

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

LAPORTE, INDIANA

MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS HOMILIES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.
www.youtube.com/c/HolyFamilyLaporte

DAILY MASS:

Monday, November 9th
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Deceased members of L.Lazarek Family

Tuesday, November 10th
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Jack Bitterle by Communion Team Mia, Anne, Tom, Barb, Emma, Rose, Jim, John, Jerome

Wednesday, November 11th
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Frances Muller by Loretta Rudolph
• 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph (Spanish)
+ Jose Manuel Martinez by Martinez Family

Thursday, November 12th
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Charlotte Ambers by Darlene Minich

Friday, November 13th
• 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+ Dennis Wozniak by Mary

Saturday, November 14th
• 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Edward Andrews by Larry Andrews & 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**

In Memoriam

In Memoriam

Rayetta Sandy
Hermelinda Lopez
Joan Hensell

AND TO ALL OUR VETERANS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, Vigil Mass, November 14th
• 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Peter
+ Adam Duda by Family
Holy Family Parishioners

Sunday, November 15th
Reading 1: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
• 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
+Betty Mikowski by Leo & Susan Poynton
• 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+ Mickey Borg by Bill & Cathy Boklund
• 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
+Michael LaFay by Pat Mistak
• 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph
+Luis Arteaga

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
I will remember you upon my couch,
and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:
You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

SACROSANTUM CONCILIUM 83-111

I hope you enjoyed Fr. Roque's article on Relics and a word from our seminarians, because it is time to get back to the reforms! We are covering two chapters today, chapters 4 and 5: the Divine Office and the Liturgical Calendar.

Now, these might not matter much to the average Catholic, but they are unique for us to dive into because both are vital to the life of the Church despite not being the primary point of focus that being the Mass.

What is the Divine Office? In other names, it is the Liturgy of the Hours, the Breviary that clergy and religious pray every day and a common devotion that anyone can pick up if they so wish. It is a praying of the psalms on a day by day basis, something Our Lord would have done as a faithful Jew. "It is the very prayer which Christ Himself, together with His body [the Church], addresses to the Father" (SC 84).

Before the Council, there were 8 "hours" or times one would pray these psalms. Clergy and religious were required to stop and pray these periods throughout the day as to fulfil what St. Paul commanded to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:11). This helped us remind that we must constantly turn to Christ in our day to day activities (SC 86). The Council wanted to streamline the process for diocesan clergy and remove any duplications from past reforms.

Thus, one hour was removed due to be similar to period called lauds (morning prayer) and the hours Terce, Sext, and None (3, 6, 9) were rebranded to Midmorning, Midday, and Midafternoon and only one was required by the clergy to pray every day versus all three. The late or nightly hour (Matins) was rebranded to Office of Readings which could be said at any time and include readings from the Scriptures and Church Saints. Lauds, Vespers and Compline (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer) remained the same (SC 89).

Pre V2	Post-V2
Lauds (Early Morning)	Office of Readings (anytime)
Prime (Morning)	Morning Prayer (Lauds)
Terce (Midmorning)	Miday Prayer (choose 1)
Sext (Midday)	• Midmorning
None (Midafternoon)	• Midday
Vespers (Evening)	• Midafternoon
Compline (Night)	Evening Prayer (Vespers)
Matins (Over-night)	Night Prayer (Compline

Scan here to read the document yourself!



Why would the council do such a change? Well, as I remember the stories I hear from my older brother priests, the breviary at some point became a burden in our busy work. What was supposed to be prayed at different hours of the day sometimes gets shifted to the end of the day which leads the typical diocesan priest to "pray" his 6 hours 20 minutes before he goes to bed. Religious, since they live by a rule of life, are not as burdened and thus can pray all 7 hours normally since it is built into their schedule.

Chapter 5 focuses on the Liturgical Calendar. What changes needed to happen with the calendar? The Church wanted to remind us the important certain feast days are throughout the year so that in the changes of seasons we recall the mysteries of redemption...so that these are in some way made present for all time, and the faithful are enabled to lay hold upon them and become filled with saving grace (SC 102).

