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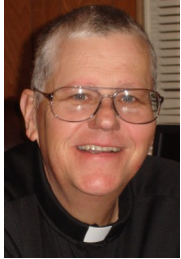
CELEBRATING OUR 181ST YEAR

JULY 2022

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work at our
Summer Social



TIME FOR MAKING MEMORIES

Fr. Gene Schroeder
PASTOR

July is summer social time here at St. Joe and that conjures up lots of memories. For me, memories of socials come from the forty-three years I have been a priest and even before that to the years that I was growing up in my home parish of Precious Blood in Jasper. Back then, it was a simpler time. Like many other parishioners, my mom and dad were involved in a lot of the preparations for the church picnic—helping roll the dumplings, setting up the stands, and, invariably, being part of

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HELP SPREAD A LITTLE CHICKEN JOY

Our chicken dinners are famous and oh so delicious. So why keep it all to ourselves! Looking for a way to share some of this "chicken joy", make someone's day and help our parish all at the same time?

perhaps for the neighbor, a co-worker, a friend who is having a rough time or a friend in the nursing home.

BUY A
CHICKEN
DINNER

GO THE EXTRA MILE
GET WITH SOME FRIENDS AND
buy some dinners

for the folks at the
House of Bread and Peace
Ozanam Family Shelter
United Caring Shelter

or make a donation and we will put your money with
other donations to buy some dinners

BACK THE BLUE and RED
Bring some dinners to one of our
local police stations or fire stations.
It's a sure way to keep up their
strength!



THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS
JUST LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP!

IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER AND GRAND RAFFLE--SUNDAY, JULY 31



Megan and Chip
Altstadt
812-204-4091



Britt and Patrick
Fehrenbacher
812-480-9702

Thanks to everyone for the great cooperation as we get ready for our summer social this year.

As you know we are focusing on an expanded version of our grand raffle and our famous chicken dinner. We've had a great response so far from the folks who have returned their packet of social tickets. Be sure to return your tickets before July 31. We'll have the drawing at 3 pm on July 31st

Our second focus is our chicken dinner. As you know we are selling tickets ahead of time. By now, everyone in the parish should have received a letter inviting them to buy tickets for the dinner. We included two dinner tickets with each letter. We know many of you will want more tickets than that. We'll be happy to get them to you. Just call the parish office (812-963-3273), email us at gschroeder@evdio.org, or text us at 812-499-9074 and let us know how many tickets you need. Check with your family, friends and neighbors as well. They won't want to miss out on the chance to enjoy our famous chicken dinner.

If you'd like to take a batch of tickets and sell them, call us and let us know. We'll get you set up. We'll be selling tickets after Mass this month as well. Get your tickets by July 22.

After we finish with our carryout dinners (1 pm on Sunday), we'll need help to clean up the kitchen and cafeteria and put everything away. If we get lots of help, we should have everything cleaned up by 3 pm.

After we get everything done, we invite folks to hang around and enjoy some food and refreshments, compliments of our men's Club. Burgers, brauts, hot dogs, chips and drinks, and any leftover food we might have from our dinner. We'll have our drawing for our raffle winners at this time. It'll be a great chance to visit with one another and enjoy each other's company.



\$15,000 in prizes
1st Prize \$10,000
2nd Prize \$2,500
3rd - 6th Prizes
\$500 Each
TICKETS \$25
5 /-\$100

Sunday July 31



Carryout Only

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LOOKING FOR SOME WAYS TO HELP? CHECK THESE OUT

BEFORE THE SOCIAL

DUMPLING DAY SET UP/CLEANUP CREW July 14 6 pm

Matt & Carrie Raben
Mark Messel, Dave Lappe
Ryan and Neil Kassenbrock,
are heading up this effort.

We need to set up the tables in the cafeteria prior to dumpling making day, Monday, July 18. After dumplings have dried and are put in storage, we need to clean the kitchen and cafeteria floor. We also need to wash and dry five gallon buckets for the dried dumplings, slaw, and chicken broth



**JOIN US FOR
DUMPLING
MAKING DAY
MONDAY
JULY 18 7 AM**

**No Sign-Up Required!
Just Come and Join us**

Bring a rolling pin and/or pizza cutter. No experience required. You'll be an expert in no time.



