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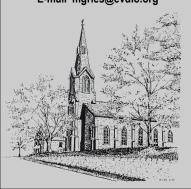
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JANUARY 21, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



The Bible is full of great stories and today's story about Jonah is one of the best. The Lord speaks to Jonah and tells him to go to the city of Ninevah to tell them to straighten out their lives. Jonah says, "ok," and then proceeds to go in the opposite direction. He finds himself on a ship with some sailors when a great storm arises and their ship is tossed about mercilessly. The sailors in the boat figure someone has not been doing what they are supposed to do and that is the reason they are all in trouble. Jonah confesses.

"It's my fault, I'm not doing what God wants me to do, throw me overboard." And they do. The storm quiets down. The sailors are impressed with the God of Jonah and they start to follow Yahweh.

Meanwhile a big fish (aka a "whale") swallows up Jonah and he spends three days in the belly of the whale. While in the belly of the whale, Jonah does a reassessment of his life. He realizes where he has gone wrong and promises to mend his ways. God speaks to the whale and coaxes him to spit up Jonah on the shore. Must have been a giant case of indigestion! And then God tells Jonah, "now go to the city of Ninevah and tell the people to change their ways."

And so Jonah goes, calling the people of Ninevah to change their ways. Secretly he didn't think much of these people and figured they deserved what they were going to get. If he was God, he would certainly let them have it.

But he is not God. And the people of Ninevah sit up and take notice. They recognize the evil they have done and repent of their sins. Sounds like a good ending. But Jonah is not happy. He tells God,"I knew you were going to do this, turn your plan of punishments into a plan of forgivness and mercy." He was furious and tells God, "if you are not going to kill them, then kill me."

He goes off to sulk and finds himself under a shade tree that God had conveniently provided for him. He cools down and begins to feel good about life. But God sends a worm to destroy the shade tree. Under the sweltering sun, Jonah despairs and prays to die. But God tells Jonah, "How is it that you can change your mind so completely over a shade tree that you did nothing to get. So, why can't I change my attitude about the the people of Ninevah from anger to pleasure because they have changed their ways."

It's an interesting story and we can get all caught up in the surface details: was it really a whale that swallowed Jonah and just how did he survive for three days in the belly of the whale? But, as with so much of the things we read in the bible, there is much more going on. This is especially so with the story of Jonah. Remember that Jesus tells the people "this generation seeks a sing, but the only sign that will be given is the sign of Jonah." (Matthew 12:39)

The story of Jonah is really the story of transformation. We call it the Paschal Mystery. And our faith journey is all about living out the daily living, dying and being resurrected again.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

MARK YOUR CALENDAR **Blood Drive!** SUNDAY FEB. 4 8 - NOON EVERY UNIT DONATED BENEFITS UP TO THREE PEOPLE

SUPER SUNDAY DAY OF CELEBRATION—FEBRUARY 11

Hope you have turned in your reservations to join us for our Super Sunday Day of Celebration on February 11. (Call/text us (812-499-9074) today if you haven't yet turned in your name).

The committee has been working hard getting all the details worked out for the Mass at 9 am, the reception at 10 am and the catered luncheon at 11. It promises to be a great day for celebrating all the has been accomplished these past nine months.

Mass 9 AM Reception 10 AM Catered Lunch 11 AM

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

STATMENTS

This weekend you can pick up a record of your financial contributions to our parish for 2023.

In addition to your donations to the weekly Stewardship collection, this statement also includes your contributions to our



Haiti Ministry, special collections throughout the year and any contributions you may have made to our parish endowment.

We try our best to be as accurate as we can be with these records, but there is always a chance that we may have gotten something wrong. So, be sure to check your statement over carefully. If we have made any mistakes, be sure to let us know so that we can make the necessary corrections.

