



# THE CARPENTER

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### TAKING CARE OF OUR PARISH CAMPUS

Fr. Gene Schroeder  
PASTOR

It takes a great deal of money to take care of the ordinary expenses of operating a parish and school. Over the years that I have been a pastor, parishes have tried to set aside money for those “emergency” needs that always came up. Rarely were they successful. Instead, when emergency needs came up, it seemed that the “fallback plan” was to have a special fundraiser.

I’ve seen that same thing happening in our parish. When we had smaller emergencies, like needing a new riding lawn mower we started having a Lenten fish fry to raise the money to purchase it. When there were bigger emergencies, like replacing roofs or put a new ceiling in the school cafeteria, we started having a capital campaign to raise the money needed. Understandably, these campaigns sought the support of each of the parish organizations to ask them to financially support this project. And then we asked parishioners to give to a special capital campaign. We have conducted five successful capital campaigns over the last thirty years and all have been successful due, in no small part, to the generosity of our parishioners.

Some projects are much easier to get a financial “buy-in” from parishioners. When the roof was torn off our church, people were very eager to give their support. Other projects, even while very important, often don’t have a lot of attraction to them—things like repairing a church steeple, or installing a waste water treatment plant, or doing infrastructure repairs. And then there is always the issue that not everyone in the parish will be on board with every project. When many of the parishes in our diocese were started in the 1950’s, they were built with a school and a structure that could function as a church, but looked more

like a gym. The theory was that people were much more likely to give to build a new church, but not everyone would be on board to build a school or a gym. So start off by building a structure that could initially serve as a church and then convert it into a gym when a more permanent church could be built.

In the late 1990’s we began to envision a different way not only of providing for the long term financial needs of the parish, but also a different way of handling the “emergency needs” that come up in the course of the life of the parish. Out of these efforts, the “Carpenter Society” was established. The Car-

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**HABEMUS PAPEM (We have a Pope)**

### POPE LEO XIV

**Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost**

The first Augustinian Pope, Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff - after Pope Francis - from the Americas. Unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, however, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

The future Pontiff received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica by Archbishop Jean Jadot, then pro-president of the Secretariat for Non-Christians, which

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**HONOR FLIGHT**  
SOUTHERN INDIANA

This past May 3, Lee Askins, Jon Locklar and Richard Baehl were honored for their military service by being guests on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. There, they were able to visit the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial. Jim Werner, Rodney and Randy Baehl accompanied them as guardians for the trip.

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later became the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and then the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985-1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis on "The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine" and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

The following year, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurimac. Over the course of eleven years, he served as prior of the community (1988-1992), formation director (1988-1998), and instructor for professed members (1992-1998), and in the Archdiocese of Trujillo as judicial

## POPE LEO XIV (cont)

vicar (1989-1998) and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary "San Carlos y San Marcelo."

At the same time, he was also entrusted with the pastoral care of Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as the parish of Saint Rita (1988-1999), in a poor suburb of the city, and was parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat from 1992 to 1999.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine, elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term.

In October 2013, he returned to his Augustinian Province in Chicago, serving as director of formation at the Saint Augustine Convent, first

councilor, and provincial vicar—roles he held until Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo.

He entered the Diocese on November 7, in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio James Patrick Green, who ordained him Bishop just over a month later, on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Cathedral of Saint Mary. His episcopal motto is "In Illo uno unum"—words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127 to explain that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

On September 26, 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo by Pope Francis. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference, where he also served as a member of the Economic Council and president of the Commission for Culture and Education.

In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy (July 13, 2019), and in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops (November 21). Meanwhile, on April 15, 2020, he was also appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao.

On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop. Pope Francis created him Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30, 2023.

As head of the Dicastery, he participated in the Pope's most recent Apostolic Journeys and in both the first and second sessions of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, held in Rome from October 4 to 29, 2023, and from October 2 to 27, 2024, respectively.

On February 9, he celebrated the Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, the second major event of the Holy Year of Hope. During the most recent hospitalization of his predecessor at the "Gemelli" hospital, Prevost presided over the Rosary for Pope Francis's health in Saint Peter's Square on March 3.

## A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Let us  
praise those  
fathers who  
have striven to  
balance the  
demands of  
work, mar-  
riage, and  
children with  
an honest  
awareness of  
both joy and  
sacrifice.

Let us  
praise those  
fathers who, lacking a good model for a  
father, have worked to become a good fa-  
ther.

Let us praise those fathers who by  
their own account were not always there  
for their children, but who continue to of-  
fer those children, now grown, their love  
and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have  
been wounded by the neglect and hostility  
of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite  
divorce, have remained in their children's  
lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose chil-  
dren are adopted, and whose love and sup-  
port has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as  
stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of  
fatherhood and earned their step children's  
love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost  
a child to death, and continue to hold the  
child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no  
children, but cherish the next generation as  
if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have  
"fathered" us in their role as mentors and  
guides.

Let us praise those men who are about  
to become fathers; may they openly delight  
in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have  
died, but live on in our memory and whose  
love continues to nurture us.

Kirk Loadman







What's in a name? When Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected pope he chose the name Leo XIV. The last pope to take that name was Pope Leo XIII who was pope from 1878 till his death in 1903. Before Pope Leo XIII, the Catholic Church had largely resisted engaging with the modern world on its own terms. The world was rapidly changing: no more was the agricultural, family-centered life the norm. The Industrial Revolution was in full swing: people were fleeing the land to find jobs in the city. Poverty was running rampant. Workers, including children, were being callously exploited as factories became the new norm. There was no regulation on working conditions. Marxism was on the rise.

