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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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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear friends,

Today we begin our annual effort to do our part to support the work of our diocese. We've been doing this as a parish for the last one hundred and eighty-two years. In the beginning this was known as our "Diocesan Assessment." Then we called it "The Bishops Fund Appeal." For the past number of years we have known this effort as the annual "Catholic Parishes Campaign." This year we are calling this effort the "Catholic Ministries Appeal."

Whatever we call it, the work we do collectively as a diocese is important. This work involves providing support for the work of our schools and religious education programs, training people to serve as catechists, deacons and priests, helping to fund a pension program for the employees of our schools and parishes, and publishing our weekly diocesan newspaper *The Message*.

Some of this work may not be that visible—things like overseeing our common health insurance and property and liability insurance programs, supporting the Catholic Church in the State of Indiana through the Indiana Catholic Conference; the Catholic Church in the United States through the National Catholic Conference of Bishops; and to the Church Universal at the Vatican to help Pope Francis pay the costs for running the Universal Church. While we may be unfamiliar with this work, it, too, is important. Especially managing our property and liability insurance program!

This year our share of the cost of running the diocese is \$130,270. This is a \$5000 increase over last year. This is a 'bill' we owe the diocese. Should our CPC collection fall short, we would need to take money from our general fund to pay whatever wasn't paid. So, you can see why it's important to reach our goal. The fact that we are now in the midst of our "Rebuilding our Church" Campaign makes this common effort even more challenging.

Last year 71% of our parish families joined in making an average pledge of \$341.00 to our CPC campaign. Together we were able to meet our CPC goal. I'm confident that they will want to help out again by making a pledge again this year.

Last year 29% of our parish families were not in a position to financially support our Catholic Ministries (CPC) campaign. My prayer is that the circumstances in their lives have changed so that they too can join our common effort. I am confident that if these families will join efforts made by those who have supported the CPC in the past, we will be able to meet our parish goal of \$130,270.00.

This week you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in our CPC. Please take some time to think and pray about how God is asking you to help do the work He has given to all of us. May the example of St. Joseph fill us with confidence and courage to share our money so that God's work can be done. As we join in the common effort, let's remember, too, that when we work together, great things will happen in our parish and throughout our diocese.

Leaning into the journey of life

Fr. Gene Schroeder



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL**
CAMPAIGN GOAL—\$130,270

LOST

Stand still. The trees ahead
and bushes beside you
Are not lost.

Wherever you are is called Here,
And you must treat it
as a powerful stranger,
Must ask permission
to know it and be known.

The forest breathes.
Listen. It answers,
I have made this place around you.

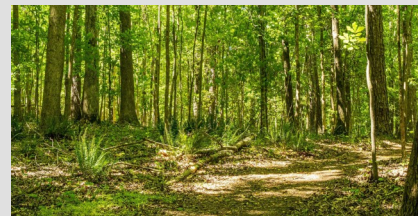
If you leave it,
you may come back again,
saying Here.

No two trees are
the same to Raven.
No two branches are
the same to Wren.

If what a tree or a bush does
is lost on you,
You are surely lost. Stand still.

The forest knows
Where you are.

You must let it find you.
—David Wagoner



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES CAMPAIGN (CPC)

PARISH GOAL \$130,270.00

PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 6,200.00

NUMBER OF PLEDGES 1

Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our gross income to the CPC. Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge card.