One day in particular is the Lord's day. The day of which our Salvation occurred on the third day from the death of Christ, Sunday. As the original feast day, it has prime importance in the calendar which it cannot be overruled by another feast day "unless they be truly of greatest importance" like Holy Days of Obligation. Along with that, the Council called once more that Sundays should be a day of rest and not work, something we have unfortunately lost in our culture today (SC 106).

Lastly, how we categorize saint and feast days was created through the reforms of Vatican II. Before the council, everyone had the same level of feast day, include the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mother Church wanted us to prioritize certain feasts over others (SC 111) That is why you may see on the calendar words like "Optional Memorial" "Feast" "Solemnity" which gives precedence on what should be celebrated.

Next Week, we will read from paragraphs 112-121.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Alex

Reminder:
SC = Sacrosanctum Concilium

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 $$$

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

ST. PETER'S MINISTRY CENTER

Questions?
Contact Mary Wellinski
219.380.6303



Ladies!

Join us in November for Kingdom Builders

The Potter's Love ~ It is easy to get distracted from the true meaning of Christmas. God is inviting us to a deeper surrender this Advent. He is calling our focus away from presents, so that we may rest in His presence. Ladies ~ Join us in November and allow yourself to be wrapped in the warmth of the Potter's love.

Monday, November 9, 6p-7:30p
Holy Family Parish, St. Peter Ministry Center, 1101 Michigan Ave, La Porte
Presentation - 6p, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Benediction - 6:45p

Kingdom Builders
www.BuildingThroughHim.com

Advent SOUP and SUBSTANCE



WITH FR. ROQUE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
6:00 PM
AT
SACRED HEART ACTIVITY CENTER

GATHER FOR A LIGHT MEAL & SUBSTANTIVE TALK



Join us for THANKSGIVING MASS

Thursday, November 26th
9:00 AM

Sacred Heart Church

Start your holiday by Giving God Thanks and Praise!

Acompáñanos en la misa del Día de Acción de Gracias

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

PLEASE NO DONATIONS IN GLASS CONTAINERS

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

NEW UPDATE

MASS IN THE PARK

Please take our Interest Survey of this Event!

Diocese of Gary
VOCATIONS CORNER

Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, and Religious Life. Your prayers and support are powerful!

If you know a young man or woman who you believe has the qualities to become a priest, deacon, religious brother, or sister, please submit their name to the parish office or place it in the collection basket for the **Called by Name** campaign.



MAY SHE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

In Memory of Sister Robertann Lathrop

Sister Robertann Lathrop, a beloved member of our Holy Family Parish community, passed away on October 14. Many parishioners will remember her as their first-grade teacher at St. Joseph School. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at age 15 and dedicated 44 years to teaching, including 24 years at St. Joseph School in La Porte.

Sister Robertann was especially proud of two former students who became priests in the Diocese of Gary, **Father Ted Mauch & Father Nate Edquist**, both of whom celebrated her funeral.

Although remembered by some students as strict and even a little intimidating, she was also deeply generous, thoughtful, and caring. She taught generations of children to read, nurtured their faith, and enthusiastically supported the school through calendar and raffle ticket sales.

With gratitude for her life, vocation, and unwavering dedication to Christ and those she served, we remember Sister Robertann as a faithful servant of God.

Prayer for Vocations

"Lord of the harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. May vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people." **— Pope Francis**

Diocese of Gary Vocations — www.garyvocations.com


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Noche Fortify
CONVIVENCIA + COMIDA + MÚSICA + REFLEXIÓN
ACOMPÁÑANOS CON EL PADRE ROQUE
PARA UNA CHARLA ESPECIAL DE ADVIENTO
ESCUELA DE SAN PEDRO
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
LUNES, 16 DE NOVIEMBRE


Advent
Fortify Night
FELLOWSHIP + FOOD + MUSIC + DISCUSSION
JOIN FR. ROQUE
REGARDING A SPECIAL ADVENT TALK
ST. PETER MINISTRY RESOURCE CENTER
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday, November 23rd


Office Closed for Thanksgiving
NOVEMBER 25TH, 26TH, AND 27TH
OFICINA CERRADA POR ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS


MAGI TREE
-Take a tag- -Buy the gift-
-Tape the tag on the wrapped gift-
DEADLINE FOR GIFTS TO BE RETURNED IS DECEMBER 20TH
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 29TH
ESCOJA UNA ETIQUETA - COMPRE EL REGALO - PEGUE LA ETIQUETA EN EL REGALO ENVUELTO. TODOS LOS REGALOS DEBEN SER PUESTOS BAJO CUALQUIERA DE NUESTROS ÁRBOLES EN NUESTRAS IGLESIAS EMPEZANDO EL 29 DE NOVIEMBRE. LOS REGALOS DEBEN SER ENTREGADOS EL DOMINGO, 20 DE DICIEMBRE.