Leo XIII saw all of this—and did something unprecedented. In 1891, he issued one of the most significant documents in Catholic history: *Rerum Novarum* (“On the Condition of Labor”). This encyclical was a prophetic response to the social crisis of his time—defending workers’ rights, affirming the dignity of labor, and upholding the right of workers to form unions. Leo condemned both unregulated capitalism and socialist collectivism, calling for a third way grounded in human dignity, the common good, and justice.



Here are just a few of the bullet points this encyclical stood for.

#### 1. The dignity of the worker

“The first thing to secure is to save unfortunate working people from the cruelty of men of greed, who use human beings as mere instruments for money-making. It is neither just nor human so to grind people down with excessive labor as to stupefy their minds and wear out their bodies.”

— *Rerum Novarum*, §42

#### 2. No one may stand in the way of someone flourishing—even yourself

“All persons are equal; there is no difference between rich and poor, master and servant, ruler and ruled, for the same is Lord over all.” No one may with impunity outrage that human dignity which God treats with great reverence, nor stand in the way of that higher life which is the preparation of the eternal life of heaven. Nay, more; no person has in this matter power over themselves. To consent to any treatment which is calculated to defeat the end and purpose of their being is beyond their right; they cannot give up their soul to servitude, for it is not an individual’s own rights which are here in question, but the rights of God, the most sacred and inviolable of rights.”

— *Rerum Novarum*, §40

#### 3. The right to a living wage

“Wages should be sufficient to maintain [the worker and their]

family in reasonable comfort. If through necessity or fear of a worse evil the worker accepts harder conditions because an employer or contractor will give him no better, they are made the victim of force and injustice. To defraud anyone of wages that are his due is a great crime which cries to the avenging anger of Heaven. There underlies a dictate of natural justice more imperious and ancient than any bargain between humans.”

— *Rerum Novarum*, §45; 20

#### 4. The right of workers to organize (form unions)

“To enter into a ‘society’ of this kind is the natural right of man; and the State is bound to protect natural rights, not to destroy them.”

— *Rerum Novarum*, §51

#### 5. Employers are bound to promote work-life balance

“In all agreements between employers and workers there should always be allowed proper rest for soul and body. To agree in any other sense would be against what is right and just; for it can never be just or right to require the giving up of those duties which a person owes to God and to himself. [An employer’s] great and principal duty is to give everyone what is just.”

— *Rerum Novarum*, §42, 20

#### 6. The State has an obligation to protect the vulnerable

“When there is a question of defending the rights of individuals, the poor and badly off have a claim to special consideration. The richer class have many ways of shielding themselves, whereas the mass of the poor... must chiefly depend upon the assistance of the State. And it is for this reason that wage-earners, since they mostly belong in the mass of the needy, should be specially cared for and protected by the government.”

— *Rerum Novarum*, §36



#### Justice is Personal & Systemic

Leo XIII insisted that the Church stand where Jesus stood: with the poor, the forgotten, the struggling. He called for justice that was personal and systemic, economic and spiritual. He laid the groundwork for later teachings by John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis—all of whom have echoed his core themes of solidarity, subsidiarity, and the preferential option for the poor. Each one built upon Leo’s vision: that the Gospel speaks not only to individual souls but also to systems, structures, and societies.



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Keep up to date on the things that are happening with Pope Leo.

Go to the website [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)

You can also check out the official website of the Vatican ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)). Both of these can also be accessed from our parish website ([stjoeco.org](http://stjoeco.org)). Click on the icon “What’s Happening with Pope Leo” or go to the “Link” section and click on “Pope Leo at the Vatican.”



#### GETTING IN SHAPE—BODY & SOUL—THIS SUMMER

If you enjoy exercise in the early morning; we have an opportunity for YOU! Join us this June-July on Mondays from 5-5:30, Wednesdays from 6-6:30, and Fridays from 5-5:30 for prayer, community, and total body fitness! We will meet on the school playground. Please contact Jennifer Muensterman, Sarah Frazier, or Jessica Reckelhoff for more information or to register. There is no cost to attend!



# POPE LEO LAYS OUT HIS VISION FOR THE CHURCH



*On May 5, Pope Leo gathered with the cardinals of the church to lay out his vision for the church and to seek their advice and input about the challenges they see facing the church. Here is his address to them.*

Dear Brother Cardinals,

I greet all of you with gratitude for this meeting and for the days that preceded it. Days that were sad because of the loss of the Holy Father

Pope Francis and demanding due to the responsibilities we confronted together, yet at the same time, in accordance with the promise Jesus himself made to us, days rich in grace and consolation in the Spirit (cf. *Jn* 14:25-27).

You, dear cardinals, are the closest collaborators of the pope. This has proved a great comfort to me in accepting a yoke clearly far beyond my own limited powers, as it would be for any of us. Your presence reminds me that the Lord, who has entrusted me with this mission, will not leave me alone in bearing its responsibility. I know, before all else, that I can always count on his help, the help of the Lord, and through his grace and providence, on your closeness and that of so many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world who believe in God, love the Church and support the Vicar of Christ by their prayers and good works.

At this moment, both sad and joyful, providentially bathed in the light of Easter, I would like all of us to see the passing of our beloved Holy Father Pope Francis and the conclave as a paschal event, a stage in that long exodus through which the Lord continues to guide us towards the fullness of life. In this perspective, we entrust to the “merciful Father and God of all consolation” (2 *Cor* 1:3) the soul of the late Pontiff and also the future of the Church.

