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**JULY, 2025**



### THE SPIRITUAL LEGACY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

*Fr. Gene Schroeder*  
PASTOR

When Pope Leo introduced himself to the world he called himself a "son of Augustine." Not only was Pope Leo the first person from the United States elected Pope, he was also the first member of the Augustinian Religious Order to be

elected Pope. Just who were the Augustinians and who was St. Augustine whom they are named after?

In regards to the first question, the Augustinians were founded in 1244 in Italy when several communities of hermits living in the region of Tuscany came together to ask Pope Innocent IV that they be united under one common rule of life and one Superior General. The Pope granted their request and invited them to live according to the ideals and values upon which St. Augustine had ordered his vision of religious community.



Within a century there were over 8,000 members of the community in many countries who were involved in a variety of works, as pastors, preachers, educators, scholars, theologians and missionaries, as well as others engaged as carpenters, farmers, beggars and bakers, for the internal needs of the communities. They ventured throughout Europe, and in time would come to the United States where they were especially involved in ministering to the growing population of Italian immigrants who came to the United States in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Today, there are Augustinians working throughout the United States in, among other things, in parish work and education, most notably at Villanova University in Philadelphia. Pope Leo was a member of the Augustinian Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel which is located in Chicago. He was sent as a missionary to Peru. He later severed as Prior (the head) of the Augustinian Order in the United States and later as the Prior of all the Augustinian Order worldwide.

Now, just who was St. Augustine? He was named Aurelius Augustine and was born in 354 at Tagaste, Algeria. He was the son of Patricius, a non-believer, and his devout Catholic wife, Monica. Augustine was a very intelli-

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### IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER AND GRAND RAFFLE--SUNDAY, JULY 27

Thanks to everyone for the great cooperation as we get ready for our summer social this year. We've had a great response so far from the folks who have returned their packet of social tickets. Be sure to return your tickets before July 27. We'll have the drawing around 3 pm on July 27th.

By now, everyone in the parish should have received a letter inviting them to buy tickets for our famous fried chicken dinner.



**\$15,000 in prizes**  
**1st Prize \$10,000**  
**2nd Prize \$2,500**  
**3rd - 6th Prizes \$500 Each**  
**TICKETS \$25**  
**5 / --\$100**

We included four dinner tickets with each letter. We know many of you will want more tickets than that. We'll be happy to get them to you. Just call the parish office (812-963-3273), email us at gschroeder@evdio.org, or text us at 812-499-9074 and let us know how many tickets you need. Check with your family, friends and neighbors as well. They won't want to miss out on the chance to enjoy our



Megan and Chip  
Altstadt  
812-204-4091



Britt and Patrick  
Fehrenbacher  
812-480-9702

famous chicken dinner.

One thing that will really help to ensure the success of our chicken dinner is for folks to be willing to take a batch of dinner tickets and sell them. People love our chicken dinners so they are easy to sell. Maybe you could take some to work to sell. Check with your neighbors or just check with all the members of your family. The dinner is great, and for most folks, there is enough food for several meals!

**HELP SPREAD A LITTLE  
CHICKEN JOY**

So, let us know if you can help. We'll get you set up with everything you will need.

After we finish with our carryout dinners (1 pm on Sunday), we'll need help to clean up the kitchen and cafeteria and put everything away. If we get lots of help, we should have everything cleaned up by 3 pm.

After we get everything done, we invite folks to hang around and enjoy some food and refreshments, compliments of our Men's Club. We'll have our drawing for our raffle winners at this time. It'll be a great chance to visit with one another and enjoy each other's company.

**BUY YOUR CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS BY JULY 18**



**Carryout Only**

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# LOOKING FOR SOME WAYS TO HELP? CHECK THESE OUT

## BEFORE THE SOCIAL

### DUMPLING DAY SET UP/CLEANUP CREW July 10 6 pm

Matt & Carrie Raben  
Mark Messel, Dave Lappe  
Ryan and Neil Kassenbrock,  
are heading up this effort.

We need to set up the tables in the cafeteria prior to dumpling making day, Monday, July 14. After the dumplings have dried and are put in storage, we need to clean the kitchen and cafeteria floor. We also need to wash and dry five gallon buckets for the dried dumplings, slaw, and chicken broth.



### JOIN US FOR DUMPLING MAKING DAY MONDAY JULY 14 7 AM

**No Sign-Up Required!**

**Just Come and Join us**

Bring a rolling pin and/or pizza cutter. No experience required. You'll be an expert in no time.



### BAGGING COOKIES July 24 5 pm

We're making some delicious chocolate chip cookies for our dessert. And we need your help putting them in special bags. Amy Back is in the charge of this. Call her 812-746-7900 for details and let her know you can help.



## SET UP THE KITCHEN AND CAFETERIA

July 24, 6 pm

**HELP!**

We need to set up the serving lines and put cardboard on the floor in the kitchen, chicken frying area and in the cafeteria where the serving lines will be.



## DINNER PREP

Friday, July 25

**Beginning at 8 am**

Come help us clean vegetables, debone chicken, and prepare the ingredients for dressing. Traditionally we have not had a sign up sheet for this day. So, come for an hour or two or the whole morning.



