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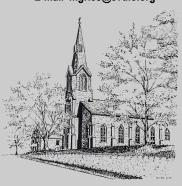
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### JUNE 18, 2023 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



The work on our church continued this week. Brick masons have been hard at work rebuilding the brick along the edge of the roof and beginning to do the tuck pointing of the exterior brick.

Now we need to do the work of raising the money to pay for all the things we want to do to get our church building in good shape. All told it will take \$1.3 million to do this work. We know that our insurance policy will cover about \$700,00 of these costs which means we have to raise an additional \$600,000.

There is no doubt that this is a big challenge. But nothing compared to the challenge that faced the 140 families in 1888 as they faced the prospect of building a whole new church. It took all their efforts to raise the \$15,000 needed to build the new church. This cost was seven times the amount of money they spent in building the first church that was dedicated in 1851. That church cost \$2,200. Even more remarkable is that it was twelve times the amount of money they spent to operate the church in 1886. If we had to do the same thing today it would be the equivalent of raising \$20 million.

Consider, for a moment, what faced these parishioners. In a typical year, 1886 for example, the parish operating budget was \$1,200. That meant that on average, each of the 140 families contributed \$8.50 through their weekly offerings for the daily operation of the parish.

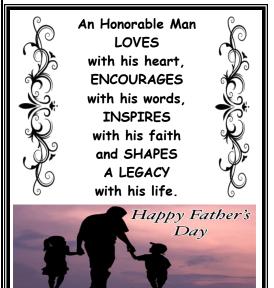
Now they would also have to come up with an average of \$107 if they were to raise the \$15,000 needed to build the new church. That is 12 times what they gave in an average year through the collection..

The financial commitment that our ancestors made took a lot. They had to make their contribution to the church a priority. And, no doubt, other things in their life had to sacrificed for that to happen. And we have benefitted from their generosity.

Now it is our time to do the same. The financial commitment of raising \$600,000 will take all of our efforts. And it will require a willingness to back up our love for our church with the dollars it will take to repair it. So we will all have to think and pray about how much we are willing to build this new legacy for our church.

In the coming weeks, I will be sending you a letter with a pledge card asking you to make a financial commitment to help rebuild our church. And, just as our ancestors did for us, now we our putting our money on the line so that future generations of our parishioners will benefit from our efforts.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder



# HIS STILLNESS

The doctor said to my father, "You asked me to tell you when nothing more could be done. That's what I'm telling you now." My father sat quite still, as he always did. especially not moving his eyes. I had thought he would rave if he understood he would die. wave his arms and cry out. He sat up, thin, and clean, in his clean gown, like a holy man. The doctor said, "There are things we can do which might give you time, but we cannot cure you." My father said, "Thank you." And he sat, motionless, alone, with the dignity of a foreign leader. I sat beside him. This was my father. He had known he was mortal. I had feared they would have to tie him down. I had not remembered he had always held still and kept quiet to bear things, the liquor a way to keep still. I had not known him. My father had dignity. At the end of his life his life began to wake in me.



# CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Remembering our fathers, living and deceased and all of the men who have fathered us with their love. Sara Angermeier (1950), Jason Will (2007), Ella Mae (2022) & Marlon Kroeger



### SUNDAY, JUNE 18

#### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### **MONDAY, JUNE 19** SAINT ROMUALD

6:30 PM MASS: Appolonia Hartlein (1887), Lauren Bernedes (1910), Joanna Becker (1912)

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 20 **WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Peter Denininger (1861), Christian Lunkenheimer (1913), Joseph (1948) & Rosina Effinger, Paul (2000) & Beverly Alsop

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

7:30 AM MASS: Michael Lawrence Niemeier, Barbara Erbacher (1920), Margaret (1950) & Samuel Angermeier, Esther (2007) & Herman Hartweck

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 22 WEEKDAY**

NO MASS David Angermeier (1953), Emily Elpers (1964), Michael Lawrence Niemeier (2022)

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 23 WEEKDAY

7:30 AM MASS: Margaret Seitz (1868), Christopher (1878) & Alice Hillenbrand, Elis Farny (1894), Francis Reidford (1922), David Tieken (2005)

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 24 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Kenny Schapker, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Leo Will (1905), Carol Happe (1905), Leo Koch (1994), Joseph (1995) & Dolores Elpers



#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25 THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry & Rose, Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe Gumbel, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Roger Martin, Frank Will, John Reckelhoff 10:30 AM MASS: Infant Brack (1868), Guilelmus Hillenbrand (1873), Sylvester Greubel

(1975), Victor Frank (2001), Barb Gerteisen (2022)



Today is the last day to bring your contributions to support the work

osity will be a blessing to many.