Beginning with St. Peter and up to myself, his unworthy Successor, the pope has been a humble servant of God and of his brothers and sisters, and nothing more than this. It has been clearly seen in the example of so many of my Predecessors, and most recently by Pope Francis himself, with his example of complete dedication to service and to sober simplicity of life, his abandonment to God throughout his ministry and his serene trust at the moment of his return to the Father’s house. Let us take up this precious legacy and continue on the journey, inspired by the same hope that is born of faith.

It is the Risen Lord, present among us, who protects and guides the church, and continues to fill her with hope through the love “poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom 5:5). It is up to us to be docile listeners to his voice and faithful ministers of his plan of salvation, mindful that God loves to communicate himself, not in the roar of thunder and earthquakes, but in the “whisper of a gentle breeze” (1 *Kings* 19:12) or, as some translate it, in a “sound of sheer silence.” It is this essential and important encounter to which we must guide and accompany all the holy People of God entrusted to our care.

In these days, we have been able to see the beauty and feel the strength of this immense community, which with such affection and devotion has greeted and mourned its Shepherd, accompanying him with faith and prayer at the time of his final encounter with the Lord. We have seen the true grandeur of the

Church, which is alive in the rich variety of her members in union with her one Head, Christ, “the shepherd and guardian” (1 *Peter* 2:25) of our souls. She is the womb from which we were born and at the same time the flock (cf. *Jn* 21:15-17), the field (cf. *Mk* 4:1-20) entrusted to us to protect and cultivate, to nourish with the sacraments of salvation and to make fruitful by our sowing the seed of the Word, so that, steadfast in one accord and enthusiastic in mission, she may press forward, like the Israelites in the desert, in the shadow of the cloud and in the light of God’s fire (cf. *Ex* 13:21).

In this regard, I would like us to renew together today our complete commitment to the path that the universal church has now followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. Pope Francis masterfully and concretely set it forth in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, from which I would like to highlight several fundamental points: the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation; the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community; growth in collegiality and synodality; attention to the *sensus fidei*, especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety; loving care for the least and the rejected; courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities.

These are evangelical principles that have always inspired and guided the life and activity of God’s family. In these values, the merciful face of the Father has been revealed and continues to be revealed in his incarnate Son, the ultimate hope of all who sincerely seek truth, justice, peace and fraternity.

Sensing myself called to continue in this same path, I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor.

Dear brothers, I would like to conclude the first part of our meeting by making my own—and proposing to you as well—the hope that St. Paul VI expressed at the inauguration of his Petrine Ministry in 1963: “May it pass over the whole world like a great flame of faith and love kindled in all men and women of good will. May it shed light on paths of mutual cooperation and bless humanity abundantly, now and always, with the very strength of God, without whose help nothing is valid, nothing is holy.”

## POPES OF THE LAST 125 YEARS



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**Taking Care of our Parish Campus (cont.)**

penyer Society invited people to assure the future of our parish and its facilities by donating to the endowment funds of the parish or by establishing an endowment. The first parish endowment for the general needs of our parish was established. It had a value of \$5,711.

### GIFTS TO THE CARPENTER SOCIETY CAN BE MADE IN A NUMBER OF WAYS

- naming the Parish in your will,
- naming the Parish as a full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy,
- naming the Parish as a Beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust of the donor's life estate,
- donating to the endowment funds of the parish.
- Individual Endowments can be established with an initial donation of \$5,000.

The whole idea behind establishing endowment was to invest the money and then the money earned from these investments would be available for use to the parish year after year. With just one small endowment, there was very little money received in interest. For the first few years the money that was made off of these endowments was reinvested back into the individual endowments.

Little by little, the whole idea of ensuring the future of the parish through financial gifts to endowments began

to take hold. It started with people giving money in honor of a loved one at the time of their death. Sometimes it was a donation given to honor someone's birthday or wedding anniversary. Sometimes families decided to honor their loved one by establishing an endowment in their name.

In time the number of endowments grew to thirty-three. And the value of the endowments grew as well. As of December 31, 2024, the value of these endowments is now \$1,666,996.00. I'm sure that the small group of people who gathered to begin the Carpenter Society in 1996 would have a hard time imagining such phenomenal growth. With the value of our endowments increasing, so did the money made from the investment of these funds. You can find a fuller report on our endowments elsewhere in this newsletter.

The upshot of all this is that we know have funds that we can use for the emergency kind of repairs that come up. And right now we have one such emergency.

The wind storm we had in late March not only did damage to our storage building, it also damaged the roof on the school gym. The roof membrane was lifted from the underlying insulation which left the roof with lots of wrinkles in it. This fact and the fact that the roof is 27 years old leaves us with no choice except to install a new roof. The cost for a new roof is \$76,000. While we may get some insurance money for this because there was some storm damage, the fact that the roof is 27 years old means that any insurance settlement we do get will be pretty minimal. The great news is that we will be able to use money from our general parish endowment to cover this cost.

We are very grateful to all of you who have made this possible through your support of our Carpenter Society. What a blessing this is for our parish. For more information about the Carpenter Society call the parish office (812-963-3273).

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## THE CARPENTER SOCIETY REPORT FOR 2024

We now have thirty-three different endowments under the umbrella of the Carpenter Society. These endowments are managed by the Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana. They manage 750 endowments from parishes and groups within the Diocese of Evansville. During 2024 the rate of return for the total portfolio was 18.65%. Over the lifespan of the Foundation, it has yielded a growth rate averaging 8% annually. The assets held in trust as of December 31, 2024 were valued at \$128,330,811. This past year they distributed \$4,421,614 to parishes and groups within the diocese.



