

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

LAPORTE, INDIANA

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

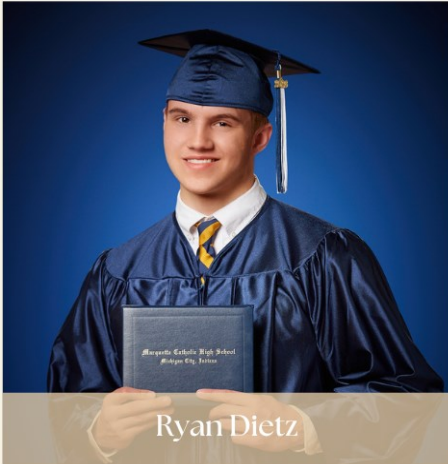
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# Congrats

GRADUATES



Ryan Dietz



Jermaine Kirkindoll



Brooklyn Irene Gogel



Fernando Lopez



Eden Mathew



Madeleine McCarther



Julia Niton



# A Community that Worships Together

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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Homilies are available on our YouTube channel.

[www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte](http://www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte)

### Daily Mass

#### Monday, June 15th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
+ Sandra Surma by Dave

#### Tuesday, June 16th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
+ Jack Kraus by Rose

#### Wednesday, June 17th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
+ Judy Cichon by Susan & Robert Cichon
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)  
+ Helen Otwinowski by Ron & Mary Taddeucci

#### Thursday, June 18th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
+ Rick Hensell by Noel & Marianne Sharp

#### Friday, June 19th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
+ Gene O'Connor by Marilyn

#### Saturday, June 20th

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph  
Marcinkoske Family by LaDonna Liggett

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, June 20th, Vigil Mass

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter  
+ Gerald Cramer by Jane, Marie & Olivia

### Sunday, June 21st

Reading 1 Jeremiah 20:10-13

Reading 2 Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

- 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter  
Intention of Bill & Patricia Chmielewski on their  
66th Wedding Anniversary  
& Holy Family Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph  
+ Claudia Smith & Frank Blackard by Family
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
+ James Gazdick by wife, Carolyn
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph  
+Guadalupe Perez Y +Susano Perez by Julia Camarillo

### CONFESSION & ADORATION SCHEDULE

#### Confession | *Confesión*

- Tuesday, 7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart (before 8 a.m. Mass)
- Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. St. Joseph (before 7 p.m. Mass)
- Thursday, 7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart (before 8 a.m. Mass)
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph
- Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m. St. Peter

#### Eucharist Adoration | *Adoración*

- Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. Before 8 a.m. Mass,  
Sacred Heart (Livestream)
- St. Joseph Adoration Chapel, 8 am-5 pm

### Baptisms bautizos

**Amelia Mae Slattery**

### In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Gloria Hazelgrove**  
**Darla Belzowski**  
**Sharon Nell**  
**Sharon Hebbe**  
**JoAnn Francesconi**

*Por favor, recen por el descanso de su alma.*



**GOOD LUCK!**  
**WE WILL MISS YOU**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH**

**ST PETER'S MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER**  
CENTRO DE RECURSOS DEL MINISTERIO DE SAN PEDRO

**OPEN HOUSE (JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS)**  
**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

# The Fr. Kouris Korner

SERIES: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS 1-16

June 14th, 2026 | 11 Sunday of Ordinary Time

With Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical released, I wanted to journey with you through this awesome document on safeguarding the human person in the evolving world of artificial intelligence. For this series, I encourage you to read along with me each week so that the context of the document is more understandable when I speak about certain sections. Today, I will go over the introduction which does pack a bit of what the Holy Father wants to talk about and why. Whenever I reference the document, I will cite using its initials with the corresponding paragraph number; for example (MH 25).

AI is on an incredible rise whether we like it or not. The two main viewpoints that come down to our opinion of AI is: 1) We must get rid of it and never use it and 2) AI is our best friend, corporations love it, students love it, we should just all rely on it. Pope Leo calls AI the "Res Novae", the New Things, of our time (MH 4). He mentions this latin phrase because this encyclical was released on the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's **Rerum Novarum** ("Of New Things") which spoke on the rise of the world changing industrial revolution and the need to address the abuses to human rights. The Church must offer insights and reflections on the ever changing world. Leo XIV wants to achieve the same, taking a critical look at AI and other topics and seeing what part do they play in the world.

