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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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JUNE 4, 2023 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Dear friends,

I know that many of you have been anxious to learn about where things stand with the repairs to our church roof. In the June edition of *The Carpenter* I gave a pretty detailed report of what we are trying to do. Empire Contractors is going to be the general for the repair work. Matt Bishop oversaw the temporary repairs to the church roof last March and he will be overseeing the work as we go forward.

As I shared with you in *The Carpenter*, we have a number of things that have to be repaired and restored—things like putting a new roof on the church and doing the necessary brick work repair to make all this happen. Other issues include repainting the interior of the church, cleaning the debris from the pipes of our church organ, fixing the west side handicapped entrance and door to the church and repairs to the louver in the church steeple that was destroyed by the tornado. As I said, we think these issues will be covered completely or at least mostly by our insurance company.

I also shared with you that there were other things we thought we needed to do to get our church in good shape for the years to come. Chief among these issues is tuck pointing the exterior brick and sealing the brick. We are also planning on installing new carpet in the church as well as putting a new coat of conversion varnish on the pews and at the same time repairing the pews and kneelers. We also have to shore up the floor joists on the west side of the church. As I said in *The Carpenter*, these issues will not be covered by insurance.

I am happy to tell you that the brick masons from Empire have begun doing some of the brick repair and tuck pointing of the church. This work, particularly the tuck pointing and sealing of the brick will take several months to complete. We've ordered the materials necessary to install a new roof on the church. We've got to do a lot of preparation work before they can actually put a new metal roof on the church.

In the meantime we are proceeding with the work on the pews in the church. This is where we can use volunteer help especially to move the pews to the storage building once they have been repaired. Once this is done, we can begin shoring up the floor joists along the west wall of the church. If you can help with these projects, call/text me (812-499-9074) and I'll get you hooked up with the folks who are overseeing this work. Once all this work has been done, we can begin repainting the interior of the church. And, once this has been done we can install new carpeting.

I also mentioned in *The Carpenter*, that we would have a capital campaign to raise the money needed to cover the things that our insurance will not cover and for the other items we want to take care of the parish. In very general terms, it looks like the total cost of doing all the things we are talking about doing is about \$1.3 million. We think our insurance company will cover about \$700,000 of this amount which means we will have to raise \$600,000 in our capital campaign. I anticipate that we will be conducting this campaign in the next couple of months.

Please know that these numbers are a bit fluid as we are still working out the final details of some of the specific items of our project. So they may change a little. As these figures become finalized, I'll share that information with you.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to Bob and Seth Englert for putting up our Memorial Day Crosses last week. That was a great work of love you did!



GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

We have

diaper bags in our "gym church" which can be filled with powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, preemie onesies, baby shampoo, girls and boys socks, to support unwed fathers and mothers through Birthright.



You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. Questions? Call Toni Askins at (812) 457-1334.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

These things I know:

How the living go on living

and how the dead go on living with them

So that in a forest

even a dead tree casts a shadow

and the leaves fall one by one

and the branches break in the wind

and the bark peels off slowly

and the trunk cracks

and the rain seeps in through the cracks

and the trunk falls to the ground

and the moss covers it

and in the spring the rabbits find it

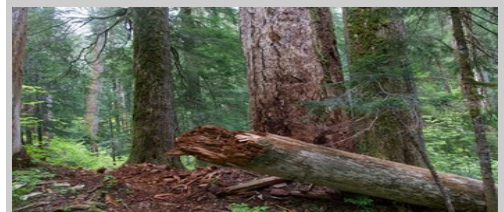
and build their nest

inside the dead tree

so that nothing is wasted in nature

or in love.

