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

#### RECONCILATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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## SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

There was a great crowd that enjoyed our family bingo night last Saturday. Bingo always seems very popular. Maybe it is true that the apostles played a few games of bingo after the last supper before going on to the Garden of Gethsemane! Whatever the reason for the popu-



larity fo bingo, one things for sure is that lots of folks had a great time. Thanks to Jessica Recekelhoff and her crew for organizing this event.

A big thanks as well for all those who have already returned their pledge card for our Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly the CPC). We've already reached 17% of our goal. Every gift is important and not only enable us to pay our fair share for the operation of our diocese, but it also provides the money to do many good things that benefit all the people in our diocese.



In this digital age, some of you may prefer to use the opportunity to make your donation online. You can do this by going to https://www.osvhub.com/evdio/giving/ funds. And if you are even more into making your contribution digitally, your pledge card will have a "QR code"

you can scan which will take you directly to the online giving portal. If you choose to go this route, you need to wait until October 1 to make your pledge. Pledges made in September will be counted for last years' CMA drive and not our current campaign. If you have any questions about this, text me or give me a call (812-499-9074) and I will walk you throught it.

And, in the "every little bit helps category," special thanks to all those who are so conscientious about returning their pledge card to us through the collection in such a way that the return envelope can be used again. You can even be more helpful if you don't seal the envelope. We'll use the envelope anyone when we send other things in the mail, but if you seal the envelope we end up having to tape the envelope shut when we use it for the mail

Soon it will be time for the Fall Festival. The folks in the PTO have been hard at work already getting things organized. This year, the Men's Club is taking over the booth that our Knights of St. John have run for so many years. The guys have been trying out some new

and the PTO

great benefit.

braut burgers for their booth CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CPC)

booth on Friday PLEDGED TO DATE afternoon, Oct. NUMBER OF PLEDGES 3. Both groups would love to have more folks

food items for the booth. The PTO will be making their famous cheesy potato soup on Oct. 5. The Men's club will be making

PARISH GOAL

AVERAGE PLEDGE Our stewardship goal is to give people who have returned



1% of our gross income to the CMA. Thanks to the following their pledge card.

Terry Drone Alan & Donna Blankenberger Lawrence & Mary Schentrup Jim & Dorothy Happe Jim & Connie Gries John & Cecelia Koch Roger & Kathy Hall Daryl & Caroline Lipper Tom & Jackie Elsner Diane Woods

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\$ 22,325.00 17%

23 4%

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

Tom & Debbie Clem

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

come and help with these projects as well as

working at the booths during the week of the

Fall Festival. Any help you can give will be a

dous outpouring of support given to our

friends in Haiti. So many of you have renewed

your student sponsorship of children in our

schools and in our Sewing Hope Program. The

situation in Haiti is so terrible these days that

we can be tempted to given in to the the

feeling that nothing can be done. But our

friends in St. James Parish get up every day

and try to live as best they can. And the

prayers and financial support you give helps

them to know that they are not alone.

I am very grateful as well for the tremen-



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Nicholas, Jack & Jean Lannert, Bob, Ron & Fran Happe, Darlene Baumgart, Joan Schoenstein, Ron Kempf Sr. Donnie Evans, Bill & Leoda Kempf, Tom & Bill Kempf Jr., Elisabeth Scheich (1864), Infant Wolf (1864), Infant

Haberbach (1864), Magdaline Ochsner (1895), John (1938) & Mary Hartlein, Sr. Raymunda O.S.F. (Rose Ochsner) (1949), Bud (2020) & Sharon Werner, For the needs of all the people in our parish

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00 AM MASS:** Pam Hedges, Glenn Fehrenbacher (2005), Jim & Avila Fehrenbacher, Anna (1945) & John Voelker, Ray & Wilma Voelker.

