



# THE CARPENTER

## ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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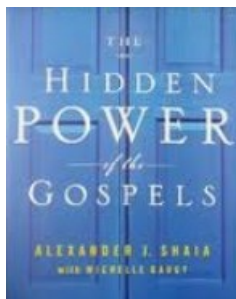
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### HOW DO WE FACE CHANGE

Fr Gene Schroeder  
PASTOR

The last couple of months we have been looking at the early Christian community as they tried to understand just what being a disciple of Jesus was all about. We have been reviewing the work done by Dr. Alexander Shaia. He sees the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as a four path journey that was showing the early Christian just what it meant to follow the path of discipleship that Jesus was inviting people to embrace. If you want to learn more about this, you can read his book *The Hidden Power of the Gospels*. You can also check out his website [quadratos.org](http://quadratos.org) in which he speaks about opening the ancient Christian story in fresh new way.



What the early Christian community came to understand is that the journey of being a follower of Jesus would involve learning how to answer four questions: How do you deal with change in life? How do you live with pain and suffering? How do you receive joy in life? and How do you give yourself to a life of service? Each of the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were written to give some practical answers to each of these questions.

The journey of early Christians is really the same journey we try to embrace today. And we begin with change. Saint John Henry Neuman, who, just this past July, was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo, said "To live is to change and to be perfect is to change often." By naming him a "Doctor of the Church" Pope Leo is saying that his writings and teachings are considered to hold a special authority and serve as a sure guide for believers.

But we resist change. As long as our lives seem comfortable and we pretty much can make things work the way we want them to work, we will all resist change.

But, sometimes, things happen and we simply can't ignore the fact that things are just not the same anymore.

The early Christian community experienced this when the sacred temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans around the year 70 AD. Almost all the leaders of the Jewish community were killed as well. Those that were not killed fled from Rome to Antioch. There, they had to ask themselves, What has happened to us? What does this all mean? Now, how are we supposed to be disciples of Jesus?

Perhaps we can relate to this

### BRUTE SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Mike & Mary Loehrlein Carolyn & Don Hutchison

Each year our parish is invited to nominate two individuals/couples to be inducted into the Brute' Society. The Brute' Society recognizes individuals whose lives reflect the example of stewardship set by Bishop Brute', the first bishop of the Indiana territory. There are so many people who are worthy of being inducted into the Brute' Society.



And so the task of selecting two couples/individuals is very challenging. This year we have chosen to honor Mike and Mary Loehrlein

and Don & Carolyn Hutchison.

All four of them have offered their time and energy through the years to serve our parish. That service has come in many forms: helping at the social and fish fry, bringing food for funeral dinners, serving in leadership capacities in the Altar Society and Parish Council, and helping on mowing crews and church maintenance. Most of that service has been done quietly and out of sight from most people. Yet the work they have done has been essential in keeping our parish going. We give thanks for the example of stewardship they have been and we pray that their example will inspire all of us to doing simple and ordinary things with great love.



Don & Carolyn



Mike and Mary

experience. When our world gets turned upside down, we feel anchorless. What once seemed solid and dependable, no longer does. It can be the end of job that we thought would last a long time, a sudden diagnosis of illness that doesn't have an easy answer, or a death of a child or a loved one. What do we do now?

The Gospel of Matthew, which we begin reading this coming Advent, was written to give guidance to the community who were reeling from change. What was some of this guidance? Let's look at few of these examples.

The Gospel of Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus. It is the only in the Gospel of Matthew that we find this. We are told of the 42 generations from Abraham to Jo-

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#### HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)?

PARISH GOAL	\$131,040.00
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## REMEMBERING

*John Koch*

Oct. 25, 1954—Sept. 25, 2025

John was a kind a gentle soul who blessed his family and our parish community with his faithful presence. He was born on October 25, 1954, one of three children born to Elmer and Pat Koch. His mother had the distinction of being the first lay person to teach at St. Joseph School beginning in the 1950's until she finally retired in the early 2000's. John was joined in the family by his sister Rebecca and his brother Floyd, both of whom survive him.

John graduated from St. Joe Grade School and then went on to graduate from Reitz High School in 1973. On the social calendar for John during his high school years was attending the senior prom. John happened to be taking a young girl to the prom at North Posey High School. As it happened, another young woman, Cecilia Buchanan, a senior at North Posey was also attending the prom. "I saw him and fell in love with him that night," she recalled. Their relationship blossomed, and they were married on July 15, 1977 at St. Philip Church.

