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END OF THE YEAR REPORT FOR 2025-2026

Fr. Gene Schroeder
PASTOR

We just completed the 185th year as a parish and the first year of the year of the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV. This past year we witnessed the Winter Olympics and Para Olympics Games in northern Italy and the beginning of the FIFA World Cup being held throughout North and South America. We saw the growing use of AI (artificial intelligence) which has impacted our lives in large and small ways. We also witnessed ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, South Sudan, and many other parts of the world leaving much destruction in its wake and many people facing starvation. And our brothers and sisters in Haiti continue their daily heroic efforts to live their lives in a country without much of a functioning government.

As all these things are happening around us, our life here in the parish continued as well. All that we have done this past year has centered on our common prayer. Each week we have come together for Mass to be nourished with the life of Jesus. We have gathered for Eucharistic Adoration, praying for the sick and those in need and praying for vocations. We celebrated



three weddings, eleven baptisms, and eight funerals. We renewed our baptismal commitment as we welcomed seven people into the church at Easter. We celebrated with twenty

children as they received their First Communion, and we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit with seventeen young men and women through Confirmation. These efforts, under the guidance of Kristan Gilles, our Director of Liturgy, have been blessed by the sharing of many people as Ministers of Communion, Lectors, and Cantors. We have also been blessed with Ministers of Communion who have faithfully brought the Eucharist to our home-bound parishioners and those in hospitals and nursing homes. Praying together at Mass each week is at the heart of all that we are about as a parish. Everything we do, the different ministries that we are involved in, and caring for the buildings and infrastructure that make up our parish campus, all flow from this.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Over this past year, we conducted sacramental preparation

programs for members of the parish celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on November 18, the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 1, and

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POPE LEO SPEAKS TO AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF OUR 250TH ANNIVERSARY



The National Constitution Center's annual Liberty Medal honors men and women of courage and conviction who strive to secure the blessings of liberty for people around the globe. On the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, they awarded the 38th annual Liberty Medal to Pope Leo XIV for his lifelong work promoting religious liberty and freedom of conscience and expression around the world—ideals enshrined by America's founders in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



Previous recipients of this award, first given in 1988, include Jimmy Carter, George & Laura Bush, General Colin Powell, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, The Dalai Lama, and Nelson Mandela.

The National Constitution Center is an American non-profit institution that is devoted to the study of the Constitution of the United States. Located at Independence Mall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the center is an interactive museum which serves as a national town hall, hosting government leaders, journalists, scholars, and celebrities who engage in public discussions, including Constitution-related events and presidential debates.

Below is Pope Leo's message to the people of the United States upon receiving the Liberty Medal.



I am honored to accept the Liberty Medal of the National Constitution Center in this year that marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. On the eve of this momentous occasion, I offer a warm greeting to all those assembled at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. As a son of this great country, founded by courageous men and women who dreamed of liberty and of a better life for themselves and for their children, I join you in asking God's blessings upon America's future, that the lofty ideals enshrined at the beginning of the Declaration of Independence may continue to guide the flourishing of the nation in unity, justice and peace.

From our youth, most of us have admired the eloquence of those words, with their resounding appeal to the law of na-

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POPE LEO SPEAKS TO AMERICA (cont.)

ture and to nature's God as the basis of their assertion that all men and women are created equal and endowed by their



Creator with certain inalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. While couched in the language of the Enlightenment, that claim is ultimately

grounded in an understanding of the human person inspired by the great biblical vision of man and woman being created in the divine image. It is indeed here that we discover the basis of human dignity; dignity which precedes the establishment of any State, and whose custody constitutes its very purpose.

In these past two-hundred and fifty years, for so many peoples throughout the world, it was the firm resolve to achieve the noble vision of the nation's founders that made America a byword for freedom, as the country opened its doors to successive waves of immigrants, enabling them and their children to play their part in shaping the future of the nation. It was this same love of freedom that inspired the United States, in the darkest hours of the last century, at the time of the two world wars, to look beyond itself and, at great sacrifice, to champion the cause of freedom beyond its own borders.

As every American knows, however, the path to building a society that would embody those high ideals of liberty and justice for all was not always easy and, in many respects, is still a work in progress. Indeed, the effort to realize this vision is one that must be taken up anew in each generation and in the face of ever new challenges. Today, as we look to the future, this historic anniversary presents us with the opportunity to reflect once again on the nation's founding principles in the hope that America will remain ever true to the dream that has earned it the title of land of the free and home of the brave.