Advent by Candlelight
An Afternoon of Prayer, Fellowship & Reflection
Sunday, December 6, 2026 | 3:00 PM
St. Peter Ministry Resource Center
Ladies of all ages are invited to prepare their hearts for Christmas through prayer, fellowship, an Advent reflection, and delicious treats by candlelight!
TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:
Host a Table:
Invite 5–7 women, decorate your table, and provide a dessert for the buffet.
Attend as a Guest:
Register individually to reserve a seat at the community table.
FREE EVENT • RSVP REQUIRED • LIMITED SPACE
Register with Becky Minich:
(219) 851-3474 | gandbminich@live.com


FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FIESTA DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN
Monday, December 7th
Vigil Mass - 6:00 pm Mass at St. Peter Church
Tuesday, December 8th
8:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church
6:00 pm Mass - St. Joseph Church (Bilingual)



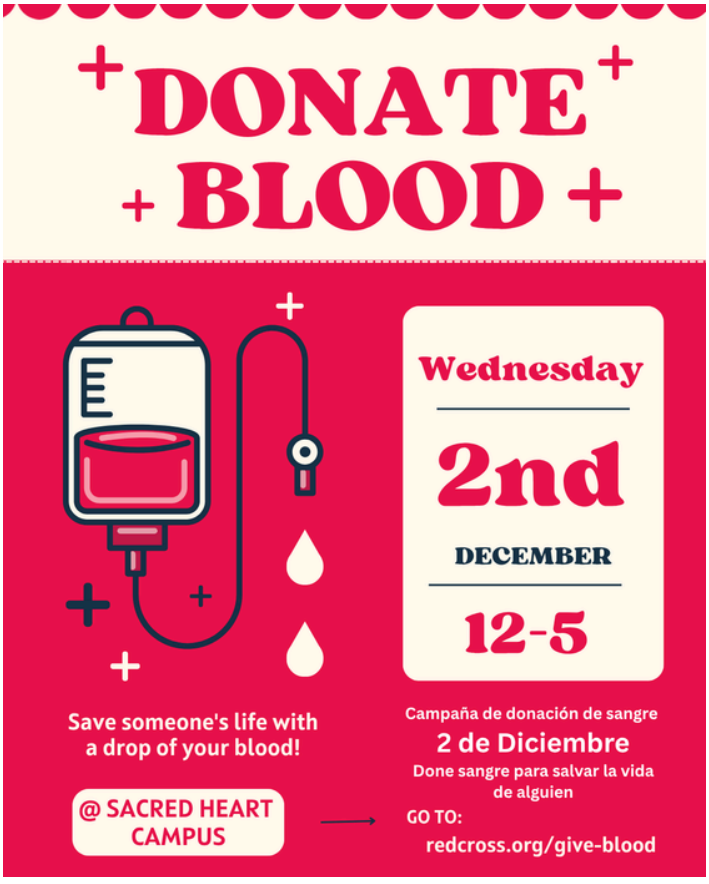

JOIN FR. ALEX IN TRYING OUT
HOLY FAMILY
RUN & WALK CLUB
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16 & 23
SACRED HEART CHURCH
4:00 PM
CLEAR LAKE
Accountability to stay active
Walk/Run at your pace and length
Leave whenever you feel like it
Come out just to get out with a friend to enjoy the fall weather.
Meet at Sacred Heart, walk/run around Clear Lake/Fox Park