John and Cecilia would eventually set up housekeeping at the home where John grew up on Number Six School Road. Over the years, John put his handyman skills to work and he and Cecilia completely remodeled this home and made it a place where they could welcome their two children, Aaron and Leander. It would later be a gathering place for their spouses Amanda and Jeff and their grandchildren Brandon, Jackson, Britton, Logan, and Jacob.

John loved to work with his hands and was good at fixing just about everything. He worked as a welder, machine operator, and all around "Mr. Fix-It" guy. He was a great model for his son Aaron who has become proficient as a machine operator and wood craftsman.

John was into caring for the earth and recycling, even before it became the issue it is today. "We would often go with him to pick up and recycle aluminum cans. He called the money he got from this "his pocket money." His passion for not wasting things and recycling everything you could would be something he would pass on to his daughter, Leander who has taken recycling to a whole new level.

John was an honest and faithful employee who worked for many years at GE Plastics (now Sabic) where he was known for his exceptional work ethic. He never missed a day of work.

After his retirement from GE, he worked as a reserve officer for the Posey county Sheriff Department and, most recently, worked at Menards. There he could share his "how to fix it" knowledge with all kinds of customers. And you could always find him wearing his special red and green suspenders, a nod to his love for the Red Green Show.

John's generosity knew no bounds. He and Cecilia would open their home as a place to stay for several members of the Evansville Otters Baseball team. John also mowed lawns for people and was able to help out young couples in need by having them join him in mowing lawns.

John also enjoyed traveling with Cecilia throughout the United States, going to such places at Route 66, different national parks, as well as traveling to Puerto Rico. They also enjoyed going camping. It was an enjoyment they shared with their children and, in time, the grandchildren as well. Harmony State Park, Lincoln State Park, Lake Rudolph, and Spring Mill State Park, especially for Halloween,

were their favorite camping sites.

John had a very inquisitive mind and over the years he dabbled in all sorts of things. For a time he was into making wine and with the help of his friends, was able to bottle his own version of "Koch Wines".

One of the things John enjoyed was going on a silent retreat at the White House Jesuit retreat center in St. Louis. No doubt, the quiet time these yearly retreats offered, was a great appeal for John, being very much a man of nature.

John's death came too soon. For the last years of his life, John was dealing with some heart issues and had a pacemaker installed. John and Cecilia were camping at the Vanderburgh County Craft Fair held at the 4-Center in September. It was there that John suffered a heart attack from which he was not able to recover.

John was great blessing to Cecilia, his children Aaron and Leander, and their families and to our parish. We pray that the memory of his gentleness, his care for others, his passion for the University of Kentucky Wildcats, and his appreciation and care for the earth will sustain them as they grieve his loss. We pray that he will hear and know the words of the gospel parable: "Well done, good and faithful servant, come share the kingdom that has been prepared for you."

## FOR GRIEF

John O'Donohue

*When you lose someone you love, Your life becomes strange,  
The ground beneath you gets fragile, Your thoughts  
make your eyes unsure; And some dead echo drags your voice down  
were words have no confidence.*

*Your heart has grown heavy with loss; And though this loss  
has wounded others too, no one knows what has been taken from  
you when the silence of absence deepens.*

*Flickers of guilt kindle regret*

*For all that was left unsaid or undone.*

*There are days when you wake up happy;  
Again inside the fullness of life, until the moment breaks  
And you are thrown back Onto the black tide of loss.*

*Days when you have your heart back, you are able  
to function well until in the middle of work or encounter,  
Suddenly with no warning, You are ambushed by grief.*

*It becomes hard to trust yourself.*

*All you can depend on now is  
that sorrow will remain faithful to itself.*

*More than you, it knows its way  
and will find the right time to pull and pull  
the rope of grief until that coiled hill of tears has reduced  
to its last drop. Gradually, you will learn acquaintance  
with the invisible*

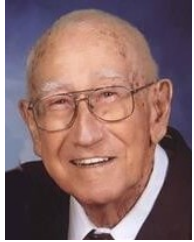
*form of your departed.*

*And, when the work of grief  
is done, the wound of loss will  
heal and you will have learned  
to wean your eyes from that  
gap in the air and be able  
to enter the hearth in your  
soul where your loved one  
has awaited your return  
all the time.*



## REMEMBERING OUR PARISHIONERS WHO DIED THIS PAST YEAR

In our Catholic Tradition, the month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. This year we remember especially these members of our parish who have died since last year.



