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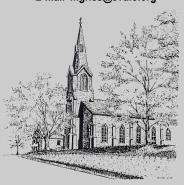
**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday—5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM **SACRAMENT OF** RECONCILATION SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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#### OCTOBER 1, 2023 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



How good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity (Psalm 133)

I couldn't help but think of these words as I saw all kinds of folks preparing for the Fall Festival. Folks from the Men's Club gathered to turn 1800 pounds of pork into 7,200 quarter pound braut burgers that the PTO will be selling in their booth at the Fall Festival this week. They had quite an

operation going. Some good natured banter among the workers and taste testing the braut burgers made the work go even quicker!

Same thing was happening with the group of school parents



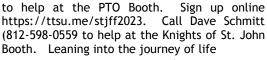
and students who gathered on Sunday to squeeze the juice out of 15 cases of lemons. Those lemon shake ups will be just the thing to refresh you as

you make your way along Franklin Street this week. And then the soup crew got together to make their famous Heidelberg Cheesy Potato Soup. That soup has become such a hit that the PTO is again taking orders for soup for after the fall

festival. You can buy it by

(\$18). They are taking orders through October 10. Soup orders can be picked up on Friday, Oct. 20 from 1:30-3 and Saturday, Oct. 21 from 5-6:30 pm. Call Becky Raben, (812-204-8319) o r email (rebecca, raben@gmail, com) to place your or-

It's not too late to offer your help at the PTO Booth and the Kknights of St. John Booth. Sign up today



Fr. Gene Schroeder

#### ....a chance to relax, Potluck Dinner meet new friends and enjoy a great meal

Hungry for a potluck dinner?! Join in a potluck meal after the 5:00 Mass on Sat-

urday, October 14th 2023. We will share a meal, play games, and pray a Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff for questions or to sign up to attend! jreckelhoff@evdio.org (812-598-1151).



Join Bishop Siegel on October 19 at 5:30pm at St. Benedict Cathedral for the Annual Respect Life Celebration Mass. Afterward, enjoy dinner and our featured speaker, Theresa Bonopartis. Adult tickets are \$30, adult stu-

dents are \$25, youth students are \$20, tables of 8 are \$200. Scholarships are available, especially for large groups. for reservation details or go to https://www.evdio.org/ events2.html and click the flyer. Questions? Contact Eric at 812-424-5536.

# ON BEING HUMAN

the half gallon Blessed are you when the shock subsides, when vaguely, you see a line appear that divides before and after. "You didn't draw it. and you can barely even make it out. But as surely as minutes add up to hours and days, here you are, forced into a story you never would have written. "Blessed are you in the tender place of wonder and dread, wondering how to be whole when dreams have disappeared and part of you with them, where mastery, control, determination, bootstrapping, and grit, are consigned to the realm of before (where most of the world lives), in the fever dream that promises infinite choices, unlimited progress, best life now. "Blessed are we in the after, loudly shouting: is there anybody here? We hear the echo, the shuffle of feet. the murmur of others asking the same question, together in the knowledge that we are far beyond what we know. Show us a glimmer of possibility

in this new constraint, that small truths will be given back to us. We are held. We are safe. We are loved. We are loved. We are loved. And best of all: We are not alone.

--Kate Bowler

## CELEBRATION OF

# THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 IN ORDINARY TIME 5:00 PM MASS: John & Beulah

Gramelspacher, Bud & Sharon

Werner, Francis Spitzer (1890), Caspar Schorlan (1914)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Linda Herrell, Joe Bonifer, William Rosenberger, Charles & Edna Rosenberger, Chuck Rosen-

10:30 AM MASS: Leo & Berta Waninger, Bernardina Frank (1886), John Kercher (1887), Sebastian Riedfort (1890), Catharine Laugel (1914), Mary Gerteisen (1934), Charles Baylor (2010)

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

6:30 PM MASS: John Ulrich (1860), Coemeterium O'Connor (1870), Francis Erbacher (1893), Olivia Bender (1894), Agnes Ritter (1913), Louise Smith (1932), Lorena Davidson (1986), June (2018) & Hank Preske

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: Bill Rosenbarger, Charles & Edna Rosenberger, Charles Rosenberg, Infant Sauer (1864), Casparus Whitting (1888)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

7:30 AM MASS: Carol Golzhauser (1864), Sylvester Ulrich (1895), Gusparus Goebel (1868), Foannes Seiler (1875), Joseph Rexing (1880), Catharina Witt (1898), Anna (1915) & Frank Seib, Frank (1984) & Theresa Arnold. Verena Steckler (1992)

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

NO MASS: Barbara Kraft (1882), Florentina (2006) & Albert Gries

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS (IN THE RECTORY): Joseph Deichelbohrer (1859), Guielmus Goebel (1882), Rosa Gobel (1887), Gustaf Wiesinger (1982), Louise Thornsberry (1995)

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Barbara & John Hagerty, Timothy & Robert Hagerty, Roy & Mary Eleanor Potts Frank (2009) & Dorothy Eckart

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Joseph & Elea-Lasher, Joseph Philip nor Lasher, John Reckelhoff, Linda Elpers, Germaine & Irma Bittner, Marcellus & Valeri Elpers Family, Dave Spaetti, Daniel & Eddie Spaetti, Virgil & Rosemary Spaetti,



10:30 AM MASS: Albert & Florentina Gries, John Grigsby, Valerie Emge, Doris Sue Weiss, Anna M. Glaser, Theresa Shull, Valada Falls, Alfred Glaser, John Storssen (1917), Randall Rexing (1987), Jim Collins (2022)

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?



