



**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
LAPORTE, INDIANA**

**THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL
WHO CALL UPON HIM.**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT HOLYFAMILYLAPORTE.ORG



A Community that Worships Together

adoración en comunidad

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Homilies are available on our YouTube channel.

www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte

Daily Mass

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+John Yates by Karen & Family

Wednesday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Greg Arndt by Wife Louise
- 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)
+Jim Wozniak by Karl & Jeanette Quinn

Thursday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Mary Konieczny by Spevak Family

Friday, September 25

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Don Turner by Dave Wegiel

Saturday, September 26

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+Dave & Phyllis Logan by Ron & Shirley

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 26, Vigil Mass

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
+Donna Lashinis by Dennis Young

Sunday, September 27

Reading 1 Ezekiel 18:25-28

Reading 2 Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

- 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
+John Marshall by wife, Libby
& Holy Family Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+Mickey Borg by Cathy & Chris Krochta
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Mary Kulasa by Family
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+Rev. Vladimir Janeczek by David & Sandy Surma

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

Mass Check-ins

Cards are located in the main entrance narthex (one per student).

Place in collection basket when done!

ALL Faith Formation students are expected to participate in Mass Check-ins.

 HOLY FAMILY PARISH Be a Family - Be Disciples		Faith Formation CHECK-IN Name (first & last): _____	
Mass Attended: Please circle one		Date: / /	
4:30 pm	7:30 am	Child's Class: Please circle one	Communion Prep (level 1, 2, or 3)
9:00 am	10:30 am	Confirmation Prep (level 1, 2, or 3)	Life in the Church (grades 4-6)
12:00 pm			

tarjetas de asistencia a misa

Las tarjetas están disponibles en la entrada (una para cada estudiante).

Pónganlas en la canasta durante el coleccion.

Se requiere que TODOS los estudiantes participen.

Low Gluten Host

To all Parishioners requiring a low gluten host: Before Mass please notify the sacristan of your need. At Sacred Heart and St. Peter's, low gluten hosts will be distributed by the EEM on the choir side of the Church. At St. Joseph, the celebrant distributes them.





The Fr. Kouris Korner

PILGRIMAGE PRAYERS

Sept 20th, 2026 | 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

For those who do not know, I am about to be going on a pilgrimage with forty parishioners from Holy Family to the country of Ireland. Our last pastor, Fr. Nate was the one who originally started this pilgrimage. Due to his assignment change to St. Paul in Valparaiso, he wanted to focus more on his new assignment since that will and has kept him busy, on top of his already busy role as Vocations Director. One day, before he left Holy Family, he had asked me to take over as chaplain of the pilgrimage to Ireland.



I have only been on one pilgrimage before this to Italy back in seminary. Maybe one other time I have been to France as a child, but I do not remember much. This will be my first pilgrimage that I will be the chaplain and spiritual leader. To be honest, I am nervous and not experienced, but I have been asking priests who have done pilgrimages for advice. I am happy to help in this way and get a chance to visit Ireland.

Ireland is not a place I had in mind for immediate pilgrimage. I would love to go to Fatima, Greece, or even Japan for pilgrimage and holy sites. But since the Lord has allowed me to join this group and serve the people through this, I will take it!

Some of the places that the pilgrims and I will go to are as follows: Most notably and famously, we will visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock where Mary appeared with certain saints and famously said no words, contrary to many other approved Marian apparitions. We will visit certain cities like Killarney, Dingle Bay, Cork, Waterford, and Dublin. This trip is a big circle around southern Ireland, what has historically been known as the Catholic side (the north was known as the Protestant side).



Scan here to send your petitions/intentions.



Well that's all nice for us who are pilgrimaging, but what about you who are staying behind at good ol' LaPorte? **While you may not be coming with us, you still can spiritually participate in the pilgrimage.** It is a great tradition for any pilgrimages to bring prayer intentions from friends, family, and parishioners. We will be doing the same. To all of our pilgrims preparing for the trip, I ask that you offer the ability to take down intentions for you to pray for while on our trip. **For our friends back home, you may submit your own prayer intentions and I will bring them to the various sites, churches, and moments of prayer throughout the trip.**

A Pilgrimage is not just some vacation in Catholic country but a spiritual trip. Yes, there are times of relaxation and enjoying the places we will visit, but it is also a time of spiritual renewal. Like a retreat, we are focused in growing in our relationship with God. Hence why it is great to bring prayer intentions so that we may continue to support the needs of the parish since we are taking time to pray more.

