



Faith Journey

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From the Pastor's Desk



"Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." - Ronald Reagan

This statement is very true. We see from the very beginning of the church that the disciples of Jesus used situations of struggle and disagreement as opportunities to build a stronger sense of community and thus foster unity and peace among the faithful.

I joined the Conventual Franciscan Order in India during July of 2001. In 2002, a huge scandal broke out in the USA. It was big news in the Catholic Church worldwide. My spiritual director at that time told me; you have the choice to continue having faith in God and hope in the church or discontinue if the religious life does not make any sense to you based on all these happenings around the world. But before you continue take this as a message, that if you don't realize the value of your call and the responsibility it brings with it, you may also fall. Ministerial priesthood is for service, but if you use it as opportunity, it will lead to destruction. Still if you continue, be ready to face questions and accusations which will either deepen or weaken you in your faith. As a 19-year-old, it was a tough decision.

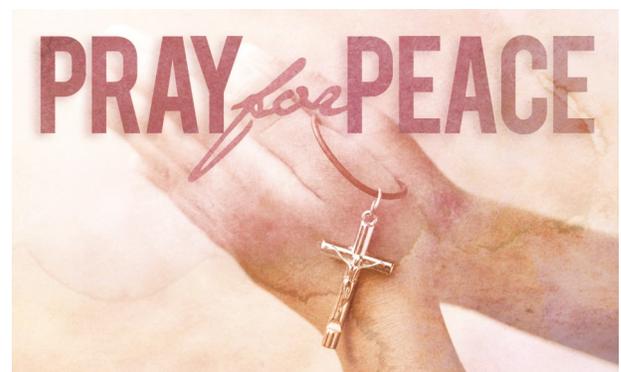
When scandal loomed again, it was a time of shock, dismay, anger, disillusionment, distrust, and all kinds of other negative feelings which created a vagueness about what to do or how to respond to something that should have never happened in the church. Together with the victims, survivors, their families, the faithful, priests and religious in good standing, we all feel this pain. The scandals from 2002 until today, have damaged the church and the lives of the faithful.

The secular world around us is trying to squeeze and destroy the catholic ideal and morally painting our beliefs as utopian ideas. In the background of the sex abuse scandal, many people, especially the media, are asking, **"How can you stay Catholic after realizing the intensity of all these scandals?"** I know that adults, our young generation of teenagers, college students and even young adults struggle to find answers to these questions. They seek help and proper guidance. We must discuss these scandals out in the open and provide good information. These discussions are opportunities for them to feel that they are not alone, but accompanied and guided; that they are part of the Church, and they are heard. These moments increase their confidence and trust, both in God and the Church and help them to deepen their relationships. These conversations will help us to figure out the changes we have to bring at a personal level, parish level and institutional level of the Church to create a bright future. A well informed community can grow together and be effective spiritually and magisterially.

In September, St. Joe's will be sharing a book titled **"Letter to a Suffering Church"**. Bishop Robert Barron explains the sexual abuse crisis in the church and what our response should be as Catholics. I encourage all to take time to read it together as a family and discuss. Please feel free to come with your doubts, concerns, and questions when we have an open discussion about these concerns. Peacefully let us try to understand the situation and find out what would be the best solution.

God Bless,
യേശുക്രിസ്തുവിൽ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം,
(In the Love of Jesus Christ)

Friar Savio





Saints in Training

Did you know that you could be a saint one day? When I think about this, I begin to think about how I live my life. Am I living a life that I want others to remember? What will others say about me when I am gone? It's not too late to change your life if you are not happy with how it looks now. Just think about how this world could be if we all began to think about others instead of ourselves. If only we would learn to forgive and love one another instead of getting angry and getting even. This year the theme for Religious Education is "Saints in Training". The students will be talking about the saints and how they lived their lives. They have set an example for us and should be one that we follow. Their way is not always easy and cannot be done in one day but we can start with baby steps and hopefully change our lives by following their example.

