ST. JOSEPH PARJSH

Celebrating 181 Years 1841-2022

Vanderburgh County www.stjoeco.org

A community of joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all.



emy

Like us on Facebook "St. Joseph Vanderburgh County"

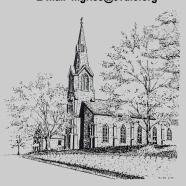
WEEKEND MASS
SCHEDULE
Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILATION
SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

PARISH OFFICE
6202 W. Saint Joseph Road
Evansville, IN 47720
SCHOOL
6130 W. Saint Joseph Road

Evansville IN 47720

Parish Office: (812) 963-3273 School: (812) 963-3335 School Fax: (812) 963-3335 Prayer Requests: (812) 963-3149

Parish Staff Fr. Gene Schroeder—Pastor E-mail gschroeder@evdio.org Julie Kempf—Secretary E-mail jkempf@evdio.org Kristan Gilles **Director of Liturgy** E-mail kgilles@evdio.org Jessica Reckelhoff Coordinator of **Religious Education** E-mail jreckelhoff@evdio.org Kelsey Meier—Principal E-mail kmeier@evdio.org Mary Gries—School Secretary E-mail mgries@evdio.org



JANUARY 7, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dear friends,



As I write this, I am thinking about all the ways you have gifted me with all the cards filled with words of gratitude and encouragement that you sent my way this Christmas. I am blessed. Thanks also to all of you who made donations to our food fund for our friends in Haiti. You have honored me and given life sustaining food to the



children of Haiti at the same time. And thank you for all your gift cards and other goodies you sent my way. I will think of you with great affection as I get my daily cup(s) of coffee!

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH UPDATE

This week our friends from Spaetti Construction installed the stone ledges to our handicapped west entrance to the church. Our handrail contractor is manufacturing the railings for this entrance and we are hopeful that it will be completed and installed in the next few weeks. We still are waiting for good weather to install the large louvers in the church steeple and the work on our church steeple and cross.

Our carpet folks tell us that our carpet is still scheduled for delivery on January 15. If that holds true, our carpet folks tell us to allow a week for them to complete their work. We'll be looking for some help to move the pews from the storage building to the church and to return all the chairs to their storage space in the gym. All that will depend on whether or not our carpet does get delivered when they say it will. We'll put the word out when we need help.

One of the other projects that we wanted to complete was to install a culvert and fill in the ditch all the St. Joseph Road just west of our present cemetery. If you have been by there recently you will have noticed that this project is almost complete. We still need several more loads of dirt to complete the project and we have to do some concrete work where the current culvert hooks into the new culvert. Thanks to Ben Niemeier and his crew for doing all this work and to the folks at Kraft Nursery for providing the grass seed and straw covering.

We have three other projects that we will be working on in the next months. The first of these is installing new storage cabinets in five of our school classrooms. We are making plans for this to happen when school ends next May. Also on the list are building a columbarium for cremain burials in our cemetery and repairing and resealing our parking lot. Plans are underway for both of these projects.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SUPER SUNDAY
DAY OF CLEBRATION
Sunday, February 11
Mass 9 AM
Reception 10 AM
Catered Lunch 11 AM

Now it is time to celebrate. A group of folks have been working on the details of this celebration. Here is what they have come up. The date is Sunday, February 11. Yes it is Super Bowl Sunday, but don't worry, you'll be home in plenty of time to watch the game. We're calling our celebration our Super Sunday Day of Celebration. We're going to begin our day with a special mass of thanksgiving at 9 am. Because this is such a special celebration, we are going to deviate from our normal 8 AM and 10:30 AM mass schedule and just have one mass at 9 AM.

After Mass we are inviting you to join us in the school gym for an informal reception followed by a buffet lunch at 11 am. Now, we are pretty good about cooking meals around here, but for this day, we want everyone to have the chance to sit back, relax and enjoy each other's company. So this meal is going to be catered. Your only job is to come, enjoy some good food and good company, and join us in giving thanks.

This is a celebration of our remodeled church, but mostly a celebration of the hard work and dedication you have for our parish. That dedication was on display in so many ways these past nine months. You have been so central to this remarkable undertaking, from the hands-

on work you have done to providing the money needed to make it all happen.

This is a **no-charge affair** and we hope to have as many parishioners attending as possible. This week you will be receiving your invitation to come and join us. In order to haveccccv enough food for everyone, we need to get a count to our caterer to ensure we have enough food for everyone. We need to hear from you by January 20th. So, fill out the card and get it back to us. I look forward to celebrating with you.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

IT'S LOTTERY TIME Got Your Ticket?

WE'RE WRAPPING UP OUR SALES FOR THE 2024 ST.

