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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 7, 2025 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

Today we begin our annual effort to do our part to support the work of our diocese. We've been doing this as a parish for the last one hundred and eighty-four years. In the beginning, way back in 1841, this was known simple as our "Diocesan Assessment" and was paid through the money collected

in our weekly contributions. It was not until the 1980's that we began having a special annual appeal separate from our Sunday collection. First we called it "The Bishops Fund Appeal." For the past number of years we have known this effort as the annual "Catholic Parishes Campaign." Now we are calling this effort the "Catholic Ministries Appeal.



Whatever we call it, the work we do collectively as a diocese is important. This work involves providing support for the work of our schools and religious education programs, training people to serve as catechists, deacons and priests, helping to fund a pension program for the employees of our schools and parishes, and publishing our weekly diocesan newspaper *The Message*.

Some of this work may not be that visible—things like overseeing our common health insurance and property and liability insurance programs, supporting the Catholic Church in the State of Indiana through the Indiana Catholic Conference; the Catholic Church in the United States through the National Catholic Conference of Bishops; and to the Church Universal at the Vatican to help Pope Leo pay the costs for running the Universal Church. While we may be unfamiliar with this work, it, too, is important. Especially things like managing our property and liability insurance program!

This year our share of the cost of running the diocese is \$131,040. This is a \$1000 increase over last year. This is a 'bill' we owe the diocese. Should our CPC collection fall short, we would need to take money from our general fund to pay whatever wasn't paid. So, you can see why it's important to reach our goal. I know there are many demands on our money, but I truly believe we have the means to provide the money needed to reach our parish goal.

Last year 68% of our parish families joined in making an average pledge of \$382.00 to our CPC campaign. Together we were able to meet our CPC goal. I'm confident that they will want to help out again by making a pledge again this year.

Last year 32% of our parish families were not in a position to financially support our Catholic Mnistries (CPC) campaign. My prayer is that the circumstances in their lives have changed so that they too can join our common effort. I am confident that if these families will join efforts made by those who have supported the CPC in the past, we will be able to meet and even exceed our parish goal of \$131,040.

This week you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in our CPC. Please take some time to think and pray about how God is asking you to help do the work He has given to all of us. May the example of St. Joseph fill us

with confidence and courage to share our money so that God's work can be done.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Our parish groups are getting ready for Fall Festival. It not too early to sign up to help at the PTO Booth. The Men's Club is taking over running the booth that our Knights of St. John have run in the past. Both groups are inviting all the members of our parish to help out. The money they raise funds some very important projects in our school and in our parish. Remember, every little bit helps!

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

PARISH GOAL PLEDGED TO DATE NUMBER OF PLEDGES

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

\$131,040.00

\$ 9,000.00

Fr. Gene Schroeder

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRESEN 5:00 PM MASS: Fran Happe, Dave Fehelp hrenbacher, Harry Woods, Domino trouble Wolf (1868), Ana Brorman (1870), John -PSALM 46:1 Erbacher (1879), Anna Rexing (1891)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe Shown, Joe & Winnie Schu, Martin & Susan Hasenour, Bernie & Marie Hasenour, Sylvester & Margaret Will, Donald & Donnie Will, Doris Schroering, For the needs of all the people in our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Dolores & Donald Schroeder, Bill Helfrich, Chris Hillenbrand, Francis, Dorothy, Patrick & Joseph Hillenbrand, Robert Witting (1884), Leo Helfrich (1894), Paula Koch (1973), Evelyn (2000) & Walter Weis, Dennis & Jerry Weis, Norma Maurer (2012), Susan Smith-Tyring (2019)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 **BIRTH OF MARY**

6:30 PM MASS: John Ward, Jerry Weis, Walter, Evelyn & Dennis Weis, Craig Genet, Ludovicus Brack (1880), Alberta French (1985)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 ST. PETER CLAVER