## MAKING AND PACKAGING THE SLAW July 25 at Noon

Natalie (812-598-1109) and Jessica (812-480-1938) Kassenbrock, "the slaw sisters" are chairing this effort. Come help them chop the cabbage, carrots, celery and peppers. And then help package our slaw in our famous sweet 'n sour sauce.



## SET UP THE DRIVE THROUGH AREA SATURDAY, JULY 26

We can use your help Saturday morning setting up the drive thru lanes and putting out all signs directing traffic for the drive thru area.

## SOCIAL DAY SUNDAY JULY 27

### CHICKEN FRYERS

**1st shift 6:00 am—10 am**

Gary Fehrenbacher (Chair)  
812-449-8490

Keith Fehrenbacher (Co-Chair)  
812-499-3000

Zach Fehrenbacher—812-483-4785

Chris Fehrenbacher—812-449-3006

Sam Fehrenbacher—812-963-9557

Bob Fehrenbacher—812-453-0669

Patrick & Brittany

Fehrenbacher—812-430-9861

Joe Fritch—812-455-7807

Ron Miller—812-963-3522

Andy Jarboe—812-306-4857

Bud Jarboe—812-453-4857

Stan Love—812-963-6512

Mary Kay Fehrenbacher

812-453-0819

Amy Tenbarger—812-598-9980

Tony Tenhumberg—812-453-2506

Sally Kempf—812-963-9568



### 2nd shift 10:00 AM

Randy Fehrenbacher  
(Chair) 812-453-9357

Kathy Fehrenbacher  
812-963-3052

Dave & Betty Fehrenbacher  
812-483-1362

Jim Gries—812-963-6023

Tom & Debbie Clem—812-459-6729

John & Gail Maurer—812-963-6273

Mike Maurer—812-963-9444

Ryan & Laura Maurer  
812-963-9444

Donald & Holly Maurer—812-568-5379

James, Shelly & Emma Ruedlinger  
812-459-2053

Randy Tenbarger—812-204-5139

Brent & Kelley Lyke—812-401-0803

Ashley Gaiser—812-319-9497

Mike Ennis—812-963-9575

Bill Steiner—812-963-1959

Sherry Genet—812-483-1817

Tim Mayer—812-484-9153



**COOKING DUMPLINGS**

Kelly Pennington Chair 812-963-8168  
 Kevin Pennington 812-963-8168  
 Kevin Hartz—812-963-8479  
 Becky Raben—812-204-4091  
 Jeannine Shumate —812-963-6772

**PUTTING DUMPLINGS INTO CONTAINERS**

Cindy Schmitt  
 Chair 812-305-2531  
 Debbie Collins  
 Joan Stewart  
 Kristan Gilles  
 Dolores Folz



Diane Bassmeier  
 Marlene Voelker  
 Donna Niemeier

**CORN and GREEN BEANS**

Tim Voelker  
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 812-499-5296  
 Nathan Doshier  
 812-430-2820  
 Co-Chair  
 Heath Stewart Co-Chair

**WASHING POTS AND PANS**

Randy Kuester (chair)  
 812-963-515  
 Brian & Brendan Elpers 812-204-6906  
 Jason & Emily Smith 812-4703-3025  
 Clay Allison 812-963-3359  
 Phil Hartig 812-985-9555  
 Ryan Niemeier 812-963-9062

**PREPARE CARRYOUT DINNERS  
COME TO THE CAFETERIA AT 9 AM  
ON SUNDAY TO START WORKING**

Don Werner Chair  
 We need people to:

- bring the food from the kitchen
- put the different food items in the carryout containers,
- put the dinner in carryout bags
- Show up on Sunday Morning at 9 am to help

**DRESSING**

Sharon Hollingsworth  
 (Chair)  
 812-867-9467  
 Michelle Reffett  
 812-963-8110  
 Paula Gibson  
 812-626-0452

Jan Tenbarger 812-642-0025

**GRAVY**

Julianna Voelker  
 (Chair)  
 812-963-3307  
 Julie Greubel  
 812-204-8717

**POTATOES**

Jean Duncan  
 (Chair)  
 812-963-1195

**DRIVE THRU PICK-UP**

Peter Fehrenbacher

812-568-9858  
 Ron Eickhoff  
 Co- Chairs  
 We'll need help getting the dinners from the cafeteria to the



carryout are and then distributing to the folks who are coming to pick up their dinners. This is a great place for our grade school students to help.



**We need YOU!**

**IS YOUR NAME ON THE SOCIAL WORKERS LIST?**

Contact any of the chairpersons to offer your help

**TRAFFIC CONTROL**

To help facilitate the smooth flow of cars through our carryout, we will need some folks to direct traffic at strategic places on the parish campus.



Rick Scheller Chair 812-204-9816  
 Don Baumgart—812-963-0908  
 Al Debes—812-459-5783  
 Jim Helmer—812-457-6420  
 Nick Helmer—812-303-1669  
 Morgan Jones—812-430-0333  
 John Koch—812-963-9257  
 Jim Scheller—812-963-3047  
 Steve, Joe & Jacob Scheller  
 812-319-4828  
 Tom Strupp—812-963-6067  
 Ron Ubelhor—812-618-5685

**DINNER TICKETS**

Tom Elsner Chair 270-957-0126  
 We need help collecting the dinner tickets. We also need folks who can sell raffle tickets to those coming to pick up dinners.