St. Teresa of Calcutta gives us an example of how we can help others. She left home at the age of 18 and became a Sister of Loreto in Italy. She later left the order and went to Calcutta to work with the poor. How do you help the poor and needy in our community? St. Therese of Lisieux became a Carmelite nun at the age of 15. She lived her life serving God and others. Everything she did, she did for the love of God and others. Do you do everything out of love and without complaining?

This year I will be offering sessions for parents once a month called "Growing Up Catholic". The first session will be September 29 at 10:15 am. The sessions will be held in the Gregorian room but because of scheduling

conflict, our first meeting will be in the University Ministry Center (2nd floor of Parish Center). The topic will be "7 Ways to Help your Kids to Heaven". The sessions are geared to help parents raise their kids in the faith and in everyday life.

Peace,
Elizabeth Davis



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept. 29—Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass
- ◆ Sept. 29—Growing up Catholic 10:15 am
- ◆ Oct. 6—1st Reconciliation Parent meeting 10:15 am
- ◆ Oct. 27—Children's Liturgy at 9 am
- ◆ Oct. 27—Growing Up Catholic 10:15 am

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ENCOUNTER

This year I take on a new hat at St. Joe's. While continuing as Director of Religious Education, I will also become the Director of Youth Ministry. I am excited about this new adventure and what God has in store for our teens! This year Youth Ministry will be called "Encounter". It will be a time to encounter Christ and our relationship with Him. Teens will meet on Sunday evenings from 5 — 6:45 pm in the University Ministry Center (2nd Floor of Parish Center). Confirmation for Sophomores—Seniors will begin in January 2020 with Confirmation in August.



Does your teen like to sing? Do they play an instrument? Are they wanting to get more involved in the Mass? We have some wonderful opportunities at our liturgies, such as: Server, Hospitality Minister, Lec-

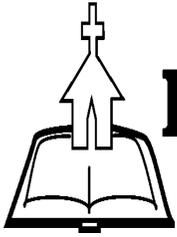
tor, Eucharistic Minister or Music Ministry. We need more ministers at the 7 pm liturgy and would love to have our teens get involved this year!

NCYC is November 21—23 in Indy! NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) gathers over 23,000 Catholic High School youth (grades 9—12) and their adult leaders from across the nation to encounter Christ, experience church, and be empowered for discipleship. Teens will pray together, listen to keynote speakers and just have fun with hands-on activities. This is an event you do not want to miss!!



I am excited about this new adventure at St. Joe's and hope that your teen will be a part of it! Parents are always encouraged and welcome to participate. If you would like to help out on Sunday evenings, please let me know.

Peace,
Elizabeth Davis



From the Associate Pastor

Change

As I write this message I am looking forward to the change of seasons with fall ushering in all the beauty and color that come with autumn. I was hoping that is what I would be seeing as I traveled from El Paso to here last fall but I understand it was not a usual fall. I did, however, enjoy the spring and all the festive colors of new birth and burgeoning life. How beautiful and exciting change can be! However, as I grow older I find that I do not always find change something to look forward to. I have found that change of assignments has been a mixture of sadness and joy. Departing brings sadness but the new adventure brings excitement and joy. Of course, as a Franciscan, change is part of the life style I have chosen to live.

Reflecting on change I am beginning to see that change is a necessary part of life. From birth to death all living things undergo change and development and then decline. It is part of the life cycle. With those changes often come awesome beauty, but that depends on how you view things. While spring is a beautiful example of nature coming to rebirth, autumn is really the beginning of the demise of those very things that came to life in the spring. Often times it is the process of dying that brings out the beauty of the dying leaves.

