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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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MARCH 19, 2023 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Dear friends,

Today is the feast of St. Joseph, our Patron Saint. Being a carpenter, he would feel right at home as we do all the repairs on our church. His example of courage in the face of challenges is a

good model for us as we deal with the challenges in our life.

Our friends from Helming Brothers in Jasper were here this week to do some repairs on the steeple. I took this picture and I felt dizzy just looking at high these men were! I don't think I would do well working in high places. And they had the convenience of working on a lift. Imagine how hard it was for the folks who built the steeple in 1888.

As we proceed with the work on our church, I wanted especially to thank Matt Bishop and all the different crews that worked so hard to get a protective covering over the roof of the church. The fact that they could get this done in such a short time was just absolutely amazing.

We met with the insurance adjustors from Travelers insurance on Monday. They have been great to work with and are teaching me a lot of new things about insurance and the tools they use to help do an assessment of property damage. Using satellite images and computer programs, they produced a 3-D image of church. The wonders of technology. Over the next month they will be doing an assessment of all the damage that was sustained to determine what it will cost to do all the repairs. We'll be working with them and our local contractors to determine just what the next steps will be. As we learn more, I'll be sharing it with you.

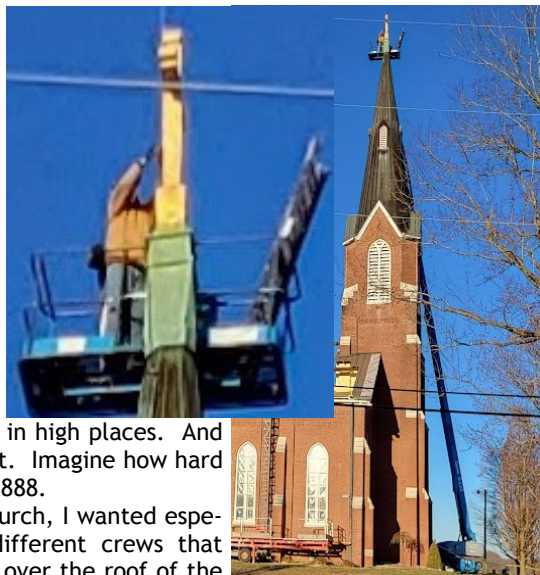
As I write this letter, all the folks have finished all the preparation work for our second fish fry. By the time you read, this, I am hopeful that lots of people have had the chance to enjoy another great fish dinner. I can't say enough about the great spirit of cooperation that has been present throughout our two fish fries. Another example of people stepping up to the plate to make things happen in our parish.

This coming Tuesday Bishop Siegel will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with twelve young men and women from our parish. This service will be held in our gym and will begin at 6 pm. All the members of our parish are welcome to join us for this mass.

While we pray for these young men and women, we also pray that they will find in us examples of how to live in our world with courage and confidence. Learning how to become a disciple of Jesus is really something that is "caught" much more than learned. And the best way to "catch" the full meaning of being disciples is to see it lived out in the lives of others.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

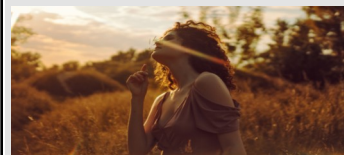


OTHERWISE

I got out of bed
on two strong legs.
It might have been
otherwise. I ate
cereal, sweet
milk, ripe, flawless
peach. It might
have been otherwise.
I took the dog uphill
to the birch wood.
All morning I did
the work I love.

At noon I lay down
with my mate. It might
have been otherwise.
We ate dinner together
at a table with silver
candlesticks. It might
have been otherwise.
I slept in a bed
in a room with paintings
on the walls, and
planned another day
just like this day.
But one day, I know,
it will be otherwise.