JOE LOTTERY. Tickets are \$75. If you haven't yet got your ticket be sure to get your name in the pot to be eligible for our first drawing of the year. We need all our ticket sellers to return their sold tickets to the office this next week so we can wrap up



our sales for this year's lottery. We have had a few tickets returned to us that have not been sold. Here's your chance to be a lucky winner this year! Call the parish office and we'll deliver the tickets to you!

MATER DEI/MEMORIAL TREASURE THE TRADITION LOTTERY TICKETS are also Available. Call Margie Hartmann (812-453-6826) or the parish office (812-963-3273).



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
5:00 PM MASS: Ron Happe,
Cyrilla Reker, Elisabeth (1871),
Christina (1955) & Frederick
Benendes, Joe Herr, Joseph &
Virginia (Hirsh) Herr

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie

Elpers, Jeanne, Harry, Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeanette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jorhdan Wood, Killian & Irene, Peggy Baehl, Jim & Delores Niemeier, Donna Wessel 10:30 AM MASS: For the people of our parish, John Buchart (1880), Rosina Buchart (1880), Friedric Roeleke (1892), Joseph (1960) & Dina Ritter, Sylvester Schnepper (1967), Viola (2012) & Francis Englert

MONDAY, JANUARY 8
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
6:30 PM MASS: Catharine Kissel
(1887), Bettye (2008) & Boobie
Maurer, Rita Ziliak, Rosie
Loehrlein, Kenneth Maurer, Annette Maurer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM MASS: Henry Tenbarge

(1907), Mary Hillenbrand (1975)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Sr. Ivo, OSF (Philomena Weigand, 1900), Henry Storssen (1919), Victor (1968) & Marcella Brugger

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Catherine Lautenschlerger (1872), Wilhelmus Funk (1875), Anthony Tieken (1962), Catherine (2010) & Clarence Miller

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Catharine Burgart (1887), Eileen (1961) & Wilfred Will, Kenny Hoefling (2013), Larry Hoefling (2021), Dick (2022) & Mary Ann Klausmeier

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5:00 PM MASS: Fritz Martin, Phyllis & Darrell Hobgood, Arthur and Dorothy (Bradshaw) Kronemeyer. Roy Thornton (1931), Infant Wurth (1944)

> SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: John Reckelhoff, Jerry Drone, Linda Elpers

10:30 AM MASS: For the people of our parish, Alvina & Florian Schenk, Herman Schneider, Florentine Pfettscher, Cecelia (1986) & John Reising

KUCHENS.....the Altar Society will be making their famous kuchens next Saturday, January 13th. We will start at 7:30. You are welcome to come and join in helping make kuchens.



STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

December 31	\$ 6,582.00
December 31 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 390,285.35
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 395,550.00
MAINTENACE COLLECTION	\$ 50.00

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 3,090.00
HAITI STUDENTS/HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 2,460.00
HAITI GIFTS OF COMPASSION -TO DATE	\$ 4,975.00
HAITI SEWING HOPE	\$ 1,000.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 200.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 15.00

May we continue to be blessed by your faithful financial support to our parish and to our outreach ministries. Remember that you can SEND YOUR COLLECTION THROUGH THE MAIL:

St. Joseph Church 6202 W. St. Joseph Rd. Evansville, IN 47720

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$804,172 RECEIVED TO DATE \$472,860

Your monthly packet of collection envelopes now includes a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Christine Settle PREMIER NURSING CENTER (NEW HARMONY) Betty Fischer

THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf ENVIVE HEALTHCARE: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones
SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

January 7: Mark Duncan, Nathan Egler, Keith Fehrenbacher, Dustin Paul

January 8: Terry Fehrenbacher, Mary McIntosh, Jackie Puntney, Glenn Shane

January 9: Laney Fehrenbacher, Berta Kares, Kylie Lincoln

Kylie Lincoln January 10: Camden Collins, Butch Feulner, Leann Helmer,

Randy Kuester, Bernadette Reckelhoff

January 11: Danny Gries, Jane Luigs, Elliot Macke,

Jonathan Mochau, Elizabeth Nims, Joanie Schneider

January 12: Linda Feulner, Debbie Preske, Greg Vanbibber

January 13: Tyler Carlisle, Mike Collins, Sarah Glaser, Steve Gries

January 7: Norb & Madonna Niemeier, Ron & Lisa Schneider

January 11: Randy & Jeannine Shumate

January 12: Chip & Megan Altstadt,

Andrew McCauley & Rachel Refenes



Please remember in your prayers *Phyllis Hob-good*, the mother of Becky Muenterman who died last week. May God grant her eternal rest and may His peace be with her family and friends.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR ST JOE LOTTERY TICKET FOR 2024?