**CLEAN UP CREW**

Andy Reckelhoff, (812-760-0342)  
 Jordan Wilkerson, Steve Jung,  
 Rodney Baehl

We will need to clean up the kitchen and cafeteria, remove all the cardboard, clean the floors, put all the cafeteria tables and chairs in place to be ready for school and clean all the bathrooms on the first floor. We will start cleaning up at noon on Sunday

**COME JOIN US FOR OUR AFTER SOCIAL PARTY**

We'll gather after we have finished cleaning up. We'll have some burgers, brauts and hot dogs, drinks and chips, (and maybe some left over fried chicken, dressing and dumplings).

It's a great chance to relax, swap stories with other parishioners and just enjoy each other's company. At 3 pm we'll draw the winners of our grand raffle.



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## Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.



*Pope Leo's sermon on the day  
of his office installation as  
Pope on May 18, 2025*

Dear brothers and sisters -- I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St. Augustine wrote: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt 9:36). Yet

on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people, but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them "as a shepherd guards his flock" (Jer 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today's world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody.

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family. Love and unity: these are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus.

We see this in today's Gospel, which takes us to the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began the mission he received from the Father: to be a "fisher" of humanity in order to draw it up from the waters of evil and death. Walking along the shore, he had called Peter and the other first disciples to be, like him, "fishers of men." Now, after the resurrection, it is up to them to carry on this mission, to cast their nets again and again, to bring the hope of the Gospel into the "waters" of the world, to sail the seas of life so that all may experience God's embrace.

How can Peter carry out this task? The Gospel tells us that it is possible only because his own life was touched by the infinite and unconditional love of God, even in the hour of his failure and denial. For this reason, when Jesus addresses Peter, the Gospel uses the Greek verb *agapáo*, which refers to the love that God has for us, to the offering of himself without reserve and without calculation. Whereas the verb used in Peter's response describes the love of friendship that we have for one another.

Consequently, when Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" (Jn 21:16), he is referring to the love of the Father. It is as if Jesus said to him, "Only if you have known and experienced this love of God, which never fails, will you be able to feed my lambs. Only in the love of God the Father will you be able to love your brothers and sisters with that same 'more,' that is, by offering your life for your brothers and sisters."

Peter is thus entrusted with the task of "loving more" and giving his life for the flock. The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power.

Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

The Apostle Peter himself tells us that Jesus "is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, and has become the cornerstone" (Acts 4:11). Moreover, if the rock is Christ, Peter must shepherd the flock without ever yielding to the temptation to be an autocrat, lording it over those entrusted to him (cf. 1 Pet 5:3). On the contrary, he is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are "living stones" (1 Pet 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of St. Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbor" (Serm. 359,9).

Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feel-

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### REMEMBERING *Marie Gumbel*

June 30, 1927 - May 13, 2025

A simple life, deeply connected with the earth and centered on her family and the parish of St. Joe—that would be a way to describe Marie (Weiss) Gumbel.

She was born on June 20, 1927, one of six children born to Edward and Justina (Kiesel) Weiss. Her sisters Alvina and Florentina and her brothers Tony, Leroy, Henry, preceded her in death.



Her family grew up on a farm at the end of what is now Weiss Road, a few miles north of our church. Here young life centered on helping with the endless lists of chores on the farm, coming to church here at St. Joe, and going to school here.

She graduated from our grade school in 1941 and had the distinction of being the third oldest living alumnus of our school. The daily chores of life also became a classroom to develop skills of planting, harvesting, butchering and preserving fruits and vegetables. She would also learn the skills of sewing and quilting. Marie never saw this as “creative talents.” It was simply the things you did.

There were times for family gatherings, going to the summer social at St. Joe and going to local dances. It was at one of these dances that Marie met the love of her life, a young man named Leo Gumbel. The two of them began dating and on November 11, 1947, they were married at here at St. Joseph, in the presence of Fr. Fred Niehaus.

For a short time they lived with Leo's grandparents, but they had their eye on a small farm located just down the road from St. Joseph on Number Three School Road. They bought the property, investing all their savings, and borrowing the rest of the money. “It was the biggest decision we ever made, and we wondered if we would be able to make it,” Marie recalled.

Leo and Marie were both hard working people and were soon making a go of it on their farm. A few chickens, some pigs, a cow and planting some acres of corn, beans and wheat. And there was always a big garden, filled with lots of produce that was picked and canned.

Leo and Marie made a home for themselves but also their four children as well—Lawrence, Bernard, Joann and Delores. Leo and Marie would share with them the values that had sustained them in life—family, hard work, caring for the land. As young children growing up on the farm, all the children would be involved in various 4-H projects. They exhibited their projects at the local country 4-H Fair and through the years also exhibited their projects at the State Fair in Indianapolis.