#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to Sieward meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge he makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift."



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

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

HAITI COLLECTION HAITI STUDENTS/HIGHER EDUCATION HAITI FOOD FUND ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$	312.00
	\$ \$	1,475.00 20.00

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, Christine Settle, Herman Schmitt

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 SOLARBRON TERRACE: Rose Weiss

June 18: Dennis Schneider

June 19: Brian Elpers, Shyann Macke, Holly Maurer, Hannah Smith

June 21: Cecilia Koch, Glenn Shane, Stephanie Stewart, Sam Thompson

June 22: Megan Collins, Lennon Gambrel, Todd Kempf,

Cecilia Kuester, Maria Mangold, Mackenzie Warren June 23: Margie Aydt, Bob Beshears, Debra Gries,

Faith Schnaus, Doris Taylor

June 24: Rick Elpers, Braden Grigsby, Kathleen Jansen, John Manger, Sharon Voelker, Richard Warren

June 19: Kevin & Keri Hartz, Russel & Dorothy Stratman

June 21: Doug & Jennie Daza, Rick & Ann Heldt

June 22: Randy & Darlene Appler,

Nathan & Kayciie Winstead, Jordan & Jenna Phelps June 23: Joe & Cathy Crowdus, Tyler & Ann Carlisle

June 24: Chick & Jean Duncan



**HAPPY** 

BIRTHDAY

Our rummage sale volunteers of est. With their help during the long hours of

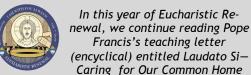
to make over \$9,000 for our parish.

the week of the rummage sale, we were able

Not only were we able to benefit from our KS rummage sale, we were also able to share many items with other groups. We sent a whole truck load of items to Goodwill as well as another truck load of furniture and household items to the Habitat Resale Store. We sent a lot of clothes and shoes to the Evansville Christian Life Center and lots and lots of baby and young infant clothes and items to Project Gabriel and to Birthright.

Now we want to take time to celebrate what we have done. So, to all of you who helped in one way or another with our rummage sale, we'd like to treat you to dinner, TUESDAY, JUNE 27 at 5 PM at the Carriage House in Haubstadt. Come join us for a great meal. Call Imogene (812-963-5221 or the Parish Office (812-963-3273) and let us know if you can make it. Let us know by June 25th.

# CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME





and seeing the real presence of God in all things.

#### THE DIALOGUE ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Since the middle of the last century, the tendency has been to conceive the planet as a homeland and humanity as a people living in a common home. An interdependent world does not only mean understanding that the harmful consequences of lifestyles, production and consumption affect everyone, but, above all, ensuring that solutions are pro-



posed from a global perspective and not only in defense of the interests of some coun-

Interdependence forces us to think of a single world, of a common project. But the same ingenuity used for enormous technological developments cannot find effective forms of international management in order to solve

the serious environmental and social difficulties. In order to tackle the underlying problems, which cannot be solved by actions of individual countries, a global consensus is essential. It leads, for example, to planning sustainable and diversified agriculture, to developing renewable and low-polluting forms of energy, to encourage greater energy efficiency, to promote a more adequate management of forest and marine resources, to ensure access to drinking water for all.

We know that technology based on highly polluting fossil fuels. especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser extent, gas, must be replaced progressively and without delay. Pending a broad development of renewable energies, which should already have begun, it is legitimate to opt for the less harmful alternative or to resort to transitional solutions.