The first right enshrined by the nation's founders was the right to life, for no one who is deprived of life can enjoy liberty or pursue happiness. A country's vitality is deeply tied to the value it affords to human life in every form and condition,

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acknowledging the dignity endowed upon every human person by virtue of their very existence. The inherent worth of every human life has led the noble hearts of generations to praise the marvelous works of the Creator and stand in reverence before so precious a gift. Indeed, it is precisely this reverence that we must continue to cultivate — one that sways the hearts of individuals and inspires laws that recognize and safeguard the gift from the moment of conception to natural death. Reverence, too, will aid us in discovering that we are guardians and stewards of those entrusted to our care. In this regard, the moral greatness of a nation is manifested, above all, in its capacity to support, protect and cherish the lives of all, especially the most vulnerable and those whose worth is questioned.

Following the right to life, liberty was and is preeminent

among the principles revered by the men and women who have sought within this nation's borders a new beginning, often equating it with previously undreamed-of hope. Though frequently understood as the ability to act as one would like, authentic freedom runs much deeper. It is founded upon the human person's capacity to know the truth and adhere to what is good, even at great cost — a sacrifice well known to many who have labored to shape this country. The desire for truth and freedom, as well as the very pursuit of happiness, continues to inspire people of all generations to ask fundamental questions regarding the meaning of life, our ultimate purpose, and indeed about God, and it is proper for magnanimous hearts to endeavor to answer these questions with sincerity. These answers inevitably determine the direction which we seek to give to our lives, and America has long championed the religious freedom necessary to follow responsibly the dictates of conscience in this regard, free from fear and coercion, as enshrined in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

It is this freedom that holds sacred the inner sphere of the person where convictions are formed and where conscience can guide the decisions made in the intimacy of the human heart. This same freedom also ensures the right of every person to worship according to one's own belief, and of individuals, communities and associations to give public expression to their faith. In fact, religious freedom gave rise to the American tradition of allowing for interfaith dialogue and interreligious cooperation in promoting the public good and enriching the debates on the great moral and ethical issues that have faced the nation and shaped the course of its history. It is my hope that this tradition will continue to bear fruit in a public discourse marked by moderation, respect for the views of others and an ongoing effort to find common ground in promoting the cause of peace and reconciliation, at home and abroad.



The bearers of this country, men and women of diverse backgrounds, religions and languages, were able to find that common ground and the strength necessary to pursue a better future. The principles that inspired America's founders, rooted as they are in the truth of the human person, brought them together in a single cause, a common dream. Unity lent strength to that dream, giving rise, under God, to the United States of America. *E pluribus unum* — out of many, one. In order for a nation to flourish, it must be truly united; united not by goals bound to momentary endeavors, but by ideals that do not fade with the passing of time. May the principles we have reflected upon today — a shared human dignity, equality and the rights laid out in the Declaration of Independence — ever be a source of such unity and a guiding light for the present moment and for the years to come.

In accepting this award, I therefore pray that this, the 250th anniversary of the founding of this great nation, may be the occasion of a solemn recommitment to these ideals that have made America a country that values peace and prosperity, a country characterized by generosity and nobility of heart. I commend all of you, as well as the future of the Nation, to the One who is himself the source of true freedom and lasting peace, the One whose very name is Peace. May God bless America!

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First Communion on April 26. This year we welcomed seven people into the church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We also provided parishioners with the opportunity to be part of Bible Study Groups and faith sharing groups for men through That Man Is You. We also continued to provide the opportunity for our young children to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday mornings at the 10:30 am Mass.

**What's Happening with Pope Leo?**

A special two day Women's Retreat was held on March 7 & 8. Throughout the year, members of the parish took advantage of the opportunity to participate in Cursillo and TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). Several members of the parish served on the formation teams for these retreats. In March, several men in the parish took part in a retreat at the White House, a Jesuit retreat house in St. Louis.

Throughout the year we have been reading Pope Leo's First Encyclical, Delexi Te "On The Love of the Poor." In June we began reading sections from Pope Leo's most recent encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas-On safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence*. Through our parish website (www.stjoeco.org) we have also made available a wide variety of on-line resources for nourishing our spiritual life. These include reflections of the Sunday readings at mass as well as spiritual podcasts and on-line formation opportunities.

Going forward, we will continue to provide many of these same opportunities next year. Steve Jung will begin coordinating our efforts in working with people who are interested in becoming Catholic through the RCIA. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be coordinated through our religion classes in school. Also, following the direction of Bishop Segel, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated as children enter the middle school years as opposed to the current practice of celebrating it with sophomores in high school. As this process continues, that preparation will be coordinated through our religion classes in school.

While there was a time in our parish when we also provided religious education formation classes for children attending public schools, for the last several years we have not had sufficient numbers to have a full program. Instead, we have worked with the families of students attending public schools to have their children attend religious education classes with neighboring parishes. We will continue to do that in the future.

Next year, Jessica Reckelhoff, our Religious Education Coordinator, will be taking a full time teaching position on our school faculty. At the same time, she has expressed an interest in continuing her work with the annual women's retreat, working with the Confrimtion Preparation Program as it transitions to the middle school years, as well as the very popular Soul Core and Boot Camp fitness programs for women.