This is a good time to give thanks for the way you have taken seriously the responsibility we share of providing the financial resources needed to continue the work of our parish. My prayer is that the example of your stewardship may inspire all of us to be good stewards of the money and resources we have. Fr. Gene Schroeder



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Jeremy Clem, Infant Rexing (1869), Fred Sauer (1883), Herman Joseph (1923), Amy Jo Fechtmeister (1979), Albert (1990) & Florentina Gries (1990), Helen (1993) & Louis Keller (1993)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family 10:30 AM MASS: For the people of our parish, Francis Helfrich (1905), Matilda Mayer (1936), Conrad Gries (1973), William Gries (1989), Albert (1989) & Verena Steckler (1989)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Harold Lewis, Frederic Sauer (1872), Theresa Schmitt (1884), Thomas Hartlein (1892), Henry Riedford (1914), Sr. Perpetua OSF (Gertrude Spitzer)(1947), Joseph Johnson (2000), Dorothy (2017) & Frank Eckart (2017)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Matthaeus Hartlein (1884), Alice (1975) & Leo Hillenbrand, Myrna (2015) & Pat Craney

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 SAINT FRANCIS de SALES

7:30 AM MASS: John Baehl (1862), Joseph Birger (1875), John Hoefling (1879), Frank (1950) & Mary Hoefling, Elizabeth (1955) & Peter Wigand (1955), Noble Gentry (1969), Ella Kijenka (1997)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

NO MASS: Janice MaCurdy, Margaret Wolf (1884), Elizabeth Bender (2005), Doug Schapker (2022)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS

7:30 AM MASS: Magdalene Meger (1928), Henry Angermeier (1942), Greg Kempf (2005)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug, Stan, Charlotte & Elmer Schapker, Joe Herr, Joseph Weidner (1870), Maria Hartlein (1880), Joseph Weiss (1887), Agnes Daugherty (1990), Earl (2007) & Millie Hoefling (2007), Edward Lagunzad (2021)



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Ed Lagunzad, Art & Mary Joe Werner, Larry Werner, Carolyn Werner, Terri Werner, Arthur & Mildred Werner

10:30 AM MASS: For the people of our parish, Ralph & Florence Seib, Jim Seib, Catharine Beckele (1858), Genoveva Sebastian (1904)



We are excited to welcome our St. Joe prayer partners for a special day of mass on Wednesday, January 31st. Mass will begin promptly at 8 am Your prayer

partner will meet you in church and sit with you during Mass if you are able to attend.

After Mass, you are invited to join us in the cafeteria for refreshments, coffee, and juice. Please call the school office (812-963-3335) by Monday, January 29th if you are able to attend. We can't wait to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples — Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus immediately, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats



and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me - at this moment, in these circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

January 14	\$ 27,321.00
January 15 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 10,746.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
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January 21: Linda Cowan, Ann Ennis, Danielle Gries

HAPPY January 22: Theresa Doyle, Joe Greubel, Angie Gries, BIRTHDAY Chris Wallace

January 23: Michael Wiley

January 24: Libby Broerman, Jossie Burk, Jacie Gerteisen, Quinn Kempf, Caitlin Moore, Gary Weinzapfel

January 25: Maria Trimborn

January 26: Shepard Dickason, Alexis Price, Kent Ruminer

January 27: Trevor Clem

January 24: Cale & Rachel Schnaus January 25: Jacob & Sam Weinzapfel



IT'S FISH FRY TIME FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 23 & MARCH 8

SERVING 5-7 PM DRIVE THRU ONLY

We'll need help preparing all the ingredients 🎩 for the potato salad and slaw. Tentative dates for this is the Wednesdays before the fish fry, Feb. 21 and March 6). We will also need help making cornbread and frying the fish on Fridays as well as helping to package the meals and get them to the carryout. Mark your calendar and help us out!



Please remember in your prayers *Art Werner*, the borther of Vince Werner who died last week. May God grant him eternal rest and may His peace be with his family and friends.