Marie was quick to offer her help at the annual 4-H Fair each year, helping to prepare meals to serve fair goers in the main auditorium on the fair grounds. Through the years, they could also be counted on to help with any number of projects connected to the 4-H Fair grounds and the Rural Life Program.

Marie was also quick to offer her time here in the parish. Helping out at the annual summer social was always part of her life. In the beginning, she would help to make the dressing for dinner. In her later years, you could find Marie and Leo selling popcorn and lemonade on the social grounds. As a member of the Altar Society, Marie also helped to make kuchen, cinnamon rolls,

dressing, German potato salad and all the other fundraising projects that the Altar Society engaged in.

Marie also spent many years cleaning the church and taking care of the votive candles. For many years, she made baptismal garments for the young children who were baptized. With her love for flowers she also was one of the folks who brought fresh flowers to decorate the church in the summer. More often than not, these flowers came from all the flowers she grew on the farm. For many years, Marie also cleaned the parish rectory, a job she continued well into her 80's. She also helped prepare for the rummage sale each year. For many years, she grew extra vegetables in her garden and shared them with others through the Garden Patch Project supervised by the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Marie was not a person to spend idle time. During the winter months she would always be working on a quilt. Her husband Leo, joined her in quilting. “I didn't think he would be very good at this, but he sure surprised me,” Marie recalled. She and Leo also made over 20,000 rosaries and gave them to different mission societies. They also made lap blankets for residents of nursing homes and stuffed bears that they gave to the police department to use in their work with young children. In 2001, our parish recognized the life of stewardship by naming them as our parish's recipients of our diocesan Bishop Brute Society.

The routine of life, centered on the family and church, no doubt sustained Marie in the difficult times of her life. When Leo's health deteriorated, Marie was determined to care for him at home. She was able to do this until Leo made the decision to enter the hospice program at Deaconess because, as he said, “it would be too hard for Marie to continue to take care of me at home.”

Her son Bernard's death from cancer was also a big blow to her. The sudden death of her daughter-in-law Nancy which was followed soon by the death of husband, Lawrence, were also trying times for Marie. Marie continued to live at home until her own health began to deteriorate. For the last several years, Marie has been a resident at North Park Nursing Home. There, without even knowing it, she was able to be a valued presence in the life of the staff at the nursing home.

We give thanks for Marie, not so much for all the things she has done, but for the goodness that was such part of her life. Although her exterior might reveal a somewhat German style gruffness, underneath that exterior was a heart of love, a heart that would share whatever she had for others. It is that heart which reminds us of the heart of Jesus. She made Jesus real to all of us. Now we pray that she will be granted the blessings of living a good and faithful life in the kingdom that God prepared for her. May she rest in peace.

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### POPE LEO (cont)

ing superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion “were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?” (Rerum Novarum, 21).

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

## FOR WHOM DO THE BELLS RING?

The bells of St. Joseph can be heard from miles away whenever they are rung—and the wind is right. Ringing bells for the angelus prayer, tolling for funerals, and calling the congregation to mass, the bells carry the church out to parishioners standing in their yards, working in the fields and gardens, driving to church or home from work.

Although our present church building was dedicated in 1888, its three bells did not arrive until 1890. At a cost of \$695.15 the bells purchased from H. Stuckstette and Company, represented a major investment for the parish community at that time. Donations totaled \$458.90 which allowed the parish to pay the bulk of the bill immediately.

In May, 1990, Bishop Chartard blessed the three bells—at the time the bells still sat outside the church awaiting the time to be raised to their home in the belfry. The largest bell is named “St. Joseph” in honor of our parish patron saint. The second largest bell is named “Mary Immaculate.” The smallest bell is named “The Holy Angels.”

The three bells are located in three of the corners of the belfry. The fourth corner houses the wooden ladder used to enter the belfry. Originally ropes hung from each of the bells which were used to ring the bells. For the first eighty years, the bells were rung using these ropes. In their younger

years, Mike and Dennis Niemeier were two of the people that rang the bells. Joe Mayer, during the time he served as our parish janitor also remembers ringing the bells.

In 1968, thanks to new technology, bell ringing in our parish took a big step forward. At that time, an automated bells system was purchased from the Verdin Bell Company in Cincinnati, Ohio and installed in our church. Now the bells could be rung automatically for the Angelus prayer (6 am, noon and 6 pm) and for our weekend masses.

Norbert Yellig was one of the many people who loving cared for the bells ensuring that rang out loud and true. After performing this task for many years, he turned the care of the bells over to his hand picked successor, Dan Lasher. For the last twenty plus years Dan has been making sure the bells are in good working order. He’s often been assisted in these efforts by Dave Schmitt and Gary Gries.

With their encouragement and support, we are now taking another step forward in our bell ringing technology. We have been in touch with the same Verdin Bell Company and purchased a digital program for ringing our church bells. In the past few weeks, Dan, with help from Mike Wiley, has been installing the necessary infrastructure for this which includes running a new conduit underground from the west sacristy and up to the belfry. The next step is for the folks from the Verdin company to install the new digital bell ringing program and then teach us how to operate it.

Most people will not see the bell ringing system unless you happen to venture into the belfry and climb the ladder to the top. But you can be assured that our bells will continue to ring, calling us to prayer, as they have for the last one hundred and thirty-seven years.

**THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF DAN LASHER  
THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RING FOR US**



Artist rendering of the St. Joseph bell being blessed by Bishop Chartard on May 11, 1890

## 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

*Kenny Fehrenbacher*

Jan & Ken Adler  
Eric & Lisa Bittner

In memory of

*Kate Siemers*

Dan & Kathy Schenk

In memory of

*Charlie Niemeier*

Dan & Kathy Schenk  
Butch & Linda Feulner

Bob & Mary Kay  
Fehrenbacher

Ken & Rita Rexing  
Sr. Bridget Arnold

Wayne & Sandy Hentrup  
Karen Nussmeier & Family

In memory of

*Rose Weiss*

Phil & Becky Doshier  
Craig & Laura Elpers  
Kenneth & Elizabeth Schenk

Chris & Carolyn Campbell  
Daniel & Elizabeth Effinger

Kimberly Birkhead  
Deacon Dan & Laura

Niemeier

Mary S. Reese

Judy Gabe

Jack & Jane Tichenor

In memory of

*Marie Gumbel*

Jon & Bernette Locklar

### LEROY & ROSE WEISS CEMETERY ENDOWMENT

In memory of

*Rose Weiss*

Richard & Imogene Baehl  
Tom & Donna Blythe

Terry Drone

Greg & Susie Head

Bob & Mary Kay

‘Fehrenbacher

Tom & Delores Folz

Robert & Mary Scheller

Jeanette Melton

Deborah Gabe

Cathy Funkhouser

Darlene & Randy Appler

Butch & Linda Feulner

Margie Hartmann

Linda Downey & Dawn Lee

### TONY STRIKER SCHOOL

#### PE ENDOWMENT

In memory of

*Rose Weiss*

Toni & Lee Askins

In memory of

*Marie Gumbel*

Toni & Lee Askins

### HORAK-DOSSETT LITURGY ENDOWMENT

In memory of

*Marie Gumbel*

Peggy & Neal Dossett

### THERESA BAEHL YOUTH ENDOWMENT

In memory of

*Marie Gumbel*

Richard & Imogene Baehl

### MOTHER TERESA ENDOWMENT FOR THE

In memory of

*Marie Gumbel*

Butch & Linda Feulner

Lillian Fravel

Tom & Donna Blythe

Donna Blankenberger

Lori Hanes

Jane Scheller

Dan & Mary Ruth Lasher

Lisa Cook

Gail Maurer

Bob & Martha Baehl

Diana Altstadt

Terry Drone

Ann & Mike Ennis

Jane & John Luigs

Elaine Hanebutt

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Kevin Feagley

Jim & Marry Brown

Marie Hoffman

Pfetscher & Skelton Family

Anonymous

In memory of

*Rose Weiss*

Delores Fuhrman

*thank you!*



# PARADOX--SEEMING INCONSISTENCY AND TENSION



*Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI*

The thought of some of the greatest and most influential people in history seems at times riddled with inconsistencies. Jesus, Augustine, Socrates, Aristotle, among others, appear at times to be contradicting themselves. It's not always easy to see how everything squares with everything else in their teachings.

That's why the great religions and philosophies of the world are so prone to multiple interpretations. For example, given the depth and scope of Jesus' teaching, Christianity in particular is open to different kinds of understanding. It's no accident that there are hundreds of denominations within Christianity and every variety of spirituality and worship inside these. Jesus' teaching is so rich that it would seem none of us can carry it like master. Rather we each pick our parts selectively, struggle to hold them in some consistency, and end up much narrower than the master.

Consistency, someone once quipped, is the product of a small mind, just as inconsistency is the mark of a great one. There's a truth in that, though it must be carefully understood. For instance, sometimes we achieve a certain consistency, a view of things that seemingly has no internal contradictions, though at a high price, namely, we end up narrow, non-inclusive, one-sided, impoverished, and reductionistic. Whatever else might be said about them, racism, bigotry, fundamentalism, and unhealthy nationalism are consistent. However, their consistency is predicated on a synthesis that is so narrowly drawn that it ignores and denigrates important areas of life.

Conversely, sometimes what looks like inconsistency is really a person holding together a number of important truths in a higher synthesis. The person may look inconsistent, but what she is really doing is holding several truths in creative tension that are seemingly in opposition to each other but are not. The person who tries this juggling act will often find herself in great tension, but (metaphorically) she will also find that she has no blocked arteries and very resilient lungs, that blood flows freely to every part of her person and she is able draw life-giving oxygen from whatever kind of air within which she finds herself.

Jesus was like that. He held important truths together in creative tension and as a consequence was misunderstood by just about everyone and scandalized people on both sides of the religious and ideological spectrum. His teachings are more "both/and" than "either/or". We struggle with that. It's easier to carry a select few truths than try to carry them all.

What are some of the seeming contradictory truths that Jesus held together and carried in a creative tension? Here are ten of them, chosen because a healthy spirituality must always carry both sides of these.

1) A strong sense of individuality, a focus on private integ-

ity and private prayer, but coupled with an equally strong commitment to community, family, civic and ecclesial involvement, and social justice.

