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VANDERBURGH COUNTY EVANSVILLE, INDIANA ESTABLISHED IN 1841

AUGUST 3, 2025 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A community of joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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Dear friends,

It was another great week for our parish last Sunday as we added another chapter to our summer social history. Everything went off without a hitch. "The smoothest ever," as one person put it. Of course what looks simple, requires the efforts of lots of people doing lots of different jobs—selling dinner tickets, making sure all the supplies are ordered, preparing the food and then cleaning up after the event is over. We have been so blessed to have the leadership of our social chair couples, Patrick & Britt Fehrenbacher and Megan and Chip Altstadt. Not only are they good with taking care of all the details, but their leadership created an atmosphere where, as one person put it, "you want to help out."



AVERY AND HER CO-WORKERS

Avery Frankenberger, one of our parishioners, who also works at the jail, helped to make all this possible. The response we got from them was typical: "The food was great. We can't thank you enough!"

Our friends at the House of Bread and Peace were doubly excited to learn that they also won the second prize in our grand raffle. When I shared the good news with the house manager, she told me that just this past week, the compressor unit in one of the air conditioning units had which made things pretty miserable in the heat this past week. Now they will be able to fix the unit! As she said, "God is good, all the time!"

It's good for us to celebrate and give thanks for another great social. I hope you all can feel the great pride is seeing the great spirit of cooperation that was on display last Sunday.



I know it is hard to imagine, but this week school begins. We have had an amazing group of folks who have been hard at work these last couple of months getting the school in shaped for the new year. An incredible number of things have accomplished, from sealing bricks, to installing new air conditioning units, to cleaning and waxing floors, repairing and cleaning school desks and chairs, cleaning the pre-school playground.

*Be it known to all
who enter our school that
Christ
is the reason for this school.
He is the unseen but ever present
teacher in its classes.
He is the model of its faculty
and the inspiration of its students.*

supplies and meet the teachers and enjoy the cookout. Special thanks to the PTO and the Men's Club for providing all the goodies for the cookout.

We've put a lot of time and effort into our summer social and into getting the school ready for the new year. We do all that because we continue to believe that the work we do in school is the best way we know of to help train our children in the ways of faith. Learning how to be Christ in the world is what we are all about. All the things we do, from raising money through our social to making sure our school building is in good shape, are in service of this central goal. Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder



Britt and Patrick
Fehrenbacher



Megan & Chip
Altstadt



THE DUMPLING CREW



THE DRESSING CREW

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Harry Woods, Viola Martin, Ron Luigs, Lawrence Luigs, Tony & Mathilda (Spahn) Luigs, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Ludovicus Happe (1878), Caroline Helfrich (1976), Patrick (2012) & Myrna Craney



SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Dave Fehrenbacher, Wilburn & Marian Fehrenbacher, Kenny Fehrenbacher, Margaret & Sylvester Will
10:30 AM MASS: Leroy & Rose Weiss, Leo & Marie Gumbel, Fr. Henry Kuykendal For the needs of all the people in our parish Infant Murphy (1868), Peter Bichler (1873), Catharine Fahrney (1899), Elinna Schenk (1927), Clifford Tenbarger (1947), Paul Allison (1966)

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
ST. JOHN VIANNEY

6:30 PM MASS: Ann Whitehead, Infant Schilli (1864), Joana Michlbeck (1870), Anna Will (1913), Katherine (1940) & John Hoefling, John Nellis (1943), Veronica (1984) & Joseph Rexing, Jim (2001) & Avila Fehrenbacher

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Tepohle (1864), Francis Berendes (1893), Leo (1995) & Katherine Quinlin

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

7:30 AM MASS: Bill & Evelyn Bethel, Dave Bethel, Karen Seib, Jonathan Seib, Caroline (1977) & Frank Happe (1977), Esther (2018) & Harold Niemeier

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Francis Seibert (1857), Maria Zuber (1874), Elisabeth Will (1897), Samuel (1949) & Elizabeth Eickenberger, Ellie (2024) & Bob Blesch

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8
ST. DOMINIC

NB: 7:30 AM MASS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN (IN CHURCH) Oliver Wallace, John Romadi (1870), Bill (2001) & Janice Kempf, Jr. Bill & Leoda Kempf, Tom & Ron Kempf

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Bonita Wannemuehler, Elmer & Pauline Kissel, David Kissel, Bud Parkinbsn 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: 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, Anna Freyhaut (1881), Infant Tepole (1900), Fred (1954) & Christina, Berendes (1954)



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity today's Gospel, He invites us to be good stewards of the gifts we have given. He challenges us to avoid the temptation to hang on to what we have been given but to share it freely especially with those in need.