7:30 AM MASS: Janice & David Steinkuhl, Maria Wernet (1881), Marian (1990) & William Elpers, Bronislaw Kijonka (1993), Mel Luigs (2018)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Don & Joan Cooper, Anne Cooper, Joseph Schenk (1871), Elisabeth Bender (1924), Bill (2012) & Marian Elpers, Goeffrey David (2019) George David

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Barbara Erbacher (1881), Hildebrandus Frank (1882), Francis Forstel (1886), Joseph (1923) & Catherina Hillenbrand, Clement Ritter (1973), Chris Clem (2020)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: George Recker, Andreas Laugel (1878), Andrea Burgart (1891), A. Joseph (1895) & Katherine Schenk, Maria Weiss (1872), Philip Frehaut (1875)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

5:00 PM MASS: Betty White, Henry Wernet (1871), Barbara Martin (1876), Alphons (1958) & Irma Baehl, Blondina Ritter (1968), Raymond Steckler (1977), Judith Jones (2002)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS 8:00 AM MASS: Bernard & Mary Drone, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Trowbridge, Dean Alex Trowbridge, Carlos Romero

10:30 AM MASS: Anna Straub, Robrert & Paul Straub, Edward & Justian Weiss, Bob Jenkins, Tony & Violet Weiss, Sue Gries, Regina Frank (1900), Anton Baehl (1901), For the needs of all the people in the parish.





KNIGHTS OF ST JOHN MEETING Monday, September 8 7 pm

ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 1 PM

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

AUGUST 31, 2025	\$ 8,385.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 94,920.55
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 138,150.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 20.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

Thanks to our young stewards: Beatrice, Paul, Peter, Bernadette, John & Agnes

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI STUDENTS SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 14.650.00
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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL	\$ 5.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 20.00
SPECIAL COLLECTION (GAZA) TO DATE	\$ 1,544.00

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:

St. Joseph Church 6202 W. St. Joseph Rd. Evansville, IN 47720 REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$805,572.00 \$ 806,249,23 RECEIVED TO DATE

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

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HAMILTON POINTE: Carolyn Pfaffman

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

SEPT. 7: Kay Arnold, Riley Waninger, Matthew Willis

SEPT. 8: Dorothy Stratman SEPT. 9: Emma Dewig, Will Kirk, Ryan McCauley, Jake Schiff, Megan Weinzapfel

SEPT. 10: Ava Backas, Zoey Gates,

Silas Nisley, Karen Stewart

SEPT. 11: Jim Harl, Carolyn Hutchison, Matthew McDonald, Agnes Reckelhoff, Greg Schuble, Amy Stewart

SEPT. 12: Dean Altman, Charlotte Altstadt, Andrea Backas, Bob Fehrenbacher, Dave Schmitt

SEPT. 13: Pauline Elpers, Juliet Gibson, Alvius Howe, Ima Ntewo, JD Wargel, Todd Wingert

SEPT. 8: Tom & Clara Raben

SEPT. 9: Chad & Alison Martin

SEPT. 10: Tom & Sarah Glaser,

Evan & Stephanie Freeman

SEPT. 11: Dan & Mary Ruth Lasher

SEPT. 12: Al & Janet Debes, Joe & Mary Meyer

SEPT. 13: John & Jane Luigs

ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY will have their monthly meeting this coming Thursday, September 11, at 6:30 pm in the school meeting room. Dues for the year can be paid at this meeting.

Next September 13, they will be making those delicious kuchens. They will start working at 7:30 am in the school kitchen. Come and join us!



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY





WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBR 6-7 3 FM (L)
Toni Askins, (EM) Eric and Karen McDonald, WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBR 6-7 5 PM (L) Butch and Linda Feulner, 8 AM (L) Tom Blythe (EM) Tom and Dolores Folz, Imogene LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Baehl Michael Elpers 10:30 AM (L) Shane

Wessel, (EM) Jena Wessel Steve Jung, Al Debes Angie Will

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13-14: 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods Eric Reffett, Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher 8 AM (L) Josh Baehl (EM) Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher, Chick & Jean Duncan 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin (EM) Debra Baumgart Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor

Join us for That Man Is You! on Wednesday 5:30 pm in the meeting That Man Is You! combines scriproom. ture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture.