10:30 AM MASS: Janice & Richard Wittgen, Michael Wittgen, Henrietta & Herman Mallory, Anthony Rexing (1899), Sr. Julitta Steckler OFM (2012), Priscilla Kramer, Sr. Dorothy Steckler OFM, Mary Like

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**6:30 PM MASS:** Francis Rexing (1876), Joseph (1956) & Edith Buerger

## TUESDAY, SPETEMBER 23 ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Trunk (1861), Catharin Denninger (1864), Steven Kempf (1961), John (1996) & Marian Tieken, Nicholas Lannert (2019)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7:30 AM MASS (in church with grandparents):** Joseph Bender (1918), Sanda Morris (2021)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Ludovicus Miller (1865), Peter Baumgart (1867), Infant Lunkenheimer (1867), Infant Born (1867), Infant Goezhauser (1867), Henry Hillenbrand (1913), Charles (2000) & Mildred Lewis

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**7:30 AM MASS:** Anna Bauer (1920), Michael Kelle (1955), Tony (2020) & Violet Weiss, David Spaetti (2023), Virgil & Rosemary Spaetti, Daniel Spaetti

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00 PM MASS:** Gilbert Goedde, Carol Schnauz (1866), Peter Helferich (1872), Maria Efinger (1895), John Hillenbrand (1907), Ferdinand Hillenbrand (1912), Nicholas Wolf (1924)

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00 AM MASS:** Dave Fehrenbacher, Marie & Leo Gumble, Rose & Leroy Weiss, Dolores Schroeder, Jerry Weis, Walter & Evelyn Weis, Donnie Weis

10:30 AM MASS: Wendelin Meyer (1857), John Laugel (1871), Peter Forstel (1875), Dorthea Freyhaut (1875), Mary Rexing (1921), Raymond (1966) & Mary Schmidt, Susan (2022) & Leonard Angermeier, Kenny (2024), Wilbur & Marian Fehrenbacher



### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

| SEPTEMBER 14, 2025          | Ş  | 21,974.00  |
|-----------------------------|----|------------|
| WEEKLY BUDGET               | \$ | 15,350.00  |
| TOTAL INCOME TO DATE        | \$ | 130,289.55 |
| BUDGET TO DATE              | \$ | 168,850.00 |
| MAINTENANCE COLLECTION      | \$ | 15.00      |
| OUTREACH MINISTRIES         |    |            |
| HAITI                       | \$ | 25.00      |
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| ST. VINCENT DEPAUL          | \$ | 5.00       |
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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:

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#### REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$ 805,572.00 RECEIVED TO DATE \$ 806,434.23

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 RETIREMNT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries

BETHEL MANOR: Margaret Kafel

BRENTWOOD: Lee Askins

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Carl Kempf

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones

HAMILTON POINTE: Carolyn Pfaffman

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

SEPT. 21: Eli Gaiser, Matthew Jochum

SEPT. 22: Melanie Denning, Judith Schneider,

Luke Spaetti

**SEPT. 23:** Nicholas Angermeier, Mackenzie Hertel, Alan Hoffman

**SEPT. 24:** Lindsey Dosher, Kathy Fehrenbacher, Charlotte Schmitt, Jay Smith

**SEPT. 25:** Pam Endress, Richard Fehrenbacher, Adam Fenwick, Delaney Mauer

**SEPT. 26:** Cloey Lamble, Binley Mehringer, Ole Olson, Janice Tenbarge

SEPT. 27: Osborne Collins, Patrick Fehrenbacher, Riley Hertel, Elizabeth Marx, Everleigh Marx, Karen McDonald. Vail Spaetti

SEPT. 21: Ray & Angie Happe, Donnie & Amy Will, Bill & Melissa Gillenwater

SEPT. 24: Randy & Cecelia Kuester,

Drew & Amy Williams

SEPT. 25: Pat & Shari Kempf

SEPT. 26: Brandon & Kacie Gambrel

SEPT 27: Craig & Laura Elpers



HAPPY

**BIRTHDAY** 

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Please remember in your prayers *Karen Nichols* the mother of Nikki Raben who died last week. May God grant her eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of her family and friends.



TO JOIN US LITURGY OF THE WORD
AT THE 10:30 AM MASS EACH SUNDAY



WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20-21: 5 PM

Eric Reffett, Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher, 8 AM (L) Jalene Weber, (EM) Chick Duncan,

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Brian and Ann Craney, Marcia Frey 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller, (EM) Debra Baumgart Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27-28: 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchinson, Katy Jarboe Diane Woods 8 AM (L) Dave Schmitt (EM) Terry Drone Lisa Cook, Rodney and Paula Baehl 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch, Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand

#### WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY EACH WEEKEND. A JAR OF PEANUT BUTTER, A BAG OF RICE, A BOX OF CEREAL. IT IS ALL IMPORTANT.