**SCHOOL**

Much of the money and human effort of our parish have been spent on providing a Catholic education for our students through St. Joseph School, an endeavor that has been going on in one form or another since the

very beginning of our parish in 1841.

Our school faculty and staff continue to work at providing an environment where our students can not only gain academic knowledge but learn how to live in this world by being centered on the values of the Gospel that Jesus challenges us to embrace.

The school year was full of academic pursuits—math, science, history, English, music, art, I-Step and I-Read testing, spelling bee, geography bee, science fair, art fair, robotics competition, Young Authors, library week, Catholic schools week festivities, and the book fair.

Prayer time with our faculty and students is a central part of our education experience. Each week our students, faculty and staff gathered for Mass. We continued our special Holy Week services with children for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Flowing from this prayerful center were numerous efforts by the students to reach out to the world beyond the walls of the school. Throughout the year our students were involved in a number of fundraisers to benefit Riley Children's Hospital, Santa Clothes Club, and the Evansville Rescue Mission Thanksgiving dinner for the community. In addition, students collected food items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and they helped support the children in Haiti by adopting students in school in Haiti. Groups from the school also worked with the

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**SALUTING OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS**

• **Katherine Roemke**, daughter of Bryan & Christine (Lipper) Roemke was awarded an Eli Lilly Scholarship which will go a long way toward paying for her college education. She plans to attend Northwestern University.



• **Will Hoffman** helped lead the Mater Dei Wildcats Baseball Team to the Indian State 2A

Baseball Championship this past June.

• **Beatrice Reckelhoff** joined students from throughout the Tri-State at the Elite Leadership Summit held at Ivy Tech. There she was able to develop leadership skills to deal with real world challenges.



• **Piper Fehrenbacher** was elected to crown Mary at the annual May Day Ceremony at Mater Dei. **Will Hoffman** and **Addy Wilkerson** were also members of the May Court.



• **Brady Kassenbrock** was chosen as Prom King at the annual Mater Dei Prom in May. **Piper Fehrenbacher** was also a member of the Prom Court.



• **Caroline Altstadt** was chosen as one of the captain of the Mater Dei Softball team. She was also honored as one of the JV scholar athletes of the year.





EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026:

Conner Atherton, Carson Arnold, Molly Baehl, Blake Bishop, Irelyn Brakie, Luke Fehrenbacher, Braden Grigsby, Cambie Henderson, Claire Kassenbrock, David Link, Lyla Meredith, Lilah Mitchell, Mmmeken Ntewo, Krish Petal, Jake Raben, Beatrice Reckelhoff, Graham Schuble, Bella Warren

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residents of Jacob's Village and visited residents at local nursing homes. Not only do we try to teach that caring for other people is important, but caring for the world around us is important as well. Throughout the year, we continued to challenge our students to develop a consciousness for recycling, by collecting cardboard, glass, plastic or paper, and recycling aluminum cans.



Throughout the year, students also had the chance to participate in various St. Joe Bobcat athletic competitions. The work of the school athletic committee has been invaluable in these efforts by providing the funds needed for equipment, uniforms, and fees, as well as providing coaches for the various sports: volleyball, football, soccer (boys and girls), basketball (boys and girls), wrestling, track, tennis, baseball, and archery.

As the students move into middle school, they are invited to be part of feeder league teams for Mater Dei High School.

The end of the school year means people are moving on. We celebrated the graduation of eighteen students this past May. The end of the school year marks an end as well for several members of our school staff. Mrs. Caroline Cleaver, our fourth grade teacher, has accepted a teaching a position with the EVSC next year. Mrs. Mary Ruth Branstetter, who has been our Youth First Counselor for many years, retired at the end of this school year. She as touched the lives of many students through the years she has been here in our school. Sr. Bridget Arnold, OSF, who has been a part of our school faculty for many years, first as our second grade teacher and then, in the last couple of years as a Teaching Specialist and Resource Teacher, has officially "retired." As a daughter of our parish, and as a member of the Franciscan Community of Oldenburg, she was a daily reminder of the deep roots of Franciscan Spirituality that permeated the life of our school since it's beginning in 1874.

Each new school year brings changes as well. Next year, Mrs. Danielle Welledge, an alumnus of our school and member of our parish, will be our fourth grade teacher. Mrs. Norah Baehl, our current third grade teacher will assume a new role as Resource Specialist. Mrs. Jessica Reckelhoff, our current Coordinator of Religious Education, will be our fourth grade teacher. Leanne Nunning will be joining our school faculty as our third grade teacher and Kelsey Effinger will be our next Youth First Counselor.



Changes are afoot in our school cafeteria as well. Mrs. Keri Hartz will be leaving her position as Cafeteria Manager so that she will have more time to care for her

daughter, Kenzie. Mrs. Jackie Hughes, an alumnus of our school, member of our parish, and sister to Mrs. Debra Daugherty, our middle school Math teacher, will become our new cafeteria manager. Keri has been working with her in this transition and promised to be available for "fill-in" duties as needed.



PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

This past year, members of our parish continued a long tradition of reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need. There efforts, large and small, touched lives locally and throughout the world. Here is a summary of that work.

CONTRIBUTING TO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Each month parishioners made contributions to a number of national and international collections. Some of these include Catholic Relief Services, the official outreach effort of the Catholic Church in the United States to provide aid to people in need throughout the world. Others include collections for

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CEMETERY

The annual meeting of the Cemetery Board was held on February 17, 2026. Cemetery Income from the sale of graves and other memorial gifts was \$14,250.00. Expenses for the maintenance of our lawn mowing equipment and care for the parish grounds was \$2,090.81. The cemetery reserve fund at the end of December, 2025 stood at \$77,611.24

Our policy been that the cost of our cemetery plots for parishioners is one half of the cost of similar cemetery plots at St. Joseph Cemetery in the city of Evansville. Accordingly, the cost for a double plot for parishioners is \$1,700.00 and a single grave \$850.00 For former parishioners a double grave is \$3,000.00 and a single grave is \$1,500.00.

The new cemetery columbarium for cremation burials has been complete. Cost for a niche space in our cremation columbarium is \$1,500 for parishioners and \$3,000 for former parishioners.



Home Missions, serving needy parishes throughout the United States, the Campaign for Human Development, providing money for projects serving the needy throughout the United States, the annual Mission Appeal which supports the work of different Mission Groups, and the annual Peter Pence Collection which provides money for Pope Leo in his support of needy people throughout the world



Four times a year, a special collection is taken up for the support of the **Mary Mother of God Mission Group** in Vladivostok, Russia. This group, which was founded by Fr. Myron Effing, a son of our parish, ministers to the Catholic Community in Eastern Russia.

Our parish also participated in our **Diocesan Co-Op Program** through which a missionary representative is invited to speak to the parish about their work and to provide financial support for this work. This past year The Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, IN came to talk about their work in Peru.

Each week parishioners brought food and related items for the **St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** that serves people in the Evansville area. Several members of our parish volunteered their time working at the Food Pantry preparing food for families in need. With the help our Men's Club, our parish conducted our "Sausage for the Homeless Campaign through which we provided 400 pounds of sausage for the Food Pantry. We also shared thirty five gallons of burgoo for distribution through the Food Pantry.

Several other families work with the **St. Vincent DePaul Coordinators Office** assisting families who need support for rent, utility expenses and household needs. Through our Parish Needy Fund, we worked with this group to help people who live in our parish area. The money generated from one of our Mother Teresa Endowment for the Needy, also supports this effort.

Each year, between Mother's Day and Father's Day, parishioners brought items for new born children that were given to **Birthingright** to help unwed mothers and fathers in taking care of their children. Several parishioners also volunteered their time working with Birthingright in the distribution of these items.

Our parish continued its support of our local **Habitat for Humanity** group by supporting several fundraising efforts and by being part of different Habitat build teams.

Four times a year, we hosted a **Blood Drive** to support the local Red Cross Blood Center. Over the years, members of our parish have donated many gallons of blood for people. A single unit of blood that is donated benefits up to

seven different people.

Our work with our brothers and sisters in Haiti continued this year. This work was not without its difficulties. The situation in Haiti from the perspective of a stable government is still



chaotic, which has prevented us from traveling on mission trips to meet with our friends and to work with them. Despite these enormous difficulties, our brothers and sisters in Plaine du Nord continue to live their lives as best they can. While we have not been able to travel to Haiti, the support we have been able to give our friends in Haiti is more important than ever. Responding to their urgent needs, our Haiti Ministry Group hosted a Caribbean Nights Dinner, Dance and Auction which raised over \$100,000 to

support our sister parish, St. James, in Plaine du Nord. The money raised is being used to help the parish put a new roof on the school and church, two projects that Fr. Dubois, the Pastor of St. James Parish, has identified as their biggest needs.

In addition, we continued to our student sponsorships for the children attending our grade school and high school. Money from these sponsorships helps to provide books and supplies for the children as well as helping to pay a major portion of the teacher's salaries.

Through our Haiti Food Drive at Christmas we also raised \$40,000 to help provide a meals for the 600+ students and teachers at our schools. We continued our efforts to provide sponsorships for students seeking job training through such efforts as our Sewing Hope Program which give students training to be tailors and seamstresses. Going forward, our hope is to continue our mission trips to Haiti, but given the political instability of the country and lack of a functioning government, these efforts are proving to be very difficult. Despite these challenges, we are committed to continuing our work with our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



PARISH FINANCE

Our income and expense report for our fiscal year shows a positive balance for the year. That is always a positive sign. Here are some things to highlight.