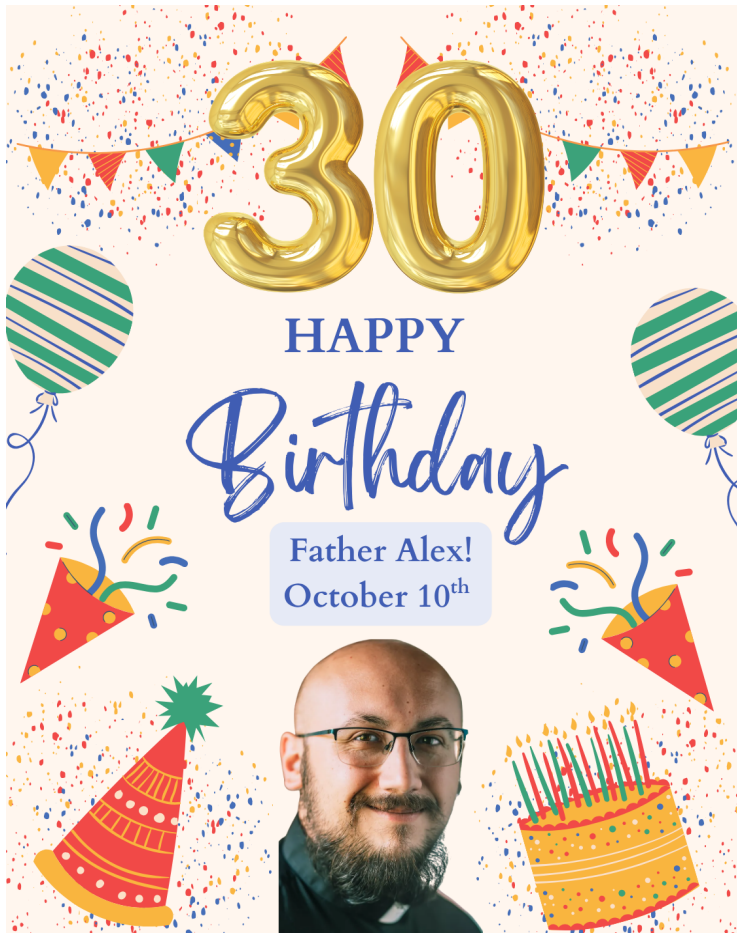
Whether you need specific prayers for yourself, for a friend, or something regarding the world, do not hesitate to send us your intentions. **You may use the QR code above or call/come to the offices at Sacred Heart and one of the secretaries can take your request down.** This way, we carry your hearts with us and offer prayers to God on your behalf.

The Pilgrimage to Ireland leaves on September 23rd this Wednesday, you have until then to send us your petitions. I pray you all had a good Mass in the Park (we needed space for the bulletin, so that's why there was no article last week).

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Alex





FAITH FORMATION

Catecismo

WEDNESDAYS: 5:15 PM - 6:45 PM

PRE-K - 6TH
CLASSES BEGIN: SEPT. 9TH
 Clases comienzan: 9 de Sept.

CONFIRMATION 7TH - 9TH
CLASSES BEGIN: SEPT. 16TH
 Clases comienzan: 16 de Sept.

REMINDER: COMMUNION 3 & CONFIRMATION 3 ATTEND CLASS WEEKLY

RECORDATORIO: COMUNIÓN 3 Y CONFIRMACIÓN 3 DEBEN ASISTIR A CLASES CADA SEMANA.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Or have never received a Sacrament?

CONSIDER JOINING OCIA!

WHAT DOES OCIA STAND FOR?

- OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

WHAT IS OCIA?

- OCIA is meant to assist those wishing to enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith. OCIA is all about developing a relationship with Jesus Christ.




CONTACT US!

ROB WHALEN

(219) 363-0756

ocia@holyfamilylaporte.org

¿Te interesa hacerte católico?

¿O nunca has recibido un sacramento?

¡CONSIDERA UNIRTE A OCIA!

¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA OCIA?