2) A healthy capacity to drink in life and enjoy it without guilt, even as one befriends an equally healthy capacity for asceticism and renunciation.

3) A self-confidence and healthy self-assertion in using the particular gifts that God has given us but held always in tension with a healthy humility and a habitual self-effacement.

4) An eye for the prophetic, a sympathy for what lies outside the center, for what is marginalized, a challenging voice for the excluded, even as one recognizes the importance of the institutional, defends against anarchy, and helps nurture what's sacred within family, church, and tradition.

5) A perpetual openness to what's new, what's strange, what causes discomfort, to what's liberal, even as one works to ground oneself in what conserves, in the familiar, in routine, in what gives rhythm and makes for stability.

6) An eye for the sacred, for God, for the eternal horizon, but always coupled with an unabashed love for this world, for its joys, for its achievements, its present moment.

7) A passion for sexuality and a defense of its goodness and earthiness, coupled with an equal defense of chastity and reverence.

8) An eye for world community, for stretching the boundaries we were born into, for an ever more inclusive embrace of the foreigner and the stranger, even as one remains deeply loyal to family, personal roots, and hospitality at home.

9) A hope and an idealism that defies the facts, that relies on God's promises rather than on the evening news, that will not let the truth of the resurrection be silenced by the accidents of history, but is still held together with a realism that is pragmatic, programmatic, and is committed to doing its share of the work.

10) A focus on the next life, on life after death, on the fact that this is not our final home, even as we focus on the reality and goodness of life here on earth.

Jesus held all of these together in one synthesis and he paid the price - misunderstanding. Are we willing to pay that price to give fuller expression to Christ?

## FOR WHEN PEOPLE ASK

I want a word that means  
okay and not okay,  
more than that, a word that means  
devastated and stunned with joy.  
I want the word that says  
I feel it all at once.  
The heart is not like a songbird  
singing only one note at a time,  
more like a Tuvan throat singer  
able to sing both a drone  
and simultaneously  
two or three harmonics high above it—  
a sound, the Tuvans say,  
that gives the impression  
of wind swirling among rocks.  
The heart understands swirl,  
how the churning of opposite feelings  
weaves through us like an insistent breeze  
leads us wordlessly deeper into ourselves,  
blesses us with paradox  
so we might walk more openly  
into this world so rife with devastation,  
this world so ripe with joy.  
Rosemary Trommer

## Ever wonder why Catholics....

.....kneel on one knee before entering the pew/seat? Dip their fingers in water when they enter Church? Pray to Saints? Have statues in Church or their homes? RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin at St. Joseph Parish on September 14th.

This is a process through which people who are not Catholic have an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic religion. If you have questions...think you may be interested... Join Us! If you know of someone who might be interested, let us know!

No commitment required to begin. For more information you can call Jessica Reckelhoff, (812-598-1151) or call/text Father Gene Schroeder (812-499-9074)



## 2025 RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

### Another Great Parish Effort

We had our 24rd annual rummage sale this past June 13th and 14th. It sounds so simple to say but incredibly challenging to actually do. What a great spirit of cooperation we had. It is just amazing how much time and effort people put into this on the days preceding the sale itself—sorting and pricing an incredible amount of stuff. It takes a great deal of work from a whole host of folks to transform our gym, meeting room and cafeteria in our own version of WalMart. The end result was that our annual Rummage Sale grossed well over \$13,000. Over the years that we have been conducting a rummage sale, we have raised well over \$200,000 from things that people no longer wanted!

Special thanks to all the folks who went the extra mile to ensure this success: those who helped sort through and price all the items that we received, those who helped set things up in such a creative an attractive manner, those who came to work on the day of the sale, and especially those who helped with the clean-up. We had such a great crew that came on Saturday to help with the final task that we were able to have everything cleaned up in record time! This sale would not happen without you.

Special thanks to Imogene Baehl who has been the coordinator of this event for all these years. Of course, a great big thank you goes, as well, to all those who brought their special treasures for the sale and for those who came to buy new “treasures!” Not only were we able to provide some much needed income for our parish, we were also able to help St. Vincent DePaul, St. Anthony and Habitat ReStore by giving the unsold items to them.

During the two days of our rummage sale, the members of our Altar Society also made and sold over 300 of their famous cinnamon kuchen! Thanks also to Jessica Reckelhoff for providing some great pizza and drinks during the sale.

Finally a word of thanks to Cindy Schmitt, Al Debes and Kristan Gilles for all the great efforts they did helping us recycle so much of the cardboard, books, glass, plastic and metal.



