Dear friends,

Thanks to all of you who remembered me on my birthday. The cards and notes were especially appreciated. I’ll think of you fondly when I go get my morning coffee! Last year on my birthday, I officially became an old person complete with my Medicare Card. This year I get to apply for Social Security! My oh my, rolling in high cotton now!

Let me take this opportunity to send a special thanks to some folks who have been helping out around the parish. Cale Schnaus and Leonard Elpers have been taking care of some plumbing issues in the parish, and because they are so good at many different things, they have also been installing some new AV equipment in several school classrooms. Thanks also to Dennis Gibbs who has been putting in a lot of time and effort updating our cemetery map and data system. A special thanks to all the folks who come and help each week in the school office, assist at lunch and recess, assist in the classroom, and take on the role of coaching the endless number of sports teams we sponsor. Thanks to all the folks who helped fix the chicken dinner for the West Side Nut Club Members meeting last week. We’ve also had a number of folks working on the PTO Shamrock Shindig Dinner, Dance and Auction on March 2. Get your tickets for a fun evening...and a great dinner of course!

Some of you may remember that one of the goals for the school board this year is establishing a list of students who have graduated from our school. We’ve had a bunch of folks working on this project and I’m happy to tell you that we have now identified all the students who graduated or attended school. We have identified 1,610 students who have graduated since 1936 and another 679 students who attended our school for part of their grade school years. Our school has been in existence since 1875, but we don’t have any records prior to 1936. We’re not sure when schools were required to keep records of students, but we suspect it was in the 1930’s. We know that there were some of our parishioners who graduated from our school prior to 1936, but we do not have any official records of this.

Our next task is to get addresses of all these people. Here’s some ways you can help.

- If you graduated from our school, maybe you could help us determine who is still around, what their last name is (if they got married) and what their address is. We can get you a list of the students from each class of the past 80 years.
- Here’s another way to help. If your children attended school but no longer live here in the parish, you can get us their address. To make it easy you can email us here in the parish (gschroeder@evdio.org) or the school (nwinstead@evdio.org) or text us the information. (812-499-9074).
- We know that a number of our students went on to high school at Mater Dei and we know that they have a list of the graduates and their current addresses. Perhaps you would be willing to cross check some of our names with the their data base and get current addresses. Let me know. We’d be happy to have your help.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder

WE ARE NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are now enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year. Openings for Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten thru 8th Grade. Contact the school office (812-963-3335).

WE'RE MAKING KUCHENS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23. COME AND HELP WE'LL START AT 7 AM.
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM MASS Mark Folz, Jerry Krack, Cyrilla Reker, Stanley Harpenau, Carolyn Brannon, Jim & Dolores Nieheimer
10:30 AM MASS Jerry Shekell, Nicholas Bauer (1865), Christina Effinger (1899), Sr. Idelphonsa OSF (Anna Wolf, 1942), Edward Whiting (1958), Frank Maurer (1960)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18
MONDAY IN THE SIXTH WEEK OF THE YEAR
6:30 PM MASS Rosina Effinger (1886), Margaret Hillenbrand (1902), Judy Barnett (1953), Donald Flick (2013)
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
TUESDAY IN THE SIXTH WEEK OF THE YEAR
7:30 AM MASS Wilma Voelker, Jeremy Clem, Francis Bergwitz (1877), Maria Kissel (1913)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
WEDNESDAY IN THE SIXTH WEEK OF THE YEAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
SAINT PETER DAMIAN
NO MASS Joseph Rexing (1876), Don Singleton (2014), Charlotte Titzer (2014)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
FRIDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 AM MASS Joseph Fogel (1921), Lucille Angermeier (1992)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM MASS Henrietta Montgomery, Phil Lasher, Damona Mullins, Gus & Verena Bender
10:30 AM MASS Charles Altman, Gary Tullis, Eddie, Clara, Herman and Catherine Schroeder, Henry Helfrich (1862), Dorothy Stang, SND missionary killed in Brazil in 2005

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
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STEWARDSHIP: THE LORD’S WAY
The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today’s readings. “Happy are they who hope in the Lord.” As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season—assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

FEBRUARY 10, 2019 $12,594.00
FEBRUARY 15, 2019 Auto Draft Collection $7,756.33
WEEKLY BUDGET $20,800.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE $634,836.15
BUDGET TO DATE $684,750.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION $55.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION $10.56

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK:
Ella Anderson, Allison & Samantha Gibbs, Max & Quinn Layman, Beatrice, Paul & Peter Reckelhoff, Issac, Natalie & Zack Schneider, Lauren Voelker

MISSION OUTREACH
HAITI $337.00
HAITI HIGHER EDUCATION $110.00
HAITI STUDENTS $870.00
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH $500.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES
RIVER POINTE: Barbara Shurtleff
BETHEL MANOR: Ted Kares
PARK TERRACE VILLAGE: Mark Fleeger
PINE HAVEN: Bob Angermeier, Harold Niemeier
HERITAGE CENTER: Jean Johnson, Brenda Koester, Mildred Rexing
HOLIDAY VILLAGE: Anita Rexing, Bud & Sharon Werner, Bettye Logel
SOLARBRON TERRACE: Margaret Kafel
CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Larry Hoefling, Steve Hasselbrinck
NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Carl Kempf
ATRIA (NEWBURGH) Ruth Rice

IT’S FISH FRY TIME: MARCH 8 AND MARCH 15
It’s time to make plans for “the best fish fry in the Evansville area.” The dates for our fish fries are March 8th and March 15th.
Call Mike (812-589-7177) or Jenny Collins (812-760-9709) to volunteer. You can also call the parish office (812-963-3273). Spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a great meal!