**Herman Schmitt**  
1934-2024



**David George**  
1938-2024



**Mary Stratman**  
1961-2024



**Betty Fischer**  
1929--2024



**Marianne Ritter**  
1932-2025



**Everett "Bub" Baylor**  
1954-2025



**Harry Woods**  
1950-2025



**Charlie Niemeier**  
1935-2025



**Rose Weis**  
1926-2025



**Marie Gumbel**  
1927-2025



**Dave Fehrenbacher**  
1945-2025



**Margaret Will**  
1925-2025



**Stephanie Purcell**  
1963-2025



**Fran Happe**  
1936-2025



**Dolores Schroeder**  
1932-2025



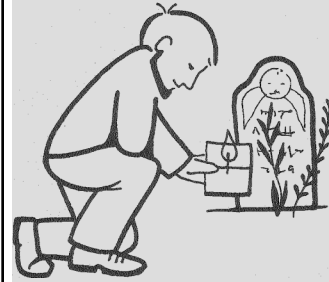
**John Koch**  
1954-2025



Grant eternal rest to all the souls of  
the faithful departed and let your  
perpetual light shine upon them

## REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT MASS

To be named and to be remembered are deeply held human needs. We all want to know that people will remember us, that we will not be forgotten. Remembering is a gift we give to others. Each time we recall a memory of those we love, they continue to live in our hearts.



One of the ways we have done this is by praying for them when we come together for Mass. Many of you will remember this as "having a Mass celebrated for a

particular person." Each week we list the particular intentions in the weekly bulletin. These are the names of loved ones that people would like the parish to remember at Mass.

All of us know members of our family who have died: an aunt or uncle, a cousin, a grandparent or a child or even a close friend or co-worker. Even if your loved ones do not happen to have been a member of the Catholic Church, you are invited to share their names as well. You may also want to list the particular day you want to remember them—perhaps their birthday, or wedding anniversary, or the day they died. If you come to a particular Mass, you may want to ask that your loved ones be remembered at that particular time.

For your convenience, you can use the slip on this page to submit your names and the day and time you want to remember them. There is no charge for this, but if you would like to make a donation to the church in memory of your loved ones, you may do so.

Submit the names of the people you want to remember and the day on which you want to remember them using the slip below. Cut it out and send it to us through the mail or drop it in the collection. You can also email us [jkempfevdio.org](mailto:jkempfevdio.org) with the names you want to remember

NAMES

DATE AND TIME


# MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions that were given in memory of these loved ones. Let us continue to remember the gift they have been in the life of their families and in the life of our parish

## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

IN MEMORY OF  
*Fran Happe*

Phil & Becky Doshier  
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Linda & Gregory Kissel  
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Niemeier  
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IN MEMORY OF

*Frank & Theresa Arnold*  
Sr. Bridget Arnold

IN MEMORY OF

*Marie Gumbel*  
Sr. Bridget Arnold

IN MEMORY OF

*Rose Weiss*  
Sr. Bridget Arnold



## CONGRATULATIONS DAVE AND FRANK HERTEL HONORED BY THE KENTUCKY BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

For many years, Frank Hertel and his son Dave, have been the “go to” people for all manner of electronic issues here in our parish. Frank was instrumental in getting cable TV hooked up to each of the school classrooms and worked with the school PA system when the school gym, meeting room and administrative offices and additional classrooms were built.



Over the years, with Dave’s help, Frank has worked on installing and maintaining the PA system in church. They have also helped with installing computers in the parish offices. Most recently they installed the cameras for our school safety surveillance system. And they installed and continue to operate the cameras we have in church to record the Mass each Sunday. In addition, they have been instrumental in building and maintaining our LED electronic sign.

Their work has been a great blessing for our parish. Much of that work goes unnoticed by most, but it is done with great love for our parish. And they are very good at what they do! We have benefitted much from their expertise and it is easy sometimes to forget just what a gem they are.

Other people have noticed the good work they have done as well. Most recently, Frank and Dave were honored by the Kentucky Broadcasters Association with the Clarence Henson Technology Award for 2025.

At age 10, Frank’s fascination with a crystal radio led him to decide that he wanted to build and service radio and television stations as his career. At 18, Frank earned his FCC License, and shortly after that, he and his brother, Johnny, opened a Radio/TV/CB service. Later he served in the military, and for seven years, was in the Indiana National Guard, specializing in electronics.

