# ST. JOSEPH PARJSH

### Celebrating 181 Years 1841-2022

# Vanderburgh County www.stjoeco.org

A community of joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all.



nan

Atee

Like us on Facebook "St. Joseph Vanderburgh County"

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

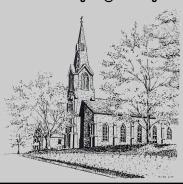
PARISH OFFICE
6202 W. Saint Joseph Road
Evansville, IN 47720
SCHOOL
6130 W. Saint Joseph Road

Parish Office: (812) 963-3273 School: (812) 963-3335

Evansville IN 47720

School: (812) 963-3335 School Fax: (812) 963-3335 Prayer Requests: (812) 963-3149

**Parish Staff** Fr. Gene Schroeder—Pastor E-mail gschroeder@evdio.org Julie Kempf—Secretary E-mail jkempf@evdio.org Kristan Gilles **Director of Liturgy** E-mail kgilles@evdio.org Jessica Reckelhoff Coordinator of Religious Education E-mail jreckelhoff@evdio.org Nathan Winstead—Principal E-mail nwinstead@evdio.org Mary Gries—School Secretary E-mail mgries@evdio.org



#### MARCH 5, 2023 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear friends,



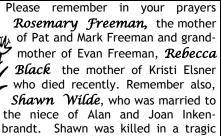
"This is my beloved Son . Listen to him." How often do we hear people complain—"You're not listening to me!" Listening is more than just "hearing" the words that people are saying. Fr. Walter Burghardt, a well known scripture scholar says that "listening to the scripture readings at Mass is not the same as reading a book or listening to music. When the readings are proclaimed, Jesus himself is speaking to us. Now. Here is the risen Christ, opening up to us the meaning of the scriptures just as he did to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. And we can respond, as the disciples

ples did, "Did not hearts burn within us...while he opened the scriptures to us. But for this to happen, our hearts have to be open. We have to be able to say, as Samuel did, "Speak Lord for your servant is listening."

But again, there is something distinctive here. Listening to Jesus is not the same as listening to others. The same intensity, yes, the same openness, but a greater risk. When the Father told Peter, James and John, "Listen to him," he was saying "Obey him, do what he tells you, follow him." To listen to Jesus is to be his disciple, to listen the way Abraham listened to the Lord and left his country and family and his father's house, as we heard in our first reading from the Book of Genesis.

So we ask ourselves: Is this how I listened to the word of God. Or, do we perhaps rephrase the response of Samuel: "Speak Lord and I will think it over." If we really listen to the word of God, then there is a good chance of hearing him in our daily life. This is Jesus who will speak to our hearts as truly as anyone we have profoundly loved, speaks to our heart.

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder



shooting this past week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families.



#### 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.

# ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Monthly Meeting: Come join us at our monthly meeting this coming Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm in the meeting room. We're always ready and happy to welcome new members.

We're Making

**Kuchens:** this coming **Saturday, March 11.** For those who would like to

help, please come to the cafeteria at 7:30 am Saturday morning.



# DOG IS A WAY OF THINKING

My language, which likes to prove I am not alone, wants to talk to me again today. It's telling me, Don't forget: you want to be less like Homer and not at all like Milton, but more like your dog. Your dog, my language says, knows things are there, doesn't want blindness to see a world, only a nose to know what's knocking now, who's on her way home. There's no yesterday. Your dog. if he could talk, my language tells me, would, every day, like a radio, catch an air wave and



say, "Today....."



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: For the intentions of the Ron Eickhoff Family, Leo Gumbel, Lawrence & Nancy Gumbel, Tom & Joann Muensterman, Joseph Gobel (1867), Christian Lunkenheimer (1938)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00 AM MASS: Harry & Rosalie Elpers, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Orville & Jeannette Hall, Jeanne, Kenneth & Bert Elpers, Aloys & Marie Elpers, Ivan & Lila Simon, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Alice Keil, Bill & Marian Elpers, Carl, Gertrude, & Charles Elpers, Gary Dearing, Bernard Goeppner 10:30 AM MASS: Berhardina Tepole (1876), Gertrude Klee (1899), Gertrude Elpers (1937), Barthol (1987) and Erma Rexing, Joe & Anita Rexing, Clarence & Mildred Rexing

#### MONDAY, MARCH 6 LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 PM MASS: Anna Rockemeyer (1881), Peter Denninger (1891), William Kissel (1971), Olivia Voelker (1984), Norman Moutoux (2014)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 7 SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY

7:30 PM MASS: Anthony Linnemann (1859), Baby Meier (1863, Infant Baumgart (1863), Maria Goebel (1878), Anna Lunkenheimer (1879), Thomas Effinger (1907), Mag (2015) & Joe Eickhoff (2015), Jenny Collins (2021)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 SAINT JOHN OF GOD

7:30 AM MASS: Herbert Geuss (1975), Victor Huck (1987), LaVerne (1992) & Earlene Fehrenbacher, Fr. Roman Heerdink (19th Pastor of St. Joe, 1995)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 9 SAINT FRANCES OF ROME

NO MASS: Margaret Fischer (1857), Adam Meister (1877), Nicolas Mossberger (1996), Robert Angermeier (2019)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 10 LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Cleo Spitzer (1865), Maria Sebastian (1865), Ludovicus Urich (1866), Lee Ann Heidt (1968), Jonathan Koester (1993)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM MASS: Ed, Helen & Jim Loehr, Marty Kissinger, Kathleen Melton, Jerry & Drex Brothers, Maria Hoefling (1877), Carolina Zeggling (1899), Thomas Kempf (2014)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Joe & Delores Elpers, Bill & Marian Elpers, Gus & Verena Bender,

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Darlene & ' Don Baumgart, June Weiss, John Straub, Paul D. Curtis, Ferdinand Baehl (1860), Margaret Urich (1881), Dionysius Mayer (1910), Infant Macke (1916), Francis ( Weiss (1972), William Pfister (1977)



#### PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Wednesday during Lent, (excluding March 29), we will gather for Family Stations of the Cross from 6:30-7:00 at St. Joe Church. Bring the whole family to pray with us.



#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?



February 26, 2023	\$ 11,345.00
February 28, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$ 2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 624,056.91
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 689,220.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 8.00

Thanks to our young stewards: Jarrett & Daxton Brown, Max & Quinn Layman, Beatrice, Bernadette, Paul & Peter Reckelhoff **OUTREACH MINISTRIES** 

HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 535.00
HAITI FOOD	\$ 53.00
HAITI STUDENTS	\$ 1,080.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5.00
EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLECTION	\$ 20.00
BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION	\$ 30.00

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:

St. Joseph Church 6202 W. St. Joseph Rd. Evansville, IN 47720

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

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Mary Lou Davis PREMIER NURSING CENTER (NEW HARMONY) Betty Fischer 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 5: Jim Helmer, David Hertel, Michael Raben March 6: Madison Coomes, Melissa Dalrymple,

Katie Luigs, Madelynn Manger, Mark Messal, Bryan Wolf Donna Niemeier, Hank Schuble, Brook Spaetti,

March 7: Candy Butler, Hayden Houchin, John Reckelhoff, Nathan Winstead

March 8: Greg Elpers, Eric Jones

March 9: Lee Barkley, Mike Clark, Kristen Fleck, Alvin McIntosh, Olivia Paul

March 10: Justin Allison, Hayden Schnaus

March 11: Ava Cody, Vernie Gries, Austin Jones,

Donald Maurer, Tom Raben, Don Werner

February 28: Troy & Amy Meyer March 5: Clay & Denise Allison

March 6: Mark & Schelly Weidner March 11: Chuck & Theresa Roberts

**HAPPY** 

**BIRTHDAY** 

#### JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS MARCH 7-8 TUESDAY AT 6 AM AND CONCLUDING ON WEDNESDAY AT 6 AM

Could you not keep with me one hour? We are asking available parishioners to consider signing Adore up for a Weekly Holy Hour on Monday, 7 am-6 pm. Currently when someone can't fill their Holy Hour Imagine Backl



at times it goes unfilled! If you can't make a weekly commitment, we can put your name on the list of substitutes to fill in as needed. At this time every hour is filled, we need to have 2 or more at each hour. Every 6 weeks on Tuesday we have 24 hour Perpetual Prayer for Vocations. So can you find it in your heart to come and spend an extra hour a week other than your Sunday obligation and pray for our church and country? There are lists for both Monday and Tuesday in the back of Church to sign up. Questions? Call Terry, 812-963-3149 or Imogene, 812-963-5221

Be joyful, though you have considered all the facts.--Mary Oliver

#### 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.



It is possible, however, to broaden our gaze again. Human freedom is capable of limiting technology, of orienting it, and of putting it at the service of another type of progress, healthier, more human, more social and more integral. For example, when communities of small producers opt for less polluting production systems, supporting a non-consumerist model of life. Or when the technique is oriented primarily to solving the concrete problems of others, with the commitment to help them to live with more dignity and less suffering. And again when the creative search for beauty and its contemplation manage to overcome the objectifying power in a sort of salvation that is realized in beauty and in the person who contemplates it. Authentic humanity, which invites a new synthesis, seems to live in the midst of technological civilization, almost imperceptibly, like the fog that filters under a closed door. Will it be a permanent promise, despite everything, that blossom as a stubborn resistance to what is authentic?