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS JULY 19—August 10, 2025

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
Saturday July 19, 2025 5 PM	Diane Woods Carolyn Hutchinson Donald Werner Brandon Werner	Sis Jarboe
Sunday July 20, 2025 8 AM	Jean Duncan Marcia Frey Brian and Ann Craney	Tom Blythe
Sunday July 20, 2025 10:30 AM	Angie Will Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig	Shane Wessel
Saturday July 26, 2025 5 PM	Mary Kay Fehrenbacher Donna Niemeier Eric and Karen McDonald	Toni Askins
Sunday July 27, 2025 8 AM	Terry Drone Lisa Cook Rodney and Paula Baehl Darlene Apple	Marcia Frey
Sunday July 27, 2025 10:30 AM	Paul Hillenbrand Amy Cody Jena Wessel Rachael Schanus	Chad Martin
Saturday August 2, 2025 5 PM	Butch and Linda Feulner Eric Reffett, Toni Askins	Susie Schapker
Sunday August 3, 2025 8 AM	Kylie Frey Stephanie Frey Tom and Dolores Folz	Terry Drone
Sunday August 3, 2025 10:30 AM	Becky Doshier Shane Wessel Steve Jung Al Debes	Jane Scheller
Saturday August 9, 2025 5 PM	Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher Mary Loehrlein, Diane Woods	Sis Jarboe
Sunday August 10, 2025 8 AM	Jalene Weber Michael Elpers Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher	Chick Duncan
Sunday August 10, 2025 10:30 AM	Diane Bassemier Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor Debra Baumgart	Shane Wessel

*Jesus, in his desire to be present  
to the church, has continually  
called people to share  
in His priesthood  
and to spread the Good News  
to the great human family.*



**Nick Bieber**

*On June 14, 2025,  
by the grace of God  
and through the laying on of hands,  
Bishop Joseph Siegel ordained  
to that priesthood*

**Nick Bieber, Keith Hart,  
Aaron Herronbrock & Clint Johnson**



**Keith Hart**



**Aaron Herronbrock**



**Clint Johnson**

*As we have shared with them  
in their  
preparation  
by our prayers  
and friendship,  
let us  
celebrate  
with them  
and continue  
to hold them  
in our  
prayers.*

**LORD**  
**make me**  
**an**  
**instrument**  
**of your**  
**PEACE**



## MISSION OUTREACH



Be an island of mercy in  
a sea of indifference.

*Pope Francis*

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



Thanks so much for your weekly donations of food, personal hygiene products and for the monetary gifts. You are helping us give sufficient grocery items to supply a family with four days of food. We are grateful as well for the volunteers that come to help sort and deliver supplies to the people. We are grateful as well for the people who help process calls for help through the St. Vincent dePaul Coordinator's office. Many people are being helped by your caring.

*~Sr. Donna Marie Herr, O.S.B.*

## HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE LIFE OF A CHILD BY BECOMING A FOSTER CARE FAMILY

More than 1,000 children in Vanderburgh County experience abuse or neglect every year. This number continues to increase, and not all of these cases end in triumph. Right now there are over 1000 kids in Vanderburgh County in foster care but only 150 foster families.

There is a great need for **Foster Care Parents**. Become a trained foster parent through the Department of Child Services or the Villages, and then take children into your home until they are returned to their families or placed in an adoptive home. Foster parents have complete control over who they decide to take in and how many children they choose to care for at once.

There is also a need for **Respite Care Families**. These families undergo the same training and preparation as a full-time foster parent, but only take in children who have already been placed with a full-time foster family to allow those families a short break.

For more information check out [www.villageskids.org](http://www.villageskids.org)

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## JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES IN HAITI ONE STUDENT AT A TIME



One of the foundations of our work with our brothers and sisters in Haiti is a "community based" student sponsorship program. For \$33/month (\$400 annually), a sponsor would be assigned a student from St. Jacques elementary (Ecole St. Pierre) or high school (College St. Pierre). This gift would cover the student's tuition, uniform and cost of supplies. All 700 students benefit from having dedicated teachers who were being paid consistently and the daily lunch program being provided. For many students, this is the one certain meal they will get each day!

What began with 20 students in 2007 has grown to nearly 200 students being sponsored annually. The students are receiving excellent instruction and routinely exceed Haitian education standards. We typically graduate about 20 students each year - a remarkable achievement in a country where less than 1% of the population ever go to high school.

In recent years, we have expanded the sponsorship program to include university education if the student qualifies, meets strict criteria to enter and remain in the program, and if the sponsor agrees to continue providing financial support. The student is responsible for housing, supplies, books and travel expenses while we cover tuition. We closely monitor the student's academic progress and, when necessary, remove a student from the program for non-compliance.

We understand that not every sponsor has the financial resources to provide for their students continued post high school education. We are setting up a scholarship fund to help those students most in need. Perhaps, if your resources do not allow you to pay the whole cost of a student's education, you might want to consider making a contribution to this scholarship fund.

Today, we are proud to have 45 students attending universities in Haiti, studying Engineering, Administration, Medicine, Medical Technology, Computer Science, Nursing, Agriculture, and Diplomacy. If there is ever to be a true change in a country torn by political turmoil, natural disaster, and lack of resources - it will be through the education of its youth. With commitment, along with financial support they cannot gain elsewhere, these young people will become the leaders that Haiti needs. What an awesome opportunity we have to provide support and HOPE for Haiti's future!

We are now in the process of inviting people to renew their student sponsorships for the new year. This is a great time to begin sponsoring a student as well if you have not done that in the past

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Each year, through the Mission Office in our Diocese, each parish invites a member of a foreign mission to come and speak to the parish and to invite us to provide financial support for their work. This year, the Sisters of St. Benedict from Ferdinand will be here on the weekend of August 9 and 10 to speak on behalf of the mission work in Peru.