- Year to date, we were able to keep our expenses at or below our projected budget for this period and our income for this same period was slightly higher than our projected budget figures. We always try to budget income on the low side while budgeting expenses on the high side. One simple way to understand our financial situation is this way. Figuring each 1¢ to be equivalent to \$21,119, we wanted to raise \$1 in income and we actually raised \$1.09. We thought we would spend \$1 and we actually ended up spending \$1.03. At the end of the year we had 6¢ left over.

- Our weekly collection totals for the year (\$742,402.76) were pretty much the same as last year. At the same time, they were slightly below our budgeted needs for the year (\$55,597). We made up this shortfall because the actual income from several of our "other income" sources was higher than we had projected. That is always a blessing, to be sure. The main source

MISSION OUTREACH DISTRIBUTIONS 2025-2026	
Fund for the Needy and Other Special Collections	\$19,248.86
Vladivostok Missions	\$1,821.00
Haiti Monthly Support	\$12,468.00
Haiti School Education	\$100,030.00
Haiti Special Projects	\$20,500.00
Haiti Food Expenses	\$40,878.00
Haiti Sewing Hope	\$8,150.00
Haiti Fish Farm	\$2,310.00
Haiti Monthly Stipends	\$9,960.00
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	\$215,356.86
Money spent on our Haiti Ministry comes from contributions of parishioners as well as our friends of Haiti outside our parish.	

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of our income however, remains the money we receive through our weekly collection. And it continues to be very important for us to meet this budgeted goal.

- The school board, under the direction of Mrs. Kelsey Meier put together a school budget for the 2026-2027 school year. This year, all of our school families will be eligible to receive a state tuition voucher. Next year's school budgets projects expenditures of \$1,711,736.00 which is an increase of \$208,465, (.013%). Our overall parish budget increase is projected to be \$232,476, an overall increase of .01% increase.

- So much of the overall financial health of our parish is due to the great number of volunteers who lent their expertise with plumbing, electrical, and other maintenance issues. This has saved us literally thousands of dollars. Many more volunteers have offer their help with such things as mowing crews and cleanup crews especially with our work in the school. And of course we had many volunteers to help with our different fundraising efforts through the year. Selling raffle tickets and chicken dinner tickets, helping to prepare the chicken dinner as well as our fish fry meals, not to mention the hours of work involved with our rummage sale. In addition to this, so many people have helped with Men's Club, Altar Society, PTO, Athletic Committee and Baseball League projects. It would be hard to calculate the amount of dollars involved in these efforts, but it is all essential to the well being of our parish life.

PARISH CAMPUS MAINTENANCE:

This past year we undertook some major maintenance projects in our school. One of these was an upgrade to the several of the original electrical panels in the school and replaced electrical outlets and light switches in all the school classrooms. Total costs for all these projects was \$11,762. A second item was removing the old radiators in the last remaining classroom in the school at a cost 2,438.88. We also installed extensive new cabinets in five classrooms. The cabinetry in four of these classrooms was completed in July, 2025, and the cabinetry in the fifth classroom was completed in June, 2025. Total cost for these five classrooms was \$69,996.06. This work completes our multiyear project of replacing and upgrading the cabinets in all the school classrooms.

We continued to monitor the moisture issues in the interior of the church resulting from the storm damage of March 2023. At this point, based upon the moisture readings we have taken, we are confident that the moisture issue has subsided. Last October we engaged the services of Simms Painting to do a test "repainting" of one the affected areas along the upper wall in the north east corner of the church. Cost for this was \$3,619. Since

that time we have not seen any reoccurrence of the moisture damage in that area. This gives us the confidence to have Simms Painting move forward with repairing and repaint the effected levels of the upper walls of the east and west side of the church. That project is scheduled to be

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2025 — JUNE 30, 2026	
INCOME	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$742,402.76
OTHER ORDINARY INCOME Rummage Sale, Bulletin/Newsletter Ads, Summer Social, Fish Fry, Interest Income, Lottery, Rental, & Miscellaneous	\$254,399.22
SCHOOL INCOME Parishioner Tuition, Book Fees, Technology Fees, Non Parish Tuition, Pre-School Fees, After School Care Fees, WSNC grants, Tuition Vouchers, SGO Grants, and other miscellaneous income	\$1,283,629.83
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME	\$3,507.07
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME Insurance Settlement, Building Fund Donations One Time Donations	\$39,487.14
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,323,426.12
ORDINARY EXPENSES	
PARISH STAFF SALARIES and BENEFITS	\$275,281.17
CHURCH and WORSHIP	\$10,413.44
PARISH OFFICE and RELATED EXPENSES	\$64,428.26
PARISH BUILDING and GROUND MAINTENANCE	\$63,998.93
MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL	\$100,567.08
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS Church —\$3,619.00 Rectory —\$8,604.00 School—\$4,964.52 Grounds—\$4,675.25	\$101,854.27
ST. JOE SCHOOL EXPENSES Salaries and Benefits, Classroom/Curriculum, Pre-School, Day Care, Building Maintenance	\$1,503,092.08
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	\$65,665.34
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	\$2,185,300.57

The above report is a condensed version of our financial report. If you would like to review a detailed financial report, call the parish office and we will make a copy of the complete report available for you.

