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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,

There are many demands placed upon our financial resources. I think especially of parents of our school families as they start a new school year. Just getting all the school supplies and school fees covered can be exhausting. I am sure that it feels like not a day goes by with hearing something like "Hey mom, I need some money for this project going on in school."

And then there are appeals for financial support that come from the church. Last week, we had a special mission appeal from the St. of St. Benedict to support their missionary work in Peru. This weekend, Bishop Siegel has

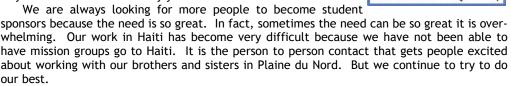
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asked us join Catholics throughout the country in taking up a special collection to respond to the humanitarian crisis that continues to grow worse in Gaza.

And we are continuing to the to reach out to help our brothers.

And we are continuing to try to reach out to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti by sponsoring students education. Many of you have sponsored a child's education in Haiti for many years. And what a beautiful thing this is. The money you give not only helps to provide books and supplies for the children but also helps to pay the teachers in the school and help to provide a lunch for the children. The child you support is blessed and the whole community of St. James is blessed by your efforts.



The folks who are leading our Haiti Ministry have been trying to decide how best to use the money we have received. Of course, we continue to believe that education is the key which is why we keep inviting more people to sponsor a child's education. But it's hard for people to study and learn if they are hungry and don't have any food to eat.

We've been sending money tour friends in Haiti to purchase food and your donations have helped to make that possible. Now the best solution is to have enough money to sponsor a child's education and to feed them lunch when they are at school. Right now we have been able to provide lunch to our children in Haiti three days a week. What do you do in these kind of situations? You want to do everything but you can't. Which one do you put

your money toward? These are the kind of questions that our Haiti ministry group is grappling with.

This is where things can get overwhelming. And when that happens it can be very easy to throw your hands in the air and give up. The reality is that there will always be more needs than we can meet. The work will always be bigger than we can manage by ourselves. But we are not expected to do everything. What we are called to do is to be generous with what we have and to share it freely.

When I find myself getting discouraged, I think of the words of St. Oscar Romero, the Archbishop of San Salvador. He worked tirelessly for the poor and challenged the government to be more responsive to the plight of the poor. Of course that did not make him popular to the elite class of people and those who were in power. Eventually they killed him because of his outspokenness. Here is what he said:

We cannot do everything. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We may never see the end results. We are the workers, We are ministers—not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

These are good words to keep in mind. May they give us the courage to begin again and do what we are capable of doing.

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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, John Reckelhoff, Mau-

rice Summers Family, Don & Mary Appler, Joe & Winnie Schu, Henry & Elise Appler, John & Mina Lorenz, Elizabeth & Tony Lorenz, for the needs of all the people in our parish.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Infant Haberlach (1864), Infant Angermeier (1957), James Wedding (2021)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINZRY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Tepool (1915), Mary Rexing (1963), Victor Dewig (1995)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Rexing (1862), Joseph Anslinger (1870), Alexandria Urich (1895), Henry (1967) & Otilla Baehl, Joseph (1970) & Elizabeth Woods

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 SAINT POPE PIUS X

NO MASS: Peter (1960) & Elizabeth, Wigand Kay Pike (2012)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 **OUEENSHIP OF MARY**

7:30 AM MASS: Tom & Mary Baumgart, Valentine Schenk (1866), Robert Stevens Jr. (1990)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

TWENTY-FIRST SUDNAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Joseph Grider, Sylvester & Irene Happe, Fran, Ron & Bob Happe, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Joan Schoenstein, Maria Haberlach (1860), Leonard Effinger (1887), Theresa (1983) & Louis Folz

> SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



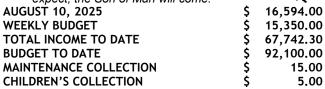
8:00 AM MASS: Sr. Elizabeth Ann Koberstein, Ivan & Lila Simon, Jim & Dolores Niemeier, Norbert Niemeier, Robert & Margie Hartman, Dean Trowbridge, Alex Trowbridge 10:30 AM MASS: For the needs of all the people in our parish, Joseph Effinger (1861), John Schmitt (1870), Ludovicus Brack (1885), Franz Bernendes (1910), Henrietta (1952) & Wilfred Baehl, Ruth (1993) & Charles Waters, Estelle (2017) & Jerome Schneider

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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."



