

## ST. JOSEPH

### PARISH

**Celebrating 181 Years**

**1841-2022**

**Vanderburgh County**

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*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.*



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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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## APRIL 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Dear friends,

The great physicist, Albert Einstein once said that after all his study of the universe left him with one fundamental question. "Is this world that we live in a friendly universe?" Easter is our resounding "yes" to this question. God is on our side. And yet there are many people who think life is

some great contest in which God is testing them. It becomes hard to think that there can be a good outcome in life if we think God is against us. In such a view the spiritual life can become drudgery if we see nothing good, no happiness or joy. In the midst of all that is happening in our world, it can be easy for such a view of life to take hold. Fear, panic and anxiety can rule the day.

But the message of Easter says differently. The words we read from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians give us a clue: "You have been raised with

Christ...now seek what is above not what is here on the earth." Words often fail to adequately express what we believe to be true. Great works of art can help us better understand. The picture above is an icon from the Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church which depicts the Resurrection. When I saw this for the first time, I remember thinking "this changes everything." So often we have been used to images of the resurrection which are all about Jesus being raised from the dead. But this image suggests there is more to the story. Here we see Jesus literally pulling people out of their graves. All the broken chains scattered about are telling us that Jesus resurrection is about freeing us from all the things that keep us bound up in fear.

What's the point of this? Recall the words of St. Paul. "You have been raised with Christ...now seek what is above not what is here on the earth." To put it another way, you are now resurrected, now go out and live and act as people who know this. Our resurrection is not something that is going to happen at the end of time. It has happened already. And it is happening everyday when we choose trust over fear, confidence over panic, and compassion over anxiety. If we have already been resurrected, then we don't have to spend our time and energy trying to get enough so that God will let us go to heaven. He has already done that. And if this is the case, then our role in life has to change. If "we have been raised in Christ" then perhaps the most fundamental aspect of who we are is that we are each anointed and appointed by the Holy Spirit to preach good news to the poor, liberty to the captives and sight to the blind. And that means we have to take seriously that we are the Body of Christ—we are the hands, feet and heartbeat of the living God.

When we begin to realize that this is the starting point for us, it changes everything with regard to how we live and what we focus on in life. It's a lot to take in, I know. This Easter let's remember that that we have been anointed to bring life to the world. Perhaps the best thing we can do is just let this reality sink into the depths of our souls. That is the way we give our "yes" to allowing God to use our lives. And that is a pretty awesome role to play. And just know that God will do great things with our "yes"! Leaning into the journey of life.

Fr. Gene Schroeder



## The Revival

Unfold! unfold! Take in His light,  
Who makes thy cares  
more short than night.

The joys which with His day-star rise,  
He deals to all but drowsy eyes;  
And (what the men of this world miss)  
Some drops and dews of future bliss.

Hark! how his winds  
have chang'd their note,  
And with warm whispers call thee out.  
The frosts are past,  
the storms are gone,  
And backward life at last comes on.

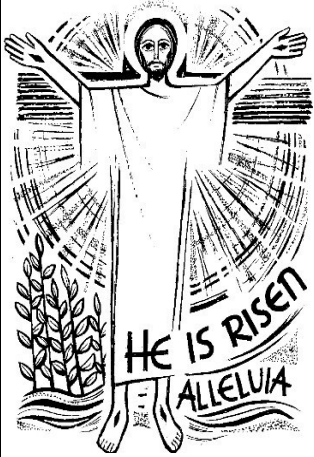
The lofty groves in express joys

Reply unto the  
turtle's voice;  
And here in dust  
and dirt, O here  
The lilies of His love  
appear!