Our thirty-three endowments can be divided into eight different areas:

- Seven of these endowments support the general needs of the parish,
- Eight endowments support the needs of the school,
- Four endowments support our work in Haiti,
- Four endowments support our parish cemetery,
- Three endowments support the liturgy needs of our parish
- Three endowments support the maintenance needs of our parish campus,
- Three endowments support the work of our religious education programs
- One endowment provides for the needy in our parish area.

In 2024, a total of \$21,359.10 was contributed to the thirty-three endowments in the Carpenter Society. The total value of our endowments as of December 31, 2023 is \$1,666,996.49. This is a increase of \$223,300.51 from the previous year which represents an 15% increase.

For 2024 we have \$61,795.95 available for distribution to the various areas of the parish endowed by the individual endowments. This amount, combined with distributions from previous years gives us a total of \$562,383.47 available in unrestricted accounts to be used as determined by the particular endowments.

### GROWTH OF PARISH ENDOWMENTS

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1995—\$ 5,711        | 2010—\$ 280,726 +25%   |
| 1996—\$ 6,441 +13%   | 2011—\$ 323,611 +15%   |
| 1997—\$ 7,238 +12%   | 2012—\$ 380,475 +18%   |
| 1998—\$ 8,268 +14%   | 2013—\$ 460,447 +21%   |
| 1999—\$ 21,533 +160% | 2014—\$ 517,860 +12%   |
| 2000—\$ 27,910 +30%  | 2015—\$ 501,863 -3%    |
| 2001—\$ 35,636 +28%  | 2016—\$ 512,396 +2%    |
| 2002—\$ 36,620 +3%   | 2017—\$ 707,518 +38%   |
| 2003—\$ 48,982 +34%  | 2018—\$ 678,216 -4%    |
| 2004—\$ 60,677 +24%  | 2019—\$ 840,754 +24%   |
| 2005—\$ 80,198 +32%  | 2020—\$ 1,133,640 +35% |
| 2006—\$105,459 +31%  | 2021—\$1,428,336 +26%  |
| 2007—\$183,991 +74%  | 2022—\$1,300,676 -9%   |
| 2008—\$ 149,816 -19% | 2023—\$1,443,695 +11%  |
| 2009—\$ 224,122 +50% | 2024—\$1,666,996 +15%  |





## A LOOK at the BUDGET

Our projected budget for our next fiscal year has now passed two million dollars. Dealing with this amount of money requires a real commitment to steward our resources well. Members of the Parish Council and School Board have worked hard to come up with a budget that allows us to do the things we think are important in our parish while also doing it in such a way that enables us to be financially sustainable.

Listed below is a summarized version of our total parish budget and next to it is a more detailed budget for our parish school.

Here are the assumptions that were used to put this budget together.

- We want our church to continue to be here as a place to come together to pray at Mass and to celebrate the special events in our lives.
- We want to continue to operate our grade school as a place to help train our children in the ways of faith
- We want to continue to support Mater Dei High School as we have done since we have had Catholic high schools in Evansville

- We want to care for all the buildings and property that make up our parish campus.
- We want to continue to offer Religious Education and Sacramental preparation programs for the children and adults of our parish
- We want to continue to operate as a part of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville.
- We budgeted income items on the conservative side and the expense items on the liberal side. Always better to underestimate income and overestimate expenses.

For the past several years, our catholic schools have been to increase salaries for ur school teachers. This coming year is the third year of a three year plan to significantly increase these salaries. Over the last three years, we have invested over \$140,000 more for our teacher's salaries.

It will take the efforts of all of us to provide the money needed in order to make this budget a reality. Over the past 184 people of our parish have done just that. May it be so again this year!

| PROPOSED PARISH BUDGET (Summary)<br>July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026 |                                 |                                |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ITEM   | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET<br>2025-2026 | CURRENT<br>BUDGET<br>2024-2025 |
|  | INCOME                          | INCOME                         |
| Stewardship Offerings  | \$798,000.00                    | \$797,802.00                   |
| Other Parish Income  | \$131,300.00                    | \$134,688.00                   |
| Religious Education Income                                     | \$1,600.00                      | 1,600.00                       |
| School Income  | \$1,198,074.00                  | \$1,028,780.00                 |
| <b>TOTAL PARISH INCOME</b>                                     | <b>\$2,120,974.00</b>           | <b>\$1,962,870.00</b>          |
|  | EXPENSES                        | EXPENSES                       |
| Parish Salaries and Benefits                                   | \$293,900.00                    | \$265,200.00                   |
| Church and Worship   | \$14,000.00                     | \$14,000.00                    |
| Parish Office  | \$81,900.00                     | \$75,900.00                    |
| Parish Buildings and Grounds                                   | \$56,700.00                     | \$53,100.00                    |
| Mater Dei Expense  | \$101,503.00                    | \$97,000.00                    |
| Total Grade School Expenses                                    | \$1,511,271.00                  | \$1,392,630.00                 |
| Religious Education  | \$69,700.00                     | \$63,540.00                    |
| <b>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>                                   | <b>\$2,120,974.00</b>           | <b>\$1,962,870.00</b>          |