The ADVENT ADVENTURES with FATHER NATE
INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A BOOK?
USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO RESERVE A COPY!
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN.
CONSIDER BUYING A BOOK & SHARE WITH A FRIEND!
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
THECATHOLICADVENTURES.ORG
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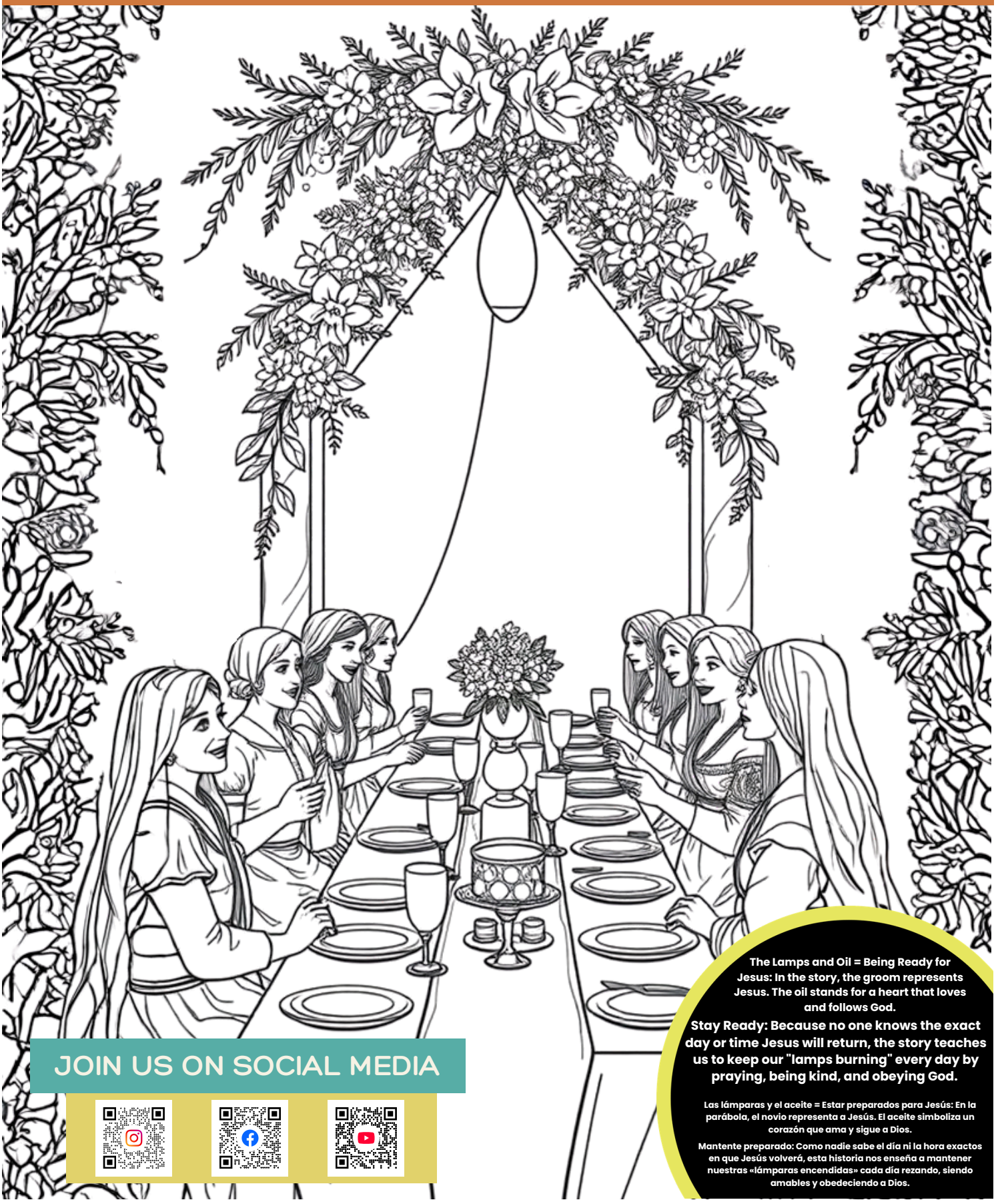

NFCYM'S STORYTELLING INITIATIVE
CALL FOR STORIES
WE'RE LOOKING FOR CATHOLIC TEENS, AGES 13-17, TO SHARE THE STORY OF HOW GOD MOVES THEM FOR A VIDEO SERIES.
DETAILS AND SUBMISSION LINKS AT WWW.GARYOYYA.ORG/STORYTELLING
Diocese of Gary