SERVING FROM 5-7 PM
DINE IN OR ENJOY OUR DRIVE THRU CARRYOUT
MONDAY: 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration **THIS WEEK**
7 pm Men’s Club Meeting
TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Catechists
7 pm Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 pm Just Faith
THURSDAY: 6 pm Haiti Ministry Meeting
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 4-4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Food Pantry Collection
SUNDAY (2/17): 9-10:15 am RCIA
9-10:15 am First Reconciliation & First Communion Parent Meeting

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**
(EM=Eucharistic Minister, S=Servers, L=Lector, GB=Gift Bearers)

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 & 24**
5:00 PM (EM) Chuck Jansen, Brandon Werner, Natalie Schneider, Ron & Margaret Angermeier; (L) Jan Hermann; (S) Patrick McDonald; (GB) Jim & Janice Herr
8:00 AM (EM) Sarah Duncan, Tom & Dolores Bolz, Jalane Weber, Imogene Baehl; (L) Tom Blythe; (S) Addy Wilkinson, Madelyn Manger; (GB) Dave & Sandy Schmitt
10:30 AM (EM) Claudia Duncan, Jill Happe, Angie Will, Dan & Kathy Schenk; (L) Jane Scheller; (S) Katelyn & Zach Bishop; (GB) Jim & Jane Scheller

**SCRIP SELLERS SCHEDULE:**
FEBRUARY 23 & 24:
5:00 PM NO SALES
8:00 AM Julia Baumeyer
10:30 AM Mandy Elpers
For Scrip questions, please contact Paula Baehl (pbaehl@yahoo.com) 812-598-9056

**SIGN-UP on-line FOR BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL**
2019 St. Joe Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Sign-ups are now online. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 28. Use the link below to access the registration.
Contact Dave Lappe 812-305-4199 or Jenni Bishop 812-431-0480 with any questions.
https://active.leagueone.com/OIr/Pages/Welcome.aspx?ClubId=16102

Please remember in your prayers **Alvin Paul,** the brother of Doris Taylor and **Dennis Hoffman,** the uncle of Jackie Gries who died last several week. May they now know the fullness of life with God in the Kingdom of Heaven and may God’s peace be with their families and friends.

Feb. 23: Sweetheart Sock Hop for Ozanam
Family Shelter, at the VFW Dinner at 6:30 pm, tickets $25 Call Ozanam at 812-422-2214.
Mar. 1 & Apr. 12: St. Wendel Knights of St. John Fish Fry
Mar. 3: All Saints Parish A-Men’s Club Fat Sunday Breakfast, at St. Anthony Campus Cafeteria, 8 am-noon.

**MATER DEI BIG BINGO & AUCTION**
Sunday, March 17 Old National Events Center www.bigbingo.org for tickets

**COMING UP ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019**
Shamrock Shindig
Tickets are $35 per person
Sponsor a table of 4 for $250 or Table of 8 for $500
Contact Amy Spaetti 812-499-1699

This week we continue sharing **Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism**

Still, to understand how racism works today, we must recognize that generations of African Americans were disadvantaged by slavery, wage theft, “Jim Crow” laws, and by the systematic denial of access to numerous wealth-building opportunities reserved for others. This has left many African Americans without hope, discouraged, disheartened, and feeling unloved. While it is true that some individuals and families have thrived, significant numbers of African Americans are born into economic and social disparity. The poverty experienced by many of these communities has its roots in racist policies that continue to impede the ability of people to find affordable housing, meaningful work, adequate education, and social mobility. The generational effects of slavery, segregation, and the systemic use of violence—including the lynching of more than 4,000 black men, women, and children across 800 different counties throughout the United States between 1877 and 1950—are realities that must be fully recognized and addressed in any process that hopes to combat racism.

**The Hispanic Experience**

Of course, experiencing racism is not limited to African or Native Americans. Many different groups of people have encountered “in varying degrees the evil of discrimination, racial prejudice, and oppression that endangers the very fabric of American society.” Some of the same patterns of prejudice and discrimination have been repeated. At this time, we would be remiss not to highlight the experience of Hispanics in our country. Since the Mexican-American War, Hispanics from various countries have experienced discrimination in housing, employment, healthcare, and education. Hispanics have been referred to by countless derogatory names, have encountered negative assumptions made about them because of their ethnicity, have suffered discrimination in applying for college, for housing, and in registering to vote. Despite their sizable share of the U.S. workforce and their numerous contributions to U.S. economy in many different fields and industries, the large income gap between Hispanic and European Americans points to the persistence of certain discriminatory practices in employment and pay. In the not too distant past, Hispanics encountered signs in restaurants and shops that read, “No Mexicans or Blacks Allowed.” Moreover, there have been over 950 documented cases of Hispanics being lynched, and experts estimate that the number could actually be twice as large.

Hispanics are the major target of immigration raids and mass deportation. In the past, U.S. citizens of Hispanic descent caught up in these raids have been deported. Today, many Hispanics are often assumed to be in this country illegally. These attitudes of cultural superiority, indifference, and racism need to be confronted; they are unworthy of any follower of Christ. After all, a large part of our nation consists of immigrants and their descendants. We must also remember that many people of Hispanic heritage come from families that were in this land long before the borders changed. (to be continued)
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