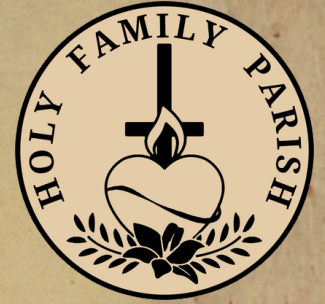


**THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
LAPORTE, INDIANA**

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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WELCOME!
¡BIENVENIDOS!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS HOMILIES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte

DAILY MASS:

Monday, October 26th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- + David Burke by Family

Tuesday, October 27th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- + Betty Hockney by Ava & Family

Wednesday, October 28th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- + James Satoski by kids

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)

- + Anastacio Martinez by Martinez Family

Thursday, October 29th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- Special Intention for Marie Kramer by Loretta

Friday, October 30th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- Intentions for Joanne Gorecki by Mary Milbrath

Saturday, October 31st

- 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
- + David Wilmeth by Family

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

Congratulations to:

Casey Felix Kilcoyne
Maren Clare Erne

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, Vigil Mass, October 31st

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
- + Gerald Cramer by Family

Sunday, November 1st

Reading 1: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

- 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
- + Mona Pavey by Mark & Nancy Parkman

Holy Family Parishioners

- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
- + Viet Pham by Family
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
- + Zofia Komperda by Anna Niton
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph

Por todos los Legionarios Difuntos by Familia Guzman

FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

**For the fruit(s) of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**



SACROSANTUM CONCILIUM 59-82

Back to Vatican II on the Liturgy Reforms, Chapter three focuses on the other Sacraments that the Church provides. Let me remind you the definition of a Sacrament so we can see what the Church is aiming for. A Sacrament is:

- **A Visible Sign** (Things we can taste, see, touch)
- **Instituted by Christ** (In the Gospels implicitly and explicitly)
- **Entrusted to the Church** (To the Apostles and their successors)
- **To Elicit Grace** (The divine life of God, making us holy)

Sacraments "sanctify men...build up the Body of Christ, and...give worship to God" (SC 59)

Since the Sacraments are part of the life of the Church and constitute the deep mysteries of the Faith, the Church desired to have this more visible to the general public. Things that were part of the holy traditions have been lost to time or certain elements or practices take the attention away from what the Sacrament is visibly signifying (SC 62). Revisions of these rites were in order.

The biggest main change is the overall use of the vernacular (common language) in the administration of the sacraments (SC 63a) along with revisions. When families came forth to baptize their children, no doubt they heard the priest ask them "Do you want your children to be baptized?" and when promptly responded yes, the child was baptized with the words "ego te baptizo in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti." To the non-latin knower, the priest did his thing and that was that.

Understanding what we do is extremely important especially for the Sacraments. Without the meaning, we drift off due to a lack of importance to what is at hand. Because the Sacraments are visible signs both in action and word, the faithful are to gather from the prayers and actions what God is doing to the recipient.

A big problem for today, however, despite now people able to hear, is that people must pay attention to the words they hear. Since it was the goal for the liturgical reforms to transform the "silent spectators" into active participants (SC 48), the vernacular helps people to overcome



Scan here to read the document yourself!



the Latin barrier (or in some cases, having an English/Latin private Missal in order to read along the prayers of Mass). But that does not matter when the faithful do not pay attention, listen to the words, and reflect on the meaning.

Moving on, what else was restored from the passage of time was the adult catechumenate or what is now known today as Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) (SC 64). Due to infant mortality being high, infant baptisms were highly prioritized. Instead of adults having a private instruction with the priest or a teacher, the Church wanted to bring back from the ancient Church the step-by-step of one who seeks interest in the Faith.

Last of note was the change to the Anointing of the Sick. What many of parishioners of older days used to know, this sacrament was called "Extreme Uncion" or "Last Rites" where they would be the final things one receives before departing from this life. They would receive Confession, the holy oil, and the Eucharist (Viaticum). Instead of keeping this, they wanted to offer the ability to receive the holy oil as the anointing of the sick to not only "those only who are at the point of death..." but "as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age."