—Henry Vaughan



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 16**  
**8 AM -- NOON**  
**IN THE CAFETERIA**



## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8  
THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**

**7:00 PM HOLY SATURDAY MASS  
AT NIGHT:** Easter Flower Memorials, Joanna Rexing (1883), Catharine Freppon (1887), Anton Salmen (1903), Amy Wallis (2020)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9  
THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE LORD**

**8:00 AM MASS:**  
Easter Flower Memorials

**10:30 AM MASS:** Easter Flower Memorials, Appolonia Schmitt (1896), Albert (1963) & Elsie Hillenbrand

**MONDAY, APRIL 10  
MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

**6:30 PM MASS:** Joe & Florence Rexing, Francis Rexing, Leonard & Jerri Schaefer, Eloise Hartman (1965), Henry (2016) & June Preske

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

**TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

**7:30 AM MASS:** Tom Stofleth Paul & Rose Stofleth Albert Voelker (1891), Anton Hoefling (1892), August (1938) & Victoria Theiry

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

**7:30 AM MASS:** Jim Gries, Harold Reker, Henry Frank (1881), Angela Kempf (1960), Loraine Meyer (1993)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

**THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

**NO MASS:** Michael Schnautz (1883), Henry Helfrich (1904)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

**FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

**7:30 AM MASS CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF EASTER:** Infant Kissel (1867), Robert Gentry (1904)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**5:00 PM MASS:** Lawrence & Elizabeth Luigs, Maria Bergwitz (1877), John Rexing (1934), Fr. Edward Bauer (15th Pastor of St. Joe, 1970), Alvina Welch (1991), Brenda (2021) & John Bergwitz (2021)



**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**8:00 AM MASS:** Joe James, John Reckelhoff, Basil, Maries, Luke, Ali & Dennis Mehringer, Linda Fendel, Jim & Dolores Niemeier

**10:30 AM MASS:** Charles & Betty Egler, Michael Eglker Jr., Susan Harlan, Joseph Goebel (1872), Margaret Goebel (1929), Raymond (1975) & Esther Will, Dennis Delgman (2006)

## COMING THIS WEEK.....

Monday, April 10: Knights of St. John Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, April 13: St. Anne Altar Society Meeting  
6:30 pm in the school meeting room.

Friday, April 14: Senior Citizens Gathering  
1 pm in the school meeting room

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

## STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!



April 2, 2023	\$ 14,214.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 718,072.98
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 787,680.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 10.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 4.00

Thanks to our young stewards: Jarrett & Daxton Brown,

Max & Quinn Layman

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 480.00
HAITI STUDENTS/HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 360.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5.00
HOLY PLACES COLLECTION	\$ 55.00
HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

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:**

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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

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

GOOD SAMARTIAN: Doris Head

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones

April 9: Margaret Angermeier, Rio Burk, Grayson Muensterman, Kim Spaetti

April 10: Dylan Coomes, Owen Messal, Evelyn Weatherholt

April 11: Millie Elfreich, Gary Fehrenbacher, Houston Houchin, Danny Knight, Laura Macke

April 12: Betty Fischer, Jim Gries, Diane Matt

April 13: Alyssa Hollingsworth, Tim Kempf, Brad Ruminer

April 14: Connie Coomes, Steve Elliott, Avery Frankenberger, Jenna Phelps

April 15: Larry Keil, Anthony Martin, Marilyn Mossberger, Catherine Schneider, Georgianne Wilkinson

April 9: Stu & Jenny Gibbs, Thomas & Margaret Kimmel

April 14: Chip & Katie Schwartz

April 15: Danny & Carol Gries, Julie & Brian Holtz

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**



Please remember in your prayers **James Gries**, the brother of Larry Gries, **Jeannette Klingenberg**, the aunt of Lisa Cook, and **Charles Egler**, the father of Mike Egler who died last week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families.

**UNTIL WE ARE READY ONCE AGAIN TO RETURN TO OUR CHURCH, OUR WEEKDAY DAY MASS AND MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will be held in our "new" rectory chapel. Enter through the front door. **WEEKEND MASSES WILL CONTINUE TO 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.



**JOIN US EACH SUNDAY  
AT THE 10:30 MASS**



## 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.



### Biological innovation starting from research

In the philosophical and theological vision of the human being and of creation, which I have tried to propose, it is clear that the human person, with the peculiarity of his reason and his science, is not an external factor that must be totally excluded. However, although human beings can intervene in the plant and animal world and use them when necessary for their life, the *Catechism* teaches that animal experiments are legitimate only if they are kept within reasonable limits and help to cure or save human lives. He firmly remembers that human power has limits and that it is contrary to human dignity to make animals suffer unnecessarily and to dispose of their life indiscriminately. Any use and experimentation requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation.