Amatus
For young adults ages 18-39
Retreat Highlights
Spiritual talks
Reconciliation
Fellowship
Prayer and Adoration
Small Group Reflection
Closing liturgy with Bishop Robert J. McClory
December 5-6
Lindenwood Retreat Center
9601 S Union Rd, Plymouth, IN
DIOCESE OF GARY
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Questions?
ContactVicky at vhathaway@dcgary.org
Register
dcgary.org/amatus


Acompáñenos
a una plática sobre
la Humildad y Generosidad
"Porque el que se humilla será exaltado y el que da, recibe más."
Lucas 14:11
20 de Noviembre 2026
a las 6:00 p.m.
en la Cafetería de San Pedro
¡Todos son bienvenidos!


DONATE
BLOOD
Wednesday
2nd
DECEMBER
12-5
Save someone's life with a drop of your blood!
@ SACRED HEART CAMPUS
Campaña de donación de sangre
2 de Diciembre
Done sangre para salvar la vida de alguien
GO TO:
redcross.org/give-blood

CHILDREN'S CORNER
RINCÓN INFANTIL



The Lamps and Oil = Being Ready for Jesus: In the story, the groom represents Jesus. The oil stands for a heart that loves and follows God.

Stay Ready: Because no one knows the exact day or time Jesus will return, the story teaches us to keep our "lamps burning" every day by praying, being kind, and obeying God.

Las lámparas y el aceite = Estar preparados para Jesús: En la parábola, el novio representa a Jesús. El aceite simboliza un corazón que ama y sigue a Dios.

Mantente preparado: Como nadie sabe el día ni la hora exactos en que Jesús volverá, esta historia nos enseña a mantener nuestras «lámparas encendidas» cada día rezando, siendo amables y obedeciendo a Dios.

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

This Week at Holy Family Parish

Meetings and Small Groups

Kingdom Builders - **Monday, November 9th**
See Poster on Page 7 for more Information

Our Lady of the Snows Circle - **Tuesday, November 10th**
Meeting at St. Peter Resource Center on the second Tuesday of each month at **11:30 am** to pray the Rosary, break bread, and fellowship. Bring a bag lunch.
Contact: Rhea Ferrell at 219.575.1576.

Men Growing in Discipleship
See website 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!

Advent Soup and Substance (Fr. Roque) - **Thursday, November 12th**
6:00pm - 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Activity Center
More information on Previous Page



Fish Fry - **Friday, November 13th**
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: The best fish dinners in La Porte return, Friday, 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.



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.



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.



Women's Care Center: Announcement

Counselor
LPN/RN/Ultrasound Tech

The Women's Care Center in La Porte is looking for individuals who shares our prolife commitment to serving others with compassion. Our mission is to help pregnant women choose life for their babies, have healthier pregnancies, and become better parents...with support from cradle to kindergarten. 92% of moms choose life for their babies!
We are currently hiring for a full-time Counselor as well as a full-time LPN/RN/Ultrasound Tech. A nursing degree OR ultrasonography is required for the Ultrasound position and Spanish-speaking is a plus for either position!
For more information and to apply, please email MaryClare Chittle at

maryclare@womenscarecenter.org .

Also, please visit our website: https://www.womenscarecenter.org/
If you know someone who might be a good fit, please share this announcement with them! Join us in serving our community and new mothers.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Regular Collection **$17,446.94**
Building & Maintenance **$110.00**
All Saints/All Souls - **$1,718.00**
Holy days - **$205.00**
Christmas Flowers **$10.00**
Catholic Campaign for Human Development **$20.00**



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.

St. James Parish, 9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland IN 46322 is having a Holiday Craft Fair and **Bake Sale on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am to 3 pm.**





Sacred Heart Food Pantry

130 Bach Street - **Open Every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 PM**. They collect and distribute nonperishable items and personal care items for Laporte residents needing assistance.



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*
- **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY TUESDAY AT 5PM TO BE SEEN IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE**

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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
Jean at 219-716-3414



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