Change is absolutely necessary for the process of growth and development to occur within ourselves and within all of creation. I was always taught that God does not change. He is the one stable factor in all of His creation. I no longer believe that God is changeless. I think that God *is change!* For me, God is not a static thing but rather a dynamic being who is the basic force or power that keeps everything in existence. In the Book of Exodus when Moses asks God his name, He replies: "I Am Who Am" (Exodus 3:14). Note the name He gives is not a noun but a verb, not something static but active. God is not so much a "person" as an "activity". I could readily relate to those who saw "the Force" in Star Wars as a symbol for God. All through Exodus God is actively directing his people through signs and wonders, directly and through Moses.

When Jesus came he ushered in a new stage or development with his healing ministry restoring what had been broken (physically and spiritually). He established the Church to continue this ministry to the end of time promising to be with his people through all ages. If God is really a God of change, if Jesus came to inaugurate a ministry of healing and restoration, then it is the task of

the Church to continue to be a dynamic force of change and development in the world. While we have gotten stuck at various periods of our history we are moving forward once again trying to be a pilgrim people on the move. This is not easy for the Church in general or for us as individuals.

We long for stability and security. Tradition has often been used to provide stability and security but has also prevented growth and development. While tradition provides us with a certain amount of stability we need to be rooted in good soil; nevertheless we also need to grow and develop. There has to be a balance between what has gone before and what is yet to come. It is not a matter of 'either or' but of "both and". In Matthew's Gospel Jesus concludes his preaching on the Kingdom with these words: "Every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old" (Mt. 13:52).

I have come to the conclusion, as difficult as it might be, I have to not only accept change in my life but actually welcome it as God's plan for me. Then, perhaps, I can be the spring or the fall in God's eyes!

Peace and all good things,

Friar Cyprian

Join the Friars on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 9 am Mass for Coffee & Donuts in the Gregorian Room!



New Parishioners

Please welcome our new parishioners to the SJUP family!
We are blessed to have you!

**Ken & Jen Ferguson and
Theo & Phillip**

Phyllis Smith

A Pastoral Response: On the Notion of Sex and Gender Identity

It is the 800-pound gorilla in the room. Why has the Church struggled so much with topics regarding sex and sexual identity? After all, aren't the teachings of the Catholic Church clear and unambiguous?

In truth, the idea of sex is clear, binary and stable. However, the concept of gender has over time been systematically removed from the notion of biological sex and is not so clear-cut in the minds of an increasingly secular population. Rather than a binary assignment that accompanies one's sex, gender is seen as a continuous spectrum of choices. This approach is exceptionally novel, but pervasive in modern times.

The Sexual Revolution, which began in the 1960's has gained momentum in recent years and has grown from simply promoting sex outside of marriage to promoting homosexuality, gender identification and transgenderism as normal and healthy expressions of one's person and, therefore, every bit as legitimate as traditional heterosexuality. This belief is part of a growing secular religion that is a matter of "faith" to many.

The Church, for its part, has been very careful in its response to these new cultural "norms." While Catholic teaching may be very clear, the difficulty comes on the pastoral side of things. There are so many different scenarios in which gender confusion, same-sex attraction, and transgenderism manifests, that there is no single way to address these issues. The Church also recognizes that the feelings of those who are struggling with these issues run deep and cannot be trivialized or easily put aside.

As Christians, we are called to address not just these, but all things where people struggle, with compassion, remembering the dignity that God has placed in each one of us. The Church encourages us to form a personal relationship with each other so that we might help each other toward the goal of godliness and holiness. Our journey on this side of the daisies is one in which each of us is "working out our salvation in awe and all seriousness." (Philippians 2:12) We find ourselves in the Hospital of Christ's Church functioning as both doctors and patients, all at the same time. We are doctors because the Truth lives in us. We know Him, and as good physicians, we apply the appropriate spiritual "treatments" to those in need. We are patients in this spiritual hospital because we all have parts of our lives that fall short of God's glory. However, God uses even our shortcomings to our benefit. That we are sinners keeps us humble and keeps our tendency towards being judgmental of others in check, or at least it should, for it is in deep humility that we work first at "removing the log from our own eye before trying to remove the splinter from someone else's eye." (Matthew 7:5)

We must also be careful and sensitive because humans are complex beings; it is rarely an easy task to separate sin from the sinner as they are often extraordinarily intertwined.