I would like to accept here the balanced position of Saint John Paul II, who highlighted the benefits of scientific and technological advances, which show how noble is the vocation of man to participate responsibly in God's creative action. But at the same time he recalled how any intervention in one area of the ecosystem cannot ignore its consequences in other areas.



He affirmed that the Church appreciates the contribution of the study and applications of molecular biology, complemented by other disciplines such as genetics and its technological application in agriculture and industry. Although he also said that this must not give rise to indiscriminate genetic manipulation who ignores the negative effects of these interventions.

Human creativity cannot be held back. If an artist cannot be prohibited from expressing his creative capacity, neither can those who possess special gifts for scientific and technological development, whose abilities have been given by God for the service of others, be hindered. At the same time, one cannot help but reconsider the objectives, effects, context and ethical limits of this human activity which is a form of power with great risks.

Any reflection on human intervention on the plant and animal world, which today involves genetic mutations produced by biotechnology, should be placed within this framework, in order to exploit the possibilities present in material reality.

Respect for faith in reason requires paying attention to what biological science itself, developed independently of economic interests, can teach about biological structures and their possibilities and mutations. In any case, the intervention that acts on nature "to help it develop according to its essence, that of creation, that willed by God" is legitimate.

It is difficult to make a general judgment on the development of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), plants or animals, for medical purposes or in agriculture, since they can be very different from each other and require separate considerations. On the other hand, the risks are not always attributed to the technique itself, but to its inadequate or excessive application. In fact, genetic mutations have been and are produced many times over by nature itself. Not even those caused by the human being are a modern phenomenon.

TO BE CONTINUED

## RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 9 & 10

Our 21st rummage sale is coming—June 9-10. Since we are now having mass in the gym each weekend, this year we will be needing extra help to set up the gym for the rummage sale and then clean up after the sale is over and get the gym ready for weekend mass. Look for more information in the weeks ahead for the ways you can help.

Among other things, we'll be collecting household items, children's toys, tools, antiques, collections, baby items, games, clothing, puzzles, household furniture. Rule to follow: if you wouldn't buy it, don't bring it.

We'll also be collecting medium size Target bags to be used at the sale. Drop them off in the containers by the church front doors. Questions? Call Imogene — 812-963-5221

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE COMING WEEKS.

## KEEPING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY HEALTHY

Our parish continues to be blessed by the financial support you have given through your contributions to our weekly collections. Here's how we stand with our Sunday collections/tuition as of the end of March.

	3-2023	3-2023
	\$704,803.88	\$734,724.51

Remember that there are several ways you can continue to make your weekly contributions.

1. Sending your contribution to us through the mail. You can use any of the stamped envelopes we send you in the mail. If you need our parish address, here it is: St. Joseph Church 6202 W. St. Joseph Rd, Evansville, IN 47720

2. You can also make your contribution by setting up an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account. If you would like to set up this option, call the parish office (812-963-3273) and we'll walk you through the process.

3. If you like the option of donating online, you can now do that through our diocesan website. [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org). At the top of the menu options on the main page, the last menu option on the right: "Sunday Collection Giving."

4. Remember you can also make payments to your CPC contribution on line. Go to our diocesan website [evdio.org](http://evdio.org) and click on Catholic Parishes Campaign Giving.

I thank you in advance for your financial support. May we continue to be blessed by the example of your stewardship.

Fr. Gene Schroeder

APRIL 15: Students for Life Leadership Workshop..8:30—1:30 at Mater Dei. Register at <https://studentsforlife.org/indianaworkshop/>  
 APRIL 16: Sts. Peter & Paul Die Kirche Auktion, 8 am-5 pm,  
 APRIL 30: St. James Fried Chicken Dinner, carry out only, 10:30 am \$13 per person.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School —June 19-22  
 Summer Social Chicken Dinner & Raffle July 30

**THE EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF THESE LOVED ONES. LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE GIFT THEY HAVE BEEN IN OUR LIVES.**