The above represents a summarized version of our parish budget. If you would like to see a more detailed version of the budget, contact the parish office and we will make a copy available for you

| A CLOSER LOOK AT SCHOOL INCOME            |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ITEM                                      | 2025-2026<br>SCHOOL YEAR | 2024-2025<br>SCHOOL YEAR |
| TUITION                                   | \$63,440                 | \$144,470                |
| TUITION VOUCHER INCOME                    | \$842,884                | \$497,250                |
| TUITION SGO GRANTS                        | \$20,000                 | \$18,000                 |
| GENERAL FEES                              | \$76,000                 | \$132,000                |
| TECHNOLOGY FEES                           | \$20,000                 | \$19,000                 |
| PTO CONTRIBUTIONS<br>(BOOK ADOPTION FEES) | \$20,000                 | \$28,000                 |
| GRANTS                                    | \$35,800                 | \$68,000                 |
| OTHER ORDINARY FEES                       | \$25,006                 | \$25,920                 |
| PRE-SCHOOL                                | \$74,500                 | \$74,040                 |
| AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE                   | \$20,000                 | \$22,000                 |
| PARISH SUBSIDY                            | \$313,641                | \$363,950                |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME</b>              | <b>\$1,503,271</b>       | <b>\$1,392,630</b>       |

| A CLOSER LOOK AT SCHOOL EXPENSES |                          |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ITEM                             | 2025-2026<br>SCHOOL YEAR | 2024-2025<br>SCHOOL YEAR |
| TEACHERS SALARIES                | \$648,103.00             | \$588,136.00             |
| SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES           | \$211,408.00             | \$188,437.00             |
| TEACHERS/STAFF BENEFITS          | \$290,700.00             | \$275,600.00             |
| CLASSROOM & CURRICULUM           | \$86,750.00              | \$87,200.00              |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE             | \$179,100.00             | \$156,200.00             |
| PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM               | \$79,500.00              | \$80,019.00              |
| CHILD CARE                       | \$15,700.00              | \$16,150.00              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>            | <b>1,510,271.00</b>      | <b>1,391,742.00</b>      |



## REMEMBERING *Charles Niemeier*

July 23, 1935 - April 19, 2025

Charlie was a simple man who loved his family, cared deeply about the work he did, and blessed us all with his kindness. He was born on July 23, 1935, one of seven children born to Peter and Mathila (Schenk) Niemeier. His brothers Paul and Mike, preceded him in death and his

sisters Mary, Carol and Diane and his brothers Bill and Tom survive him.

Charlie grew up near St. Philip Church where he attended mass and served as an altar server in his youth. Even at a young age, Charlie could be found carrying for the church by trimming the grass around the gravestones in the cemetery, a fact which drew the appreciation and admiration of Fr. Charlie Kaiser, the Pastor of the parish.

Charlie graduated from St. Philip Grade School and then went on to graduate from Mater Dei High School in 1954. Sports was a big part of his life so it was no surprise that Charlie engaged in many different sports during high school. In particular he was part of the football team where he played quarterback. In those fledgling years, under legendary coach Len Will, he helped to establish the football history of Mater Dei.

Charlie's life would be forever changed when he met a young girl named Joan Wininger, who attended Memorial High School According to family lore, some guys from Mater Dei, who included Charlie, "introduced" themselves to some great looking gals from Memorial by tipping over the phone booth that they happened to be occupying. Joan happened to be one of these great looking gals. Charlie and Joan followed up this encounter by meeting one another at one of the many dances that high school kids attended. Some of the most popular dances were square dancing led by Syl and Dorothy Brenner.

The relationship blossomed and on October 15, 1955 they were married at St. Anthony Church. True to Joan's thrifty nature, she wore the wedding dress of her good friend, Mary Tempel. Charles always considered himself a lucky man that Joan would agree to marry him. Their partnership thrived for the next sixty-nine years. In time they would welcome seven children into their lives— daughters, Kathy, Karen, Gayle and Pam, and sons Steve, Larry, and Robert.

Charlie is remembered by most people as a painter. "I always liked to paint," he was fond of telling friends. He joined Painter's Local #156 and began working for other paint contractors. In time he would start his own painting company, Niemeier and Sons, where he was joined by his sons. At one point or another, most all of his kids helped to paint and learned how to do things the "right way." His painting legacy is being carried on by his son Larry and by his granddaughter Paige.

Larry was proud of the work he did and those who engaged his services knew they would be getting a top quality job. Charlie was quick to share his talents with the parish communities he was a part of, first at St. Theresa Parish and then here in our parish. Over the years Charlie painted different areas of our school, rectory, storage building and church. Most recently, Charlie helped to paint the interior of our church after it had been repaired following the tornado damage two years ago. And he did this a man in his 80's.

When he wasn't painting, Charlie enjoyed being around Joan and his family. He enjoyed watching sports and following the Mater Dei sports teams. He also enjoyed relaxing by putting puzzles together—the more pieces and the more challenging they were the more he liked them.

The heart and center of Charlie's life was his marriage to Joan. In her own quiet way, Joan was the anchor of his life. As she got older and developed more health problems, Charlie was always there by her side. When Joan died this past July 24th, a big part of Charlie died as well. He continued to join his son Larry to do a little painting and he enjoyed going to Nellie's for breakfast to have his bowl of oatmeal with raisins and brown sugar, but the truth was he just missed Joan.

In the last couple of months, Charlie had to deal with a growing number of health challenges and he came to the point where he was just ready to go home. With the help of his children and the folks from hospice care, he was able to stay at home. He died peacefully this past April 19.

We give thanks for the gift that Charlie was to his family and to our parish. We are all better people because he was among us. As our God welcomes Charlie into the eternal kingdom, we can almost hear him say, "if you got any painting that needs to be done, let me know. I'll be glad to help."



## REMEMBERING *Rose Weiss*

December 5, 1926 - May 7, 2025

For nearly a century, Rose blessed her family and our parish with steadfast dedication and faithfulness. She was a much-loved and respected mom, grandma, great-grandma, great-great-grandma, sister, aunt, and friend. She leaves behind a legacy of

faithfulness, generosity, and simplicity.