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AUGUST 18: Kelsey Austin, Bard Dick, Julie Greubel

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Catherine Vitzdam, Eli Wargel AUGUST 20: Kenzie Hartz, Lennon Zirklebach

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AUGUST 22: Judy Bishop, Ruthie Dickason, Larry Elfreich, Hunter Phelps, Nark Schmitt

AUGUST 23: Renee Werner

AUGUST 17: Sidney & Wyatt Raben

AUGUST 18: Jim & Connie Gries, Brian & Michelle Elpers,

AUGUST 19: Stan & Glenda Love AUGUST 21: Jim & Janice Herr.

Steve & Becky Muensterman, Steve & Anne Lannert

AUGUST 22: Jerry & Cindy Happe

AUGUST 23: Todd & Kelly Lehman





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

Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. We always looking for new people to take the place of those who can no longer come for an hour of adoration.





WEEKEND OF AUGUST 10-17 51 III (E) CO.

Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods Eric Reffett, WEEKEND OF AUGUST 16-17 5 PM (L) Sis Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher 8 AM (L)

Jalene Relleke, (EM) Jean Duncan, Brian LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) and Ann Craney, Marcia Frey 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Debra Baumgart Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23-24 5 PM (L) Toni Askins, (EM) Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchinson, Sis & katy Jarboe 8 AM (L) Dave Schmitt, (EM) Terry Drone Lisa Cook, Rodney and Paula Baehl 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin, (EM) Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch, Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand

NEWS • NEWS

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 vou!

Come and see what parish activities we have going on in the coming months! There will be information fliers and tasty cookies for you to take and enjoy! We will gather in the meeting room after all the masses this weekend.

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A person or family can sponsor a student for an annual cost of \$400, This fee helps pay for their tuition, provide a stipend for uniforms and books, helps fund the daily food program and allows the students to have access to the parish clinic. If you would like

more information, you can contact Chad Martin, (812-454-2785) or email him at seabeesgreat58@gmail.com.

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

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."

Part of this spirit of reparation is the custom of asking forgiveness from our brothers and sisters, which demonstrates great nobility amid our human weakness. Asking forgiveness is a means of healing relationships, for it re-opens dialogue and manifests the will to reestablish the bond of fraternal charity... It touches the heart of our

brother or sister, brings consolation and inspires acceptance of the forgiveness requested. Even if the irreparable cannot be completely repaired, love can always be reborn, making the hurt bearable.

When our prayer becomes simpler and deeper, grounded in adoration and wonder in the presence of God, we grow and mature. We become less attached to ourselves and more attached to Christ. The sense of solidarity also enables reconciliation to take place. The person who is capable



of forgivenss, rather than feeling anger and scandal at the failings of our brothers and sisters, weeps for their sins. There occurs a sort of reversal, where the natural tendency to be indulgent with ourselves and inflexible with others is overturned and, by God's grace, we become strict with ourselves and merciful towards others.

Elsewhere I have suggested that, "God has in some way sought to limit himself in such a way that many of the things we think of as evils, dangers or sources of suffering, are in reality part of the pains of childbirth which he uses to draw us into the act of cooperation with the Creator. This cooperation on our part can allow the power and the love of God to expand in our lives and in the world, whereas our refusal or indifference can prevent it.

Even though it is not possible to speak of new suffering on the part of the glorified Lord, we can say that he has allowed the expansive glory of his resurrection to be limited and the diffusion of his immense and burning love to be contained, in order to leave room for our free cooperation with his heart. Our rejection of his love erects a barrier to that gracious gift, whereas our trusting acceptance of it opens a space, a channel enabling it to pour into our hearts. Our rejection or indifference limits the effects of his power and the fruitfulness of his love in us. If he does not encounter openness and confidence in me, his love is deprived - because he himself has willed it - of its extension, unique and unrepeatable, in my life and in this world, where he calls me to make him present. Again, this does not stem from any weakness on his part but rather from his infinite freedom, his mysterious power and his perfect love for each of us. When God's power is revealed in the weakness of our human freedom, only faith can discern it.

To help us reflect more deeply on this mystery, we can turn once more to the luminous spirituality of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Therese was aware that in certain guarters an extreme form of reparation had developed, based on a willingness to offer oneself in sacrifice for others, and to become in some sense a "lightning rod" for the chastisements of divine justice.

In her words, "I thought about the souls who offer themselves as victims of God's justice in order to turn away the punishments reserved to sinners, drawing them upon themselves". However, as great and generous as such an offering might appear, she did not find it overly appealing: "I was far from feeling attracted to making it". So great an emphasis on God's justice might eventually lead to the notion that Christ's sacrifice was somehow incomplete or only partly efficacious, or that his mercy was not sufficiently powerful.

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