Join us for our bible study group reflecting on "The Chosen" Season 5. Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the meeting room. The group will be led by Paula Baehl.

Join us for our women's book study— "Blessed is She The Gospel of Matthew." We will gather on Friday morning following the 7:30 am Mass. Contact Jessica for more information.



Boot Camp exercise continues on Monday and Friday mornings at 5:00 am, meet in the school gym with a set of weights and an exercise mat. Soul Core Rosary and exercise will take place on Wednesday mornings at 5:00 am in the gym.



Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 10:30 am Mass each Sunday for preschool-second grade children. For information about any of the above contact Jessica Reckelhoff, email jreckelhoff@evdio.org, 812-598-1151 CELL, 812-963-3273 OFFICE



Please remember in your prayers Jerry Weis the brother of Don Weis and Becky Heidorn, who died this past week. May God grant him eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of his family and friends.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE



Sponsoring a child's education in Haiti for \$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 Contact Chad Martin, (812-454clinic.

2785) (seabeesgreat58@gmail.com) for more information on how to sponsor a child's education.

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. Wendel-September 6 & 7

St. Mary (Ireland)—September 7

St. Bernard (Snake Run)—September 7

St. James Harvest Fest-September 13

St. Mary (Huntingburg)—September 21 Corpus Christi Harvest Fest September 27 & 28

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**

BRINGING LOVE TO THE WORLD

Saint John Paul II spoke of the social dimension of devotion to the heart of Christ, but also about reparation, which is apostolic cooperation in the salvation of the world. Consecration to the heart of

Christ is thus to be seen in relation to the Church's missionary activity, since it responds to the desire of Jesus' heart to spread throughout the world, through the members of his Body, his complete commitment to the Kingdom. As a result, through the witness of Christians, love will be poured into human hearts, to build up the body of Christ which is the Church, and to build a society of justice, peace and fraternity.



The flames of love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also ex-

pand through the Church's missionary outreach, which proclaims the message of God's love revealed in Christ. Saint Vincent de Paul put this nicely when he invited his disciples to pray to the Lord for this spirit, this heart that causes us to go everywhere, this heart of the Son of God, the heart of our Lord, that disposes us to go as he went... he sends us, like [the apostles], to bring fire everywhere.

Saint Paul VI, addressing religious Congregations dedicated to the spread of devotion to the Sacred Heart, made the following observation. "There can be no doubt that pastoral commitment and missionary zeal will fan into flame, if priests and laity alike, in their desire to spread the glory of God, contemplate the example of eternal love that Christ has shown us, and direct their efforts to make all men and women sharers in the unfathomable riches of Christ".

As we contemplate the Sacred Heart, mission becomes a matter of love. For the greatest danger in mission is that, amid all the things we say and do, we fail to bring about a joyful encounter with the love of Christ who embraces us and saves us.

Mission, as a radiation of the love of the heart of Christ, requires missionaries who are themselves in love and who, enthralled by Christ, feel bound to share this love that has changed their lives. They are impatient when time is wasted discussing secondary questions or concentrating on truths and rules, because their greatest concern is to share what they have experienced. They want others to perceive the goodness and beauty of the Beloved through their efforts, however inadequate they may be. Is that not the case with any lover?

To be able to speak of Christ, by witness or by word, in such a way that others seek to love him, is the greatest desire of every missionary of souls. This dynamism of love has nothing to do with proselytism; the words of a lover do not disturb others, they do not make demands or oblige, they only lead others to marvel at such love. With immense respect for their freedom and dignity, the lover simply waits for them to inquire about the love that has filled his or her life with such great jov.

Christ asks you never to be ashamed to tell others, with all due discretion and respect, about your friendship with him. He asks that you dare to tell others how good and beautiful it is that you found him. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven" (Mt 10:32). For a heart that loves, this is not a duty but an irrepressible need: "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). "Within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot" (Jer 20:9).

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