Frank began his engineering career in 1965 at WTVW in Evansville. When the local school system acquired a federal grant to build a television station, Frank was hired as WNIN’s first Chief Engineer and built his first television station.

A couple decades later, Frank renamed his engineering consulting service, Newman-Kees RF Measurements and Engineering. Since then, he has served too many stations to count across Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Tennessee. In the mid 1980’s, as a consultant, Frank built WSON’s (Henderson, KY) new studios and transmitter site and relocated the WHRZ studio and tower site from Providence to Madisonville, Kentucky.

Dave started going with his dad to service calls when he was five years old. As a teenager, Dave had two jobs, one was stocking ice bags on pallets inside a freezer and the other was being a board op for WYFX and WRCY in Mt. Vernon, IN. Dave decided that radio was for him.

He started helping his dad and early on had the opportunity to do several builds. With the skill set to work with analog, digital, climb towers and write computer programs, Dave began handling more and more of the field work, and Frank began to specialize in repair work in the shop. In 2024 Dave did work on site at nearly 80 radio stations, as he continued to fulfill his dream.



### Diocesan policy: Report and inform

The Diocese of Evansville has in place a policy that requires that any allegation of child abuse must be reported to civil authorities. If an allegation involves the sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, the Victims Assistance Coordinator must also be informed. Sexual misconduct violates human dignity and the mission of the church. The spiritual well-being of all victims, their families, and others in the community is of particular concern to the church.

### Report child abuse

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government.  
CPS Toll-free: (800) 800-5556 Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

### Report and inform

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese: Toll-free: (866) 200-3004  
Local: (812) 490-9565

## VETERANS DAY-- A TIME TO REMEMBER, GIVE THANKS AND TO PRAY FOR PEACE

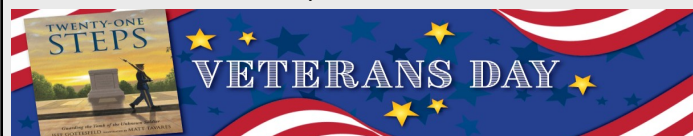


Below is a list of all the people from our parish who have, at one time or another, served in the armed forces. We give thanks for their willingness to serve and be a part of something bigger than their lives.

Ron Angermeier	Fred Happe	Dave Seib
Randy Appler	Larry Happe	Bob Singer
Lee Askins	Steve Hasselbrinck	Tony Tenhumberg
Bob Baehl	Jude Hays	Sam Thompson
Rodney Baehl	Josh Henderson	Richard Warren
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Dave Duncan	Jon Locklar	
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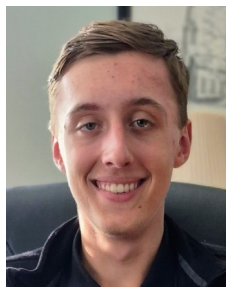
### REMEMBERING THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY

Gretchen Forcum  
Evan Collins  
Katie Duncan  
Daniel Werner  
Zoe Schell  
Chase Gerteisen  
Troy Gerteisen



## Up Close and Personal

### INTRODUCING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Josh Baehl

It's been some busy years for Josh Baehl, a senior at Mater Dei. He is the oldest son of Rodney and Paula (Weinzapfel) Baehl, the older brother to Zach, a sophomore at Mater Dei, and Molly, an eighth grader at St. Joe. You may recognize Josh, as he serves as one of the Lectors for our 8 am mass on Sunday.

Of course a lot of Josh's time has been taken up with his academic classes. His dedication to this is reflected in the fact that he was named to the National Honor Society for both his Junior and Senior Year. He has a goal of trying to get all his homework done at school, although as the classes become more challenging, that is not always possible.

It doesn't take long to find out that one of Josh's great passions is being part of the theater productions put on each year at Mater Dei. "I got interested in theater when he got introduced to the one act play *Cheaters*. Since then he has been hooked, as they say, being a part of the stage crew and then taking on different roles in the play. This year he has the lead role for the current play this fall. That means a lot of memorization of lines but Josh has developed some memorization techniques to help him with this.

Along with his participation in theater, he has also been a member of the Mater Dei Choir. "The choir got to be part of the production of *The Christmas Carol* during my freshman year. Some of the highlights of being part of the choir has been going to some of the area nursing homes and singing Christmas carols. They also had the chance to since at the National Prayer Day held in May each year at the Four Freedoms Monument in Evansville. "Hopefully we will get to that again this year."

