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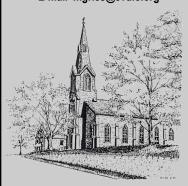
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### AUGUST6, 2023 THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Dear friends,



What a great day last Sunday. We sold a record number of dinners and over 2600 people enjoyed a great chicken dinner. Comfort food at its best. We received so many wonderful comments about the quality of the meals and the efficiency with which they were delivered to people as they came through the drive thru. Here is what one person said: "the meal was delicious. I couldn't find one thing that wasn't prepared to perfection. The quality was over the top and the drive thru system was extraordinarily efficient."

What was truly wonderful for me was to see the great spirit of cooperation that was apparent in all the preparation work leading up to the social and the day of the social itself. What was even more impressive was to see how so many different people, doing different things, were figuring out new ways to prepare and serve our great chicken dinner with even greater efficiency. Along the way, so many different people had the chance to work together in a common cause, meet new people, and experience community in a whole new way.

We owe a big thanks to Chip and Megan Altstadt and Patrick and Britt Fehrenbacher for the great leadership they provided. They set the tone for everyone working together. At the end of the day we sold 2735 dinner tickets. Not all of them showed up to get their meal, which meant that we



were able to share some of the left over meals with the firefighters at some of our local fire stations. We also were able to share some food with the folks at the Ozanam Family Shelter and the House of Bread and Peace.

Our gross income for the social was \$113,058. I think this is truly remarkable considering that we are also conducting our Rebuilding our Church Capital Campaign. We're getting all the bills paid now. We'll have a complete report on the social in the September issue of *The Carpenter*.

While we were busy here in the parish with our summer social, elsewhere members of the parish were involved with the Vanderburgh County 4-H Fair. Lots of people enjoy the fair, but it takes an incredible amount of work by a lot of people, all of which happens behind the scenes, to make the fair work. Our parishioners, Tom Strupp, Chris Wallace and Josh Elfreich are just some of the many folks involved. They are continuing a long tradition of parishioners from St. Joe who have helped at the 4-H Fair through the years.

Of course a big part of the fair is individual people exhibiting the projects they have been working on. Pauline Elpers entered a stole she made that I use at mass and won a blue ribbon. We had several other parishioners entering various contests in the fair. And of course we had several of our parishioners exhibiting their animals. Merritt and Mitch Adler continued their tradition of showing cows. And a whole new group of younger parishioners continued

this tradition: Rowan Koester and Oliver and Etta Wallace showed their cows, and won awards for showmanship. Emily and Logan Daugherty

and Kaelyn Hughes got to show off their pigs. Great job.

Leaning into the journey of life Fr. Gene Schroeder









I don't want to live a small life.

Open your eyes,
open your hands.

I have just come from the berry fields,
the sun kissing me
with its golden mouth all the way
(open your hands)
and the wind winged clouds
following along thinking perhaps
I might feed them,

but no I carry these heart-shapes only to you. Look how many how small but so sweet and maybe the last gift

I will ever bring to anyone in this world of hope and risk, so do.
Look at me. Open your life,
open your hands.
—Mary Oliver



# CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM MASS: Viola Martin, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, Dick Horak, Val & Jeanette Mertes, Jeff Schneider, James & Ellie Collins John Charles, Joseph, Bernie, Edward, Ignatius, Robert Henry, Peter, Raymond, & Paul Straub, Mary Emma

Grigsby and Anna Marie Jenkins, Infant Tepohle (1864), Francis Berendes (1893), Leo (1995) & Katherine Quinlin

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM MASS: Joe James, Alice Goebel, Bill & Marian Elpers, Alice Keil, Bob Lamkin, Leo & Elizabeth Lamkin, Ron & Martha Lamkin, Caroline (1977) & Frank Happe, Esther (2018) & Harold Niemeier, Tony, Mary & Tom Martion

10:30 AM MASS: John & Mary Koch, Alfred Glaser, Edwin Goebel, Carolyn Glaser, William & Art Glaser, Gary Goebel, Alfred & Elmer Koch, Jeanice Scheller, Hunter McDaniel, For the intentions of the people of our parish