BAGGING COOKIES July 28 5 pm

We're making some delicious chocolate chip cookies for our dessert. And we need your help putting them in special bags.



Amy Back is in the charge of this. Call her 812-746-7900 for details and let her know you can help.



SET UP THE KITCHEN AND CAFETERIA



We need to set up the serving lines and put cardboard on the floor in the kitchen, chicken frying area and in the cafeteria where the serving lines will be.



DINNER PREP

Friday, July 29

Beginning at 8 am



Come help us clean vegetables, debone chicken, and prepare the ingredients for dressing. Traditionally we have not had a sign up sheet for this day. So, come for an hour or two or the whole morning.



MAKING AND PACKAGING THE SLAW

Natalie (812-598-1109) and Jessica (812-480-1938) Kassenbrock, "the slaw sisters" have agreed to chair this effort. Come help them chop the cabbage, carrots, celery and peppers. And then help package our slaw in our famous sweet 'n sour sauce.



SET UP THE DRIVE THROUGH AREA SATURDAY, JULY 30

We can use your help Saturday morning setting up the drive thru lanes and putting out all signs directing traffic for the drive thru area.

SOCIAL DAY JULY 31

CHICKEN FRYERS

1st shift 6:00 am—10 am

Gary Fehrenbacher (Chair)

812-449-8490

Keith Fehrenbacher (Co-Chair)

812-499-3000

Zach Fehrenbacher—812-483-4785

Chris Fehrenbacher—812-449-3006

Sam Fehrenbacher—812-963-9557

Bob Fehrenbacher—812-453-0669

Patrick & Brittany

Fehrenbacher—812-430-9861

Joe Fritch—812-455-7807

Ron Miller—812-963-3522

Andy Jarboe—812-306-4857

Bud Jarboe—812-453-4857

Stan Love—812-963-6512

Mary Kay Fehrenbacher

812-453-0819

Amy Tenbarger—812-598-9980

Tony Tenhumberg—812-453-2506

Sally Kempf—812-963-9568



2nd shift 10:00 AM

Randy Fehrenbacher

(Chair) 812-453-9357

Kathy Fehrenbacher

812-963-3052

Dave & Betty Fehrenbacher

812-483-1362

Jim Gries—812-963-6023

Tom & Debbie Clem—812-459-6729

John & Gail Maurer—812-963-6273

Mike Maurer—812-963-9444

Ryan & Laura Maurer

812-963-9444

Don & Holly Maurer—812-568-5379

James, Shelly & Emma Ruedlinger

812-459-2053

Randy Tenbarger—812-204-5139
 Brent & Kelley Lyke—812-401-0803
 Ashley Gaiser—812-319-9497
 Mike Ennis—812-963-9575
 Bill Steiner—912-963-1959
 Sherry Genet—812-483-1817
 Tim Mayer—812-484-9153

COOKING DUMPLINGS

Kelly Pennington Chair
 812-963-8168
 Kevin Pennington
 812-963-8168
 KevinHartz—812-963-8479
 Becky Raben—812-204-4091
 Jeannine Shumate—812-963-6772

**PUTTING DUMPLINGS INTO CONTAINERS**

Cindy Schmitt—Chair
 812-305-2531

**DRESSING**

Sharon Hollingsworth
 (Chair)
 812-867-9467
 Jeanne Freeman
 812-963-5181
 Michelle Reffett
 812-963-8110
 Paula Gibson
 812-626-0452
 Jan Tenbarger
 812-642-0025

**GRAVY**

Julianna Voelker (Chair)
 812-963-3307
 Julie Greubel—812-204-8717

POTATOES

Jean Duncan (Chair)
 812-963-1195

**CORN and GREEN BEANS**

Heath Stewart
 Chair
 Nathan Doshier
 Co-Chair
 Jake Schiff
 Co Chair

**WASHING POTS AND PANS**

Randy Kuester (chair)
 812-963-5155

Brian & Brendan Elpers 812-204-6906
 Jason & Landon Smith 812-4703-3025
 Clay Allison 812-963-3359