Paragraphs 7-10 give us what I would consider Pope Leo's thesis statement and idea. He brings up two contrasting yet similar images for us to consider: The Tower of Babel in Genesis 11 and the rebuilding of the temple post-exile in Nehemiah 2-6. Both images deal with society building something. If we know the story of Babel, it was a product of vainglory so that we may climb up to God yet without the help of said God. Its desire for self-sufficiency causes breakdown in communication. "Babel thus reveals the limits of any effort that, however grandiose, arises from self-affirmation, sacrifices human dignity for efficiency and aspires to reach heaven without God's blessing" (MH 7).



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the Pope's new  
Encyclical and  
Read along!



Whereas, in the book of Nehemiah, the Israelites are tasked with rebuilding the temple and the city of Jerusalem under the commonality of humanity. Everyone has a role to play and there lies the key factor: when we all do it with the Lord. "Thus, ancient Jerusalem rediscovers a common language — not one of uniformity, but one of communion, namely the harmony that arises when all persons assume their own role and recognize that their strength comes from the Lord" (MH 8).

These contrasting images are very striking and I was hooked when Pope Leo first laid these out. At the end of all things, humanity must come together, but which way? We may turn to a self-glorification by any means necessary or come together under God by supporting the common good. With technology and AI, it has some amazing power, but it also has a power to divide and cause new injustices (MH 9). As Spiderman once said: "With great power, comes great responsibility."

In order to avoid what Pope Leo calls "Babel Syndrome," he lays out four points on building for the common good. We must have 1) Relationship with God (MH 11), 2) Reconition and acceptance that humanity is always flawed (MH 12), 3) Roles for all peoples (MH 13), 4) An Evangelical Language, common to all. How I boil that down even more is this: Shared Faith, Humanity, Responsibility, Language. These are absolutely key to a happy and prosperous civilization that respects human dignity, aims for the stars, and keeps God at the center of our lives. No machine can ever replace us.

Next week we'll go over Paragraphs 14-45.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Alex

We extend a special THANK YOU to the

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

& to everyone who supported and generously donated toward the scholarship fund!

The Holy Name Society has

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(in no particular order).

Lillian Buckley

Julia Niton

Jermaine L. Kirkendoll

Brooklyn Gogel

Ryan Dietz

Jordan Sanchez

Giovanni Parras

Lukas Albin

May God continue to bless your journey & may you always walk in His light.

# Fortify Night

FELLOWSHIP + FOOD + MUSIC + DISCUSSION

JOIN FR. NATE AND FR. ALEX  
EACH MONTH REGARDING A DIFFERENT  
TOPIC ABOUT OUR FAITH

**ST. PETER MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

SESSION 6:

**Monday,  
June 22nd**

# NEW SANCTUARY FURNITURE AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

A new celebrant chair and deacon and server chairs have been purchased for Sacred Heart to match the aesthetic of the sanctuary. The previous chairs, which had been built by Dennis Williams, father of Rev. Ian Williams, have been returned to their creator, per Fr. Ian's request. The purchase of the new furniture was made possible through the generosity of the Georgia Quiggle estate. We thank Georgia posthumously for her gracious gift to Holy Family Parish, and we pray for her eternal rest.

— HOLY FAMILY PARISH —

# Young Adult GROUP

— G R O U P —



*Faith. Friendship. Fun. All are welcome!*

 WE MEET AT  
**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL**  
LAPORTE, IN

 **THURSDAYS**  
6:30–8:30PM

*Come as you are.  
Leave closer to  
Christ! ❤️*



**THURSDAY  
JUNE  
11<sup>TH</sup>**

**ROSARY WALK & VOLLEYBALL**

📍 **STONE LAKE BEACH, LAPORTE**

We'll pray the Rosary together and enjoy some volleyball and fellowship at the beach!



**THURSDAY  
JUNE  
18<sup>TH</sup>**

**REGULAR MEETING**

We'll sing, play games, and dive into Scripture together!



**THURSDAY  
JUNE  
25<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOLY HOUR**

🕒 7:00–8:00PM (We'll meet at 6:30PM)

Followed by light refreshments and fellowship!



**SATURDAY  
JUNE  
27<sup>TH</sup>**


**YOUNG ADULT DAY TRIP:  
TURKEY RUN STATE PARK**

🚗 LEAVING FROM SACRED HEART CHURCH  
PARKING LOT AROUND 8:00AM


All-day adventure, hiking, scenery, and fellowship! We'll return to LaPorte in the evening.

*Bring a friend.  
Grow in faith.  
Make memories. ❤️*

✝️ **QUESTIONS? MESSAGE US!**  
FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES & REMINDERS!