In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si-Caring for Our Common Home



This ecological conversion involves various attitudes which are combined to activate generous care full of tenderness. In the first place it implies gratitude and gratuitousness, that is to say, a recognition of the world as a gift received from the love of the Father. It also implies loving awareness of not being separated from other creatures, but of forming a stupendous universal communion with the other beings of the universe.

For the believer, the world does not contemplate itself from without but from within, recognizing the bonds with which the Father has united us to all beings. Furthermore, by increasing the peculiar abilities that God has given to each believer, ecological conversion leads him to develop his creativity and enthusiasm, in order to resolve the tragedies of the world, offering himself to God "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable "(Rom 12: 1). He does not interpret his superiority as a motive for personal glory or irresponsible domination, but as a different capacity

> which in turn imposes on him a grave responsibility that derives from his faith.



Various convictions of our faith, developed at the beginning of this Encyclical, help to enrich the meaning of this conversion, such as the awareness that every creature reflects something of God and has a message to transmit to us, or the certainty that Christ has assumed in himself this material world and now, risen, dwells in the depths of every being, surrounding it with its affection and penetrating it with

its light.

When we read in the Gospel that Jesus speaks of birds and says that "not one of them is forgotten before God" (Lk12,6), will we be able to mistreat them and harm them? I invite all Christians to make explicit this dimension of their own conversion, allowing the strength and light of the grace received to extend also to the relationship with other creatures and with the world around them, and arouse that sublime brotherhood with all of creation that heals them. This is what Francis of Assisi lived so brightly.

JOY AND PEACE

Christian spirituality proposes an alternative way of understanding the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, capable of deeply rejoicing without being obsessed with consumption. It is important to accept an ancient teaching, present in various religious traditions, and also in the Bible. It is the belief that "less is more". In fact, the constant accumulation of possibilities to consume distracts the heart and prevents you from appreciating everything and every moment. On the contrary, being present serenely in front of every reality, however small it may be, opens up many more possibilities for understanding and personal fulfillment.

Christian spirituality proposes a growth in sobriety and an ability to enjoy with little. It is a return to simplicity that allows us to stop and enjoy the little things, to be grateful for the possibilities that life offers without clinging to what we have or saddening ourselves for what we do not possess. This requires avoiding the dynamics of domination and the mere accumulation of pleasures.

Sobriety, lived with freedom and awareness, is liberating. It is not less life, but quite the opposite. In fact, those who taste the most and live every moment better are those who stop pecking here and there, always looking for what they do not have, and experience what it means to appreciate each person and everything, they learn to familiarize themselves with the simplest realities and they know how to enjoy it. In this way they are able to reduce unmet needs and decrease tiredness and anxiety. You may need little and live a lot, especially when you are able to give space to other pleasures and find satisfaction in fraternal encounters, in service, in putting your chrisms to good use, in music and art, in contact with nature, in prayer. TO BE CONTINUED

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$125,206.00 97%

NUMBER OF PLEDGES 329 64% \$ 380.57 AVERAGE PLEDGE

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CPC). Thanks to the following people who have returned APP their pledge card: Brian & Stephanie Price



MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

heart and mind this Lent 2024 with an inspirational Women's R e treat. Beginning Saturday, March



2 from 8:30 am-10:00pm and ending on Sunday, March 3rd with 8:00 am Mass. Adoration, guest speakers, live reflective music, rosary, a spa hour, confession, and Mass. What a great way to enter into the busy Lenten season. You are welcome to come and pray for as long as you can. Contact Jes-Reckelhoff (812-598-1151 hoff@evdio.org) for information and/or to register.

JOIN US FOR SOUL CORE PRAYER & EXERCISE Join us Thursday, January 11, 18 & 25 at 7 pm and Saturday, February 10 at 8 am strengthening exercise alongside the rosary! Bring an exercise mat and a bottle of water. Meet in the school gym. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812-598-



1151) or email jreckelhoff@evdio.org if you are interested.

JOIN US FOR "THE CHOSEN" A BIIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY Wednesday's 6:45 - 8 pm Beginning Janaury 10



At each session, we will pray, read scripture, and view an episode. There is no cost to attend. We will meet in the school meeting room on Wednesday evening from 6:45 -8 pm for eight weeks beginning January 10. Please bring a bible with you. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812-598-1151) or jreckelhoff@evdio.org to register for this free study.





JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30 - 6:45 PM BEGINNING JAN. 10

That Man Is You! combines scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. For questions please contact Rodney (912-598-9066) or Jessica (812-598-1151)

IT'S GOOD TO DO BUSINESS WITH OUR ST. JOE ADVERTISERS



(812) 457-5609 TOM GOEDDE Parishioner



CONSTRUCTION BRICK - BLOCK -STONE FIREPLACES - CONSTRUCTION



812-423-6471

Heating or AC Repair

σ ...on our professional heating or AC repair service, This offer may not be combined with any other discounts and does not apply to previous service

812-425-8435

PAUL SCHAPKER BUILDING CONTRACTOR

Custom Homes and Remodeling "Since 1979"

812-963-9112

Have a Great Day!