This is a great change and one that still must be taught to this day. The Anointing of the Sick is often thought still as a last chance sacrament and people think that when a priest visits a hospital room that the grim reaper follows him. Rather, the Anointing of the Sick is something that all seriously sick people, that are not at the point of dying, can receive and should receive for its great graces that God pours out.

Next week we will read from Paragraphs 83-101.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Alex

Reminder:
SC = Sacrosanctum
Concilium

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

MASS IN THE PARK

Please take our Interest Survey of this Event!



*AGES 18+

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
St. Peter's Ministry Center
1110 Michigan Ave.
LaPorte, IN 46350

MEETINGS EVERY 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH

*Must be out of high school



For more information, contact: John Paul Wellinski - (219) 851-7639
Drew Noveroske - (219) 380-4552

Men Growing in Discipleship

Men's Small Group Study Series



- Men, join your brothers 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!
- The men meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the St. Peter Ministry Center, John Paul II room 7:00 pm.
- The second Saturday of the month, 8 AM at St. Peter Church, we do 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration. We will offer a Rosary for the intentions of the men and for our Parish. Afterward, join us for fellowship, coffee, and discussion.
- Contact Victor Stearns at [219-363-4313](tel:219-363-4313) for more information.



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

A vibrant purple poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. It features illustrations of children in costumes (a witch, a ghost, and a girl with a jack-o'-lantern) standing next to a car with its trunk open. The background is decorated with Halloween-themed items like pumpkins, spider webs, and candy. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.



Young Adults Are Invited To

HALLOWEEN POTLUCK

Holy Family Parish
St. Peter's Ministry Center LaPorte

— Please share a dish —
RSVP text or call @ (219)851-7639

OCTOBER 29
6:00-8:30pm

FOOD MUSIC FELLOWSHIP

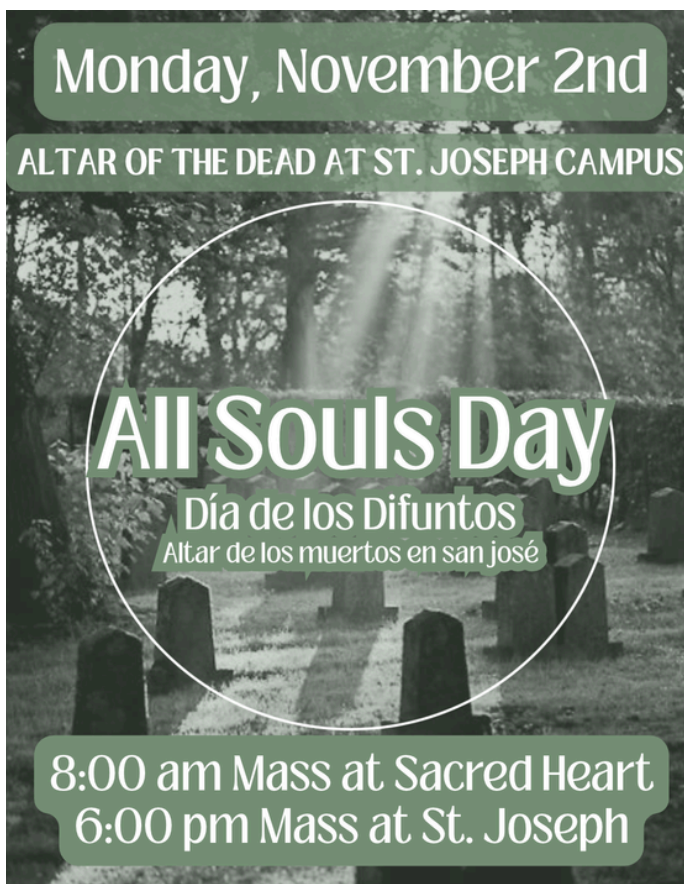
A dark-themed poster for a 'Halloween Potluck' event. It features a background illustration of a church at night with a lit-up steeple, surrounded by pumpkins and autumn leaves. The text is in a mix of orange, white, and red fonts.