Josh has also helped support the band at Mater Dei by being a member of the pit crew. I found out my freshman year that this was something I could do and I have really enjoyed it. It is a lot of work making sure that all the band equipment and props are loaded on trucks ready to be taken to the different performances. And then it is a lot of work making sure all the right props get on and off the field during the performances." A highlight of the year has been the going to the state band completion each year at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, a feat they hope to do this year as well. One of the special things about being part of the pit crew this year is that his mom, Paula, has joined him as a member of the crew. "It's great that we get to spend this time together. It's been one of the many ways my mom and dad have been supportive of all the things I have done."

Josh's endeavors have not been limited to the arts. He has also been a member of the Tennis Team and the Swim team at Mater Dei during his high school years. Being part of a team and learning how to support one another are big takeaways from these experiences. Josh is a long distance swimmer for Mater and they will soon be gearing up for the current season. "The season last a long time, from November through February. We do pretty well as a team and are pretty competitive with our times. One of the things that works against us is that we don't have the large numbers of swimmers that other schools have, and when scores are tallied up, the more swimmers you have in the different races, the higher your chances are for scoring points. I like to think of swimming as competitive but friendly. As swimmer you know all the things you have to go through to be part of team no matter what school you are

## MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Students in 5th-11th grade and their families are invited to Mater Dei's annual Open House on **Thursday, November 6th at Mater Dei High School**. Drop by anytime between 6-8 pm to tour the campus, talk with teachers, current students, coaches and staff. Learn about our vast college and career-readiness opportunities. Explore our extensive extracurricular offerings. Learn more about our extensive tuition assistance program.



To RSVP and skip the registration line, scan the code or visit [materdeiwildcats.com](http://materdeiwildcats.com). Contact Jill Seiler at [jseiler@evdio.org](mailto:jseiler@evdio.org) for more info. See you there!

Applications are now available for parents wishing to apply for Mater Dei High School Tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are available online at [www.materdeiwildcats.com](http://www.materdeiwildcats.com); select "Enrollment", then "Tuition and Financial Assistance." Hard copies will be available at Mater Dei and at our school and parish office. Questions? Please contact Jill Seiler at Mater Dei (812-426-2258 ext. 322) or email [jseiler@evdio.org](mailto:jseiler@evdio.org). There is one common application available for *Tax Credit Scholarships (SGO's)*, *School Choice Vouchers*, and *(CEF) tuition assistance*.

from, so there is a spirit of comrade among all the swimmers."

Josh also found time to serve with the Mater Dei Student government as a homeroom representative in his freshman year, and has been a member of the Right to Life Group. Most recently he was chosen to a part of "The Hub," a student led enterprise in which seniors and juniors offer their technology skills to help other students deal with technology. Working out the school media center, they also provide one of one supportive services to other students.

Next year Josh plans to go to college and pursue a degree in marine biology or communications. He has applied to several colleges including IU and Ball State.

Outside of school, Josh has been a member of the Boy Scouts and is ready to be awarded his Eagle Scout Certification. For his Eagle Scout Project, Josh installed a GaGa Ball Pit for our school playground. Most recently he has received his certification in scuba diving and was able to do some scuba diving in the waters off the Florida Keys.

He has also been part of the Savio Discernment Group for young men run by our vacations office. A highlight of this was joining in a pilgrimage to Turin, Italy to visit the birthplace of St. Dominic Savio, the namesake of this group. He was able to share this experience with his dad, Rodney, who also went on this pilgrimage. This was Josh's second trip to Europe. Previously he joined his family to a Weinzapfel reunion in Europe. A highlight of that trip was traveling to Normandy, France to tour the battlefields of World War II. "That was just amazing."

WORDS OF WISDOM: "Hard work is pretty important. Not being afraid to try new things is important too. I think one of the things that I have learned that is important to me is to know the difference between genuine joy and temporary happiness. You get down to what really matters. One of the other things I have learned is how important it is to believe in yourself and not get caught up in what other people may think about you. Learning how to develop a positive mindset is really important in all this.

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## HOW DO WE FACE CHANGE (cont)

seph. That is not a section of the bible that most people read, but it is filled with very interesting characters for



whom life does not go that way most people thought it would. And it is filled with people, who, by many definitions are not good and holy people. Prostitutes, adulterers, conniving cheaters can be found quite often in these 42 generations of people. Tamar and Judah, (Genesis 38), Rahab (Joshua 2-6) and King David, and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12) are among the most interesting characters. Google it and see for yourself. Better yet, get your bible out and read about them! It seems nothing goes according to plan and yet all

of these are the ancestors of Jesus. And God seems to be ok with it.