479-6338 www.bassemiers.com



2345 W FRANKLIN ST 812-425-4364 1150 S GREEN RIVER RD 812-962-3500 3408 N FIRST AVENUE 812-422-8255

Drive-Up Window Perscriptions -- Free Deliver



9500 BIG CYNTHIANA RD EVANSVILLE, IN 47720 812-963-3464



Woody's Septic Service Martin Woodward, Owner We Install New Systems Pump Out and Repair Old Systems Ph. 812-963-8026 or 812-457-0527



ROOFING, INC. COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL ROOFING PROFESSIONALS 812-426-1111

Gene Elper Dexterous

2535 Loucut Creek Dr. Evansville, IN 47720 (812) 422-8046 Fax (812) 422-8047 www.dexterousmold.com

CONTRACTORS

IERRE

Funeral Home

Save \$35



AUTO WHEEL & RIM SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

TRUCK PARTS

812-423-3157

1208-1212 E.ast Morgan Avenue Evansville, IN 47711

FEHRENBACHER CABINETS, INC.

CUSTOM CABINETS & COUNTERTOPS SPECIALTY FINISHES - APPLIANCES

(812) 963-3377 | FCI3.COM

Complete Commercial & Residential Landscaping NURSERY & FARMS INC

812-963-5011 Fax 812-963-5052 14930 Bender Rd Evansville, IN 47720

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY







EXPERT BRAKE SERVICE & MOTOR TUNE UP 1400 W. FRANKLIN 812-424-5000

Freeman, Will, **Niemeier & Heston** Personal and Commercial Insurance 1919 W. Franklin 812 437-3933 **Ethan Freeman Jordan Raben**

TRUCKING - EXCAVATING - FARM Enterprises, uc

81

Pizza and Wings Weekend Specials & Noon Plate Lunches CARRY OUT 812-963-9310



German American Bank

Banking | Insurance | Investments

germanamerican.com f Voin (812)962-2265

JOIN THE Carpenter Society

Remember St. Joseph Parish in your will



1033 Mt. Pleasant Road Evansville, IN 47725 Randy Folz (812) 760-4120

Olsen & White, LLP —Attorneys at Law -

123 Locust Street 812-423-3143

Stranb PHOTOGRAPHY

12820 Cynthiana Rd • Evansville, IN 47720 812.963.5014

www.straubphotography.com



www.drsjohnsandkuester.com Howers & More 812-424-8931



Custom Screen Printing & Embroidering 812-425-5104 2229 W. Franklin St 800-348-0356 Evansville, IN 47712 www.southwestgraphix,com



Residential - Commercial - Industrial 3225 Claremont Avenue - Evansville, IN 47712 Phone 812-424-5077 Fax 812-424-5061





JODI FEHRENBACHER 812,480,8886

FREEMAN, WILL & NIEMEIER, INC **Financial Consultants** 1919 W. Franklin 812-425-1030

Patrick Freeman P. Evan Freeman



donsclaytons.com

TODD NIEMEIER, OD RACHEL REXING OD 2311 W. Franklin Stree Evansville, IN 47712 (812) 425-5131

Professional Eyecare Associates



2701 Mesker Park Dr. Evansville, IN 47720 (812) 464-1086

Mark Messal DVM Jim Back, CFP®

812-777-0071 www.riversidecmg.com

RIVERSIDE

One-Day Bath Remodeling Call as for generations to



Jim Werner-812-550-3138

MARGARET KIMMEL, CFP® Vice President, Investments Financial & Investment Planning 812-471-2318 RAYMOND JAMES

www.raymondjames.com/margaret_kimme





esus is Kev jesusiskey.org

Shari Kempf

6701 Nisbet Station Road (812) 963-9305 Owned by Jim & Becky Harl World's Coldest Beer & Finest Bar-B-Q

GRACE MOTORS

2131 W. Mill Road Evansville, IN 47720 812-454-4624



Chris Moutoux

WOOD SPECIALTIES EHRENBACHEK MOLDINGS - DOORS -STAIRS

8920 HIGHWAY 65 812-963-9414 EVANSVILLE, IN FAX 812-963-8978

REALTOR®
Like a trusted friend... helping you buy or sell your house 812-459-6729

Uebel hor Pastler ON BUICK TOYOT EME DEVROLET ISUZU



to the rescue! 428-COOL

OUTDOOR POWER Toro - Ariens - Gravely - Stihl - Sales & Service www.strauboutdoorpower.com

14101 Highway 65 (812) 963-5024 Evansville, IN 47720 Fax (812) 963-8381

FOR INFORMTION ABOUT ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN CAL .L 812-963-3273