### MONDAY, AUGUST 7 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6:30 PM MASS: Francis Seibert (1857), Maria Zuber (1874), Elisabeth Will (1897), Samuel (1949) & Elizabeth Eickenber-

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 SAINT DOMINIC

7:30 AM MASS: John Romadi (1870), William (2001) & Janice Kempf, Jr.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Valentine Freyhaut (1883), Julius Rexing (1896), Sylvester Baehl (1917)

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 **SAINT LAWRENCE**

NO MASS Anna Freyhaut (1881), Infant Tepole (1900), Fredrick Berendes (1954)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 SAINT CLARE

7:30 AM MASS Elis Happe (1893), Anna Will (1905), Herman Elpers (1976), Scott Gentry (2019)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Doug Schapker, Stan Schapker, Elmer 7 Charlotte Schapker, William R. Duncan (2022), Philip & Ruth Duncan, John Duncan, Thomas Duncan

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

### THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Simon & Koberstein Families, John Reckelhoff, Basil & Marie Mehringer, Candy & David Knight, For all the members of our parish

10:30 AM MASS: Eric Seib, Ed Straub, John & Christina

Straub, Weiss, Leroy Freddie Weiss, Infant Schony (1868), Joseph Erbacher (1894), Joseph Will (1929), Steven Schneider (1971), Joe (1991) & Mag Eickhoff (1991), Cathy Ann Luigs (2000), Don & Niece Singleton, Elmer (2011) & Charlotte Schapker



### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to  $\S$ make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

July 30, 2023	\$	6,354.00
July 31, 2023 Auto Draft Collection	\$	2,395.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$	14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$	61,248.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$	73,250.00
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EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: Mary Lou Davis

Aug. 6: Zach Fehrenbacher, Gretchen Forcum, Doug Klueh, Bob Mossberger, Karla Murray, Jim Pfaffmann

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** 

Aug. 7: Lane Barkley, Rob Grasso, Dan Lasher, Michael McIntosh, Tanner Rexing, Chris Will, Sharon Willis



Aug. 8: Molly Baehl, Lindsey Deig, Jeanne Freeman

Aug. 9: Sam Fehrenbacher, Margaret Kafel, Susie Schapker

Aug. 10: Krue Elpers, Chris Fehrenbacher, Bobbie Gibbs,

Bryce Mehringer, Chip Schwartz, Franklin Spaetti, Harry Woods

Aug. 11: Carson Arnold, Karl Forcum, Rebekah Nisley

Aug. 12: Grace Dosher, Briley Jones,

Patty Montgomery, Isabella Raben

Aug. 6: Rob & Patty Montgomery,

Richard & Amanda Warren

Aug. 11: Allen & Rebecca Whitehouse,

Blaine & Elizabeth Nims



**ANNIVERSARY** 



We will have registration for our Sunday Morning Religious Education Program this Sunday, August 6 af-

598-1151 for more information

ter the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. Religious Ed. Registrations Contact Jessica Reckelhoff, (812)



COME JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 FOR SOME GREAT FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR SENIOR CITIZEN GROUP 1 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM



# CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

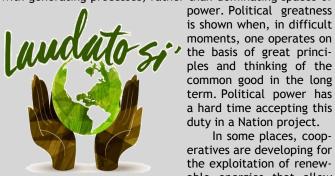


In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, we continue reading Pope Francis's teaching letter (encyclical) entitled Laudato Si-Caring for Our Common Home



The drama of a policy focused on immediate results. supported also by consumer populations, makes it necessary to produce growth in the short term. Responding to electoral interests, governments do not easily dare to irritate the population with measures that could affect the level of consumption or put foreign investments at risk.

The short-sighted construction of power is holding back the inclusion of the forward-looking environmental agenda within the public agenda of governments. Thus we forget that we are more and more fruitful when we are concerned with generating processes, rather than dominating spaces of



power. Political greatness is shown when, in difficult ples and thinking of the common good in the long term. Political power has a hard time accepting this duty in a Nation project.