HAPPY  
*Father's Day*



FELIZ DÍA DEL PADRE

SUNDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

## Ladies!

Join us in June for Kingdom Builders



Questions?  
Contact Becky Minich  
219.851.3474

*Created for Joy ~ When we are journeying towards heaven, it can be easy to feel weighed down ~ carpoils, laundry, and dinner, oh my! However, God doesn't provide us with ruby slippers to find our way home; He gives us His Son. Ladies, join us in June to claim the joy that Jesus desires for you!*

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 7p-8:30p**

**Holy Family Parish, Sacred Heart Activity Center, La Porte, IN**

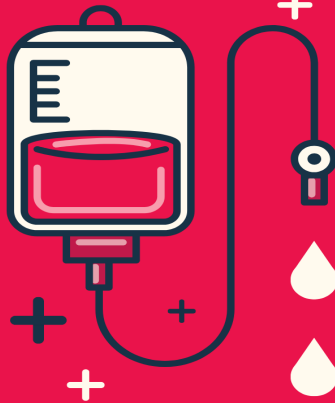
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 Kingdom Builders

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**Wednesday**

**July 1st**

**12-5 PM**

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# Men Growing in Discipleship

## Men's Small Group Study Series

- Men join us as we continue our journey into the discipleship of Jesus. It doesn't matter where you are on the journey, only that you desire to share it with your brothers! We have 2 opportunities each month.
- The 1st meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the St. Peter Ministry Center, John Paul II room, 7 PM.
- Second Saturday Adoration, Rosary, and Fellowship meets at St. Peter Church 8 AM. We spend 1/2 hour in Adoration & offering the Rosary for our intentions. Then move to the ministry center for coffee & fellowship.
- Contact Victor Stearns at [219-363-4313](tel:219-363-4313) for more information.

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So Much More!

**OUR WEEKS**

Red Carpet Week  
July 5<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Carnival Week  
July 12<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Week  
July 19<sup>th</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>

Food Service will be provided by Parkhurst Dining.

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# YOU'RE INVITED TO

## COLLARS VS. SCHOLARS CLASSIC

Division of Clergy Vocations

**PRIESTS**

**FRIDAY**  
**JULY 10, 2026**

**BBQ AT 5:00 PM**  
**GAME AT 6:00 PM**  
**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

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**5959 BROADWAY, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PRIESTLY VOCATIONS!

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# WAYS TO GIVE

HELP US TO MEET OUR CSA GOAL IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

## CASH

Cash is one of the easiest ways to make a charitable contribution. A cash contribution can be a check, money order or cashier's check.

## SECURITIES

A gift of securities may be given so that the donor receives a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the donated assets while avoiding capital gains tax on the donated assets. Holy Family Parish will work with you to facilitate the donation of both marketable and closely held securities.

## LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance is an easy way to make a significant contribution. You may give a policy that is no longer needed, take out a new policy, or name the Holy Family Parish as a beneficiary of an existing policy. Direct the proceeds, cash value of policy, or any portion of it to benefit your parish.

## BEQUEST

By instructing a bequest in your will, you can specify an amount or percentage from your estate naming Holy Family Parish as a permanent beneficiary.

## IRA CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

Using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified organization, such as Holy Family Parish. It is only available to IRAs and individuals who have reached a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) age, currently 73 years old. Any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your RMD requirement and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution. This lowers both your adjusted gross income and taxable income, resulting in a lower overall tax liability.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Making a donation in memory of someone special reflects your desire to make a lasting impact on the lives of others, just as your honoree has done. You may also include the desire for memorial gifts to be made in your name as part of your final plans. You may choose to designate memorial gifts for a particular purpose of your choice at Holy Family.

## RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Holy Family Parish may be designated as the beneficiary under a donor's qualified retirement plan benefits, including IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s, and Keogh (HR-10) plans. Retirement benefits may be the most tax-efficient way to make a gift to the parish.



## WAYS TO GIVE

Your Catholic faith is central to your life. You care deeply about the work of the Church within the Diocese of Gary. Pair your faith with your passion through a gift that will last forever. There are many ways to create a legacy of faith through Holy Family Parish. To find out more about helping with a gift today, or establishing a donation as part of your estate, please contact Madalyn Jozaitis at 219-362-2815 or [mjozaitis@holyfamilylaporte.org](mailto:mjozaitis@holyfamilylaporte.org).

# Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating a 5 year milestone anniversary or 50+ years of marriage are invited to join Bishop McClory for a special anniversary Mass and light luncheon. Families welcome.

June 21st, 2026 at 11 a.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Angels  
640 Tyler St., Gary, IN



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NORTHWEST INDIANA

# Family Swing Dance Event



June 28<sup>th</sup>  
5-8 p.m.



Notre Dame Michigan City  
Catholic School Gym  
1000 More Road, Michigan City, IN



All ages welcome

There will be a  
**Country Swing lesson**

from 5:00-5:30  
followed by  
open dancing



Light refreshments  
will be provided



No experience  
needed!



Free event



# QUO VADIS? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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219.769.9292  
ext. 221

## This Week at Holy Family Parish

### Meetings and Small Groups

**Men Growing in Discipleship** See information on a previous page.

**Prayer Shawl Group**—June 16th

Meeting is third Tuesday of each month at 10:30am, St. Peter Resource Center to knit shawls for those who need love, hope, and prayers. Contact: Patty Steele 219-575-0466.

**Kingdom Builders Small Group**—June 17th

Monthly meeting for women to share a reflection and dig deeper in our faith. 3rd Wednesday (10-11:30am) at the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel. Contact: Becky Minich - gandbminich@live.com, 219-851-3474.

**Bible Study**—Every Wednesday

Explore the Word of God with your friends on Wednesday mornings - immediately after the 8am Mass at Sacred Heart. If you have ever thought of joining a Bible Study, now is a good time to begin.

**Scripture Discussion**—Every Wednesday—Explore next Sunday's

Readings before you hear them at Mass. Participants marvel at how well the Old Testament and New Testament Readings correlate. Join us on Wednesday evenings (6:30-8:00pm) at St. Peter Ministry Center, Mother Theresa Room.

**Fit Shepherds** Every Saturday, 6:30am - 7:30am,

Boston Middle School Track, by the corner of 1st and C street. Fit Shepherds aims to help every man in our community be in the best physical and spiritual shape of his life. Meetings every Saturday morning at 6:30am at the Boston Middle School outdoor track. All men 16 and older are welcome.

**Fiat Fitness** Every Saturday -Women's exercise group that meets each week for prayer, movement, and fellowship. Women at all levels of fitness are welcome. Every Saturday, 7:15am - 8:15am, St. Peter Ministry Resource Center. Contact: Jan Edquist, 219-575-1597.

### Mass Check-ins

Mass Check-in cards aren't required again until Faith Formation classes resume in September.



**We are still recycling!!!**

We continue to collect ink cartridges, cellphones, tablets, Christmas lights, and NOW you may bring cables & cords from electronic devices. Please place the items in the box provided for the food pantry located in the church/office. Each item recycled is helping to support our food pantries. Thank you for helping to care for our environment and the earth.

### Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>6/7/26</b>
Regular Collection	\$19,776.00
Building & Maintenance	\$208.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00

## Special Thanks— Funeral Luncheon Volunteers

A special thank you to the parishioners that help provide a dish for a funeral luncheon. It takes many hands to give warmth to a family that has suffered a loss and we are blessed to have such caring volunteers.

Please take a moment to stop by the main office to pick up your dish/container, we want you to be ready when you get the call to help!

God Bless!

## Food Pantry Hours & Locations

### St. Vincent DePaul Society

(101 C St) Food Pantry is open every Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm. Clothing and small household items Annex is open every Monday from 3:00-5:00 pm and every Wednesday from 11am-2pm.

### Sacred Heart Food Pantry

(130 Bach St) Open every Tuesday, 1-2 pm.



## Knights of Columbus

### Fish Fry Cancellation Notice

Please note that there will be no fish fry in **June** at 412 Lincolnway, LaPorte.

## Prayer Squares



The prayer squares that are made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry with attached prayer cards are available in the narthex of all three churches. The squares are a reminder to pause and pray and we hope they will provide comfort to those in need of prayer. Please feel free to take one for yourself or someone you feel is in need of prayer.

## Support Holy Family Parish



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# Holy Family Parish Team

*Equipo parroquial de la Sagrada Familia*



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**St. Joseph** | *San José*  
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**We want to pray for you!**  
To submit a prayer request, scan the QR code or fill out the request form online:  
[www.holyfamilylaporte.org/prayer-request](http://www.holyfamilylaporte.org/prayer-request)  
To call in a prayer request, contact Donna Wagner at 219-363-1516 or Jean at 219-716-3414.



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