—Jane Kenyon



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL BE CONFIRMED BY BISHOP SIEGEL THIS COMING TUESDAY

Ava Cody	Patrick McDonald
Isaac Daza	Lucas Murray
Trent Denning	Delilah Pfaffmann
Troy Gerteisen	Lane Wargel
Brock Jones	Parker Warren
Brooklyn Kinnaman	Suzanne Weiss





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM MASS: Mary Rexing, Jeff Schneider, Jack Siemers, Walter & Ardell Schneider, Regina Ochsner (1879), Paul Buehner (1982), Marianna (2013) & Joe Elpers, Bob & Imelda Woodward

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM MASS: Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Jack & Rosemary Freeman, Bernard and Anna McAtee, Ruth Miller, Bernard, Jerry, Kenny & Michael McAtee, Margie Quates

10:30 AM MASS: Rick, Buddy & Mary Dile, Howard, Troy, & Paige, Rutledge, Harold, Harvey, Maurine, Chuck, Dwight, Carolyn, Ruby, & Beverly Rutledge, Agatha Ziegler (1872), Henry Angermeyer (1920), Joseph (1986) & Josephine Goebel (1986), Cecilia (1988) & John Reising, Olen (1994) & Betty Metz

MONDAY, MARCH 2

SAINT JOSEPH PATRON OF OUR PARISH

6:30 PM MASS: Deceased members of St. Joseph Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS Infant Beckerle (1869), Anna Oshsner (1880), Maria Werner (1882), Maria Kissel (1907)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Laurentius Denninger (1865), Caspar (1934) & Magdalena Hillenbrand, George (1983) & Betty Duncan (1983), Clarence (2000) & Rheinelde Botzum, Harold (2019) & Esther Niemeier

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

NO MASS: Charlotte (2016) & Elmer Schapker

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Rexing (1884), Denny Fehrenbacher (2017), Theodore Kares, Sr. (2019), Gilbert & Alberta Fehrenbacher

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Infant Fischer (1860), Marian Romati (1870), Catharine Trunk (1878), Philip Titzer (1919), Gertrude Smith (1955), Herman (1967) & Esther Hartweck, Mary (1972) & George Reising, Fr. Fred Niehaus (16th Pastor of St. Joe, 1992), Mildred (2019) & Clarence Rexing

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Jeanette Jarboe, John Reckelhoff, Frank Will, Andy & Viola Will, Teresa Will, Rita Camp, Dolores Will, Kenneth, Brother Vincent CSC, Andrew, Jerry, Aloysius, & Neil Will.

10:30 AM MASS: Anthony and Elizabeth Kempf, Virgil and Rosemary Spaetti, Florence and Charlie Osterman, Margaret and Cletus Wannemuehler, Art Kempf, Greg Kempf, Edgar Hartz, Sophia Drewis (1916), Infant Tepool (1916), Joseph Feudenberg (1931), Rosina (1939) & John Rexing



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him.

The Pharisees were more resistant to His Message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?



March 12, 2023	\$ 15,891.00
March 15, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$ 10,671.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 672,601.91
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 728,604.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 90.00

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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HAITI STUDENTS/HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 3,470.00
HAITI FOOD FUND	\$ 20.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 10.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 15.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

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

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Mary Lou Davis

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THE RETREAT AT LIESURE LIVING: Margaret Kafel

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER (NEWBURGH): Steve Hasselbrinck

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Marie Gumbel, Carl Kempf

GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Keith & Beverly Jones

March 19: Matt Bishop, George David, Don Kiesel, Jane Scheller, Emily Seger, Christopher Thacker

March 20: Lindsey Mehringer, Remington Rexing

March 21: Mandy Elpers, Shiann Gumbel, Shari Kempf, Kate Raben, Lesa Raben, Monica Voelker

March 22: Joe Deweese

March 23: Bryce Baumgart, Sarah Fischer, Rick Heldt, Christine Roemke

March 24: Donna Dippel, Danny Kelley, Leisa Loehrlein, Lane Wargel

March 25: Steve Doyle

March 22: Cody & Deanna Biffert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS Once again we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter. Send your contribution along with the names of the people you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by April 3rd. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.

THANK YOU....No words can express our gratitude for all the love and support we've felt during and after Rick's passing. Thank you for helping us to celebrate Rick.

Sherry, Rick and Andy Dile

WEEKDAY DAY MASS AND MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be in the rectory chapel. Enter through the front door. **WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE IN THE GYM. COME HELP US SET UP FOR MASS...Friday at 3 pm.** Come and join us. Many hands make the work quick and easy for all of us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Wednesday during Lent, (excluding March 29), we will gather in the meeting room of school for Family Stations of the Cross from 6:30-7:00.

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* and seeing the real presence of God in all things.



