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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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AUGUST 20, 2023 THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

This past week the workers were installing the new rafters on our church. That work has gone really well. They told me that one side of the church was a bit shorter than the other side. I guess that can happen when you are 135 years old.

As this work goes on, they will soon be installing the new gutters. Then a new decking will be installed and after that the new metal roof can be installed. All this work will take a number of weeks to complete.

We also will be installing new aluminum louvers in the church steeple. You may recall that one of these louvers was destroyed when the roof got torn off the church. When we inspected the remaining three louvers we found that these wooden louvers had deteriorated and the best thing was to replace all of them. The smaller louvers at the very top of the steeple are made out of redwood and we had them repainted.

The electricians have also been busy taken care of some of the electrical issues inside the church that needed attention. One of the primary issues that they are dealing with is installing a new circuit panel and consolidating all the switches for the lights, fans and church bells.

We've also talked to our painters about the work they will be doing to repair the plaster inside the church and then repainting the interior of the church. That will require putting scaffolding throughout the church. This work will take about eight weeks to complete. Then, when this is done, we can install the new carpet. After that the pews and altar furnishings can be put back in place.

The painters have also been doing the exterior painting of the wood trim as well as reglazing and painting the aluminum windows covering our stained glass windows. That work will also take a bit for it to be completed.

We are still several months out before we can get back in church, but it's nice to see all the progress that has been made.

In the meantime, it has really been gratifying to see the generous response we have had to our "Rebuilding our Church Campaign." So far, 278 families have pledged \$727,000. That is just incredible. That kind of response will go a long way toward taking care of all the "unexpected" things that come up when you are dealing with a building that is as old as our church is.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder



*I don't know where prayers go,
or what they do.*

*Do cats pray, while they sleep
half-asleep in the sun?*

*Does the opossum pray as it
crosses the street?*

*The sunflowers? The old black oak
growing older every year?*

*I know I can walk through the world,
along the shore or under the trees,
with my mind filled with things
of little importance.*

*Is a prayer a gift, or a petition,
or does it matter?*

*The sunflowers blaze,
maybe that's their way.*

*Maybe the cats are sound asleep.
Maybe not.*

*While I was thinking this
I happened to be standing
just outside my door,
with my notebook open,*

*which is the way I begin every morning.
Then a wren in the privet began to sing.
He was positively drenched in enthusiasm,
I don't know why. And yet, why not.*

*I wouldn't persuade you
from whatever you believe
or whatever you don't.*

That's your business.

*But I thought, of the wren's singing,
what could this be if it isn't a prayer?
So I just listened, my pen in the air.*

Mary Oliver

Next weekend, a priest from diocese of Imphal in the State of Manipur in Northeast India will be speaking to us about the needs of the Catholic community there. He is coming as part the annual Mission Co-op program in our diocese through which different mission groups speak to parishes and invite them to participate in the work that they do.



**BLOOD DRIVE
TODAY, AUG. 20
8 am--Noon
in the school gym**



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Rebecca Ann Black,
Infant Tepool (1915), Mary Rexing
(1963), Victor Dewig (1995), For all the
members of our parish



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Ann Whitehead, Mary Jane Hochgesang,
Marvin and Elvira Lehman, Bob & Sharon Lehman, Tom, Wil-
liam, & Paul Lehman, John & Brenda Bergwitz

10:30 AM MASS: Jerry Muensterman, Jerome & Valeria Muen-
sterman, Tom & Joann Muensterman, Henry & Butch Raben,
Phil Raben, Susan Evans, Infant Rexing (1868), Joseph Anslin-
ger (1870), Alexandria Urich (1895), Henry (1967) & Ottilia
Baehl (1967), Joseph (1970) & Elizabeth Woods

MONDAY, AUGUST 21
SAINT PIUS X

6:30 PM MASS: Sharon & Bud Werner, Peter Wigand (1960),
Linda "Kay" Pike (2012)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22
THE QUEENSHIP OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM MASS: Valentine Schenk (1866), Robert Stevens, Jr.
(1990)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23
SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

7:30 AM MASS: Maria Haberlach (1860), Leonard Effinger
(1887), Theresa (1883) & Louis Folz

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

NO MASS: Joseph Effinger (1861), John Effinger (1870), Lu-
dovica Brack (1885), Francis Bernendes (1910), Henrietta
Baehl (1952), Ruth Waters (1993), Estelle (2017) & Jerome
Schneider

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25
SAINT LOUIS, SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ

7:30 AM MASS: Leoda (2003) & Bill Kempf, Christine Clark
(2009), Bob Wigger

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Irene Happe, Kenny Schapker, Doug Schap-
ker, Robert Angermeier, For all the members of our parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Aloys & Marie Elpers, Jeanne, Harry & Rosie,
Kenny & Bert Elpers, Jeannette & Orville Hall, Wilma & Joe
Gumbel, Killian & Irene Baehl, Peggy Baehl, Joseph & Mary
Schneider, Bill & Marian Elpers, Robert & Margie Harpenau,
Dean Trowbridge, Joe & Dolores
Elpers, Don & Margaret Appler,
Joe & Winnie Schu, Sr. Benedict
SP, Sr. Celina OSF, Sr. Huberta
OSF, Sr. Hondra OSF, Caty Schu,
Mother Angelica OSF, Bishop Ful-
ton Sheen, Sr. Regina OSF

10:30 AM MASS: For all the mem-
bers of our parish, Joseph Baehl
(1877), John Beyer (1878), Valen-
tine Seib (1878), Anna Beckerle
(1887), Al Frick (1904), Daniel
Spaetti (2001) Eddie, Virgil &
Rosemary Spaetti



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans,
"God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is
God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?