Rose was born on December 5, 1926, one of fourteen children born to Joseph and Anna (Reising) Straub. Her brothers John, Joseph, Bernie, Edward, Ignatius, Robert, Raymond, Peter, and Paul and sisters, Mary Emma, Anna Marie, and Eleanor preceded her in death. She is survived by her sister Pat.

They grew up on a farm near Cynthiana, Indiana. From an early age, Rose would learn how to plant and grow vegetables and flowers, learn how to care for animals and learn all manner of cooking, canning and butchering skills. She attended school in Cynthiana and graduated from Cynthiana High School in 1944 where she was named class valedictorian. She went on to graduate from Lockyear Business College and then began working in the office for the local Standard Oil Company.

Rose met the love of her life, of a young man Leroy Weiss, a long time member of our parish who had just come back from serving in the Navy during World War II. Their relationship blossomed and they were married on April 3, 1948 at St. Francis in Poseyville. They established a home on St. Wendel Road, within eyesight of our church. Simplicity and thriftiness would be good ways to describe their new home. It was a simple block building with no running water and no indoor plumbing. In time, as their family grew, they built a house next to the garage. These places became the place where Rose and Leroy would welcome their eight children: Elana, Diane, Tom, Freddie, Brenda, Karen, Tammy and Monie. After the twins, Elana and Diane were born in 1949, Rose left her job and assumed the role of a full time mother.

On their little homestead, Rose and Leroy raised chicken and pigs. They didn't really have much of a yard, as every space was used to raise all manner of fruits and vegetables. Rose would put considerable organizational skills to work managing the daily life of the family. As more children arrived, it would mean more meals to cook, more loads of laundry to do, more dresses to make. Rose thrived in this environment.

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**Rose Weiss (cont)**

It also meant dealing with the all the joys and sorrows of life. Rose would know great sorrow when her young son, Freddie, died as a result of a brain tumor. It was a sadness that stayed with her and Leroy for the rest of their lives. Drawing strength from their deep faith, they both soldiered on in life.

Over the years, Rose became involved in the life of their parish. When her children attended school, Rose was very active with the PTO and helped out at all manner of fundraisers and projects for the school children. But her commitment to the parish was not limited to the school. Rose had a great love for our church and spent many years cleaning the church, serv-

## THANK YOU BECKY and CONGRATULATIONS!

After a remarkable career dedicated to inspiring young minds, Mrs. Beck Ondash is hanging up her chalk and heading into a well earned retirement! We celebrate her incredible journey as an educator, her years of dedication, and the lasting impact she's make in the classroom and beyond.

In recognition of her impact on teaching, Becky was honored this past May with the Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Educator Award by the Diocese of Evansville Catholic Schools Office. A wonderful way to end her career!



ing as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Sacristan. For many years, Rose would give the money needed to purchase new Paschal Candle that was used at Easter. And she was dedicated to making her Holy Hour each Monday.

In addition, Rose has been a member of the Senior Citizens Club, and St. Anne's Altar Society. In 1993, Rose and Leroy were presented with the Simon Brute Award by the Diocese of Evansville for their work in the church. In the early 1980s, Rose began volunteering as a teacher's aide at St. Joseph School. This turned into a great passion of hers as she continued in this role for over 32 years until age 87. She touched the lives of many children and multiple generations.

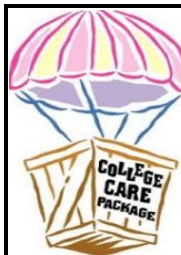
In 1996, Rose and Leroy became charter members of the Carpenter Society and, in time, established an endowment to benefit St. Joseph Cemetery.

Rose was a hard worker and modeled this trait to her family and others throughout her life. She was known for her servant's heart, kind spirit and love of God's creation. When she wasn't working or volunteering, she spent countless hours tending to her flower gardens, feeding and identifying birds, canning and freezing produce from their large garden, and simply enjoying nature. Other interests over the years included sewing, crocheting, photography, cooking, and travel. During their 67 years of marriage, Rose and Leroy traveled to Peru, the Holy Land, Germany, and numerous places of interest in the United States. She loved spending time with her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids ... always remembering to send a card for every birthday, anniversary, and many holidays. All her kids, including those she helped at St. Joseph, were treasures to her.

The lives of her family and the people in our parish are all richer because Rose has lived among us. We give thanks for all the ways Rose blessed us and we pray now that our God will welcome into the kingdom of heaven. Well, done, good and faithful servant of God!

**THANKS....!** I'm always grateful for your support with the college care packages! The students are extremely excited to receive prayers AND food from the parishioners at St. Joe. This Spring you helped fill over 44 packages and you donated \$145.00 to support mailing costs to students out of town. Thank you!

Jessica Reckelhoff



## Saluting our Graduates of the classes of 2025

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

Caroline Altstadt  
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Joe Back  
Colby Brown  
Ella Cody  
Emily Daugherty  
Wesley Dickason  
Bailey Fehrenbacher  
Wyatt Frazier  
Juliet Gibson  
Briley Jones  
Allie Kassenborck  
Allison Knight  
Sophie Schuble  
Alison Lappe  
Max Lehman  
Quinn Lehman  
David Link  
Elliot Macke  
Chad Martin  
Marie Nisley  
Nora Raben  
Stella Spaetti  
Reigns Straus  
Sterling Straus  
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UE EVSC Traces Program

Jordan Elpers  
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Alex Freeman  
IU - Financial Management

Taylor Gerth  
USI - Elementary Education  
and Special Education

Hunter Gillenwater  
University of Alabama  
Business Administration

Brooke Hohler  
USI - Elementary Education

Kayla Hollingsworth  
USI - Nursing

Aleilah Nisley  
Purdue - BA Religious Studies

Kylie Mitchell  
USI - Social Work  
and Psychology

DID WE MISS ANYONE?  
LET US KNOW.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



## 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*



## GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Once again, this year, from Mother's Day to Father's Day you are invited to join our parish effort to help Birthright. Get on board and help unwed mothers and fathers by bringing powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, etc. for newborn babies. Packages of diapers can also be donated. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Drop your donations off at church and/or put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. If you have questions please contact Toni Askins at (812-457-3214).



## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS MONTH: PETER'S PENCE

Pope Leo reminds us that those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and His works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

**BE A SIGN  
OF MERCY**



Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

Do you enjoy fresh, locally grown, chemical-free produce? If so, Seton Harvest, a community supported agriculture initiative sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, would like to invite you to become a shareholder in our Certified Naturally Grown vegetable farm. For more information contact Julie Dietz, Community Outreach Manager, 812.963.7692 or Julie.Dietz@dc.org. Learn more at [www.setonharvest.org](http://www.setonharvest.org)



We are accepting donations each weekend for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. A box of cereal, a jar of peanut butter will go a long way to helping those in need.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION JUNE 28-29  
TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF  
SEMINARIANS FOR MARY MOTHER OF  
GOD PARISH IN VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS JUNE 21, 2025 -- JULY 13, 2025

| DATE                                | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS   | LECTORS        |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Saturday<br>June 21, 2025<br>5 PM   | Donald & Brandon Werner<br>Mary Kay Fehrenbacher Toni Askins       | Susie Schapker |
| Sunday<br>June 22, 2025<br>8 AM     | Jean Duncan Lisa Cook<br>Rodney and Paula Baehl                    | Tom Blythe     |
| Sunday<br>June 22, 2025<br>10:30 AM | Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch<br>Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand            | Jane Scheller  |
| Saturday<br>June 28, 2025<br>5 PM   | Eric and Karen McDonald<br>Butch and Linda Feulner                 | Toni Askins    |
| Sunday<br>June 29, 2025<br>8 AM     | Darlene Appler Kylie Frey<br>Stephanie Frey Jalene Weber           | Marcia Frey    |
| Sunday<br>June 29, 2025<br>10:30 AM | Jena Wessel Rachael Schanus<br>Becky Doshier Steve Jung            | Shane Wessel   |
| Saturday<br>July 5, 2025<br>5 PM    | Sis & Katie Jarboe<br>Diane Woods Donna Niemeier                   | Sis Jarboe     |
| Sunday<br>July 6, 2025<br>8 AM      | Tom and Dolores Folz<br>Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers               | Dave Schmitt   |
| Sunday<br>July 6, 2025<br>10:30 AM  | Shane Wessel Debra Baumgart<br>Al Debes Angie Will                 | Chad Martin    |
| Saturday<br>July 12, 2025<br>5 PM   | Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher<br>Mary Loehrlein Eric Refett          | Susie Schapker |
| Sunday<br>July 13, 2025<br>8 AM     | Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher<br>Chick Duncan Marcia Frey           | Josh Baehl     |
| Sunday<br>July 13, 2025<br>10:30 AM | Diane Bassemier Doris Taylor<br>Danielle Weledge<br>Debra Baumgart | Jane Scheller  |

## MAKE RECYCLING A WAY OF LIFE.

We know about recycling aluminum cans and we now have a trailer to collect aluminum cans. We filled it almost twice in the two months that we have used it. But a consciousness for recycling goes beyond this. So when we have a family gathering, or when we are a part of some project in the parish, we can ask ourselves, is there anything that we have used that can be recycled?




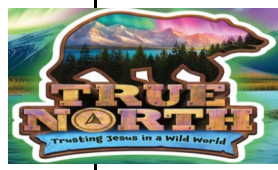

What can be recycled? Aluminum cans, plastic jugs, bottles, cups, forks, spoons, knives, and the lids from your cup of coffee or soft drink, tin cans, cardboard of all sizes (even the cardboard left over when we use a roll of toilet paper), glass bottles and jars can—all these things are recyclable.

Creating a recycling consciousness will take a little work. The easy thing is just to throw everything in the trash. After all, my little bag of trash can't really make that big of difference in the landfill where it will go. But when I reduce the amount I throw away and join it with lots of other people who are doing the same thing, it makes a big difference.