Each weekend when you participate in our food drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, you are helping to provide food for many people, especially young mothers and their children in the Evansville area! Besides canned goods, cash donations are also welcome.



#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER. 27 9 AM **EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS**

Register for the walk online, www.svdpevansville.org/register-form/

#### CAN YOU HELP AT THE FALL FESTIVAL?

The annual Fall Festival will soon be upon us again. This year the St. Joe Men;s Club will be staffing the booth formerly run by the Knights of St. John. The Men's Club and the PTO are reaching out to parishioners to offer their help in staffing their booths. It takes a great deal of effort from lots of people to make these fundraising effort a success. So, if you can offer you time to help, know that it will be greatly appreciated. 104 YEARS

Call the school office (812-963-3335) to help out with PTO booth. To offer your help with the Men's Club booth, contact Josh Elfreich (812) 746-2068).

### RELIGIOUS 🕮 EDUCATION

That Man Is You—Wednesday at 5:30 The Chosen Bible Study—Wednesday at 6:45 pm Women's Book Study "Blessed is She" Friday 8:30 am

RCIA (for those who are interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith) Begins this Sunday at 9 am Boot Camp Exercise Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 am

For information about any of the above contact Jessica Reckelhoff, email jreckel-

hoff@evdio.org, 812-598-1151 CELL, 812-963-3273 OFFICE

#### COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE PARISH CELEBRATIONS

St. Mary Picnic (Huntingburg)—September 21 Corpus Christi Harvest Fest September 27 & 28 Holy Cross (Ft. Branch) Chicken Dinner October 5

### 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." **Integrity and Harmony** 

Jesus is calling you and sending you forth to spread goodness in our world. His call is one of service, a summons to do good, perhaps as a physician, a mother, a teacher or a priest. Wherever you may be, you can hear his call and realize that he is sending you forth to

carry out that mission. He himself told us, "I am sending you out" (Lk 10:3). It is part of our being friends with him. For this friendship to mature, however, it is up to you to let him send you forth on a mission in this world, and to carry it out confidently, generously, freely and fearlessly. If you stay trapped in your own comfort zone, you will never really find security; doubts and fears, sorrow and anxiety will always loom on the horizon. Those who do not carry out their mission



on this earth will find not happiness, but disappointment. Never forget that Jesus is at your side at every step of the way. He will not cast you into the abyss, or leave you to your own devices. He will always be there to encourage and accompany you. He has promised, and he will do it: "For I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

In your own way, you too must be a missionary, like the apostles and the first disciples of Jesus, who went forth to proclaim the love of God, to tell others that Christ is alive and worth knowing. Saint Therese experienced this as an essential part of her oblation to merciful Love: "I wanted to give my Beloved to drink and I felt myself consumed with a thirst for souls". That is your mission as well. Each of us must carry it out in his or her own way; you will come to see how you can be a missionary. Jesus deserves no less. If you accept the challenge, he will enlighten you, accompany you and strengthen you, and you will have an enriching experience that will bring you much happiness. It is not important whether you see immediate results; leave that to the Lord who works in the secret of our hearts. Keep experiencing the joy born of our efforts to share the love of Christ with others.

#### CONCLUSION

The present document can help us see that the teaching of the social Encyclicals Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti is not unrelated to our encounter with the love of Jesus Christ. For it is by drinking of that same love that we become capable of forging bonds of fraternity, of recognizing the dignity of each human being, and of working together to care for our common home.

In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost.

The Church also needs that love, lest the love of Christ be replaced with outdated structures and concerns, excessive attachment to our own ideas and opinions, and fanaticism in any number of forms, which end up taking the place of the gratuitous love of God that liberates, enlivens, brings joy to the heart and builds communities. The wounded side of Christ continues to pour forth that stream which is never exhausted, never passes away, but offers itself time and time again to all those who wish to love as he did. For his love alone can bring about a new humanity.

Given in Rome, at Saint Peter's, on 24 October of the year 2024, the twelfth of my Pontificate.

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