Phil Hartig
 812-985-9555
 Daryl Lipper
 812-963-6471
 Ryan Niemeier
 812-963-9062
 Bryan Roemke
 812-205-0919

**PREPARE CARRYOUT DINNERS
COME TO THE CAFETERIA AT 9 AM
ON SUNDAY TO START WORKING**

Don Werner Chair
 We're going to have two
 serving lines preparing
 the carryout dinners. We
 need people to



- bring the food from the kitchen
- put the different food items in the carryout containers,
- put the dinner in carryout bags



**IS YOUR NAME ON THE
SOCIAL WORKERS LIST?**
SIGN UP THROUGH OUR ELECTRONIC SIGN UP SHEET
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45afac28aaf85-stjoe>

Look for a link to our sign up sheet in your email or
 on our parish website www.stjoeco.org or our
 Facebook page "St Joseph Vanderburgh County"

DRIVE THRU PICK-UP

Peter Fehrenbacher
 Ron Eickhoff
 Co- Chairs



We'll need help getting
 the dinners from the
 cafeteria to the
 carryout are and then
 distributing to the folks

who are coming to pick up their
 dinners. This is a great place for our
 grade school students to help

TRAFFIC CONTROL

To help facilitate the smooth flow of
 cars through our carryout, we will
 need some folks to direct traffic at
 strategic places on the parish campus.

Rick Scheller Chair 812-204-9816
 Don Baumgart—812-963-0908
 Al Debes—812-459-5783
 Jim Helmer—812-457-6420
 Nick Helmer—812-303-1669
 Morgan Jones—812-430-0333
 John Koch—812-963-9257
 Jim Scheller—812-963-3047
 Steve, Joe & Jacob Scheller
 812-319-4828
 Tom Strupp—812-963-6067
 Ron Ubelhor—812-618-5685

DINNER TICKETS

Tom Elsner Chair
 We need help
 collecting the dinner
 tickets. We also need
 folks who can sell raffle tickets to
 those coming to pick up dinners.

CLEAN UP CREW

Andy Reckelhoff, Jordan Wilkerson
 Steve Jung, Rodney Baehl
 Michael Raben

We will need to clean up the kitchen
 and cafeteria, remove all the
 cardboard, clean the floors, put all the
 cafeteria tables and chairs in place to
 be ready for school and clean all the
 bathrooms on the first floor. We will
 start cleaning up at noon on Sunday

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A note about vegetable donations for our chicken dinner.....

In the past we have invited people to bring donations of vegetables and desserts for our chicken dinner....and people have been so generous in doing so. This year, because we are having a carryout dinner only, we've had to make a few adjustments in what we are serving.



This year we serving our sweet/sour slaw only for our dinners. So this means **WE WILL NOT BE MAKING CUCUMBER SALADS NOR WILL WE HAVE TOMATOES FOR THE MEAL.** So, we will not be needing these donations. We will, however, take donations of cabbage for our slaw.

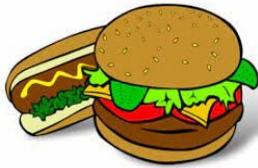
.....and a note about desserts

This year, since we are doing carryout dinners only, we've decided to have homemade cookies as the dessert for our chicken dinner. We know that in the past, folks have been able to enjoy a wide variety of cakes and pies for dessert. What we have found out the past couple of years is that is that it much better to package our chicken dinner if we limit desserts to cookies only.



COME JOIN US FOR OUR AFTER SOCIAL PARTY ON SUNDAY JULY 31

We'll gather after we have finished cleaning up. We're hoping that is around 2 pm. We'll have some burgers, brauts and hot dogs, drinks and chips, (and maybe some left over fried chicken, dressing and dumplings). Special thanks to the Men's Club for providing these refreshments.



RAFFLE WINNERS

It's a great chance to relax, swap stories with other parishioners and just enjoy each other's company.

At 3 pm we'll have the drawing for our the winners of our grand raffle. Remember, you could win \$15,000.



LET'S PARTY!

