUNDAY**

Liturgical Ministers

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM)

10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel (EM) Jalene Weber Michael Elpers, Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 16-17 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods Eric Reffett, Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher **8 AM** (L) Jalene Relleke, (EM) Jean Duncan, Brian and Ann Craney, Marcia Frey **10:30 AM** (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Debra Baumgart Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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There will be a **parent meeting** concerning **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** for parents of children in second grade this **Sunday, August 10th** from **11:30–12:15**. The meeting will be held in the school meeting room. Child-care will be available at school during this meeting.

There will be a **Parent Meeting** for students in their **sophomore year of high school** concerning the **sacrament of Confirmation** this **Sunday, August 10** from **9-9:45 am**. The meeting will be held from 9:00-9:45 in the school meeting room.

Please contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812-598-1151 or jreckelhoff@evdio.org) if you have any questions.

We are looking for any unused rosaries for a monthly school rosary; if you have any rosaries that are durable and are not being used; would you consider donating them to the St. Joe school? If so, please contact Jessica Reckelhoff. Thank you!

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

Each year, through the Mission Office in our Diocese, each parish invites a member of a foreign mission to come and speak to the parish and to invite us to provide financial support for their work. This year, the Sisters of St. Benedict from Ferdinand will be here to speak on behalf of the mission work in Peru.

The sisters have spent nearly 60 years living, working, and ministering in the Diocese of Chulucanas in northern Peru - yes, in the same diocese where Pope Leo XIV began his missionary work! Today six sisters serve in this area working as teachers and pastoral ministers in the rural and mountainous regions of the country. Sr. Kathleen Marie Cash will visit to share about the ministry of the sisters and will offer an opportunity to continue the work that has been done for so many years. Thank you for your support!



COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. Phillip—August 9 & 10
St. Francis of Assisi (Mariah Hill)—August 10
Precious Blood (Jasper)—August 17
Christ the King (Ferdinand)—August 24
St. Wendel—September 6 & 7
St. Mary (Ireland)—September 7

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."

All sin harms the Church and society; as a result, "every sin can undoubtedly be considered as a social sin" and this is especially true for those sins that "by their very matter constitute a direct attack on one's neighbour". **Saint John Paul II** explained that the repetition of these sins against others often consolidates a "structure of sin" that has an effect on the development of peoples.

Frequently, this is part of a dominant mind-set that considers normal or reasonable what is merely selfishness and indifference. This then gives rise to social alienation: A society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer the gift of self and to establish solidarity between people.

It is not only a moral norm that leads us to expose and resist these alienated social structures and to support efforts within society to restore and consolidate the common good. Rather, it is our "conversion of heart" that imposes the obligation to repair these structures. It is our response to the love of the heart of Jesus, which teaches us to love in turn.

Precisely because evangelical reparation possesses this vital social dimension, our acts of love, service and reconciliation, in order to be truly reparative, need to be inspired, motivated and empowered by Christ. Saint John Paul II also observed that to build the civilization of love, our world today needs the heart of Christ. Christian reparation cannot be understood simply as a congeries of external works, however indispensable and at times admirable they may be. These need a "mystique", a soul, a meaning that grants them strength, drive and tireless creativity. They need the life, the fire and the light that radiate from the heart of Christ.

Mending wounded hearts

Nor is a merely outward reparation sufficient, either for our world or for the heart of Christ. If each of us considers his or her own sins and their effect on others, we will realize that repairing the harm done to this world also calls for a desire to mend wounded hearts where the deepest harm was done, and the hurt is most painful.

A spirit of reparation thus leads us to hope that every wound can be healed, however deep it may be. Complete reparation may at times seem impossible, such as when goods or loved ones are definitively lost, or when certain situations have become irremediable. Yet the intention to make amends, and to do so in a concrete way, is essential for the process of reconciliation and a return to peace of heart.

The beauty of asking forgiveness

Good intentions are not enough. There has to be an inward desire that finds expression in our outward actions. Reparation, if it is to be Christian, to touch the offended person's heart and not be a simple act of commutative justice, presupposes two demanding things: acknowledging our guilt and asking forgiveness... It is from the honest acknowledgment of the wrong done to our brother or sister, and from the profound and sincere realization that love has been compromised, that the desire to make amends arises.

We should never think that acknowledging our sins before others is somehow demeaning or offensive to our human dignity. On the contrary, it demands that we stop deceiving ourselves and acknowledge our past for what it is, marred by sin, especially in those cases when we caused hurt to our brothers and sisters. Self-accusation is part of Christian wisdom... It is pleasing to the Lord, because the Lord accepts a contrite heart.

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