- OCIA significa Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos.

¿QUÉ ES OCIA?

- OCIA está destinada a ayudar a aquellos que desean entrar en la plenitud de la fe católica. OCIA se centra en desarrollar una relación con Jesucristo.




¡CONTÁCTENOS!

FELICITAS VILLA

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ocia@holyfamilylaporte.org

Holy Family/LaPorte &
Mary Mother of Mercy/ Michigan City
partner for a new High School

YOUTH GROUP

Every other Sunday at 6:00 PM

Fall/Winter 2026 schedule:

Sept. 20	LP	Nov. 15	LP
Oct. 4	MC	Dec. 6	MC
Oct. 18	LP	Dec. 20	LP
Nov. 1	MC		

Bring a friend!
Faith. Friends. Fun.

Alternate locations with meetings in LaPorte & Michigan City
LP = LaPorte / MC = Michigan City
LP meet at St. Peter's
MC meet at QAS Legacy Center

Catholic Young Adult Group

College age, 20s, 30s

TRIPARISH GATHERINGS:

MichiganCity/LaPorte/Valparaiso

1st Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Fall/Winter Schedule

Oct 1	Mary Mother of Mercy - MC
Nov 5	Holy Family - LP
Dec 3	St Paul - VA

Alternate loctions with meetings once a month at each campus
MC = Michigan City
LP = LaPorte
VA = Valparaiso

SIGN UP
TO HELP!

Holy Family Faith Formation Presents

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 25th 3 pm – 5 pm

St. Peter's Church Parking Lot

cars &
candy
needed!

scan
me



LES INVITAMOS A NUESTRO

MINISTERIO DE MATRIMONIOS

Invitacion Especial Para Parejas!

El Ministerio de Matrimonios tiene el gusto de invitar a todos los matrimonios a compartir un tiempo muy especial de comunión, enseñanza y bendición.

♦ Tendremos como invitada especial a:

La hermana Maria Egenia Gomez Duque
Misionera Sierva del divino Espiritu

♦ Fecha: 20 de Septiembre

♦ Hora: 5:30pm

♦ Lugar: Iglesia de San Pedro

No faltes. Ven con tu esposo(a)!

Creemos que sera una noche de mucha bendición para cada matrimonio y familia.

♦ Los esperamos con mucho cariño!

Para más información, comunícate con Salvador y Elizabeth Martinez





HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Be a Family - Be Disciples

UNIQUE CHANCE

HOLY FAMILY PARISH FALL RAFFLE

An evening of fun, refreshments, and prizes

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
ST. PETER MINISTRY CENTER
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

ADULTS — \$5
INCLUDES 4 TICKETS, DESSERTS & DRINKS

CHILDREN — \$3
INCLUDES DESSERTS & DRINKS

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
Sue Zolvinski (219) 575-1135
Donna Wagner (219) 363-1516

Donations Needed!

NEW DECORATIVE ITEMS OR HOMEMADE CRAFTS WANTED

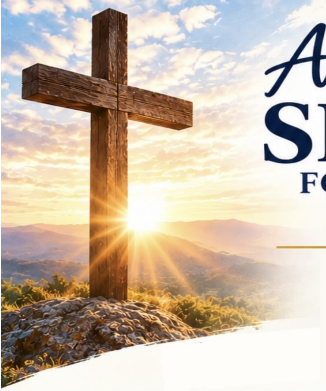
Please bring the items to the St. Peter Ministry Center lower level, on tables that will be identified with signs.

Donation Drop-off Times:

Saturday, September 26th: 9 am - 11 am
Saturday, October 3rd: 9 am - 11 am
Monday, October 6th: 9 am - 11 am

Want to lend a hand?

If you're able to help set up items during any of our drop-off times, feel free to join us!



All Informative SEMINAR

FOR OUR CATHOLIC PARISHIONERS

PLEASE JOIN US

 **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026**
at 2:00 p.m.

 **SACRED HEART CHURCH PARISH CENTER**
201 Bach Street
La Porte, IN

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION



FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING

Understanding your wishes and making thoughtful arrangements in advance.

Frank Keszei & Mori Piscione
Frank L. Keszei Funeral Home, Essling Chapel
La Porte, Indiana



ESTATE PLANNING

Learning about the importance of preparing for the future and protecting your loved ones.