The Gospel of Matthew continues with the story of Joseph. Here again, we only read about Joseph in the Gospel of Matthew. Once again we hear a story of one man's journey that did not go according to plan. As an upright and holy man, Joseph planned on getting married to the young maiden Mary and to take his place as part of the tribe of Judah. But Mary turns up pregnant and Joseph, fearing the shame and embarrassment that would come, decides to divorce Mary quietly. But God intervenes and through the Angel Gabriel, tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife.

Putting his fears aside, Joseph says yes. But that is not the end. In his journey Joseph is invited to take Mary and the child Jesus to escape from the fury of King Herod, and flee for their lives. But to flee, not just to any place, but to the Egypt, the place of slavery and oppression for the Jewish people. The last place he would want to go. But he says yes to this as well.



What do these stories tell the first century followers of Jesus about being a disciple? What does it say to us? Look to the experience of others for inspiration. Every example we find reminds us that arduous journeys can be accomplished and that they are worthwhile. Remain open to surprise. Great gifts can come from unexpected, seemingly improper, contradictory, or uncomfortable sources. And above all else, remember—even in the darkest times, we are beloved by God. The strength of our resolve will be measured by our patience and fidelity, by our willingness to endure and remain vigilant. We too will likely have to go from places that seem comfortable to places that seem scary.

Let's look at another example about facing change from the Gospel of Matthew. First we look at a section that many are familiar with—the beatitudes—from the fifth chapter of Matthew. The beatitudes are part of what is often referred to as “the sermon on the mountain.” What is significant about that? In Jewish tradition, mountains were very important. It was the place that the great reli-

gious leaders of the Jewish faith went to encounter God. Moses' journey to the top of Mt. Sinai where he received the ten commandments. The holy temple in Jerusalem was built on the holy mountain of Moriah. It was built in such a way that people had to climb from one level to another and when the very top of the temple was considered the holiest place of all.



Remember now, that the temple in Jerusalem, the holiest of all sacred sites for the Jewish people, had been completely destroyed. Now we encounter Jesus who “goes up on the mountain” and begins to teach people. This mountain is unnamed. In this teaching, Jesus is telling the people that this mountain is where we will encounter God. But it is not a physical mountain, like the Mountain of Moriah, but a mountain within each of us. But we must climb this mountain as well, and it will be an arduous journey which will involve change. This is at the core of our spiritual journey.

Jesus begins this sermon on the mountain by teaching the people about the beatitudes. They are really attitudes of the heart, practical assistance for beginning and withstanding the inner challenges of the spiritual journey. Here is how we might understand them.

*Accept that we do not and will not know results in advance.*

*Make farewells to our yesterdays and embrace the grief we feel.*

*Be humble in our willingness to journey.*

*Know that our true hunger and thirst are for the life of God despite all the trials and temptations.*

*Greet all we encounter within and without with mercy and reap the rewards of gratitude.*

*Be full of heart. Do not seek to remove any thought, any feeling of any person from your inner life. Each is an aspect of the Spirit. Welcome them all.*

*Believe in God as a home of welcome that accommodates the true peace of respect for differing voices, if we will but listen.*

*Accept inner and outer hardship as needed for the sake of living a new life in the presence of God.*

*Power and applause are not what we seek. Our journey leads instead to humility and service. Anticipate lack of esteem. Be prepared for conflict—and meet it with respect and love.*

If we can keep these things in mind and try to practice them in our lives that will help us stay on the right path as we embrace the changes that will surely come in our life.

One thing that accompanies so much of the change we experience in our lives is a sense of betrayal. There is a sense that we have been let down or even lied to. When the things that we

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thought we could count on, the things others have told us would always be there suddenly are not there, we not only feel frightened, we also feel betrayed. Certainly the early followers of Jesus would have experienced this when the solid things in their faith life—the temple in Jerusalem and the leaders who led the ritual life of the temple—were all gone. Anger, fear, and betrayal would be a very common response.

The writers of the Gospel of Matthew spoke to the people about this sense of betrayal, particularly through the account of Jesus' passion and death. Here we witness this sense of betrayal in the lives of Judas and Peter. What the Gospel offers to people is that they need to "stay awake" and allow everything that happens to teach us. That was the whole point of Jesus taking Peter, James and John with him to the Garden of Gethsemane and telling them to "stay awake." But it is hard to "stay awake" to the difficult things that are happening in our lives so it is no surprise that Jesus returns to find Peter, James, and John fast asleep.