Diocese of Evansville/ Diocesis de Evansville Oficina Del Ministerio Hispano Office of Hispanic Ministry

Bertha Melendres

I hope you are all doing well. I am writing this email to ask you all for a huge favor. Since 2020 when I started my service at the Office of Hispanic Ministry there have been several attempts to pass a bill that could grant a

Driving Card to people that don't have the necessary documents, or can't prove their immigration status. And every time it has been rejected or denied, especially by one of our own state Senators, even though it has the support of city mayors, chiefs of police and our Bishops. So we need your help and the support of your parishioners.

There have been studies done about the issue and it has been determined that it would make our roads safer, as we would have people who have been trained to drive on the roads, it is also a matter of security, since law enforcement and medical personnel would be able to identify drivers. It would also be good for our economy as more people would purchase car insurance and vehicles, among other things. It is a winwin situation for all, since people obtaining such a document would be paying for it, it would not be a financial burden for our system.

A group of us went to the State capital this Tuesday January 16, 2024, where we joined over 200 people from all the different Dioceses of Indiana, and Representatives from ICC (Indiana Conference of Catholic Bishops). To advocate for our brothers and sisters who so desperately need a Driving Card, to be able to drive and provide for the needs of their families without fear. Most of us will agree that driving is a necessity, and much more than a privilege. This would only be a Driving Card and not a Driver's License, no other benefits would be granted other than the opportunity to drive. On Tuesday, God willing, we plan on meeting with the Secretary of State, Diego Morales, the Lieutenant Governor, Suzane Crouch, and some of our State Senators and State Representatives, to advocate for the Driving Cards. Please keep us in your prayers.

So what am I asking you to do? So what am I asking you to do? Write a letter in support to your State Representative Wendy McNamaera, and State Senator James Tomes, our Secretary of State Diego Morales and our Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch asking them to support this effort. You can mail them to

200 W. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204 Here is a sample of what you can include in your letter:

I am writing to ask for your support for SB138, which would allow Indiana residents who cannot currently provide proof of identity or lawful status to register for a driving card. The ability to drive legally is life changing. It allows our friends and family members the ability to participate in education, healthcare, work, play, and worship. The basic goods of a dignified life are accessible through transportation that is safe and reliable.

As a reminder, would-be driving card recipients will be required to pay taxes, maintain car insurance, and be properly trained drivers. Should driver cards be allowed, there are well-

documented safety and economic benefits for the state of Indiana.

As members of a Catholic parish, our Church teaches that the common good is the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual member's relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment.' These conditions include the

fulfillment of material needs, a guarantee of fundamental freedoms, and the protection of relationships that are essential to participation in the life of society."

We long for the day when we, alongside all our family members and friends, can use transportation without fear to access our fulfillment; not just for the good of all Hoosiers, but toward the realization of the common good that allows all Hoosiers to flourish. I ask you to support SB138 in the 2024 session. Thank you

On behalf of all of our Hispanic sisters and brothers, I thank you for your support. Bertha Melendres



L: (Lector) EM: (Eucharistic Ministers) **WEEKEND OF JANUARY 20-21** 5 PM MASS: L: Mike Reffett EM: Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier

8 AM MASS: L: Marcia Frey EM: Kylie & Stephanie Frey, Chick Duncan, Dolores Folz

10:30 AM MASS: L: Shane Wessel EM: Angie Will, Jane Scheller, Diane Bassemier, Danielle Weledge **WEEKEND OF JANUARY 27-28**

5 PM MASS: L: Sis Jarboe EM: Eric and Karen McDonald, Butch & Linda Feulner

8 AM MASS: L: Chick Duncan EM: Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers, Rodney & Paula Baehl

10:30 AM MASS: L: Terri Drone EM: Paul Hillenbrand Amy Cody, Jena & Shane Wessel

Prepare heart and mind this Lent 2024 with an inspirational Women's Retreat. 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 ireckelhoff@evdio.org) for information and/or to register.

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Kinderaarten 6:30 PM



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