Jesus told a parable in which an enemy sowed tares (weeds) in a field where wheat had already been planted. When the servants discovered that the weeds were growing up with the wheat, they asked the householder what they should do.

"Should we go and pull the weeds?" asked the servants. Then the householder said, "No, if you pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" (Matthew 13:24-30)

The householder in his wisdom knew that he would damage the wheat by carelessly pulling the weeds too soon. This parable instructs us on how we must be expert gardeners, taking great care not to damage the tender shoots of faith that God has planted in our brothers and sisters. Rather, we wait on God, the Master Gardener, and His timing of when He will separate the spiritual weeds in our lives from that which is good in us. At first blush, it may seem an easy thing to love the sinner while resisting the sin. However, our faith in practice has shown us quite a different reality.

The idea of sex and gender being unnaturally separated from each other, the notion of the sex act becoming merely recreational and self-gratifying, the thought that there are those who wrestle with their sexual identities; these things are foreign to many of us who have grown up in a Christian environment and have not experienced these struggles. How can we wrap our minds and hearts around such an enormous and emotion-filled task?

There is a wonderful story in the Scriptures regarding the authorities dragging a woman who was caught in the act of adultery to Jesus. They asked Jesus His opinion regarding what should happen to the woman. Of course, they quoted the law, saying that she should be put to death. (John 8:1-11) What was intended to be a trap for Jesus became an important teaching moment for those who were listening then and also for us today. Jesus responded simply with "Whoever is without sin, let him cast the first stone." There is a lot of speculation about what Jesus was writing in the dirt, but I have to think that He began naming names and naming the sins of those who had picked up a rock to kill the woman. Whatever Jesus wrote and said caused the crowd to disperse, leaving the woman alone with Him. Jesus' response is remarkable: "Woman, is there anyone here left to condemn you?" "No, my Lord," said the woman. "Then neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more."

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Jesus, when dealing with the sin of the woman, did not begin with a lecture on the law. Rather, He began with compassion, love and forgiveness. "Neither do I condemn you," Jesus said. Note well that Jesus did not leave behind the moral precept. He finished with "Go and sin no more." This is the message of Pope Francis, who has asked us to begin our conversations as Jesus did, with compassion, love and forgiveness and not a lecture on the law. This must be how we begin our dialog with those outside the Church if we have any hope of accompanying them on their journey into the kingdom of God. The first thing that anyone should hear in a Christian dialog is not that they are intrinsically disordered. What a way to begin a conversation with someone! Rather, we must begin, as Jesus did with the Good News: that we are all children of a God who knows us each by name and wants us to draw close to Him. God's Divine Mercy was Jesus' first message to humankind. It is ours as well.

Blessings always,
Rob Murray



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**Our Annual Parish Picnic
will be held at**

Fairbanks Park

**Sunday, September 22
Join us at 11:30 am
Outdoor Mass
& Picnic**

We will have the
Amphitheater and 3 shelters.

Fairbanks Park is located at
1110 Girlscout Lane, Terre
Haute, IN 47807 along the
Wabash River.

Last names starting with:

A-F: bring fruit
G-L: bring dessert
M-Z: bring salad / veggies



From the Business Manager



Hello fellow parishioners! This spring and summer have certainly flown by for me. As I started to think about what my newsletter article should be about the first thing that crossed my mind was our Capital Campaign. It has been going well. Although it has been a lot of work with a lot of people involved, the comments I've heard from those who volunteered their time to run the campaign have been positive. It has been a privilege to watch as it develops. One of the main things I've noticed about the campaign is how it provided the opportunity for so many of us to pull together to accomplish what is in reality a large goal for our Parish family. But we are getting there and have already raised 1.76 times what was raised in our last campaign 14 years ago. At that time our Parish consisted of 714 households. We currently have over 600 households in our Parish but are still raising more funds than we were able to in our last capital campaign. To put that in perspective, our goal is also larger for this campaign. We have already achieved the initial goal of the campaign which means the Parish Hall will be funded when pledges are paid. However, the connection between the new Parish Hall and the church building will not be fully funded until we are able to raise funds to the Visionary level goal of 2.44 million dollars.