We are also reminded of the importance of allowing life to teach us when we read about Jesus' response to Judas. Judas has come to the Garden of Gethsemane to point out Jesus to the temple guards so they can arrest him. And how does Jesus greet this "betrayer?" He tells him "Friend, do what you have come for." (Matthew 26:40) On one level this is Jesus' greeting to Judas. But on a deeper level, he is addressing "betrayal" itself. By addressing "betrayal" as "friend", he is seeing this, not as something to be avoided or denied, but rather something to be embraced. And then, by saying "do what you have come for" he is allowing the experience of betrayal to do the work of transformation in him.

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 22 -- DECEMBER 14, 2025**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
Saturday November 22, 2025 5 PM	Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson Sis & Katie Jarboe	Susie Schapker
Sunday November 23, 2025 8 AM	Brian and Ann Craney Marcia Frey Terry Drone	Jalane Weber
Sunday November 23, 2025 10:30 AM	Doris Taylor Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig	Chad Martin
Saturday November 29, 2025 5 PM	Donald & Brandon Werner Mary Kay Fehrenbacher Donna Niemeier	Sis Jarboe
Sunday November 30, 2025 8 AM	Rodney and Paula Baehl Lisa Cook Darlene Appler	Chick Duncan
Sunday November 30, 2025 10:30 AM	Paul Hillenbrand Amy Cody Jena Wessel Rachael Schnaus	Shane Wessel
Saturday December 6, 2025 5 PM	Eric and Karen McDonald Butch and Linda Feulner	Steve Jung
Sunday December 7, 2025 8 AM	Marcia Frey Stephanie Frey Kylie & Stephanie Frey	Tom Folz
Sunday December 7, 2025 10:30 AM	Becky Doshier Steve Jung Debra Baumgart Al Debes	Jane Scheller
Saturday December 13, 2025 5 PM	Diane Woods Eric Reffett Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher	Toni Askins
Sunday December 14, 2025 8 AM	Jalane Weber Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers Chick Duncan	Tom Blythe
Sunday December 14, 2025 10:30 AM	Shane Wessel Diane Bassemier Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor	Chad Martin

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Be an island of mercy in  
a sea of indifference.

*Pope Leo*

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

### LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR THOSE "HARD TO BUY PERSONS" THIS CHRISTMAS?

Need a gift this holiday season for the person who has it all? Honor them by buying gifts of food for the children at our sister parish, St. James Parish, located in Plaine du Nord, Haiti. One of the things we are trying to do to support our brothers and sisters there is to provide a noon meal for the children in our grade school and high school. That's over 600 children.

Their meals are pretty simple—rice and beans, with maybe some dried peas and perhaps some fish. The menu doesn't change much from day to day but for so many of the children, it is the only meal they will eat.



This effort to provide one meal a day get even more complicated when you factor in the difficulty of finding the food and then getting it transported to Plaine du Nord and then keep it in a safe place. Fortunately Fr. Dubois, the Pastor at St. James has been able to find a source for food and has a secure place to store it.

Even this simple meal costs money—about \$.45 per meal. But even this can get to be expensive when you are trying to provide food for 860 kids and staff for each day of school. We figure It costs about \$2,75 per week to feed one child, about \$9 to feed one child per month and about \$80 to feed a child for the whole year.

Another way to look at it is that It costs about \$387 per day to feed all 860 kids and staff in school. That figures out to be about \$1,935 for each week that school is in session. We figure it will cost about \$70,000 to fund a food program for the entire school year. That can be a bit overwhelming for sure. But with God, all things are possible, as St.

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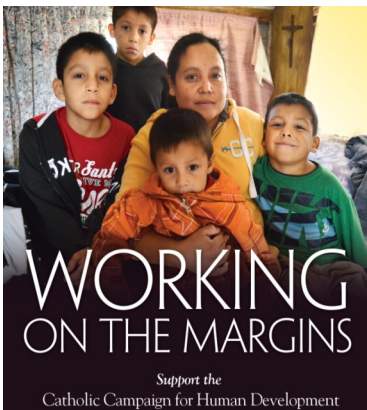
Paul tell us. So far we have been able to come up with \$25,000 toward this cost. So here is an opportunity to honor someone at Christmas and help our children get a meal to eat during the school year. Look for the self-service station which will be located in church this month and continue through December. Here you will find gift cards ranging in price from \$5-100.