On the other hand, people now do not seem to believe in a happy future, they do not blindly trust in a better tomorrow based on current world conditions and technical skills. People see that



the progress of science and technology is not the same as the progress of humanity and history. There are other fundamental paths for a happy future.

However, many people can not even imagine giving up the possibilities offered by technology. Humanity has changed profoundly and the accumulation of continuous novelties consecrates a fleetingness that drags us to

the surface in only one direction. It becomes difficult to stop to recover the depth of life. If architecture reflects the spirit of an era, megastructures and series houses express the spirit of globalized technology, in which the permanent novelty of the products is combined with a heavy boredom.

Let us not resign ourselves to this. Let us not give up asking ourselves questions about the ends and the meaning of everything. Otherwise, we will only legitimize the state of affairs and we will need more surrogates to endure the vacuum.

What is happening confronts us with the urgency of proceeding with a courageous cultural revolution. Science and technology are not neutral, but they can imply different intentions and possibilities from the beginning to the end of a process, and they can be configured in various ways. Nobody wants to go back to the age of caves, but it is essential to slow down in order to look at reality in another way, to collect positive and sustainable developments, and at the same time to recover the values and great goals destroyed by megalomaniacal wantonness.

#### CRISIS AND CONSEQUENCES OF MAKING PEOPLE THE CENTER OF THE WORLD AND THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS

Our world today has ended up placing technical reason above reality. We see the as having things that we can use to create what we want. And it does not matter what will result from it. But if human beings cannot rediscover their true place, then they will not adequately understanding themselves. Not only has the earth been given by God to man, who must use it respecting the original intention of good, according to which it was given to him; but man is given to himself by God and must, therefore, respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed. TO BE CONTINUED

# IT'S FISH FRY TIME

THIS FRIDAY MARCH 15 SERVING 5-7 PM (DRIVE THRU) ONLY



Thanks for all your help with our Fish Fry last Friday. Our second Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 17.

#### COME HELP US PREPARE



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 **BEGINNING AT 1 PM** 

We'll need help to cut up and prepare all the ingredients for the potato salad and slaw.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 BEGIING AT 2 PM We'll need help preparing our famous sweet/sour slaw and packaging it in containers

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17 BEGINNING AT 3 PM

We will need help frying the fish and putting the carryout meals together for the carryout. We'll be working mostly in the meeting room. And we need help cleaning up after all the meals have been served. Check the emails for updates. You can also volunteer by calling Elisha Dewig (812-798-7098) or the parish office (812-963-3273).

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT DINNER

#### 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 Remember that flowers and plagues must be atcrews. tached 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. Maybe you could be one of these people. the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehrenbacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarge (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.

# "NO FOOLING" RIB SALE supporting AROUND TOWN the work of the Ladies of Charity.



Taking orders through March 17. \$25/slab Pay in advance orders only. Contact Connie Gries (812-319-5969). Pick-Up day Saturday, April 1 from CHARITY Noon until 4 pm).

## **MATER DEI BIG BINGO & AUCTION**

Sunday, March 17 Old National Events Center www.bigbingo.org for tickets

RUMMAGE SALE: MARCH 11 March 11: Sts. Peter & Paul. Haubstadt Rummage Sale, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

#### IT'S GOOD TO DO BUSINESS WITH OUR ST. JOE ADVERTISERS



(812) 457-5609

TOM GOEDDE Parishioner



# CONSTRUCTION

BRICK - BLOCK -STONE FIREPLACES - CONSTRUCTION 812-963-5123



# **IERRE**

812-426-1111

2535 Loucut Creek Dr. Evansville, IN 47720

(812) 422-8046 Fax (812) 422-8047

www.dexterousmold.com

CONTRACTORS

Dexterous

Gene Elper

Funeral Home 812-423-6471

### Heating or AC Repair

σ ...on our professional heating or AC repair service, This offer may not be combined with any other discounts and does not apply to previous service



812-425-8435

OFFICE 812-477-1515

EAST CHAPEL 800 S. HEBRON AVE. NORTH CHAPEL 6300 FIRST AVE. CENTRAL CHAPEL 626 FIRST AVE.