Another thought that has been on my mind is an article that was recently on the local news about the large homeless population currently in Terre Haute. When the article came out it made sense to us here at Saint Joe's as we have been seeing more guests seeking assistance with food needs at the office on a daily basis, as well as people in need of shelter using our garden area as a safe place to rest. Most of us are blessed to have our basic needs met on a daily basis and we are fortunate to have the ability in our parish to help those who do not have access to everything they need. Being in this position presents its own challenges for the Parish but we are constantly working to find ways to assist those in need and ensure that the resources contributed by our donors are made available to help as the donors intended. Meeting physical needs on a daily basis is not enough. We also need to pray for them that they can find long-term solutions to create stability in their lives. We should also pray for ourselves that we might see in them the face of Jesus when we encounter them. It's also worth mentioning that if anyone approaches you asking for money, cash is not the best way to help those in need. Some will use that money to hurt themselves. It is more beneficial to provide the items needed than to hand out cash (I.e. food, water, clothes, toiletries or gas instead of money).

Feel free to contact me at the parish office with questions or comments. I look forward to seeing you in church!

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St. Joseph University Parish

Biker Blessings

St. Columbanus, the patron saint of motorcyclists was watching over our very own, Friar Savio in August as he tested out our parishioner's wheels!



UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY PARISH

Fall 2019



OUR MISSION OF PRESENCE TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

I have been here one year now, but only a short while after moving in I recognized that there was something that set St. Joe's apart from other parishes where I have ministered, and that is its sense of *mission*. Our parish has had a long tradition of outreach to the college students in our midst here in Terre Haute – so much so, that it is even part of our name, St. Joseph *University* Parish. Beyond simply having a university ministry, St. Joe's has supported our college students in their journey of faith in spiritual, financial, and familial ways. It is a joy and a privilege to be the parish of so many emerging adults, if only for a transient period of time. When I assisted a confrere on a mission appeal in Indianapolis, two married couples approached me to say that they had been college students in Terre Haute and had met through St. Joseph University Parish. Our spirit of community and welcome has more impact on the lives of the students who come to us than we realize.

On our recent University Ministry mission trip to D.C. (more about that below), we reflected a lot on the *ministry of presence*. It's not about what we can give or do for others; rather, it's about being there with them, seeing their faces, hearing their stories, and learning from them. I invite you to get to know the new and returning students that will be among us this fall. Ask them what they are studying, where they're from, how classes are going. Invite them to join you at parish events, like the picnic or coffee & donuts, or personally ask students yourself to help serve with you in a social or liturgical ministry. College can sometimes be an isolating time in a young adult's life. In our world today, we see the tragic effects of isolation. We can remedy this by living out our mission to college students here at St. Joe's. Let us be that joyful presence of Jesus to others.



Upcoming Events!

August 16-18: ISU Move-in dates
 August 20: ISU & SMWC classes begin
 August 30: RHIT Freshman Orientation
 August 31: RHIT Freshman Mass, 7:00 pm White Chapel
 September 4: Mass of the Holy Spirit, 5:15 pm St. Joe's
 September 5: RHIT classes begin
 September 7: Canoe Trip, Turkey Run State Park
 September 13: College Cook-out with the Friars, 7:00 pm
 September 17: Let's Taco'Bout Service, 7:30 UMC

Franciscan Mission Service Trip Washington D.C.