Happy All Saints Day!

OCTOBER 31ST VIGIL
4:30 PM MASS - ST. PETER CHURCH
NOVEMBER 1ST
NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO HABITUAL DE MISA

A colorful illustration of various saints, including a pope, a knight, a nun, and a child, holding flowers. The background is a light beige color.



Monday, November 2nd
ALTAR OF THE DEAD AT ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS

All Souls Day

Día de los Difuntos
Altar de los muertos en san José

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart
6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph

A poster for 'All Souls Day' featuring a background image of a cemetery with tombstones and a circular frame around the text. The text is in white and green fonts.




November




FOOD DRIVE

COLLECTING FOOD THROUGH NOVEMBER 22ND
 HELP US RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY SHELVES FOR THE COLDER MONTHS AHEAD

- colecta de comida -
 Colecciones hasta el 22 de noviembre
 Ayúdanos a llenar nuestras despensas de alimentos para los meses más fríos que se acercan.

BAGS WILL BE LOCATED AT EACH CHURCH ENTRANCE

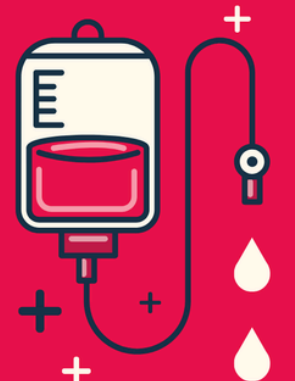
- Instant Oatmeal - Pancake Mix & Syrup - Peanut Butter & Jelly - Instant Potatoes - Instant Rice - Knorr Rice/Pasta Side Dishes - Toaster Pastries (PopTarts) - Canned Pork & Beans - Aluminum Foil	- Hamburger/Tuna Helper - Canned Beef Stew - Canned Tuna/Chicken - Canned Chicken & Dumplings - Pasta/Spaghetti Noodles - Canned Spaghetti Sauce - Canned Hash - Canned Chili - Saran Wrap	- Canned Soup - Coffee/Tea - Hot Cocoa Mix - Cereal - Kool-Aid - Cooking Oil - Flour - Sugar/Brown Sugar - Manwich
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PLEASE NO DONATIONS IN GLASS CONTAINERS

PLACE DONATIONS IN THE FOOD PANTRY BOXES LOCATED AT ALL THE CHURCH DOORS

+ DONATE +

+ BLOOD +



Wednesday

2nd

DECEMBER

12-5

Save someone's life with a drop of your blood!

Campana de donación de sangre
2 de Diciembre
 Done sangre para salvar la vida de alguien

@ SACRED HEART CAMPUS

GO TO:
redcross.org/give-blood



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

PARKING INFORMATION

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL ESTACIONAMIENTO

- 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!





Cemetery
Walk
& Rosary

Join your **local community** for a friendly **walk** while reciting the **rosary** for your **loved ones**.

**Sunday,
November 1st**
After 9:00 AM Mass
St. Joseph Church

*paseo por el cementerio
y rosario*



**VOCATION
AWARENESS**

**Pray For Us
November 1st - 7th**

LET THEM KNOW YOU APPRECIATE THEM
PARTICIPATE IN MASS ● SAY A ROSARY ● ATTEND ADORATION



**CHILAQUILES
BREAKFAST**

A traditional Mexican breakfast made with crispy tortilla chips tossed in red or green salsa, topped with cheese and sour cream.

