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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

RECONCILATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

Today in the Gospel we encounter the rich man who doesn't seem to notice the poor man, Lazarus. His difficulty is not because of his wealth, but because of his lack of hospitality. He seemed to forget the words of Jesus, "when I was hungry you gave me something to eat and drink, when I was a

stranger you welcomed

We've seen examples PARISH GOAL

ity with individuals and small groups NUMBER OF PLEDGES reaching out to welcome migrants into AVERAGE PLEDGE our country. It's been heartwarming to know that many of our brothers and sisters in Catholic parishes have been very much a part of these efforts.

But there are other ways of giving witness to this spirit of hospitality. I think, for example, of the number of people who are beginning and continuing their sponsorship of our students in Haiti. What a difference they are making in the lives of these children and their families. In this very concrete way, they are reminding our friends in Haiti that they are not alone. And that is such an important message in these difficulty times for the people of Haiti.

And there are more examples of this spirit of hospitality. At it's core, this spirit is all about making room in your lives for other people and seeing their needs as being as important for you as it is for them. That can take simple forms like offering your help working at the PTO and Men's Club Booth at the fall festival.

But it can also mean helping to provide the financial support for the work being done in our diocese through our Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign. We're off to a great start. So 115 families/individuals have pledged \$49,660 toward our goal. That's about 38% of our goal from 22% of our parishioners I'm confident that the other 78% of our parish families will soon be joining in this effort by making their pledge.

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, THE ALTAR SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR COFFEE DONUTS AND MORE TASTY TREATS FOLLOWING THE 8 AM MASS.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL (CPC)

\$131,040.00 of this kind of hospital- PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 49,880 38% 115 22% 433.74



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Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the CMA. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

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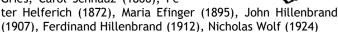
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MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Gilbert Goedde, Albert & Florentina Gries, Sue Gries, Carol Schnauz (1866), Pe-



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, Joe & Elizabeth Weis, George & Margaret Summers, Valentine & Anna Schmitt

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, For the needs of all the people in our parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ARCHANGELS GABRIEL, MICHAEL AND RAPHAEL

6:30 PM MASS: Margaret Seib (1858), Johannes Seib, (1858) Elias Pfeiffer (1859), Gertrude Baehl (1860), Albert Urich (1917), Frank (1935) & Caroline Goebel, Erma (1979) & Barthol Rexing, Jane Raben (2011)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 SAINT JEROME

7:30 AM MASS: Francis Spitzer (1890), Caspar Schorlan (1914)

WEDNESDAY, OCTBOER 1 SAINT THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

7:30 AM MASS: Bernardina Frank (1886), John Kercher (1887), Sebastian Riedford (1890), Catharine Laugel (1914), Mary Gertiesen (1934), Charles Baylor (2010), Carolyn Seib, Bub Baylor, Margaret & Everett Baylor

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

NO MASS: John Ulrich (1860), Coemeterium O'Connor (1870), Francis Erbacher (1893), Olivia Bender (1894), Agnes Ritter (1913), Louise Smith (1932), Lorena Davidson (1986), June (2018) & Hank Preske, Russell Stratman (2024)

FRIDAY, OCTBOER 3 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Karen Nichols, Janice & Bob Lensing, Infant Sauer (1864), Casparus Westhofer (1888)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

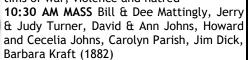
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Carol Golzhauser (1864), Sylvester Ulrich (1865), Gusparus Goebel (1868), Frances Seiler (1875), Joseph Rexing (1880), Catharina Witt (1898), Anna (1915) & Frank Seib, Frank (1984) & Theresa Arnold, Verena (1992) & Albert Steckler, Albert & Florentina (2006) Gries, for the needs of all the people in our parish

Today, if you will hear His voice,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

do not harden your 8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean & Alex Trowbridge, Don & Mary Appler, Jason Rollins, Ronnie & Alice Keil, Pat, Leroy & Mary Singleton, Charles Kirk, victims of war, violence and hatred





The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?



SEPTEMBÉR 21, 2025 **WEEKLY BUDGET** 15,350.00 TOTAL INCOME TO DATE \$ 147,749.19 **BUDGET TO DATE** 184,200,00 MAINTENANCE COLLECTION 20.00

> Thank you to our young stewards who gave to the collection last week: CJ Martin **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

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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. 28: Kurt Forcum, Maggie Lamble,

Adam McNeely, Ron Miller

SEPT. 29: Toni Askins, Phil Dosher,

Brooks Elfreich, Carson Nims

SEPT. 30: Kayla Gerth, Elizabeth Schmitt,

Nathan Werner OCT. 1: Richard Baehl, Trent Denning, Gene Elpers,

Bill Gillenwater, Autumn Link

OCT. 2: Kyle Coates, Hensley Houchin, Bill Kempf, Amy Meyer, Cassie Muesnterman, Hadley Phielps, Glen Seibert

