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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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NOVEMBER 12. 2023 THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



Life has a way of moving on. Seems only yesterday that we were finishing the summer social and getting ready to start school. Now we are almost half way through the school year. Fall Festival activities have come and gone. The fall activities in school and parish have begun and ended and now we are moving into winter. The Men's Club made and sold over 650

mous sausage. With your help we were able to share 250 lbs of sausage and 15 gallons of burgoo with the folks at the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. They were both a big hit.

Now we are in the midst of our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal, what we used to call the Catholic Parishes Campaign. So far, 273 families (53% of our parish) have contributed an average of \$406 which has enabled us to reach 85% of our goal of \$130,270. I'm confident that the remaining 47% of our parish families will be able to help us raise the remaining 15% of our goal (\$19,359).

What is amazing about this is that we have been able to meet this financial challenge will, at the same time, providing the money needed to meet our day to day expenses, and raise over \$800,000 in our "Rebuilding our Church" campaign. What a great tribute to your love for our parish.

In the meantime, work is continuing on our church. The painting has been completed....and for those who have peeked into look, yes, it is all new paint. Remember, wedgewood gray is really light blue with a green tint. But I guess that is too long of a name for a color!

Our electricians have been doing some final details. Basically we have rewired the whole church. You may have noticed some of the exterior security lights that have been added. We also discovered some additional floor joists that needed to be repaired and that job has been complete.

Our friends from Spaetti Masonry have built the new handicapped ramp on the west side of the church. I think the brick work really makes this stand out. Tom Blythe and Bob Gibson from Hafer & Associates have come up with a design for the railing that will be installedjust the thing to make the whole area stand The door that will be installed at the west entrance of the church has been ordered but that may not happen until sometime in December.

This week we have our carpet folks scheduled to begin installing the carpet. They will be installing the carpet in the main body of the church as well as the northex and east and west sacristies. The other carpet that will cover the main aisle as well as the sanctuary is still in transit. We're hoping that it will arrive in December but there is no guarantee.

As time and weather and wind conditions allow, we will begin work on reattaching the lightening protection on the steeple and reguiding the cross.

> Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

God of Comfort, send your Spirit to all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. Give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it. Help all people choose the path of just peace and disavow violence. We lift up Palestine and Israel its people, its land, its creatures. We lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Ashkelon. Deir El Balah and Sderot. Come again to breathe peace on your peoples that all may recognize you. God of Mercy, even now work on the hearts of combatants to choose life over death. reconciliation over retaliation. restoration over destruction. Give wise discernment to those making decisions to pursue peace. Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all. Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness, not rockets. Guard our hearts against retaliation, and give us hearts for love alone. Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Flesh, even when we don't have clear answers. so that we may still offer ourselves nonviolently for the cause of peace. Amen





CELEBRATION OF

THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug, Stan, Charlotte & Elmer Schapker, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Christine Fischer (1895), John (1923) & Frances Riedford, George (1946) &

Theresa Fehrenbacher, Fredrick Weiss (1958), William Helfrich (1993)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Dottie Kabus, Diane Stanley, Floyd, Monie, & Dale Titzer, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, John Reckelhoff, For all the people in our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Freddie & Leroy Weiss, Joe & Annabelle Straub, Mary Grigsby, Infant Bernhard (1862), Maria Riedford (1905), Patricia Clark (1946), Mary (1983) & Lavern Fehrenbacher, James Vitzdamm (2009), Jean (2015) & Jack Lannert

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

6:30 PM MASS: Joseph Rhode (1880), Andrea Weigand (1901), Matheus Adler (1913)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TME

7:30 AM MASS: Andy, Eloise, Ron & Fred Hartmann, Marion, Elnora, Charlie, Kenny & Kenny, Jr. Wagner, Kyle Finney, August Bender (1956), Leona Niemeier (1983), Kathleen Morris (2014)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Schilly (1863), Sr. Eusebia, OSF (Mary Hartlein, 1901), Cecelia Beyer (1905), Sr. Adolphina, OSF (Elizabeth Gumbel, 1926), Betty (2010) & Urban Will

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Francis Reising (1861), Catharine Macke (1900), Maria Kuebler (1900), Leonard Woodward (1979), Sheryl Hasselbrinck (2013)

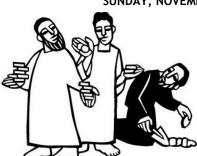
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Eva Reis (1859), Catharine Barbara Weidener (1860), Maria Erbacher (1872), James York (1989), Anna Zehner (1990)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Kenny Schapker, Infant Koester (1871), Joel Eickhoff (1994), Fr. John Finis (2002),

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM MASS: Robert

& Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Joe & Dolores Elpers, Marcellus & Valeria Elpers Family, Bernard Hochgesang, Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry, Rosie, Kenny & Bert Elpers,

Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Jorhdan Woods, Killian & Irene, Peggy Baehl

10:30 AM MASS: Don & Darlene Baumgart, Joe & Anna Glaser, Makenna Lawyer, For all the people in our parish

STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.