This past July six college students embarked on an educational mission trip to learn about what poverty and social outreach look like in our nation's capital. We focused on the concept of *ministry of presence*, recognizing that we are "ministers not messiahs." Our efforts may have seemed small as we toured Anacostia, ran with Back on My Feet, worked with Parks and People, journeyed with Sant'Egidio, and visited Christ House, NW Pregnancy Center, L'Arche, and the Little Sisters of the Poor, but our pursuit was to do all these things with great love. Ultimately, we were the ones who were served and transformed by our encounters. Our experiences led us into a deeper awareness of the complexities poverty and service and the healing power of love and community. We are especially grateful to Franciscan Mission Service for hosting us and organizing all of these events.

September 22: Parish Picnic, 11:30 am Fairbanks Park
 September 28: Mass at SMWC, 7:00 pm
 October 26: Mass at RHIT White Chapel, 7:00 pm
 November 8-10: Awakening Retreat #9
 November 10: Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:00 pm Greg RM

Important Dates to Remember

9/2 **Labor Day**
Office Closed

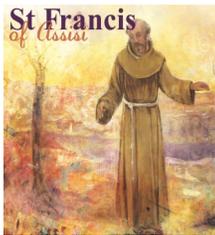


9/22 Parish Picnic
11:30 am Mass
Fairbanks Park Amphitheater

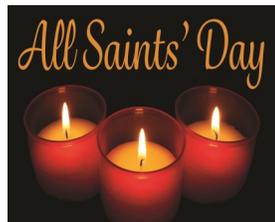
Women's ACTS Retreat
10/17 – 10/20



Transitus of St. Francis
October 3, 7 pm, St. Ben's
Feast of St. Francis
October 4
5:15 pm, Church



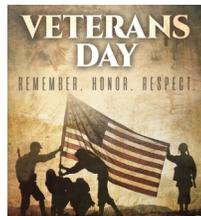
All Saints Day
November 1
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses 5:15 pm, 7 pm



Mass of Remembrance
November 4
7 pm in the church



Veterans Day
November 11
Mass 5:15 pm



Thanksgiving Day
Deanery Mass, Thursday
November 28 at 9 am
St. Ben's

November 28–29
Thanksgiving—Office Closed
No 5:15 pm Mass on
Thanksgiving Day



AUDIO FILES

Our parish website has audio files of

- ◆ Weekend liturgies
- ◆ Homilies

www.stjoeup.org

Mass Scheduling

To schedule a Mass intention for a living or deceased loved one, please contact the Parish Office. The suggested stipend is \$10. Do you have a special Mass date in mind? Please contact the office at least six months in advance for a better chance at securing it.

Pancake Breakfast

Our Samaritan Pancake Breakfast is on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St. Ben's kitchen from 9 - 11 am. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office. Thank you!



Prayer Chain

For "immediate" prayer for a personal, family or community need, please contact Judy Barad via e-mail at pibarad@aol.com or (812) 299-2016. Thank you.

Confession Times

Confessions are available every Thursday from 7–8 pm, Saturdays from 3:30–4:30 pm and by appointment.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Warmest wishes to all of the couples celebrating anniversaries this quarter. If you have an anniversary in **September, October, or November** and it is not listed, please be sure to complete a parish registration form located on the radiators in the back of church so that we may update our records. You may drop this form in the collection basket. Thank you!!!



September

Jerre & Stephanie Cline	09/03/1988
Robert & Rita Callahan	09/04/1948
Alice & Joseph Harder	09/05/1981
Richard & Patsy La Fleur	09/05/1996
Dawn & James McKillop	09/07/1996
Michael & Andrea Ditto	09/09/2006
Jeffrey & Maria Nickels	09/10/1988
Sergio & Cecilia Granieri	09/12/1997
Stephen & Heather Powell	09/13/2003
Natalie & Jon Scherle	09/13/2008
Cheryl & Randy Duncan	09/15/2007
Amy & Darrell Felling	09/19/2015
Sarah Ashley & Brett Blubaum	09/20/2008
Courtney & Keaton Sumner	09/20/2014
Kara & Jason Jones	09/21/1996
Jay & Sue Loughlin Mitchell	09/21/1985
Edward & Robyn Gehrich	09/23/1989
Robert & Lisa Caldwell	09/25/1993
Larry & Jane Rink	09/25/1982
Mr. & Mrs. Barbara Holton-Moy	09/26/1998
Dale & Carolyn Gardner Findley	09/29/2016