August 13, 2023	\$ 10,406.00
August 15, 2023 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 10,446.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 94,754.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 102,550.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 95.00
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Aug. 20: Kenzie Hartz

Aug. 21: Aidan Daza, Mercedes Gumbel,
Angie Henderson, Katie Loehr, Cindy Smyth

Aug. 22: Judy Bishop, Ruthie Dickason, Larry Elfreich,
Hunter Phelps, Mark Schmitt, Margaret Will

Aug. 23: Renee Werner

Aug. 24: Stephanie Unfried, Rebecca Whitehouse

Aug. 25: Leonard Elpers, Pat Freeman, Ella Muensterman,
Nathan Vanbibber

Aug. 26: Imogene Baehl, Alyssa Grigsby

Aug. 21: Jim & Janice Herr, Steve & Becky Muensterman,
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Aug. 24: Dave & Donna Dippel, Gary & Debra Gries

Aug. 25: Corey & Katie Loehr

Aug. 26: Stephen & Becky Jung

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Eucharistic Adoration



Each Monday we invite people to
come to pray before the Blessed Sacra-
ment 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.

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. Bernard (Rockport)—August 20

Precious Blood (Jasper)—August 20

Holy Redeemer—August 26

St. Wendel—September 9 & 10

St. Mary (Ireland)—September 10

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*



When possible risks for the environment that affect the present and future common good appear, this situation requires that decisions be based on a comparison between risks and benefits that can be hypothesized for each possible alternative choice.. This is especially true if a project can cause an increase in the exploitation of natural resources, in emissions and waste, in the production of waste, or a significant change in the landscape, in the habitat of protected species or in a public space.

Some projects, not supported by an accurate analysis, can deeply affect the quality of life of a place due to very different issues such as, unforeseen noise pollution, the reduction of visual amplitude, the loss of cultural values, or the effects of the use of nuclear energy. The consumer culture, which prioritizes the short term and private interest, can favor overly rapid practices or allow information to be concealed.



In any discussion regarding a business initiative a series of questions should be asked, in order to discern whether it will lead to true integral development: For what purpose? For what reason? Where is it? When? How? Who is it for? What are the risks? At what cost? Who pays the bills and how will they do it?

There are issues in this examination that must take priority. For example, we know that water is a scarce and indispensable resource, and it is also a fundamental right that conditions the exercise of other human rights. This is indubitable and surpasses any environmental impact analysis of a region.

In the Rio Declaration of 1992, it is argued that where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, the lack of full scientific certainty cannot be a reason for delaying the adoption of effective measures that prevent the degradation of the environment. This precautionary principle allows the protection of the weakest, who have few means to defend themselves and to procure irrefutable evidence.

If objective information leads to the prediction of serious and irreversible damage, even if there is no indisputable proof, any project should be stopped or modified. In this way the burden of proof is reversed, given that in these cases it is necessary to provide an objective and decisive demonstration that the proposed activity does not cause serious damage to the environment or to those who live there.

This does not mean opposing any technological innovation that makes it possible to improve the quality of life of a population. But in any case it must remain firm that profitability cannot be the only criterion to be kept in mind. When new elements of judgment appear starting from the information developments, there should be a new evaluation with the participation of all interested parties. The result of the discussion could be the decision not to continue with a project, but it could also be its modification or the elaboration of alternative proposals. **TO BE CONTINUED**

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$600,000
PLEDGED TO DATE \$727,722

Thanks to the following who have made their pledge (Partial Listing)

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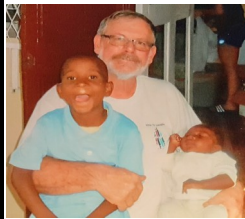
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Each year our Haiti Outreach Committee seeks new sponsors to join our group of generous people who are sponsoring a child's education in Haiti. As often happens, some of our previous sponsors have died, while others have found they cannot continue to give at the level they did in the past. So we are always looking for new people

to match up with the children in St. James Parish in Haiti. Fr. Dubois gives us a list of the children who are in most financial need and we try to match a sponsor with them, to give them the help they need to attend school.

A person or family can sponsor a student for an annual cost of \$400, or just \$33 per month. This fee helps pay for their tuition, provide a stipend for uniforms and books, helps fund the daily food program and allows the students to have access to the parish clinic.



If you would like more information, you can contact Eric Refett, the coordinator of our student sponsorship program. (812-

618-5945) or email him at ereffett@sbcgobl.net

ST. VINCENT DePAUFRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK



Saturday September 23, 2023
9 AM at the State Hospital
Grounds

You will be invited to obtain pledges or donations, which will help aid the poor through the St Vincent De Paul Food Bank and the 27 parish conferences in the Evansville Diocese. For more information, or to make a donation, or to register go to www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org

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