However, adequate agreements have not been reached in the international community about the responsibility of those who have to bear the major costs of the energy transition. In the last few decades, environmental issues have given rise to a wide public debate, which has made spaces of considerable commitment and generous dedication grow in civil society.

Politics and industry respond slowly to global challenges. While the humanity of the post-industrial period will perhaps be remembered as one of the most irresponsible in history, it is to be hoped that the humanity of the early 21st century will be remembered for having generously assumed their serious responsibilities. TO BE CONTINUED

Ladies of Charity BBQ Ribs Sale, \$25 per slab, pay in advance orders only, deadline June 20th, pick up Saturday July 1, noon- 4 pm at the rectory garage. Call Connie Gries 812-319-5969 to order. Proceeds benefit the work of the Ladies of Charity.



# COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

Good Shepherd-June 22-24 St. Francis (Poseyville) Pork Chop Dinner—June 24 St. Francis Xavier (Vincennes)-June 25 St. Matthew (Mt. Vernon)-July 9

# COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 30

Our raffle tickets keep coming in. Thanks CHAIR COUPLES for returning your tickets. Remember we also have extra tickets if you can sell them (or would like to buy more tickets!) Again, call the parish office and we'll get them to you. Get your tickets in by June 30 to be eligible for our early bird drawing worth \$500.



Fehrenbacher 812-480-970

This week you should be receiving some Britt and Patrick chicken dinner tickets. We are sending everyone two tickets. Many of you will want more tickets so all you have to do is let us now how many you need and we'll get them to you.

On e of the great ways that you can help with the chicken dinner is to take a packet of tickets and sell them. Check with your family and friends, neighbors, co-workers. Our chicken dinners are really great—enough food for several

Alteracte meals. We don't want to keep all this goodness 812-204-4091 for just ourselves, so let's spread a little "chicken joy" to others.



## SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

**FAMILIES RETURNING** THEIR TICKETS -160

**MONEY RAISED** TO DATE - \$35,675.00

Thanks to the following people who have returned their social ticket packets (partial listing)

Ron & Margaret Angermeier Theresa Woodward Allen & Barb Rexing Larry Keil Eugene & Elizabeth Schmitt Jack Fleeger Fred & Judy Gries Mike & Joyce Elpers Daniel & Emily Crawford Gary & Dianne Wunderlich Bob & Norma Duncan Russel & Dorothy Stratman Catherine Vitzdamm Kristan Gilles

Andrew McCauley & Rachel Refines Charlie & Lisa Cook Randy & Darlene Appler Fran & Shirley Happe Danny & Carol Gries Ron & DeeDee Eickhoff Rob & Patty Montgomery Don & Debra Baumgart Sylvia Reckelhoff Mary Scheller Marleen Voelker John & Jane Luigs Glenn & Joyce Lewis Steve & Marcia Frey

Charles & Monica Voelker Tom & Bryanna Barron Homer & Doris Taylor Rich & Connie Harpenau Tyler & Ann Carlisle Doris Thornton Jim Geiser Phil & Becky Dosher Donald & Renee Werner Nathan & Jessica Werner Greg & Natalie Schuble Gene & Earlene Elpers Mariah Schneider Jordan & Kelly Wilkinson

# READY FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE? COME JOIN US ON OUR HAITI MISSION TRIP--JULY 29--AUGUST 5

Come join us as we travel to our sister parish in Haiti-July 29-August 5. Here are some of the things we hope to do: attend the graduation ceremonies for the Sewing Hope sewing school and work with the students as they kickoff their internship program; check out the status of the new Computer Lab; visit homes of sponsored students and families; meet with the Parish Health Clinic Director; visit local trade schools where our students attend.

You'll have a chance to join the community at mass and meet some of the great folks in the parish. This is a great opportunity

to open your heart to those in need. We can assure you that your heart will be touched by this experience and that your presence will give hope to our friends in Haiti. Join veteran Haiti travelers



Monie Siscel and Greg Head. To learn more you can contact Monie at 812-575-9167, Greg at 812-455-3903 or Chad Martin at 812-454-2785. Say a prayer about this opportunity and say yes to joining in this adventure.

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