—Laura Gilpin



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

5:00 PM MASS: Darlene Martin, Don Barfield, George Hoffmann (1876), Anna Bender (1889), Maria Rumade (1907)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Jenny L. Bockting, Billie Jo Dieckhaus, Elena Lopez, Elizabeth Carabeo

10:30 AM MASS: Rick Dile, Buddy & Mary Dile, Jim Collins, William & Ruth Collins, Catharine Negele (1866), Sr. Irene, OSF (Margaret Ochsner, 1948), Walter (1958) & Margaret Cox

**MONDAY, JUNE 5
SAINT BONIFACE**

6:30 PM MASS: Joseph Handel (1863), George Lambers (1948), William Helfrich (1961), Elizabeth (1077) & Theodore Rexing, Michael Barnett (1995), Donald Geuss (2004), Mary & Herbert Geuss, Mary Ann Weiss (2013)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6
SAINT NORBERT**

7:30 AM MASS: Sophia Litzelmann (1862), Clinton Happe (1951), Collette Austin (1985), Edwin Englert (2010), Donna (2013) & Larry Alsop

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
WEEKDAY**

7:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Peter Schmitt (1900), Simon Kraft (1905), Francis Wisendauger (1910), Lawrence (2019) & Nancy Gumbel, Leo Gumbel, Bernard Gumbel

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8
WEEKDAY**

NO MASS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9
SAINT EPHREM**

7:30 AM MASS: Peter Baumgart (1880), Henry Will (1885), William (1973) & Leoda Kempf, Sr., Bill, Tom, Jim and Ron Kempf, Barbara Ritzert

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Ann Nance, Albert & Florentina Gries, Maria Happe (1884), Maria Grawe (1907), Henry (1983) & Genevieve Kares, August Meyer (1994)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**

8:00 AM MASS: Henry & Gen Kares, Joe Elpers, Armella Hochgesang, John Reckelhoff

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Wayne Altstadt, Jamie Mills, Peter Straub, James Collins, Leroy & Freddie Weiss



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

The Gospel today is sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature" because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, "God loved...God gave...", it is the paradigm for stewardship—we give because we love.



May 28, 2023	\$ 13,723.40
ELECTRONIC OFFERINGS	\$ 2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 19,692.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 845,191.40
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 945,216.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 20.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 50.00
HAITI FOOD COLLECTION	\$ 200.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 10.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5.00
NATIONAL COMMUNICATION 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:

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

HERITAGE CENTER: Brenda Koester, Christine Settle, Herman Schmitt, Leona Englert
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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 (REHABILITATION): Rose Weiss

June 4: Rick Baylor, Jade Elfreich, Tom Elsner, Gavin Murray, Gabriel Reffett
June 5: Dan Kissel, Ron Schell
June 6: Karla Deweese, Gary Gries, Elsey Lyke, Jason Smith, Adalyn Wilkinson
June 7: Randy Appler, Dave Dippel, Conner Frey, Kylie Frey, Brooks Hendon, Sharon Hollingsworth, Palmer Koester, Hope Macke

June 8: Alex Bates, Lucas Goedde, Harry Lincoln, Jordan Phelps, Brandi Schu
June 9: Dante Grasso, Olivia Willis
June 10: Dorothy Happe, Katelyn Happe, Cooper Heitger, David Henderson, Rick Lutz, Kelly Wilkinson

June 4: Ron & Jane Kremer
June 5: Brian & Mandy Elpers, Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher, Nick & Jackie Hughes
June 6: Ray & Eloise Hamner, Dalton & Emily Brandenstein
June 7: David & Angie Henderson
June 8: Josh & Danielle Welage

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**



COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

Holy Rosary —June 1-3
Our Lady of Hope (Washington, IN) June 3 4
St. Boniface—June 4
St. Joseph, Jasper —June 4
Good Shepherd—June 22-24

Eucharistic Adoration



Each Monday we invite people to come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 7 am to 6:30 pm. We gather in our temporary chapel in the parish rectory. We are always looking for new people to take the place of those who can no longer come for an hour of adoration in church. You can sign up to come for a regular hour each Monday or just come when you can.