November 5, 2023	\$ 9,485.45
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 264,387.11
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 278,350.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 85.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

Thanks to our young stewards: Beatrice, Bernadette,
Peter, Paul & John Reckelhoff
OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI	Ş	345.00
HAITI STUDENTS/HIGHER EDUCATION	\$	2,640.00
AID TO THE NEEDY FUND	\$	50.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$	5.00
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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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REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TOTAL PLEDGED \$802,572 RECEIVED TO DATE \$441,946

Thanks to the following who have made their pledge to our campaign
Jordan & Jenna Phelps Joe & Mary Mayer
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

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

November 12: Aleasha Berfanger, Tara Clark,

Bryan Craney, Ladonna Elpers, Larry Happe, BIRTHDAY
Mark Schmitt, Alice Wilkinson

November 13: Rachel Goedde, Kevin Hartz, Corey Loehr, Emek Ntewo

November 14: Pat Fleck, Grayson Lappe

November 15: Kaytlin Gibbs, Janice Herr, Becky Ondash, Lissa Rexing

November 16: Beverly Jones, Jessica Raben

November 17: Ruth Burk, Sydney Smith, Karen Trimborn, Drew Wiley

November 18: Brooks Dalrymple, Lisa Fenwick, Graham Gibson, Gene Ritter, Cindy Schmitt, Joe Weber

November 12: Don & Carolyn Hutchison,

Joe & Lorri Fritch

November 14: Donald & Renee Werner,

Brad & Tara Schnur, Michael & Becky Raben

November 15: Roland & Linda Cowan,

Steve & Lea Elliott

November 16: Keith & Carrie Fehrenbacher



HAPPY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Coming this week.....

Knights of St. John Monday 7 pm PTO Thursday 6 pm

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



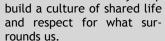
In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si—Caring for Our Common Home

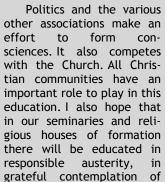


We must not think that the efforts we do in our individual lives to care for the earth will not change the world. These actions spread a good in society that always produces fruits beyond what can be seen, because they cause within this earth a good that always tends to spread, sometimes invisibly. Furthermore, the exercise of these behaviors gives us back the sense of our dignity, leads us to a greater existential depth, allows us to experience that it is worth going through this world.

The educational areas are varied: the school, the family, the means of communication, catechesis, and others. A good school education in childhood and adolescence produces seeds that can produce lifelong effects. But I would like to underline the central importance of the family, because it is the place where life, a gift of God, can be adequately welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop according to the needs of authentic growth.

Against the so-called culture of death, the family constitutes the seat of the culture of life. In the family, the first habits of love and care for life are cultivated, such as the correct use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and the protection of all creatures. The family is the place of integral formation, where the different aspects, intimately related to each other, of personal maturation unfold. In the family we learn to ask permission without bullying, to say "thank you" as an expression of heartfelt appreciation for the things we receive, to dominate aggression or greed, and to apologize when we do something bad. These small gestures of sincere courtesy help





the world, in care for the fragility of the poor and of the environment. As the stakes are great, just as we need institutions with power to sanction attacks on the environment, we also need to control and educate each other.

In this context, the relationship between an adequate education and the maintenance of a healthy environment should not be overlooked. Paying attention to beauty and loving it helps us to get out of utilitarian pragmatism. When you don't learn to stop and admire and appreciate beauty, it's no wonder that everything turns into an object of unscrupulous use and abuse. At the same time, if you want to achieve profound changes, you have to keep in mind that thought patterns really affect behaviors. Education will be ineffective and its efforts will be fruitless if it does not also concern itself with spreading a new model regarding the human being, life, society and the relationship with nature. Otherwise, the consumerist model transmitted by the media and through the effective mechanisms of the market will continue to move forward.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00
PLEDGED TO DATE \$110,911.00 85%
NUMBER OF PLEDGES 273 53%
AVERAGE PLEDGE \$406.27



Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the Catholic Ministries Ap-

peal (CPC). Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card (partial list):

Scott & Lisa Marts Stan Fishburn Joe & Lorri Fritch Alvin & Mary McIntosh Pat Schapker

Amy Tenbarge Rick & Tracy Adler Chip & Megan Altstadt Chad & Alison Martin

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!

IT'S LOTTERY TIME

THE 2024 ST. JOE MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are now available. \$1350 to be given away each month. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Look for an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks for your opportunity to participate. Our lottery sellers will also be contacting those who have bought



are \$100. C Grand Prize Each Month \$10.000 6836) or the

THE 2024 MATER DEI/MEMORIAL TREASURE THE TRADITION LOTTERY TICKETS are also no available. Tickets are \$100. Call Margie Hartman (812-453-6836) or the parish office (812-963-3273) to get your ticket.



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.

NOV. 12: Sts. Peter & Paul (Haubstadt) Chicken Dinner, 10:30 am-1 pm

AROUND TOWN

NOV. 12: St. Boniface Christmas Bazaar,

10 am-3 pm, in the St. Boniface School Gym, admission is free. NOV. 25: Mater Dei Band Craft Show & Vendor Fair,

9 am-2 pm—come support the Marching Wildcats!!

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THANKS.... Thanks to **Debbie Seibert** for helping out the with Blood Drive last week.

Thanks also to our growing number of volunteers who have been helping with different projects getting our church fixed up. Thanks to Amy and Ella Cody, Rick and Pauline Elpers, Rick Baylor, Vernie Gries, Randy Kuester, Mike Reffett, Troy Gertiesen, Don Hutchison, Chad and CJ Martin, Carrie Brown and Jarrod Brown were all involved with cleaning efforts. Thanks to Mike Loehrlein and Gary Gries for repairing more floor joists. Thanks to Tom Strupp and Debbie Payne for helping to remove the shrubs on the east end of the cemetery.

All these efforts are so important in helping us getter closer and closer to being back in our church.

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