OCT. 3: Harper Atherton, Margie Hartman, Donna Heistand, Delilah Pfaffman, Jacob Scheller, PD Stolz, Dave Wolf

OCT. 4: Brock Glaser, Maria Nisley, Mark Weidner

SEPT. 28: Ron & Dee Dee Eickhoff (40 years),

Keith & Jackie Smith, Ryan & Ali Niemeier

SEPT. 29: Jeff & Julie Kempf, Brian & Stephanie Bates

SEPT. 30: Dan & Sharon Voelker

OCT. 2: Bob & Norma Duncan (71 years!),

Don & Connie Coomes

OCT. 3: Dan & Dosey Lehman,

Mike & Donna Heistand, PD & Beth Stolz

OCT. 4: Rick & Chris Scheller, Rick & Pauline Elpers (50 years!), Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher (50 Years!)

> 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.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



(L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Hutchinson, Katy Jarboe Diane Woods 8

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) 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

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4-5 5 PM (L) Toni Askins, (EM) Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier 8 AM (L) Tom Folz (EM) Darlene Appler, Jalane Weber, Kylie and Stephanie Frey 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Amy Cody, Jena Wessel, Rachael Schnaus, Becky Dosher

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - NEW

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) 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



Mary and the Month of October

Please join us in October All Mary (beginning next weekend) as we pray the rosary before each of our weekend Masses. We will begin praying the rosary twenty-



five minutes before Mass.



Especially during this Jubilee Year of 2025, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As a concrete way of fulfilling this Jubilee imperative, our Diocese is participating in a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Evansville to build a home for a family in need.

The Diocese has committed \$50,000 toward the cost of the home and is seeking to raise an additional \$50,000 through partnerships with parishes and Catholic groups and organizations in the Diocese. We invite members of every parish to consider making a financial gift to help us reach this goal. In addition to partnering with the Diocese on financial support, we invite you to join the diocesan office staff in a pledge of "sweat equity" toward the build.

As you know, providing shelter for those who are without proper housing is a corporal work of mercy, and this Jubilee Year initiative offers a powerful opportunity to fulfill that obligation together as the Church of Evansville.



Bishop Joseph Siegel

If you would like to make a financial contribution to this effort, send it to us through the collection or in the mail. Be sure to note on it that it is for our the Diocesan Habitat House. If you would like to offer your help on the build, contact Matt Miller at the Diocesan Office (812-424-5536).



This morning, long before daylight, I woke to the sound of someone crying. It was God. She'd been crying quietly all night, but as the wee hours waned, her sobs grew louder. The darkness iust before dawn is a tough time for a lot of us. Years ago, when I first

heard God crying, I was shocked. If anyone should be able to cheer themselves up, wouldn't it be God? Just go make another planet or something, I'd thought, wanting to get away from that oceanic, gripping sorrow.

But if you've ever loved anyone or anything at any time, you know that backing away from the sadness only twists and distorts—it doesn't make it go away. So after I realized I wasn't going to abandon God or hide from the grief, we made a little deal. God doesn't back away when I'm sad, and I try my best to stay present when God's heart is breaking. The roughest times are when she considers how much hatred is leveled in her name, how much suffering we inflict on each other, or how trashed this stunning little planet has become. These things catch up with her sometimes.

I often find comfort in the lap of God. It's far more awkward when God tries to fit on mine, but that's what needed to happen. My lap expanded to the size of a mountain range, my arms grew a million miles long, and I wrapped them around her, nice and snug. Then I swayed to the subterranean beat of the cosmos, murmuring the bits of hope I could muster, singing fragments of lullabies that came to

"Sweet Lord," I whispered. "You try so hard. You love so deeply. You're a worthy, excellent God." Her head was tucked, body curled. Her vibrations were pulling me to pieces. She was in real pain.

"Gentle God," I said. "Remember the good old days? When you were having so much fun, setting earth in motion, and sprinkling stars everywhere. Remember that? It must have been awesome."

"Yes," she said, her voice murky with grief. "So much I remember. So much I hoped."

"And you can still hope, right? I mean, it isn't over yet, is it?" "I don't know, my friend," she said, with a deep, unsteady breath. "I honestly don't know. You tell me."

Dawn arrived. God wrapped herself in light, splashed her face in the falling snow, and thanked me as she became the song of the great horned owl, calling it a night. Heading for bed. This was good. We both desperately needed some rest. And then, it's clear, I have work to do. We all have work to do.

Rita Sommers-Flanagan

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.

Call the school office (812-963-3335) to help out with PTO booth. To offer your help with the Men's Club 104 YEARS booth, contact Josh Elfreich (812) 746-2068).

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