In 1969 the Sisters of St. Benedict sent several members of their community to Morropón, a city of about 10,000 in northern Peru. Through the years they have worked to especially support the women in this area, primarily through operating a school for young girls. Their work continues today in both Morropón and Santo Domingo. The Sisters at Ferdinand regularly spend time with the Sisters in Peru.











## THANKS FOR SUPPORTING BIRTHRIGHT THROUGH OUR DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Thank you for making it Christmas in June at Birthright as they received the baby items collected during our diaper bag express fundraiser. And thanks to those who made a financial contribution to Birthright as well. Thank you, especially, to Toni Askins for coordinating this effort for our parish.



# JULY 2025

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	<b>1</b> 7 am —6:30 pm EUCHARISTI ADORATION  6:30 pm Mass	<b>2</b> 7:30 am Mass  <b>HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS?</b> 	<b>3</b> 7:30 am Mass  <b>HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS?</b> 	<b>4</b> 7:30 AM Mass  	<b>5</b> NO MASS  Communion to the Homebound	<b>6</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection Collection for Haiti
<b>7</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass  Food Pantry Collection	<b>8</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Knights of St. John Meeting  <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 am -- NOON AT RESURRECTION PARISH</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 am Mass  <b>GOT YOUR CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS? \$15</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 am Mass  <b>GOT YOUR CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS? \$15</b>	<b>11</b> No Mass  	<b>12</b> 7:30 am Mass Communion to the Homebound  Senior Citizens Gathering at Noon Pizza Party Meeting Room	<b>13</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm  5 pm Mass  Food Pantry Collection
<b>14</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass  Food Pantry Collection	<b>15</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass Men's Club Mtg 7 pm <b>SOCIAL DUMPLING MAKING DAY 7 am--?</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 Mass   <b>ARE YOU HELPING OUT WITH OUR SOCIAL CHICKEN DINNER ON JULY 27?</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 am Mass  <b>ARE YOU HELPING OUT WITH OUR SOCIAL CHICKEN DINNER ON JULY 27?</b>	<b>18</b> NO MASS  HAITI OUTREACH MEETING 6:30 PM SOLD DINNER TICKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED	<b>19</b> NO MASS  Communion to the Homebound	<b>20</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm 5 pm Mass  Food Pantry Collection
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<b>28</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass <b>SUMMER SOCIAL CARRYOUT DINNER 10-1 PM GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING 3 PM</b>	<b>29</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration  6:30 pm Mass	<b>30</b> 7:30 AM Mass  <b>SUNDAY , AUGUST 3 11:30 -- 1:30 MEET THE TEACHERS TOUR THE CLASSROOMS GAMES AND FOOD</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30 AM Mass  <b>SUNDAY , AUGUST 3 11:30 -- 1:30 MEET THE TEACHERS TOUR THE CLASSROOMS GAMES AND FOOD</b>	<b>1</b> No Mass	<b>2</b> 7:30 AM Mass	<b>3</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection Collection for Haiti





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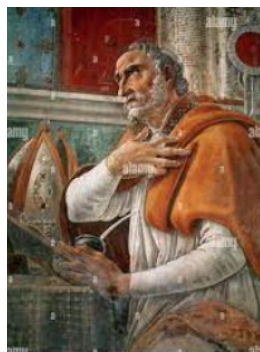
## THE LEGACY OF ST. AUGUSTINE (cont.)

gent young man and in his early years pursued the pleasures not only of learning but all the pleasures of life. His mother Monica, not unlike mother's today, continued to pray for her son, hoping that he choose a different path in life.

In time, Augustine began to be influenced by the lives of early Christians, most notably, St. Ambrose, who was the Bishop of Milan. He was eventually baptized by him. After his baptism, Augustine set out for his native town with several other men, including his son, Adeodatus, whom he had fathered out of wedlock. They sought a monastic style of life together with other men who had experienced a radical conversion to the faith.

Augustine became well known as a teacher, preacher and writer. One of the most famous things he wrote was called "*The Confessions*," which was the story of his faith journey. His writings reflected his profound spiritual insights into faith, human nature, and the relationship between God and the world. One of the famous quotes from this writing, which probably reflected the struggles he had growing up, was "Lord, give me chastity, but not yet." Another one of his quotes reflect a real understanding of human nature, "There are no saints without a past and no sinners without a future."

Another quote that people may be familiar with although they might not know it comes from Augustine is "Pray as though everything depended on God, work as though everything depended on you."



Perhaps the most often quoted saying of Augustine was "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

In time Augustine was named the Bishop of Hippo in what is now the town of Annaba in Algeria, in North Africa. He died in 430. Augustine's life and work deeply shaped Christian thought and influenced Western culture. Because of this he was named a Doctor (Holy Teacher) of the Church.

Just as we learned much about the spirituality of the Jesuits during the time of Pope Francis, since he was a member of the Jesuits, so also I am sure we will learn more about the spirituality of St. Augustine through the writings and sermons of Pope Leo.

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