**CARPENTER SOCIETY**

Under the umbrella of the Carpenter Society, we now have thirty-three different endowments which are managed by the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana. During 2025 the rate of return for the total portfolio was 14%. Over the lifespan of the Foundation, it has yielded a growth rate averaging 8% annually.

During this past fiscal year (July, 2025—June, 2026) \$68,712.40 was contributed to our various endowments. The total value of our endowments as of December 31, 2025 is \$1,897,058. This is a increase of \$230,062 from the previous year which represents an 14% increase.

For 2025, \$74,818.78 is available for distribution to the various areas of the parish endowed by the individual endowments. If you would like to review a more in depth report of our endowments, call to parish office and we will share with you a more complete report.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions made to St. Joseph Parish in memory of these loved ones. Let us continue to remember the gift they have been in our lives

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN MEMORY OF

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IN MEMORY OF

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

In the daily life of our parish, the work of our parish organizations is essential. Not only do they provide opportunities for people to share some good food and time for fellowship, but our parish would not be able to function without their efforts. Here is some of what they have done this past year



ALTAR SOCIETY: Through its kuchen sales, and money generated through the sale of vigil candles, the Altar Society continue to provide money to pay for altar bread and wine, candles, missalettes and other items that we use for the celebration of the Mass. Members of the society gathered each month to share food and fellowship. They also hosted a Christmas and Spring dinner for the women in the parish.

ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS: Our Senior Citizen's group continued its primary purpose of providing opportunities for members of our parish to gather each month to share some good food and deserts and the chance to play cards and play bingo.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN: Members of this group, which has been a part of our parish since the 1950's, continued to gather each month to enjoy some good food and renew some good friendships. For many years, they operated a booth at the Fall Festival. Because of decreased membership, they turned the operation of this booth over to the Men's Club. This past April, members of the Knights of St. John hosted other commandries throughout Indiana at their State Convention.

ST. JOE MEN'S CLUB: The Men's Club continued its dual function of providing an opportunity for men in the parish to gather for some good food and friendship and raising money for various projects in the parish. Most recently they contributed over \$50,000 to repair, resurface and seal our parking lots. Among the fund raising efforts were there annual Burgoo Sales and Sausage Sales as well as making braut burgers for the PTO Fall Festival Booth. This year they undertook the opportunity of operating a booth at the Fall Festival which ended up being a very successful venture.

PTO: Our school family members continued to provide vital support to the operation of our school through the work of the PTO. Providing volunteers to help out in the school office, provide playground supervision, providing volunteers for Math Bowl, Spell Bowl and Science Fair and working with individual teachers for special classroom projects are just some of the ways the support the school. The engaged in a wide variety of fund raising efforts, some of which are sponsoring a booth at the Fall Festival, catering meals for the West Side Nut Club Meetings and Book Fairs. This has given the money to underwrite the costs of textbook adoptions as well as providing special needs for teachers in their classrooms. These efforts involve tens of thousands of dollars.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMMITTEE: Each year our students are given the invitation to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular sports activities including wrestling, basketball, volleyball, track, soccer, archery, and cheerleading. Through their various fundraising efforts they have provided the money for uniforms and league fees for these activities as well as providing coaches for each of these sports. They also provided the money to reseal the gym floor each year.

ST. JOE COMMUNITY BASEBALL: This group as a quasi-official connection with our parish. While it is a community based group, they use our parish facilities and a majority of the leadership for this group comes from the parish. They provide an opportunity for the young members of our parish and community to participate in baseball, softball and T-ball leagues in the spring. One of their fundraising efforts, along with business sponsorships, is hold an annual chicken dinner fundraiser. Members of the Men's Club have helped them prepare and serve the meal. In the past, they have also worked to improve the dug outs and ball fields on the parish campus. This year, with the approval of our Parish Maintenance Committee, they are undertaking the project of building a new concession stand use during the baseball season.



REMEMBERING

Steve Hasselbrinck

December 28, 1958—June 23, 2026

Steve was the first born son and oldest child born to Paul and Marlene (Effing) Hasselbrinck, arriving on the scene on December 28, 1958. In time he would be joined by brothers Scott and Stan and sisters Susan and Sheryl. Steve graduated from St. Joseph School in 1972 and then later graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1976. Following high school, Steve worked at a number of odd jobs with several grocery stores. A near death experience resulting from a car accident was a bit of a wake up call for Steve. To give some direction to his life, Steve made the decision to join the Marine Corps.