**Did You Know?**  
**75% of what we  
throw away can  
be recycled!**

# JUNE 2025

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| <div>  <b>GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS</b><br/> HELP SUPPORT BIRTHRIGHT<br/> COLLECTING ITEMS THROUGH FATHER'S DAY </div> <div> GET YOUR SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE TICKETS<br/> \$25/TICKET<br/> 5/\$100 </div> <div>  <b>RAFFLE!</b> </div> <div> <b>\$15,000 in prizes</b><br/> 1st Prize \$10,000<br/> 2nd Prize \$2,500<br/> 3rd -- 6th Prizes \$500 Each<br/> Preliminary Drawing June 30 \$500 </div> |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| <b>1</b> 8 & 10:30 am Masses<br><br>Haiti and Food Pantry Collection   | <b>2</b> 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>6:30 pm Mass                                      | <b>3</b> 7:30 am Mass   | <b>4</b> 7:30 MASS<br>Youth Trip to Holiday World<br>7 am – 7 pm<br><div>  <b>RUMMAGE SALE</b><br/> JUNE 13 3 - 7 PM<br/> JUNE 14 7 AM - NOON </div> | <b>5</b> NO MASS   | <b>6</b> 7:30 am Mass<br><br>Senior Citizen Gathering<br>1 pm   | <b>7</b> Haiti & Food Pantry Collection<br><br>5 pm Mass<br><br><b>BRING YOUR RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS TODAY TO THE GYM</b>                              |
| <b>8</b> 8 & 10:30 am Mass<br>Food Pantry Collection<br><br><b>BRING YOUR RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS TO THE GYM TODAY</b>  | <b>9</b> 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>6:30 pm Mass<br>Knights of St. John<br>7 pm       | <b>10</b> 7:30 am Mass<br><br><b>RUMMAGE SALE PREPARATIONS 9 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY</b><br><b>BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE EACH DAY</b>  | <b>11</b> 7:30 AM Mass<br><br>Last Day to bring items for the Rummage Sale   | <b>12</b> NO MASS<br>Making Kuchens Thursday at Noon<br><br>6:30 PM Haiti Ministry Meeting   | <b>13</b> 7:30 am MASS<br>Making Kuchens Friday 9 am<br><br><b>RUMMAGE SALE</b><br>3 pm – 7 pm                                    | <b>14</b> <b>RUMMAGE SALE</b><br>7 am–Noon<br>Bag Sale At 10 am<br>Food Pantry Collection<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>4-4:40 pm<br>Mass 5 pm |
| <b>15</b> 8 & 10:30 am Mass<br>Peter's Pence Collection<br><b>Happy Father's Day</b>    | <b>16</b> 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>6:30 pm Mass<br><br>Men's Club Meeting 7 pm      | <b>17</b> 7:30 AM MASS<br><br>   | <b>18</b> 7:30 AM MASS   | <b>19</b> NO MASS<br><br><b>Vacation Bible School June 16-20</b><br>8:30 am--Noon at Resurrection  | <b>20</b> 7:30 am MASS  | <b>21</b> Food Pantry Collection<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>4-4:40 pm<br><br>Mass 5 pm  |
| <b>22</b> 8 & 10:30 am Mass<br><br>Food Pantry Collection  | <b>23</b> 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>6:30 pm Mass                                     | <b>24</b> 7:30 AM MASS<br><br><b>PRAYER DAY FOR VOCATIONS</b><br><b>TUESDAY 6 AM -WEDNESDAY 6 AM</b>  | <b>25</b> 7:30 am Mass   | <b>26</b> NO MASS<br><br> <b>GOT YOUR CHICKEN DINNER \$15 TICKETS!</b> | <b>27</b> 7:30 am Mass  | <b>28</b> Food Pantry Collection<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>4-4:40 pm<br>Mass 5 pm<br>Collection for Vladivostok Mission                    |
| <b>29</b> 8 & 10:30 am Mass<br><br>Food Pantry Collection<br><br>Collection for Vladivostok Mission  | <b>30</b> 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration<br><br>6:30 pm Mass<br>Social Raffle Early Bird Drawing | <b>1</b> 7:30 AM MASS<br><br><div> <b>COME SEE WHAT ST. JOE SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER TO YOUR CHILD</b><br/> <b>WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL, PRE-K AND GRADES K- 8</b><br/> <b>CONTACT US 812-963-3335</b>  </div> | <b>2</b> 7:30 am Mass  | <b>3</b> NO MASS   | <b>4</b> 4TH OF JULY MASS AT 7:30 AM<br><br> | <b>5</b> Food Pantry Collection<br>Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>4-4:40 pm<br><br>Mass 5 pm   |



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## SUMMER SOCIAL COMING JULY 27



Again this year we're going to have our big grand raffle with \$15,000 in prizes to be given away. We are asking each family to at least buy/sell a packet of 10 raffle tickets. By the time you read this, you should have already received your packet of tickets which included a stamped, return envelope which you can use to return your tickets. Of course, if you can sell more than 10 tickets, all the better. Just let us know and we'll get tickets to you.

The second thing we are focusing on for our social is to have our famous chicken dinner. As we did last year, we will be offering our chicken dinner on a carry out basis only. The price this year will be \$15/dinner. To get us started, we will be sending each of our parish families four tickets for the dinner which they can buy or sell. Dinner tickets will also be available at the parish office for folks to buy. Go the extra mile and extend a little "St. Joe Hospitality" at the same time. Here are some ideas:

- buy a dinner for the neighbor who can't get out
- take orders from your family and friends (we'll get you as many tickets as you need)
- Get with some friends and provide the money for dinners for the people at The Ozanam Family Shelter, House of Bread and Peace, or the United Caring Shelter. We'll be glad to work with you to get these dinners delivered!

**CARRYOUT ONLY**  
**PICKUP JULY 27**  
**10 AM TO 1 PM**  
**CHICKEN DINNER**  
**TICKETS \$15/ DINNER**  
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Don't miss our incredible

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, June 13**  
**3-7 pm**

Friday night shoppers get the first chance at all the bargains.  
(Shoppers pay DOUBLE PRICE except for furniture)

**Saturday, June 14**  
**7am - 12 Noon**

Bag Sale Begins at 10 am

**HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?**

Bring items to the gym after all Masses on June 7-8 and 9am - 7 pm Monday—Wednesday—June 9, 10, & 11)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 IS THE LAST DAY TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE SALE**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Every day 9 am—7pm the week of the sale (June 9-12) (COME FOR A DAY OR AN HOUR) and on sale days, June 13-14. At noon on Saturday after the sale—men and women, young and old are needed to help box and load what is left over.

**We will have kuchens for sale during the Rummage Sale.**  
**Come and help make them**  
**Thursday at noon**  
**Friday at 9 am**