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT



After a two year hiatus, our annual rummage sale was back this year. What a great spirit of cooperation we had with our 2022 Rummage Sale. It is just incredible how much time and effort people put into this on the days preceding the sale itself—sorting and pricing an incredible amount of stuff. It takes a great deal of work from a whole host of folks to transform our gym, meeting room and cafeteria in our own version of WalMart. The end result was that our annual Rummage Sale we grossed \$13,368. We have some expenses that we need to cover, but we believe our net for the year will be over \$12,000. Over the years that we have been conducting a Rummage Sale, we have raised over \$175,000 for our parish. Fantastic!

Special thanks to all the folks who went the extra mile to ensure this success: those who helped sort through and price all the items that we received, those who helped set things up in such a creative an attractive manner, those who came to work on the day of the sale, and especially those who helped with the clean-up. This sale would not happen without you. Special thanks to Imogene Baehl who has been the coordinator of this event for all these years. Of course, a great big thank you goes as well to all those who brought their special treasures for the sale and for those who came to buy new "treasures!" Not only were we able to provide some much needed income for our parish, we were also able to help several other groups to whom we gave clothes and other items from the sale.

During the two days of our rummage sale, the members of our Altar Society also made and sold over 300 of their famous kuchen! Thanks also to Jessica Reckelhoff for providing some great pizza and drinks on Friday.

Finally a word of thanks to Cindy Schmitt, Rodney Baehl and Kristan Gilles for all the great efforts they did helping us recycle so much of the cardboard, books, glass, plastic and metal.



Just a few of our great rummage sale volunteers!

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions made to St. Joseph Parish in memory of these loved ones.

Let us continue to remember the gift they have been in our lives

HORAK-DOSSETT LITURGY ENDOWMENT

IN MEMORY OF
Sarah Lynn Appel
Neal & Peggy Dossett

URBAN & BETTY WILL LANDSCAPE ENDOWMENT

IN MEMORY OF
Mike DeWitt
Chris & Patti Will

IN MEMORY OF
Urban & Betty Will
V.R. & Kathy Funke

HAITI OUTREACH MISSION IN MEMORY OF

Mike DeWitt
Greg & Susie Head
Mary & Greg Clodfelter
Joseph & Sara DeWitt

THERESA BAEHL YOUTH ENDOWMENT

IN MEMORY OF
Harry Elpers
Albert & Marilyn Baehl

IN MEMORY OF *Ann Glaser*

Richard & Imogene Baehl

IN MEMORY OF

Bettye Logel
Richard & Imogene Baehl

CLARENCE & CATHERINE MILLER CEMETERY

ENDOWMENT
IN MEMORY OF
Jeff Schneider
Ron & Donna Miller

ESTELLE & JERRY SCHNEIDER HAITI

ENDOWMENT
IN MEMORY OF
The mother of Canhao Li
John & Julie Talley

MOTHER TERESA ENDOW- MENT FOR THE NEEDY

IN MEMORY OF
Bret Barton
Neal & Peggy Dossett

LEROY & ROSE WEISS CEMETERY ENDOWMENT

IN MEMORY OF
Ann Glaser
Mrs. Rose Weiss
Diane Weiss-Altstadt

IN MEMORY OF:

Bettye Logel
Mrs. Rose Weiss

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

IN MEMORY OF
Ann Glaser
Jon & Bernette Locklar

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CEMETERY FUND

IN MEMORY OF
Bettye Logel
Gail M. Maurer

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN MEMORY OF

Tom Muensterman
Jim & Jane Scheller

IN MEMORY OF

Ann Glaser
Jim & Diane Werner
Tom & Donna Blythe
Terry Drone
Gene & Marianne Ritter
Delores Schroeder
Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher

James & Trudy Keach
Mary Glaser

Stoy & Michele Winiger
Mark & Annette Werner
Mark & Kathy Masterson
Ernie & Mary Bohleber
Judith E. Ford
Butch & Linda Feulner
Mike & Jennifer Kempf
Andrew & Jacqueline Cosgrove
Kenneth & Janet Jarvis
Mike & Ann Ennis

IN MEMORY OF:

Bettye Logel
Julie (Fechtmeister) Deeg
Delores & Tom Folz
David & Donna Dippel
Lori & Dave Wolf
Andy & Andrea Jarboe
Sherry McBride
Skip LaMar
Karen Johnson (Laib)
Gary & Cindy Goebel
John & Ann Johnston
Jeanette & Allan Heidorn
Steve & Keri Anslinger
Jack & Becky Schlottman
Mr. & Mrs. James Mosby
The Miles Family
Eric & Robin Renschler
Karen & Jim Newman

Thank you!