Please know that you do not have to use these gift cards. You can make a donation of any amount. Just put it in the collection or send it to us through the mail. Please be sure to mark on your card or check that the money is for "Haiti Food." Questions? Please email Alison Martin at [alison@twc.com](mailto:alison@twc.com)

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It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.



Thanks to all the people who came forward to donate blood on October 26. Thanks as well to the folks for taking care of all the details for the blood drive. Your gift of time helps save lives!



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**OF LIFE---to be eaten, consumed by us**

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**fed with the BREAD OF OUR LIFE, our hearts**

**loving and our hands serving.**

**IN LOVING AND SERVING we prove that we**

**have been created in the LIKENESS OF GOD,**

**for God is love and when we love we are like God.**

*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## IT'S LOTTERY TIME

THE 2026 ST. JOE MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are now available. \$1350 to be given away each month. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Look for an invitation in the mail for your opportunity to participate. Our lottery sellers will also be contacting those who have bought tickets from them in the past. Cost is \$75.

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<b>2</b> 8 -10:30 Mass Coffee & Donuts 9 am Family Religion Class & RCIA 9 am 1st Communion Rite of Enrollment 10:30 Food Pantry Collection 	<b>3</b> Boot Camp 5AM Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass Last Day to Order Sausage	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>5</b> Boot camp 5:00 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff 12-2 pm That Man Is You 5:30	<b>6</b> NO MASS  Mater Dei Open house 6-8 pm	<b>7</b> Boot Camp 5 AM 7:30 am MASS Men's Club Making Sausage 1-6 pm 8:30 Bible Study Communion to the Homebound	<b>8</b> Sausage Sale Pick Up 7-10 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 4-4:40 PM 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
<b>9</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass RCIA 9 -10:15 am Food Pantry Collection Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30	<b>10</b> Boot Camp 5 am Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass Knights of St. John Meeting 7 pm	<b>11</b> Mass 7:30 am 	<b>12</b> Boot Camp 5 am 7:30 am MASS Parish Staff 12-2 PM That Man Is You 5:30	<b>13</b> NO MASS  Altar Society Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>14</b> Boot Camp 5 am 7:30 AM MASS  Communion to the Homebound  Senior Citizens Gathering 1 pm	<b>15</b> SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 4-4:40 PM  Mass 5 pm  Food Pantry Collection
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**Saturday—5 PM**

**Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM**

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### HOW DO WE FACE CHANGE (cont)

Jesus experiences betrayal not just from Judas but also from Peter. And their responses to the experience of having betrayed Jesus is also meant to teach us. Both Peter and Judas recognize they have betrayed Jesus but how they handle it is different. For Judas it is too much. He threw the money he had been given on the temple floor and went out and hanged himself. (Matthew 27:5). Peter wept bitterly when he realized he had betrayed Jesus (Matthew 26:69) but he did not allow this experience to destroy him. It became a moment of transformation for him when he recognized that God could make something good come out of this betrayal.



And so it is with us as we face change in our lives. We have to have courage when change comes. We have to allow it to teach us. That means that we have to sit with the difficulty and uncertainty that comes with change.

We will not always get things right. In fact, many times we will get things wrong. The true goal of the spiritual journey is not seeking one level of perfection after another, but rather to see the twists and turns of our everyday life to be the real journey. The journey of being a disciple is going to involve failure and betrayal. As St. Paul tells us, "the good I want to do I don't do, and the bad that I don't want to do I do anyway. (Romans 7:19). Our journey is more like going two steps forward and one step backward. And as we grow in our faith, we begin to realize that the

**MARCH 7 & 8**

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steps backward are the most important because they teach us the most.

Trying to figure out just how to be disciples of Jesus could be very daunting for the early Christians. In many ways they were being asked to see a whole new way of being. This new way of being was not about buildings and rituals and even a sense of being the chosen people. Jesus reminded them that the "kingdom of God" is not a literal kingdom on earth but a spiritual kingdom that comes about when people believe in Jesus, accept his teaching and allow these teachings to transform their lives. Yes, they were still the "chosen people" but so too were many others who were willing to embrace the teachers of Jesus.



What they could take comfort in is found in the last words of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus has gathered his disciples on a mountain in Galilee and tells them to "teach others all I have taught you and know that I am with you always to the end of time." Yes we have to take personal responsibility for our spiritual journey and accept the challenge to make our journey. But there is no need for us to feel alone because Jesus has promised to be with always.



**Breakfast with Santa**

**Sunday December 7  
9 am --Noon**

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