Katie L. Anderson, Attorney at Law
Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones
La Porte, Indiana



SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Discovering ways to support the Catholic Church and its mission through charitable giving and stewardship.

Jennie Weer
Catholic Foundation of Northwest Indiana

Hosted By

Refreshments will be provided

La Porte County Public Library

Free English Classes

September 2026 - June 2027
Clases de Inglés Gratis
Septiembre 2026 - Junio 2027

Mejore su inglés, tenga más confianza y conozca nuevas personas en un ambiente amigable donde nadie lo juzgará.

Todos los materiales de clase se proporcionan sin costo para usted gracias a una subvención de la Fundación de Salud de La Porte.

Principiantes

Clases: Lunes y Miércoles, de 6:30-8:00pm
Iglesia Católica de San Pedro / Centro de Recursos de la Sagrada Familia
1101 Michigan Ave., La Porte, IN

Contacto: Cinder (213) 713-8484
cgrantpackwood@gmail.com

Intermedios

Clases por Zoom: Martes y Jueves, 7:00-8:30pm

Se requiere un correo electrónico o número de teléfono para participar.

Contacto: Judi (219) 363-0497
judi.ridley@gmail.com

Conozca el programa e inscribase:

Lunes, 14 de Septiembre a las 6:30pm.

¡Centro de Recursos de la Sagrada Familia!

HEALTH FOUNDATION of LA PORTE



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Partners in Christ's Mission



Our Goal:
\$115,168.49



Thank you for your generous donation towards this year's CSA!

Pledges Received:
\$144,027.12

Pledges Owed:
\$2,215.00

Happy All Saints Day!



OCTOBER 31ST VIGIL

4:30 PM MASS - ST. PETER CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1ST

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO HABITUAL DE MISA

VOTIVE CANDLE

Offering

Lighting a votive candle is a beautiful way to entrust your intentions to the Lord and remember loved ones in prayer.

\$5 OFFERING PER CANDLE

Your offering directly supports the purchase of replacement candles and helps us continue offering this devotion to everyone & anyone who visits our parish.

Need help? If you are unable to locate the votive candle offering box, please ask an usher for assistance.

MARIAN DAY

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3RD 2026

Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center
8212 W Hendricks Rd
Bloomington, Indiana 47403

for more info call 812-825-4642 Extn 1
or maryschildren.com



GUEST SPEAKER
ROY SCHOEMAN

1ST TALK 11:00AM

"My Conversion from
Jewish Harvard Professor
to Catholic Evangelist"

2ND TALK 2:30PM

"The Role of Judaism in Salvation History
from Abraham to the Second Coming"

SCHEDULE

9:30AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
10:15AM	Rosary Procession
12:00PM	Holy Mass
1:15PM	Lunch
3:45PM	Holy Hour

Rachel's Vineyard



*Healing the pain of abortion –
one weekend at a time.*

Northwest Indiana Retreat - 2026

September 25-27

Confidential registration

219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com

www.helpafterabortion.net

Respect Life Sunday **Right to Life of Northwest Indiana**

Join Together in Prayerful Public Witness

When: Sunday, Oct 4th

Time: 2 pm -3 pm

Where:



Chesterton Life Chain- Porter Bank or Farm Bureau parking lots
Call 219-424-Life (5433) for more information

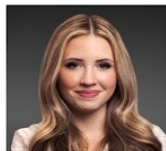
Michigan City Life Chain- 1501 Franklin St, corner of
W. Ripley and Franklin St. Call 219-861-9037 for more
information.

Valparaiso Life Chain- Lincolnway at Roosevelt Rd.
Please call 219-246-3763 for more information

During this one hour of public witness, we pray that hearts
and minds might be softened/changed for Life. We pray
specifically for the end of abortion and for the legal protec-
tion of the unborn. We need you and your family to help be
a voice for the voiceless and a light in a darkened world.