October

John & Judy Callender	10/01/1965
Helia & Calvin Trautvetter	10/01/2010
Bryant & Danielle Wolfe	10/03/2009
Paul & Jerri Newman	10/06/1956
Bret & Karen Ridgway	10/06/1984
Craig & Carrie Maschino	10/07/1995
Mark & Jane Buti	10/08/1977
Cory & Kim Campbell	10/08/2002
Ramon & Jo Catteron Dela Cruz	10/08/1999
Lawrence & Susan Meyer	10/08/2004
Suzanne & John Marts	10/11/2003
Robert & Darla Maesch	10/12/1991
Kevin & Jessica Murphy	10/12/2013
Stephen & Sarah Gallion	10/13/2012
John & Judy Johnson	10/13/2013
Rose & Mike Christy	10/14/2000
Richard & Pearl Kyrouac	10/14/1950
Gary & Julia Ellis	10/17/1987

October (continued)

Lawrence & Jackie Faulkner	10/18/1983
David & Janet Friedrich	10/19/1996
Eric & Lacey Moody	10/20/2012
Kenneth & Donna Polky	10/20/1979
William & Julie Mansard	10/22/2003
Gary & Lori Perschbacher	10/22/1983
Christopher & Kathleen Dailey	10/23/1999
W.Keith & Susan Ruble	10/23/1971
Edward & Mary Dammann	10/25/1969
Mary Lou & Timothy Skinner	10/25/1975
Meghan & Chris Olds	10/27/2007
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Danklesen	10/28/1977
Patricia & Van Cottom	10/31/1999

November

Jessica & Jonathan Parris	11/01/2010
Joseph & Therese Vu	11/01/1959
James & Jennifer Kirsch	11/02/1996
Mark & Deborah Goodin	11/03/1990
James & Margaret Tanner	11/04/1978
Kenneth & Jennifer Ferguson	11/07/2009
Jared & Brenna Wuerzburger	11/07/2009
Gregory & Dianne Johnston	11/10/1979
Cynthia & Michael McClain	11/13/1976
David & Mercedes Ofsansky	11/13/2010
Martin & Amy Miranda	11/14/1998
Bret & Nicole Holmes	11/16/1991
Priscella & Richard Weaver	11/18/1995
Clint & Lynne Crockett	11/20/1971
Todd & Kathleen Golden	11/20/1999
Jeff & Alice Prothero	11/20/1976
Donald & Sandra Drohr	11/21/1964
Scott & Danielle Woods	11/25/2000
Marion & John Bacon	11/26/1966
Diane & David Ellis	11/26/2015
Merrill & Frances Strayer	11/26/2004
Daniel & Ashley Murphy	11/28/2009
Larry & Tamala Bell	11/29/1980
Oscar & Estilita Sison	11/30/1958
Dave & Kris Southard	11/30/1968

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY PARISH

PRESENTS

The Light of Christ : A Parish Mission

Featuring

Gary Montgomery
Television Personality



September 16-18

6 pm to 7:30 pm

113 South 5th Street - Terre Haute, IN

Phone: 812.232.7011

Babysitting Provided Nightly

A Message from our Samaritan Ministry

By Anita Cheek

The St. Joseph University Parish Samaritan Food Pantry continues to meet the growing need for food assistance to members of our community experiencing food insecurity.

For the fiscal 2018 – 2019 year, through our twice a week distributions - 1:30 to 3:30 Mondays and Fridays, we provided 61.56 tons of groceries to 7,549 members of our community. Those individuals make up 2,565 community households.