September 24, 2023	\$ 7,818.00
September 30, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$ 2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 179,008.66
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 190,450.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 7.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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TOTAL PLEDGED **RECEIVED TO DATE** \$372,117 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

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:

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

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THE RETREAT AT LEISURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

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ENVIVA: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

October 1: Richard Baehl, Trent Denning, Gene Elpers, HAPPY Jim Elsner, Bill Gillenwater, Autumn Link **BIRTHDAY** 

October 2: Bill Kempf, Amy Meyer,

Cassie Muensterman, Hadley Phelps, Glen Seibert

October 3: Harper Atherton, Margie Hartmann,

Donna Hiestand, Delilah Pfaffmann, Jacob Scheller, Paul Stolz, Dave Wolf

October 4: Brock Glaser, Marie Nisley, Mark Weidner, October 5: Briley Barkley, Chad Craney, Lillian Mochau, Tony Tenhumberg, Patti Will

October 6: Brian Mullins, Matt Raben

October 7: Jack Elpers, Asher Kares, Kelly Pennington

October 2: Bob & Norma Duncan, Don & Connie Coomes

October 3: Dan & Dosey Lehman,

Alvin & Mary McIntosh, Paul & Bethany Stolz

October 4: Rick & Pauline Elpers,

Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Rick & Chris Scheller October 5: Larry & Jackie Gries, Don & Lissa Rexing HAPPY
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October 6: Troy & Autumn Link

October 7: Doug & Cindi Klueh, Dennis & Bobbie Gibbs, Roy & Stephanie Hostettler



Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. This coming Tuesday we have our 24 hour day of prayer for vocations from 6 am Tuesday through 6 am Wednesday. We

gather in our temporary chapel in the parish rectory. We are always looking for new people to take the place of those who can no longer come for an hour of adoration.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



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



Yet, all is not lost, because human beings, capable of degrading themselves to the extreme, can also overcome themselves, return to choose the good and regenerate themselves, beyond any psychological and social conditioning that is imposed on them. They are able to look at themselves with honesty, to bring out their disgust and to take new paths towards true freedom.

There are no systems that completely nullify openness to good, truth and beauty, nor the ability to react, which God continues to encourage from the bottom of our hearts. I ask every person in this world not to forget this dignity that no one has the right to take away from them.

A change in lifestyles could come to exert healthy pressure on those in political, economic and social power. This is what happens when consumer movements manage to stop buying certain products and thus become effective in changing the behavior of companies, forcing them to consider environmental impact and production models.

It is a fact that when social habits affect the profits of companies, they are forced to produce in another way. This



reminds us of the social responsibility of consumers. Buying is always a moral act, as well as an economic one. For this reason today the issue of environmental degradation calls into question the behavior of each of us.

The Earth Charter called upon us all to leave behind a phase of self-destruction and to begin anew, but we have not yet developed a universal con-

sciousness that makes this possible. This is why I dare to propose that precious challenge once again: «As never before in history, our common destiny obliges us to seek a new beginning [...]. May our age be remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, for the resolve to achieve sustainability, for the acceleration of the struggle for justice and peace, and for the joyful celebration of life.

It is always possible to develop a new capacity to come out of oneself towards the other. Without it, other creatures are not recognized in their own worth, they are not interested in taking care of something for the benefit of others, they lack the ability to set limits to avoid suffering or the degradation of what surrounds us.

The fundamental attitude of self-transcending, breaking the isolated conscience and self-referentiality, is the root that makes possible any care for others and for the environment, and gives rise to the moral reaction to consider the impact caused by each action, and from any personal decision outside of oneself. When we are able to overcome individualism, an alternative lifestyle can actually be produced and significant change in society becomes possible.

TO BE CONTINUED

# REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$600,000 PLEDGED TO DATE \$748,372 TOTAL PAID TO DATE \$372,117

Thanks to the following who have made their pledge to our campaign

Jim & Susan Helmer

Bob & Paula Gibson

Beginning in November, your monthly packet of collection envelopes will include a "Rebuilding our Church Campaign" envelope which you can use to make your pledge contributions.

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPONSOR A CHILD'S EDUCATION IN HAITI





Each year our Haiti Outreach Committee seeks new sponsors to join our group of generous people who are sponsoring a child's education in Haiti. We are always looking for new people to match

up with the children in St. James Parish in Haiti.

A person or family can sponsor a student for an annual cost of \$400, or just \$33 per month. This fee helps pay for their tuition. provide a stipend for uniforms and books, helps fund the daily food program and allows the students to have access to the parish

If you would like more information, you can contact Eric Reffett, the coordinator of our student sponsorship program. 618-5945) or email him at ereffett@sbcglobl.net

#### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)**

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00 PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 64,705.00 NUMBER OF PLEDGES 138

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Appeal CATHOLIC MINIST (CPC). Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card (partial list):

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