RIGHT TO LIFE NORTHWEST INDIANA FALL BANQUET

Keynote Speaker
Lydia Taylor Davis
National spokesperson for
Students for Life



Trinity Banquet Hall

640 N. Calumet
Chesterton IN 46304

SATURDAY 5:30 PM 24 OCTOBER 2026

\$45 Adults \$20 Students Table 8/\$350

Register or Donate Online at:

RTLNW.ORG

For more information:

219-561-1534 / right2lifenwi@gmail.com

ABILITY INCLUSION MINISTRY PICNIC

**The Ability Inclusion Ministry
invites people with disabilities and
their families to a picnic!**

Bring your own lunch and enjoy an afternoon of
fellowship and activities in a welcoming and
inclusive environment.

SATURDAY

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OCTOBER

**HOMESTEAD ACRES
AT 11 AM - 3 PM**

9921 OLCOTT AVE. ST. JOHN, IN 46373

RSVP TO EHACKETT@STM-SCHOOL.COM



This Week at Holy Family Parish

Meetings and Small Groups

Men Growing in Discipleship See information on a previous page.

Nourish for Caregivers Next Meeting October 7th, 6:30pm. Nourish is a Faith based support group that aims to provide support and assistance to anyone caring for a parent, spouse, child or loved one in their home. Meetings take place at 130 Bach Street (former Sacred Heart Rectory). Contact: Deacon Frank J. Zolinski – 219-575-1090.

Explore the Word of God—Every Wednesday
Two Opportunities

- 1) Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:30am
Read and discuss the Gospel according to Matthew.
- 2) Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:00pm
Read and discuss next Sunday's readings.

Both groups meet upstairs at the Ministry Center (Mother Theresa Room). All are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Bible and your desire to understand what God has given us in His Holy Scripture! The discussions are lively, enjoyable, and informative!

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.

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.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

donación sacrificada

Date:	9/13/26
Regular Collection	\$16,023.00
Building & Maintenance	\$1,359.00
Assumption	\$5.00
Latin America	\$10.00



Message from Fr. Roque Meraz & the Director of Safety and Security



PARKING INFORMATION

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL ESTACIONAMIENTO

For the safety of everyone, please keep in mind the following conditions when parking in the Holy Family Parish parking lots.

- **DO NOT park in Accessible Parking spaces unless you have a state issued license plate or parking placard.**
 - *NO se estacione en espacios de accesibilidad sino tiene una licencia o placa de acceso emitida del estado.*
- **DO NOT block the entrance/exits to the church parking lots.**
 - *NO bloquee la entrada/salida de los estacionamientos de la iglesia.*
- **DO NOT park in posted NO Parking areas.**
 - *NO se estacione en las zonas prohibidas.*
- **DO NOT park in driveway access.**
 - *NO se estacione en el acceso al camino de entrada.*
- **DO NOT block fire lanes.**
 - *NO bloquee los carriles de bomberos.*

Your cooperation is essential, as parking in these areas impedes emergency vehicles access to our facilities that may respond to an emergency at our churches.

VEHICLES ARE SUBJECT TO TOWING!
¡VEHÍCULOS ESTÁN SUJETOS A REMOLQUE!

Volunteer Opportunity: Sacred Heart Food Pantry

The Sacred Heart Food Pantry is looking for help to assist some of our patrons on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00. This would involve assisting some of our elderly and disabled patrons by carrying their groceries from the pantry across the street to the parking lot. The need is to fill in when our current people are not available. If you are interested and have questions, you can stop by the pantry on Tuesday, about 12:45 to see what we do. If you have any questions, you can call either Carol Bardon at 574-320-4059 or Louanne Kuzdas at 219-575-8056.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: The best fish dinners in La Porte return, Friday, October 9 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM dine in or carry out. Talk it up and invite friends to 412 Lincolnway, LP. Come down and enjoy a great dinner and fellowship.

Support Holy Family Parish



Do you want to support Holy Family Parish and our Mission to form disciples who serve? Use the QR code to make a contribution. | *Utilice el código QR para hacer una contribución.*

Holy Family Parish Team

Equipo parroquial de la Sagrada Familia



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Rev. Roque Meraz

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Rev. Alex Kouris

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Holy Family Parish
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Office Hours - Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

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St. Peter | *San Pedro*
1101 Michigan Ave

St. Joseph | *San José*
109 "C" Street



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

To call in a prayer request, contact Donna Wagner at 219-363-1516 or Jean at 219-716-3414.



Thank you to our bulletin Sponsor(s) of the Week:

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See full ad on the back of this week's bulletin!