In his years with the Marines Steve was able to indulge his interest in the field of electronics while working with an artillery unit. It was while he was in the Marine Corps that Steve first began experiencing some of the early symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis (MS). After being discharged from the Marines, Steve returned home to Evansville and took some electronic classes through Ivy Tech. For a few years Steve was able to work in the field of electronics for some local companies in Evansville.

Over the years, the symptoms of MS increased in Steve's life making it impossible for him to work. In time Steve would move to Florida and then to Muncie, Indiana. Eleven years ago, Steve returned home to area and began living in Cyprus Grove Rehabilitation Center in Newburgh. The patriotic and charitable motorcycle group, "Freedom Riders of Evansville," whose work supports veterans, escorted Steve from Muncie to his new home in Newburgh. Steve continued to be a resident there until the time of his death. During a part of these years, his roommate was fellow parishioners and veteran, Larry Hoefling.

Over the years, Steve's brother Scott faithfully looked after Steve and took care of his needs. While they were alive, his parents, Paul and Marlene continued to care for him as well. Through the years, his aunt, Marilyn (Effing) Wassmer visited him often to bring him communion.

In many ways, Steve's life was not easy. Not only did he have to deal with the effects of MS, he also witnessed the death of all the members his family, except his brother Scott. As Steve has now been called home, we pray that he will experience the peace that is God's gift to us. We pray as well that his parents and siblings will be there to welcome him. May God grant him eternal rest.

LITURGICAL MINSITERS AUGUST 15, 2026 -- SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
Saturday August 15, 5 PM	Diane Woods Eric Reffett Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher	Sis Jarboe
Sunday August 16 8 AM	Jean Duncan Brian and Ann Craney Marcia Frey	Jalane Weber
Sunday August 16 10:30 AM	Debra Baumgart Diane Bassemier Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor	Shane Wessel
Saturday August 22 5 PM	Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson Lee and Toni Askins	Toni Askins
Sunday August 23 8 AM	Terry Drone Lisa Cook Rodney and Paula Baehl	Dave Schmitt
Sunday August 23, 10:30 AM	Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand	Chad Martin
Saturday August 29 5 PM	Donald Werner Donna Niemeier Mary Kay Fehrenbacher Diane Woods	Susie Schapker
Sunday August 30, 8 AM	Darlene Appler Jalane Weber Kylie Frey Stephanie Frey	Tom Folz
Sunday August 30, 10:30 AM	Amy Cody Jena Wessel Rachael Schnaus Becky Doshier	Jane Scheller
Saturday September 5 PM	Eric and Karen McDonald Butch and Linda Feulner	Toni Askins
Sunday September 6, 8 AM	Tom and Dolores Folz Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers	Tom Blythe
Sunday September 6 10:30 AM	Jena Wessel Steve Jung Al Debes Angie Will	Shane Wessel
Saturday September 12 5 PM	Diane Woods Eric Reffett Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher	Sis Jarboe
Sunday September 13 8 AM	Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher Austin & Ryan Frey	Terry Drone
Sunday September 13 10:30 AM	Debra Baumgart Diane Bassemier Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor	Chad Martin

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP LEAD US IN PRAYER AT MASS?

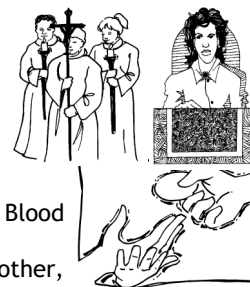
The most important thing we do in our parish is to gather for Mass each week. It is both the sign and source of our unity as a faith community. It makes sense then that our very best efforts would be put into making our gathering at Mass a real source of prayer.

Our prayer at Mass is everyone's prayer. At different times we call upon people to help lead the community in prayer. Perhaps it is being a **Lector**, proclaiming the Sacred Words of Scripture for all in the assembly to hear and take to heart. It might be serving as a **Eucharistic Minister**, sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the assembly. Perhaps it is being willing to be an **Altar Server** at Mass.

Who are these people? Actually we all are. Some of us may have particular talents in one area or another, but in a larger sense, we are all called upon to help lead the community in prayer. Who is worthy to do any of these ministries? In one sense, none of us are. But in a greater sense Jesus came to call people who were in need of healing, so we are all equally worthy (or unworthy) to help make Jesus present in our common prayer.

Perhaps you have thought about serving in one of the different ministries at Mass and was just waiting for someone to ask you. Maybe you never even thought about being a minister at Mass. Perhaps now God is gently inviting you to share. Whatever the case, I am asking you to think and pray about this. How might God be calling you to help our community pray at Mass?

Fr. Gene Schroeder



MISSION OUTREACH



Be an island of mercy in
a sea of indifference.

Pope Leo

Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great
love. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPONSOR A CHILD'S EDUCATION IN HAITI



Each year our Haiti Outreach Committee seeks new sponsors to join our group of generous people who are sponsoring a child's education in Haiti. As often happens, some of our previous sponsors have died, while others have found they cannot continue to give at the level they did in the past. So we are always looking for new people to match up with the children in St. James Parish in Haiti.