Holy Rosary Rib Sale, \$25 per slab order **AROUND TOWN**
Online at hrparish.org/ribsmokes
Mater Dei Class of 1963, reunion dinner. If interested contact Roger Brown (812-781-0118) rebrown1@tds.net, by June 15.



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.



JUSTICE BETWEEN GENERATIONS

The notion of the common good also involves future generations. The international economic crises have shown crudely the harmful effects that the disavowal of a common destiny brings with it, from which those who will come after us cannot be excluded. It is now impossible to speak of sustainable development without solidarity between generations.

When we think about the situation in which the planet is left to future generations, we enter another logic, that of the free gift we receive and communicate. If the land is given to us, we can no longer think only starting from a utilitarian criterion of efficiency and productivity for individual profit. We are not talking about an optional attitude, but an essential question of justice, since the land we have received also belongs to those to come. The environment is situated in the logic of receiving. It is a loan that each generation receives and must pass on to the next generation. An integral ecology possesses such a broad vision.

What kind of world do we wish to pass on to those who will come after us, to the children who are growing up? This question is not just about the environment in isolation, because the question cannot be posed in a partial way. When we ask ourselves about the world we want to leave, we refer above all to its general orientation, its meaning, its values. If this basic question does not pulsate in them, I do not believe that our ecological concerns can achieve important effects. But if this question is asked with courage, it leads us inexorably to other very direct questions: To what purpose do we pass from this world? For what purpose have we come in this life? For what purpose do we work and struggle? Why does this land need us? Therefore, it is no longer enough to say that we need to worry about future generations. It is necessary to realize that what is at stake is the dignity of ourselves. We are the first to be interested in transmitting a habitable planet for humanity to come after us. It is a drama for ourselves, because it calls into question the meaning of our passage on this earth. **TO BE CONTINUED**



COUNTDOWN TO OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 30

We're off and running with our 2023 summer social efforts. To get things started we are asking all the families in our parish to buy/sell 10 tickets for the grand raffle. The tickets are \$25/ticket, but we are giving you a deal by buying/selling 10 tickets for \$200.

If, by some chance, you did not get your packet of tickets, let us know and we'll get you another packet of tickets. We

SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

FAMILIES RETURNING THEIR TICKETS — 30
MONEY RAISED TO DATE — \$7,700.00

Thanks to the following people who have returned their social ticket packets

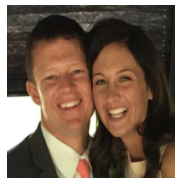
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d o n ' t want anyone to be left out! Remember we also have extra tickets if you can sell them (or would like to buy more tickets!) Again, call the parish office and we'll get them to you. Get your tickets in by June 30 to be eligible for our early bird drawing worth \$500.

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

3 pm to 7 pm

Friday Shoppers pay DOUBLE PRICE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

7 am until Noon

\$3 bag sale beginning at 10:00

Our 21st annual rummage sale is approaching fast. Over the years our rummage sale has raised over \$170,000 for our parish. We have such a great crew who are so very faithful in helping each year. They work hard to transform the gym into a giant showroom. Each year we seem to get more items and it takes a great deal of time to sort and price them. That's why we need new people to help out.



We're putting out the word for new people to come and join this parish effort. We'll be working each day, June 5-8 from 9 am till 7 pm, as well as the days of the sale, June 9 & 10. Come for a day, or more, or a few hours, here and there.

We regret that NO Console TV's, Computers, Electronic Devices or Tires will be accepted

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE GYM AFTER ALL MASSES ON JUNE 3 & 4 and 9 AM TO 7 PM JUNE 5, 6, & 7
Wednesday, June 7 is the last day we will accept items



KUCHENS
St. Anne Altar Society will be selling their famous kuchens on Friday and Saturday.

Come join to help make kuchens on Thursday, June 8 beginning at noon and Friday, June 9 beginning at 9 am



Food and Drinks will be also be available during the Saturday sale.

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