In some places, cooperatives are developing for the exploitation of renewable energies that allow

for local self-sufficiency and even the sale of excess production. This simple example indicates that while the existing world order is powerless to take responsibility, the local authority can make a difference. In fact, it is there that greater responsibility, a strong sense of community, a special capacity for care and a more generous creativity, a profound love for one's land, as well as thinking about what one leaves to children and grandchildren, can arise.

These values have very deep roots in Aboriginal peoples. Since the law sometimes proves insufficient due to corruption, a political decision is required under the pressure of the population. The society, through governmental bodies and intermediary associations, it must oblige governments to develop stricter regulations, procedures and controls. If citizens do not control political power - national, regional and municipal - not even a fight against environmental damage is possible. On the other hand, municipal legislation can be more effective if there are agreements between neighboring populations to support the same environmental policies.

Continuity is imperative, as climate change and environmental protection policies cannot be changed every time a government changes. There will always be resistance to intervene, even more so when there are urgencies to be solved. That a politician assumes these responsibilities with the costs they imply does not respond to the efficient and "immediatist" logic of the current economy and politics, but if he has the courage to do so, he will be able to recognize once again the dignity that God has given him as a person and he will leave, after his passage in this history, a testimony of generous responsibility.

Much effort must be given to reforming institutions and providing them with good practices, which make it possible to overcome vicious pressures. However, it the best devices end up succumbing when there are no great goals or values, capable of giving every society a noble and generous orientation. TO BE CONTINUED

# ANOTHER GREAT CHAPTER IN THE ST JOE SOCIAL BOOK

Comfort food at its finest. That is what CHAIR COUPLES over 2,600 people enjoyed last Sunday. From the preparation work, to the set up before the dinner, to cooking the food, to delivering the meals to our drive thru customers, everything worked together like a well oiled machine. Of course all that efficiency doesn't just happen. It takes lots of people Britt and Patrick who all work very hard always with an eye out for how we might improve what we are doing. Can't say enough about the great effort everyone made.



Fehrenbacher 812-480-970



It was great to see so many folks at our "after social" party. Thanks to Stu Gibbs for grilling all the hot dogs, brauts, and burgers and to the Men's Club for providing all the food and drinks.

We sold 2,735 dinners. A new record for Megan and Chip Altstadt us. Those kind of numbers don't just happen. 812-204-4091 It happens because people are willing to get

to sell extra dinner tickets.

out and sell tickets. Thanks to all those who made a special effort

### 2023 SUMMER SOCIAL GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

\$10,000-Michael & Becky Raben \$2,500—Jay Vitzdamm \$500—Shannon & Jonathan Eickhoff \$500—Theresa Chapman \$500-Lisa & Eric Douglas \$500—Patty Rose Schroeder \$500—Joey Scheller (Early Bird)

Thanks also to the 68% of our parish families who bought/sold their packet of raffle tickets. That is an increase in participation as compared to last year. Thanks to John Bassemier and Vernie Gries for selling raffle tickets to the folks who came to pick up their

dinners. We did really great on our dinners, but our big raffle is still the biggest source of our social income. This year we took in \$73,140 from our grand raffle sales.

Our gross total for the social this year was \$113,058. We'll be paying all the bills this week and we'll have a complete report in the September issue of The Carpenter.

All in all, another great chapter to the St. Joe Summer Social Book.

#### SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE **FAMILIES MONEY RAISED RETURNING THEIR** TO DATE

**TICKETS 357** 

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

Chuck & Sharon Hollingsworth Paul & Karla Murray Tom & Sarah Glaser Don & Connie Coomes Rodney & Star Lincoln Jonathan & Shannon Eickhoff Greg & Amy Elpers Luke & Brook Spaetti Zach & Amy Spaetti Dennis & Bobbie Gibbs Andrew & Andrea Backes

Doug & Jennie Daza Jim & Janice Herr Trov & Autumn Link Nathan & Lindsey Dosher Tom & Delores Folz Jim & Jane Scheller

\$73,140.00



# COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. James-August 6 St. Phillip—August 12 & 13 St. Bernard (Rockport)—August 20 Precious Blood (Jasper)—August 20 Holy Redeemer-August 26 St. Wendel-September 9 & 10 St. Mary (Ireland)—September 10

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