**FULL OF
FLAVOR,**

**NOT
SPICY!**

**FREE WILL
DONATION
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**ST. PETER'S
MINISTRY CENTER**



**Office Closed
for
Thanksgiving**

**NOVEMBER
25TH, 26TH, AND 27TH**

**OFICINA CERRADA
POR
ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS**

YOUNG ADULT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & PRAISE
FR. IVAN ALATORRE, REFLECTION

BE STILL HE IS HERE

Encounter *Jesus*, Truly Present in the *Eucharist*



Bring your *questions*. Bring your *gratitude*. Bring your *heart*.
Come spend time with Jesus in prayer and praise

ADORATION FROM AGE TO AGE

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2026 ST. MICHAEL PARISH, SCHERERVILLE 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CATECHISM SERIES

- Grace
- Gifts
- Fruits
- Virtues



Tuesdays

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026
6:30 to 8 p.m.

at the Pastoral Center
9292 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410

Presenter:
Sean Martin
Coordinator of Faith Formation and Catechesis, Diocese of Gary

Registration Fee:
\$20 (includes all sessions)

Register today



 Diocese of Gary
dcgary.org

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Support Group

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If you are struggling with...**

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Same-sex attraction | Shame and self-hatred

Living Waters is a 20 week confidential, closed group for men and women 18 and older with trained leaders.

For more information about the Living Waters program, visit
desertstream.org/who-we-are

 **Wednesdays**
6 to 8:30 p.m.
Starting Nov. 4th

 **Queen of All Saints Legacy Center**
1725 E Barker Ave,
Michigan City, IN

 **Registration is required:**
philomena@qas.org

 **Cost:**
\$40 for workbook

 Diocese of Gary
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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November 5th, 2026 | 7pm

Sacred Heart Church

Annual Memorial Mass to pray for and remember all our beloved deceased from this past year.

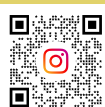


Misa conmemorativa anual para rezar por todos nuestros seres queridos fallecidos durante el último año y recordarles.

LOVE GOD AND LOVE OTHERS



JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Here, Jesus tells us that we must love God with all our hearts and we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

Aquí, Jesús nos dice que debemos amar a Dios con todo nuestro corazón y que debemos amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos.

This Week at Holy Family Parish**Meetings and Small Groups****Fall Book Club Meeting - Tuesday, October 27th**Sessions are at: **8:50 AM OR 6:30 PM**

See more information on a previous page.

Contact: Deacon Frank J. Zolvinski – 219-575-1090.

Men Growing in Discipleship

See page 4 for more information.

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!

HFP | Young Adult Group (Ages 18+) - Thursday, October 29th

Meetings are every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month from 6:30-8:30pm. Located at St. Peter Ministry Resource Center, 1110 Michigan Ave, La Porte.

For more information, contact:

John Paul Wellinski 219.851.7639 and Drew Noveroske 219.380.4552

Fit Shepherds - Every Saturday from 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 from 7:15am - 8:15am

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.

Peace and Justice.

Our U. S. Bishops remind us that participation in elections is a key component of faithful citizenship for U.S. Catholics. This **November 3rd** be sure to exercise your right as a faithful, Catholic and vote for the candidates of your choice. Vote in person at a vote center polling place. Remember to bring your Indiana picture ID or Driver's License. For further information call **219-362-6808** or go to <https://www.vote.org>, <https://indianaacc.org> or <https://USCCB.org>

Stewardship of Sacrificial GivingRegular Collection **\$15,313.58**Building & Maintenance **\$1,450.00**World Mission Sunday **\$1,192.00****St. Vincent DePaul Society**

They look forward to assisting the people of the community (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.

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.

Backyard Farmers

Thank you to all our wonderful backyard farmers who shared their harvests.

We will continue to accept produce until the end of harvest between

11:30 - 12:45 every Tuesday.

Blessings to all! - The St. Francis Committee

**New Protocol For Bulletin Submissions**

Due to sizing and image quality we would like the following to be sent if you want something in the Bulletin.

- **Try to SEND TEXT ONLY** - We will create the AD to avoid sizing issues
- **SEND QUALITY IMAGES** - Will be hard to read if not
- **FEWER WORDS THE BETTER** - Allows for Larger Text
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We Want to Pray for You!

¡Queremos rezar por ti!

To submit a prayer request: scan the QR code below and fill out the form
OR go to:

<https://www.holyfamilylaporte.org/prayer-request>



Want to call in?

Please Call

Donna Wagner at 219-363-1516

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