Guest families can visit only once every 30 days which is monitored via our pantry data base. Our parcels are adjusted for family size - each family parcel contains 30 lbs. of staple dry goods, plus milk, eggs, bread, apples, onions, potatoes, bathroom tissue, miscellaneous items of choice and meat.

We prepare parcels especially geared for the homeless. These parcels contain food items that are generally single servings that require no refrigeration and can be consumed without being cooked.

Our partnership with Catholic Charities enables us to maximize our financial contributions to provide quality food at substantially reduced cost. Without this partnership, our guests would receive considerably less food.

When there seems to be more month than money, a true week's worth of groceries in lieu of a stop gap portion, provides some forward momentum and a hand up.

Our partnership with social agencies such as CASA, Area 7, DCS, Hamilton Center, and Salvation Army ensures that we reach a maximum number of families who are truly experiencing food insecurity and who realistically need our help.

Our partnership with Goodwill enables us to offer \$5 vouchers to our guests. If a Goodwill donor takes their receipt to the Goodwill office, one \$5 voucher per clothing parcel donated will be issued for the use of St. Joseph at our pantry distribution. These vouchers give our guests the ability to purchase much needed items of clothing.

A part of our vision is to make our pantry experience one of warmth and welcome, not clinical and demeaning – to that end we offer Goodie Bags for each guest – cello bags tied with ribbon which contain hotel complimentary soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. and a smidge of candy.

We ask that those who travel, scoop these items daily into their luggage and bring them to the pantry.

In times of difficulty, often the opportunities to make choices are few and far between. In an area we set up as our choice area, we offer individualized interaction with a personal shopper who engages our guests, gathers family information and helps make choices from non-standard inventory available – specialized food items, personal hygiene items, diapers, laundry products, etc..

We are in constant need of support in the form of non-food personal hygiene items (bar soap, shampoo, razors, shave cream, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, dish

liquid, laundry detergent, bathroom tissue, etc.) The non-food items could not be included in our distributions without continued donations. These items are necessities in life; but, prove costly when making decisions about expenditures on a limited budget.

Every day of each week we have volunteers who perform the tasks required to host our distributions. It takes 35 to 40 volunteers per week for pantry tasks – inventory pick up from Catholic Charities, inventory pick up from Save-A-Lot and Kroger, offloading inventory, sorting inventory, date labeling meat, sorting eggs, bagging parcels, bagging produce, bagging bread, egg and cracker parcels, data entry, preparing goodie bag. Additionally, each distribution day, our volunteers serve as: greeter, personal shopper, information intake, parcel staging, meat parcels, and exit help.

We receive much needed volunteer help from University Ministry students and North High School honor students on distribution days. We partner with the United Way, ISU and Rose Hulman who send groups of volunteers on service days to help with general housekeeping tasks – freezer defrosting, appliance cleaning and inventory area organization.

The Terre Haute Elks Lodge 86 donated \$1500 and we received a \$1000 grant from the Archdiocesan Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. We coordinated with Catholic Charities and Kroger South for inventory purchases and CASA and Area 7 for referrals, pickup and delivery. We made four special distributions this fiscal year – twenty-five CASA families participated in a special October fall and Thanksgiving distributions. Twenty-five Area 7 families participated in a Christmas and Easter distributions. We offer a boutique at our distributions just prior to Christmas for our guests. The items in the boutique are new items that have been donated to the pantry for this use. As an example, we have a parishioner who purchases end of season children's clothing for \$1 and brings the items to the pantry. New perfumes, gently used purses and coats as well as hats, gloves, mittens, socks, can be brought in to the pantry during the year and we stock our boutique with these items.

Our Lord has commissioned us though this ministry to serve. Our Ministry reaches far beyond our parish doors. We touch parishioners, community members in need, the university community and the merchant community. We are truly blessed to be called to His service. In order to continue serving these children of God, we must have financial support. Thank you for your continued faithfulness. God's work has truly become our own. Life is good and blessings abound.





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