**AUTO WHEEL & RIM** 

SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

TRUCK PARTS

812-423-3157

1208-1212 E.ast Morgan Avenue Evansville, IN 47711

FEHRENBACHER

CABINETS, INC.

CUSTOM CABINETS & COUNTERTOPS SPECIALTY FINISHES - APPLIANCES

(812) 963-3377 | FCI3.COM

812-963-5011 Fax 812-963-5052

14930 Bender Rd Evansville, IN 47720

PARISH FISH FRY

MARCH 3 and 17

Serving 5-7

CARRY OUT ONLY

Complete Commercial &

Residential Landscaping

NURSERY & FARMS INC

**Save \$35** 

### PAUL SCHAPKER BUILDING CONTRACTOR

**Custom Homes and Remodeling** "Since 1979"

812-963-9112



479-6338 www.bassemiers.com



2345 W FRANKLIN ST 812-425-4364 1150 S GREEN RIVER RD 812-962-3500 3408 N FIRST AVENUE 812-422-8255

Drive-Up Window Perscriptions -- Free Delive



9500 BIG CYNTHIANA RD EVANSVILLE, IN 47720 812-963-3464



Woody's Septic Service Martin Woodward, Owner We Install New Systems Pump Out and Repair Old Systems Ph. 812-963-8026 or 812-457-0527



EXPERT BRAKE SERVICE & MOTOR TUNE UP 1400 W. FRANKLIN 812-424-5000

Freeman, Will, Niemeier & Heston Personal and Commercial Insurance 1919 W. Franklin 812 437-3933 **Ethan Freeman** Jordan Raben

Enterprises, uc 81

Pizza and Wings Weekend Specials & Noon Plate Lunches CARRY OUT 812-963-9310



German American Bank Banking | Insurance | Investments

germanamerican.com

f Voin

(812)962-2265

### JOIN THE Carpenter Society

Remember St. Joseph Parish in your will



1033 Mt. Pleasant Road Evansville, IN 47725 Randy Folz (812) 760-4120

## Olsen & White, LLP —Attorneys at Law -

123 Locust Street

812-423-3143

Stranb PHOTOGRAPHY 12820 Cynthiana Rd • Evansville, IN 47720

812.963.5014

www.straubphotography.com



812-425-1616 GO WHOLE HOG! TONY MARX





Custom Screen Printing & Embroidering 812-425-5104 2229 W. Franklin St 800-348-0356 Evansville, IN 47712 www.southwestgraphix,com



Residential - Commercial - Industrial 3225 Claremont Avenue - Evansville, IN 47712 Phone 812-424-5077 Fax 812-424-5061





#### JODI FEHRENBACHER 812,480,8886

FREEMAN, WILL & NIEMEIER, INC **Financial Consultants** 1919 W. Franklin 812-425-1030

Patrick Freeman P. Evan Freeman



donsclaytons.com



Professional Eyecare Associates (DID)



2701 Mesker Park Dr. Evansville, IN 47720 (812) 464-1086

Mark Messal DVM Jim Back, CFP®

812-777-0071 www.riversidecmg.com

RIVERSIDE

One-Day Bath Remodeling Call as for generations to



Jim Werner-812-550-3138

MARGARET KIMMEL, CFP® Vice President, Investments Financial & Investment Planning 812-471-2318 RAYMOND JAMES

www.raymondjames.com/margaret\_kimme d James & Associates, Inc., Member New York Stock Excha CFF Board owns the CFP\* certification marks in the U.S.





esus is Kev jesusiskey.org

Shari Kempf

6701 Nisbet Station Road

(812) 963-9305 Owned by Jim & Becky Harl World's Coldest Beer & Finest Bar-B-Q

GRACE MOTORS

2131 W. Mill Road Evansville, IN 47720 812-454-4624



Chris Moutoux

WOOD SPECIALTIES EHRENBACHEK MOLDINGS - DOORS -STAIRS

8920 HIGHWAY 65 812-963-9414 EVANSVILLE, IN FAX 812-963-8978

REALTOR®
Like a trusted friend... helping you buy or sell your house 812-459-6729

Uebel hor WARREN ON BUICK TOYOT EME DIEVROLET ISUZU



to the rescue! 428-COOL

OUTDOOR POWER Toro - Ariens - Gravely - Stihl - Sales & Service www.strauboutdoorpower.com

14101 Highway 65 (812) 963-5024 Evansville, IN 47720 Fax (812) 963-8381

FOR INFORMTION ABOUT ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN CALL 812-963-3273