Fr. Gene Schroeder



**MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY AND
SUPPORT OUR COMMON EFFORT!**

**CELEBRATION OF
THE EUCHARIST**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

5:00 pm MASS: Doug Bradley, Michael Fischer, Rebecca Ann Black, Members of the Parish, Maria Wernet (1881), Marian (1990) & Bill Elpers, Alice Keil, (1990), Bronislaw Kijonka (1993), Mel Luigs (2018)



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM MASS: James & Mabel Blythe, Bill (2012) & Marian Elpers, Alice Keil, Robert & Margie Harpenau, Dean Trowbridge, Dolores Elpers, Carlos Romero

10:00 AM MASS: Anna Straub, Robert & Paul Straub, Edward Weiss, Bob Jenkins, Bob Schull, Tony, Leroy & Henry Weiss, Joseph Schenk (1871), Elisabeth Bender (1924), Goeffrey David (2019)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6:30 PM MASS: Barbara Erbacher (1881), Hildebrandus Frank (1882), Franciscus Forstel (1886), Joseph (1923) & Katherine Hillenbrand, Clement Ritter (1973), Chris Clem (2020)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM MASS: George Recker, Andreas Laugel (1878), Andrea Burgart (1891), Joseph (1895) & Kstherine Schenk, Maria Weiss (1872), Philip Frehaut (1875)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM BISHOP—DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
7:30 AM MASS: Henry Werner (1871), Barbara Martin (1876), Alphonse (1958) & Irma Baehl, Blondina (Dina) (1968) & Martin Ritter, Raymond Steckler (1977), Judith Jones (2002)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

NO MASS: Regina Frank (1900), Anton Baehl (1901)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

730 AM MASS: Matthias Baehl (1877), Joan Urich (1898), Nancy Niemeier (1968), Ron Kempf (2021)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM MASS: Betty White, Kay Horak, Lawrence & Bernadine Spahn, John & Elizabeth Luigs, John & Barbara Luigs, Joe & Mariana Elpers, Peter Ziliak (1858), Maria Lang (1862), Catharine Helfrich (1870), Anton Rexing (1883), Maria Hartlein (1893), Virgil Brown (1947), Duane Quinlin (1994), Sharon (2020) & Bud Werner



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM MASS: Bernice Behner, Linda Evans, Jim Anslinger, Michael Schweitzer,

10:30 AM MASS: Bob, Dolores, Ralph & Charles Koressel, Valentine Schmitt (1864), Infant Schluter (1864), Mattaeus Hartlein (1871)

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Am I my sister & brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"



August 27, 2023	\$ 8,513.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 14,650.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 134,262.00
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 146,500.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 60.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 6.00

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

HAITI	\$ 315.00
ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY	\$ 5.00
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$ 25.00
SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION (TO DATE)	\$ 3,475.00

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*

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*

ENVIVA: *Doris Head*

RIVER POINTE: *Beverly Jones*

SOLARBROOK TERRACE: *Rose Weiss*

EVANSVILLE PROTESTANT HOME: *Mary Lou Davis*

September 10: Ava Backas, Silas Nisley, Karen Stewart

September 11: Jim Harl, Carloyn Hutchinson,

Matthew McDonald, Greg Schuble, Amy Stewart

September 12: Charlotte Altstadt, Andrea Backas,

Bob Fehrenbacher, Dave Schmitt, Cory Voelker

September 13: Cathy Crowds, Pauline elpers, Juliet

Gibson, Alyius Howe, Ima Netewo, JD Wargel, Todd Wingert

September 14: Adalyn Backas, Phyliss Bringer, Matthew Gumbel, Hannah Rodriguez, Kearslyn Weber

September 15: Ian Bonds-Keever, Rylan Dick,

Mike Forcum, Andrew McCauley

September 16: Lee Askins, Carie Brown, Nick

Couch, Lurne Grossman, Matthew Kremer, Curt

Lannert, Judi Raben, James Ruedlinger, Brian Schu

September 10: Tom & Sarah Glaser,

Evan & Stephanie Freeman

September 11: San & Mary Ruth Lasher

September 12: Al & Janet Debes, Joe & Mary Mayer

September 13: John & Jane Luigs

September 14: Layne & Taylor Koester

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Please remember in your prayers *Andrew Bradley*, the nephew of Ron Miller and brother of Amy Schneider, and Kay Horak, the aunt of Peggy Dossett who died recently. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families and friends.

Coming this week....