In order to have an adequate relationship with creation, there is no need to diminish the social dimension of the human being. In fact, one cannot propose a relationship with the environment apart from that with other people and with God. It would be a romantic individualism disguised as ecological beauty and a suffocating to shut oneself up in immanence.

Since everything is related, the defense of nature is not compatible with the justification of abortion either. An educational path for welcoming the weak beings around us, who at times are troublesome or intrusive, does not appear feasible when a human embryo is not given protection, even though its arrival causes discomfort and difficulties. If one loses one's personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life, other forms of acceptance useful for social life wither.

The development of a new synthesis that overcomes the false dialectics of the last centuries is still awaited. Christianity itself, remaining faithful to its identity and to the treasure of truth it has received from Jesus Christ, always rethinks and re-expresses itself in dialogue with new historical situations, thus allowing its perennial newness to blossom.

PRACTICAL RELATIVISM

A deviated anthropocentrism gives rise to a deviated lifestyle. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangeliium Gaudium* I referred to the practical relativism which characterizes our age, and which is even more dangerous than the doctrinal one. When the human beings place themselves at the center, they end up giving absolute priority to their own contingent interests, and everything else becomes relative.

It should therefore come as no surprise that, together with the omnipresence of the technocratic paradigm and the worship of limitless human power, this relativism develops in subjects, in which everything becomes irrelevant if it does not serve one's immediate interests. In this there is a logic that allows us to understand how different attitudes feed each other which at the same time cause environmental degradation and social degradation.

The culture of relativism is the same pathology that drives one person to take advantage of another and treat him as a mere object, forcing him to hard labor, or reducing him to slavery due to a debt. It is the same logic that leads to sexual exploitation of children, or to abandoning the elderly who do not serve their interests. It is also the internal logic of those who say: let the invisible forces of the market rule the economy, because their effects on society and nature are inevitable damage.

If there are no objective truths or stable principles, apart from satisfying one's aspirations and immediate needs, what limits can trafficking in human beings, organized crime, drug trafficking, the trade in blood diamonds and endangered animal skins? Isn't it the same relativist logic that justifies the purchase of organs from the poor in order to sell them or use them for experimentation, or the discarding of children because they do not respond to the wishes of their parents? It is the same "disposable" logic that produces so much waste just for the disordered desire to consume more than what is really needed.

TO BE CONTINUED



MARCH 19 FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARISH

We come to you, O blessed Joseph, asking you to pray with and for us. We see the courage you exhibited when you took Mary into your home as your wife. We see that courage again as you led Mary and Jesus to the safety of a far away land after his birth. And we see that courage lived out in your daily life as you helped Jesus grow in wisdom and grace. We confidently invoke your patronage so that we too might have that same kind of courage as we face the challenges of our life. May your example enable us to acknowledge our fears and at the same time walk confidently in faith. May the example of your unassuming presence help us to know that the ordinariness of our lives is an opportunity for us to grow in wisdom and grace. As you were an example for Jesus so too may we be an example of faith for others.



HELP US GET OUR CEMETERY READY FOR THE LAWN MOWING SEASON

To help us get ready for our lawn mowing season, we ask that you remove any decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews. Remember that flowers and plaques must be attached securely to the tombstone or flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews.



We believe it is important for all those who are placing flowers on the graves of their loved ones to periodically check them. We have found that some people will place artificial flowers on the grave and then never come and check on them. In the meantime, the flowers get faded and shredded and begin to disintegrate thus causing bits of flowers to be scattered all over the cemetery. Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and respect as well as a safe place for our lawn mowing crews.

We're still looking for people to join our lawn mowing crews, especially our big mower crews. We especially need some folks who would be willing to mow around the storage building and area west of the cemetery, using our big mower. Maybe you could be one of these people. Call the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehrenbacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarger (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. You'll help our parish save money, and you'll help keep our grounds looking nice.



COLLEGE STUDENT CARE-PACKAGES



Join us as we support our college students by preparing a care package for them as they prepare for semester exams. College Care Packages are available in church this weekend for pick up. Please return the care packages no later than Sunday, April 16. Thank you for your continued support of this project. Let's keep all of our college youth in prayer through their final exams.

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MONDAY EVENING 7 PM AT NISBET INN

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