A person or family can sponsor a student for an annual cost of \$360, or just \$30 per month. 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.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 9 AM
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- Register online, www.svdpevansville.org/register-form/
- You can also register the morning of the walk.
- Collect donations of personal care items for all ethnic groups, as well as laundry goods. These items will help us to create donation packages for those in need in our community that are distributed at our Food Pantry
- Bring your registration form along with donations to the registration table at the Walk. The money you raised will be given to our parish Needy Fund

Last year, the Evansville District of the St. Vincent DePaul Society partnered with YMCA, Ozanam Family Shelter and other agencies to provide clothing at minimal cost to people in need.

They provided \$650,000 to over 12,000 individuals to cover rent, utilities and other essentials.

Distributed over 427,000 pounds of food to families in need.

Over 36,500 hours of service volunteered at the Food Pantry, Thrift Store and through the different conferences in each parish



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For many years now we have worked at creating an awareness for recycling. It takes a while for people to move from just throwing things in the trash to begin thinking about what can be recycled. Those in the know tell us that over 75% of the "stuff" we throw in the garbage can be recycled.

Creating this consciousness is something our school teachers and personnel also work hard at. Gradually we see our young people becoming more aware of the things that can and should be recycled—paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, metal cans and more. The same thing has begun to happen with our parish groups, even if it just a simple thing like making sure a "recycle container" is available when cleaning up from different events.

Several people have been instrumental in bringing our recycling efforts to fruition. Each week Cindy Schmitt and Kristan Gilles take the cardboard, books, paper, metal cans and glass to local recycle centers. One of the other things we have done is to collect aluminum cans. Many of you have brought them to our aluminum can trailer located near our storage building. When we started, it took about 6 weeks to fill the trailer. Most recently the trailer has been filled with aluminum cans in half that time. For many years, Jim Gries faithfully hauled these cans to the recycle center on Morgan Avenue. With his death this past June, his brother Danny has now taken on the role. What a beautiful way to honor Jim!



**NEXT PARISH
BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, AUG. 23
8 am--Noon
in the school gym**



We'd like to thank all the parishioners of St. Joe for the generous donations made through the Diaper Bsg Express. You have been so faithful through the years of collection donations to support the work we do through Birthright. Thank you for allowing us to be Christ's hands and feet to the families in need in our community. *Birthright of Evansville*

Thanks to Toni Askins for coordinating this effort for our parish.



AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DROP OFF SCHOOL SUPPLIES MEET THE TEACHERS ENJOY A COOKOUT  SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 AFTER MASS 11:30 am - 1 pm ALL FAMILIES WELCOME			RENEW YOUR HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP  BECOME A HAITI STUDENT SPONSOR			1 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4 -4:40pm 5 pm Mass HAITI & Food Pantry COLLECTION
2 8 & 10:30 Masses Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30 Back to School Bash 11:30-1 HAITI AND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION	3 5 am Boot Camp 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass	4 7:30 am Mass	5 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff Meeting 12 Noon FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	6 No Mass Pre- School Begins	7 5 am Boot Camp 7:30 Mass Communion to the Homebound Pre-K Begins	8 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4 -4:40pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
9 8 & 10:30 Masses Food Pantry Collection Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30	10 5:00 am Boot Camp 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Knights of St. John	11 Mass 7:30 am	12 5:00 am Soul Core Mass 7:30 am Parish Staff Meeting 12 Noon	13 NO MASS Haiti Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm	14 5:00 am Boot Camp 7:30 AM Mass Communion to the Homebound	15 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4 pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
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done this fall.

YEAR END REPORT (cont.)

We also will be replacing the windows in the rectory. We



have contracted Window World to do this work which is scheduled to be done sometime in late fall. The St. Joe Baseball League has been working with our parish maintenance group to address several issues relating to the baseball field concession

stand. Having reviewed the situation, they have decided to remove the existing concession stand and replace it with a larger concession/storage stand which will also include bathroom facilities. Their hope is to begin this work this summer and fall and have it ready for the baseball season next spring.

And so another year in the life our parish comes to an end. So much has changed since our parish began in 1841. We continue to commit ourselves to be joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all. What is that going to look like as we go forward? We live in times of transition. Much of what we thought would be the anchors of our lives seem to be passing. While the future can look frightening to some, God still walks with us. And so we show up each day and offer the very best we can trusting that God will use these efforts to do far greater things than we can ask or even imagine.

And so we will continue to pray together, share our faith with others, continue our work with Haiti, continue to make kitchens and burgoo and chicken dinners, mow the grass, take care of our buildings, and continue to walk with each other through all the joys and sorrows that will surely be a part of our life in the year ahead. Through it all, let's keep in mind this prayer of Teilhard de Chardin, the French Jesuit priest

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