Knights of St. John Meeting – Monday 7 pm

Bible Study – Wednesday 6:45 pm

That Man Is You – Wednesday 5:30 pm

St. Anne Altar Society – Thursday 6:30 pm

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*



It is not enough to reconcile, in a middle way, the care for nature with financial income, or the conservation of the environment with progress. On this issue, the middle ground is only a small delay in the disaster. It is simply a question of redefining progress. A technological and economic development that does not leave a better world and an entirely superior quality of life cannot be considered progress. On the other hand, many times the real quality of life of people decreases - due to the deterioration of the environment, the low quality of food products or the depletion of some resources - in the context of an economic growth.

The principle of profit maximization, which tends to isolate itself from any other consideration, is a conceptual distortion of the economy. If production increases, it matters little whether it is produced at the expense of future resources or the health of the environment.



If the cutting of a forest increases production, no one measures in this calculation the loss that involves desertifying a territory, destroying biodiversity or increasing pollution. That is to say, firms make profits by calculating and paying

a fraction of the costs.

Only behavior could be considered ethical in which "the economic and social costs deriving from the use of common environmental resources are recognized in a transparent manner and are fully supported by those who use them and not by other populations or by future generations.

Instrumental rationality, which provides only a static analysis of reality according to the needs of the moment, is present both when it is the market that assigns the resources, and when a planning state does it.

What is the place of politics? Let us recall the principle of subsidiarity, which confers freedom for the development of the capacities present at all levels, but at the same time demands more responsibility towards the common good on the part of those who hold the most power. It is true that today some economic sectors exercise more power than the states themselves.

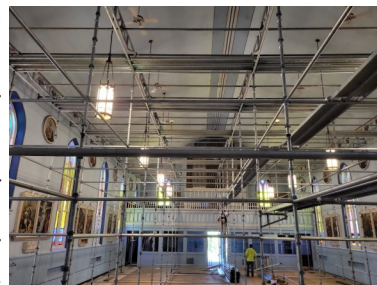
But an economy without politics cannot be justified, which would be incapable of propitiating another logic capable of governing the various aspects of the current crisis. The logic that leaves no room for a sincere concern for the environment is the same in which concern for integrating the most vulnerable does not find space, because "in the current" successful "and" private "model, it does not seem to make sense to invest so that those who are left behind, the weak or the less gifted can make their way in life.

We need a policy that thinks with a broad vision, and that carries forward a new integral approach. If the state does not fulfill its role in a region, some economic groups may appear as benefactors and hold real power, feeling authorized not to observe certain rules, leading to various forms of organized crime, trafficking in persons, drug trafficking and violence very difficult to eradicate.

TO BE CONTINUED

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH UPDATE

- The brick masons have been working very hard to finish up the tuckpointing and sealing of all the exterior brick.
- Scaffolding has been installed in the main body of the church. This will enable the painters to repair the plaster in the ceiling and begin to do the interior painting.
- The electricians are continuing their work updating and re-working the main circuit panel in church.



Exteriorly, the workers have been finishing up installing the deck and have begun work on the gutters and cornices. The folks who are installing the metal roof have begun their work as well.

LOOKING TO LIGHT A VOTIVE CANDLE?

Since we have not been able to have mass in our church, people have missed the opportunity of lighting a votive candle in the Sacred Heart Alcove in church. However, we do have votive candles that people can take and light at home. You can find them by the entrance to the gym.

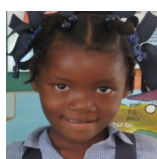


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Sign up online <https://ttsu.me/stjff2023>
Call Dave Schmitt (812-598-0559) to help at the Knights of St. John Booth



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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. We are always looking for new people to match up with the children in St. James Parish in Haiti.

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

COME JOIN THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. Wendel—September 10
St. Bernard (Snake Run)—September 10
St. Mary (Ireland)—September 10
St. Mary (Huntingburg)—September 17
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