JULY 20, 2025 \$ 7,494.00
WEEKLY BUDGET \$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE \$ 37,652.30
BUDGET TO DATE \$ 61,400.00

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI FOOD (social donations) \$ 560.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL \$ 5.00

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TOTAL PLEDGED \$ 805,572.00
RECEIVED TO DATE \$ 799,882.23

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

HERITAGE: Brenda Koester, Christine Settle, Jack Fleeger

HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries

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AUGUST 2: Jenni Bishop, Gabe Gries, Alison Lappe, Dave Richter

AUGUST 3: JIM Back, Zach Bishop, Mason Drennan, Greg Head, Chuck Hollingsworth, Evan Luigs

AUGUST 4: Dennis Gibbs, Troy Meyer

AUGUST 6: Zach Fehrenbacher, Grethen Forcum, Doug Klueh, Bob Mossberger, Karla Murray, Rob Grasso, Dan Lasher, Michael McIntosh, Jim Pfaffman

AUGUST 7: Lane Barkley, Rob Grasso, Dan Lasher, Tanner Rexing, Chris Will, Sharon Willis

AUGUST 8: Molly Baehl, Jeanne Freeman, Griffin Mayer, Annalise Vines

AUGUST 9: Sam Fehrenbacher, Margaret Kafel, Layne Mayer, Susie Schapker

AUGUST 5: Richard & Imogene Baehl (64 years!), Jerry & Beth Spaetti, Louise & Crystal Meredith

AUGUST 6: Rob & Patti Montgomery, Richard & Amanda Warren

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY



Please remember in your prayers **Bonita Wannemuehler**, the sister-in-law of Bob & Martha Baehl, and grandmother of Megan Altstadt and Becky Raben and **Rich Henderson**, husband of Kathy and father of Josh Henderson who died this past week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families and friends.

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.



Liturgical Ministers

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 2-3: 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)** Jane Scheller (EM) Becky Doshier Shane Wessel, Steve Jung Al Debes

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 9-10: 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe, (EM) Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher, Mary Loehrlein, Diane Woods **8 AM (L)** Chick Duncan (EM) Jalene Relleke Michael Elpers, Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher **10:30 AM (L)** Shane Wessel (EM) Jalene Weber Michael Elpers, Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher

ANOTHER GREAT SOCIAL

"Smooth as silk." That's how everything went last Sunday for our great chicken dinner/raffle social. It was comfort food at its finest. From the preparation work, to the set up before the dinner, to cooking the food, to delivering the meals to our drive thru customers, everything worked together like a well oiled machine. Of course all that efficiency doesn't just happen. It takes lots of people who all work very hard always with an eye out for how we might improve what we are doing. Can't say enough about the great effort everyone made.

Thanks to Stu Gibbs for grilling all the hot dogs, brauts, and burgers and to the Men's Club for providing all the food and drinks for our after social party.

Here's our preliminary totals for the day

GRAND RAFFLE: \$72,965.00 361 of our parish families (70%) returned their sold raffle tickets

CHICKEN DINNERS: \$42,701 (2846 sold dinners)

Thanks to the following families who have returned their tickets

2025 SOCIAL GRAND

Ben Niemeier Doug & Jenny Daza
Jalene Relleke Brian & Jenny Elpers
Lucas & Laura Macke Bob & Marilyn Mossberger

RAFFLE WINNERS:

\$10,000—Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher

\$2,500—House of Bread & Peace

\$500—Andrea Backas

\$500—Henrietta Happe

\$500—Fr. Ray Brenner

\$500—Amy Back

Early Bird—Rich Harpenau

Megan & Chip Altstadt Britt & Patrick Fehrenbacher



JULY LOTTERY WINNERS ST. JOE: \$750—Jim & Amy Back, \$300—Jeff & Patti Wittgen, \$200—Ron & Donna Miller, \$100—Dennis Niemeier **MATER DEI TRADITION:** \$10,000—Donna McCoy, \$1,500 - Anonymous, \$1,000 Winner - Jim Goebel, \$500 - Anita Bergman

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate all of our 4-H participants for all the hard work they put into their 4-H projects. Congratulations to Emma Ruedlinger



Emma who was crowned 4-H Queen and Katherine Roemke who was named first runner up.

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. James—August 3
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

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."

Father Henri Huvelin, the spiritual director of Saint Charles de Foucauld, observed that, "when our Lord dwells in a heart, he gives it such sentiments, and this heart reaches out to the least of our brothers and sisters. Such was the heart of Saint Vincent de Paul... When our Lord lives in the soul of a priest, he makes him reach out to the poor".

It is important to realize that the apostolic zeal of Saint Vincent, as Father Huvelin describes it, was also nurtured by devotion to the heart of Christ. Saint Vincent urged his confreres to "find in the heart of our Lord a word of consolation for the poor sick person". If that word is to be convincing, our own heart must first have been changed by the love and tenderness of the heart of Christ. Saint Vincent often reiterated this conviction in his homilies and counsels, and it became a notable feature of the Constitutions of his Congregation: "We should make a great effort to learn the following lesson, also taught by Christ: 'Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart'. We should remember that he himself said that by gentleness we inherit the earth. If we act on this, we will win people over so that they will turn to the Lord. That will not happen if we treat people harshly or sharply".



All that has been said thus far enables us to understand in the proper meaning of the "reparation" to the heart of Christ that the Lord expects us, with the help of his grace, to "offer". The social significance of reparation to the heart of Christ

Saint John Paul explained that by entrusting ourselves together to the heart of Christ, "over the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence, the greatly desired civilization of love, the Kingdom of the heart of Christ, can be built". This clearly requires that we "unite filial love for God and love of neighbour", and indeed this is "the true reparation asked by the heart of the Saviour". In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love. That is what it means to make reparation as the heart of Christ would have us do. Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world.

TO BE CONTINUED

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There will be a parent meeting concerning First Reconciliation and First Communion for parents of children in second grade next Sunday, August 10th from 11:30—12:15. The meeting will be held in the school meeting room. Childcare 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 next 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!

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