Jerry Shekell  
Sue Vauthier  
JoAnn Schoenstein  
Jack & Ann MacGregor  
Leo & Helen Feulner  
Ronald Kempf, Sr.  
Donnie Evans  
Jerry & Darren Drone  
Bernard & Mary Drone  
Herman & Veronica Behnen  
Vern & Carol Linz  
Ray, Magdalen &  
Randy Beyerstedt  
Robert, Ruth &  
Rose Loehrlein  
Sly & Irene Happe



Bob Happe  
Ron Happe  
Darlene Baumgart  
Albert & Viola Martin  
Fritz Martin  
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Mary Rexing  
JoAnn Schoenstein  
Jerry Shekell  
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Dennis Weis  
Sue Vauthier  
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Jeanne, Rosie, Kenneth &  
Bert Elpers  
Jeanette & Orville Hall  
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Killian Baehl

Jorhdan Wood  
Michael Lawrence  
Niemeier  
Kenneth &  
Catherine Jarboe  
Gaylon & Agnes Curtis  
Robert & Charlotte Wehmer  
Susan Enlow  
Clinton, Beatrice,  
Jacob, Matilda,  
& Susan Weis  
Ervin, Jeanne,  
Arthur & Retha Kuester  
Peter, Barbara Elpers  
Joseph & Elizabeth Reiter  
Leroy Weiss  
Freddie Weiss  
Deceased members of  
the Weiss, Straub,  
Kiesel & Reising  
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Francis (Bud) Englert  
Viola Englert  
Ed Hartz  
Don Schroeder  
Bill Helfrich  
Al & Elma  
Weinzapfel  
Walter & Ida Ann Schentrup  
Wayne Mattingly  
Anthony & Helen Mahler  
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Jack & Jean Lannert  
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Valeria Elpers  
Joe & Dolores Elpers  
Jerold & Valada DeWeese  
Jack Griffith  
George Davidson,  
Karen Elpers  
Terry & Sherry DeWeese  
Tony & Cecilia Stricker  
William. & Lula  
Townsend  
Rick Townsend  
Joe & Virginia Herr  
Lawrence  
& Liz Luigs  
Delores Strupp  
Alvin Strupp  
Tom & Wanda

TenBarge  
Malcolm & Ruth Patton  
Howard Nevins  
James Hughes Family  
Clarence Bassemier  
Family  
Deceased members of  
the Leroy & Cecelia  
Baehl Family & Joseph &  
Clotilda Wannemuehler  
TenBarge & Willis  
Families  
Armella Hochgesang  
Robert Reckelhoff  
John Reckelhoff  
William & Dorothy Martin  
Joseph & Phil Lasher  
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Michael Wooldridge  
Doris Ann Martin  
John & Beulah  
Gramelspacher  
Jerry & Joan Kremer  
May Kleeman  
Dr. Ed Lagunzad  
Jan Hermann  
Felix & Mary Preske  
Frank & Sabina Martin  
Hank & June Preske  
Clarence &  
Catherine Miller  
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Family Members  
Deceased Folz  
Family Members  
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Bill & Marian Elpers  
Alice Keil  
Ronnie Keil  
Carl, Gertrude &  
Charles Elpers  
Joseph & Mary  
Schneider  
Homer & Rosalie Corbett  
James & Mabel Blythe  
Alice Goebel  
Albert &  
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Catherine Mehringer  
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Mike, Rita and  
Freddie Schroering  
Herman, Catherine,  
Eddie, Clara, Alois,  
Lorena, Jerry, Bill, Paul,  
Margaret, Joe, Esther,  
Leroy, Ron, Becky,  
Jerome, Joan,  
Norbert, & Verena  
Schroeder  
Ambrose Beckman  
Roman, Dorothy &  
Brian Senninger  
George, Loretta  
& Brian Burgan  
Shirley Wessel  
Ed, Catherine, Danny,  
Ambrose & Dorothy Hopf  
Hip & Bernie Schnell  
Meg Vestweber  
Sr. Mary Benedict, S.P  
Sr. Mary Gabriel, C.P  
Keith Jones  
Kenny Schapker  
Paul & Alma Schapker  
Lawrence &  
Bernadine Spahn