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US ON THESE SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER

"Come away for awhile and pray." That was the invitation Jesus gave to his disciples many times. There are, of course, many ways we can do this. Here in our parish we have two special opportunities for people to spend some time in prayer at church. Each Monday, from 7 am to 7 pm we have Eucharistic Adoration. In addition, once every six weeks we have a 24 hour time for Eucharistic Adoration, from 6 am on Tuesday till 6 am on Wednesday. This 24 hour day of prayer is part of our effort throughout our diocese to be praying each day for vocations.

What better place can you visit than a church during these special times of prayer. It is a chance to unburden yourself of all the heartaches, fears, angers, anxieties that weigh you down and then give you a chance to just be able to listen to God speak to you. "Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest. Do not be afraid, I am with you always. You have only to call my name and I will be there." This is what our weekly day of Eucharistic Adoration and every six week 24 hour day of adoration are all about.

Our goal is to have two people come for each hour of prayer. This is especially wise for those late night and early morning hours through the night when some people might feel a little anxious about being the only person in church. Over the years, we have been blessed with many people who have come to pray during these prayer times. However, many of these faithful people have died. Others, because of health reasons, are no longer able to come to church. So now we are asking people in the parish to prayerfully consider coming to spend an hour in prayer for both our weekly day of prayer and our 24 hour day of prayer. We would also like to have a list of people who would be willing to be a substitute to fill in when those who regularly come are not able to make it.

There are sign up sheets at the front door of church where you can add your name and the particular hour you can come to pray. If you have any questions or want more information you can contact Terry (812.963.3149) or Imogene (812.963.5221)

*Come away...
...and rest awhile*



CONGRATUALIONS TO OUR 2022 ST JOE GRADE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Row 1 (l to r) Owen Messal, David Altstadt, Brooklyn Helmer, Addy Wilkinson, Mihret Whitehouse, Sawyer Spaetti, Grant Voelker

Row 2 (l to r) Braydn Jones, Merritt Adler, Piper Fehrenbacher, Riley Waninger, Matthew Willis, Brady Kassenbrock

Row 3 (l to r) Caden Thacker, Theodore Heldt, Zachary Bishop, Owen Traylor, Cameron Lappe, Austin Maroni, Joshua Baehl

Row 4 (l to r) Mrs. Heather Ntewo, Mr. Nathan Winstead

HERE'S SOME EXCITING NEWS ABOUT TAX CREDITS

529 plans
college savings
plan school

529 education savings plans can now be used to fund private schooling. 529s allow anyone, regardless of age or income, to contribute. Earnings accumulate tax free and contributions are eligible for an Indiana state tax credit of 20%. As the owner of a 529 plan, you control the

funds and can change beneficiaries to another eligible family member at any time. Even better is that withdrawals for many educational expenses are free from federal state income tax.

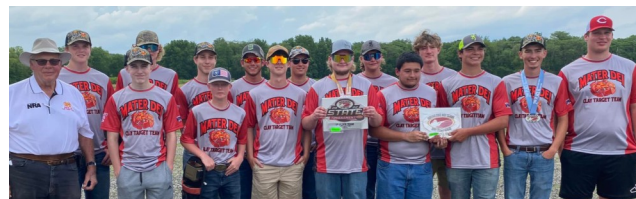
A simple example would be a parent who contributes \$5000 into a 529 account would receive 20% or \$1000 as a state tax credit. The \$5000 could then be used to pay St. Joe tuition.

These 529 accounts can be created online, at banks or with a financial planner. If you would like more information about a 529 Plan, call us (812-963-3273 or 812-499-9074) and we'll get you connected with folks who can help you set up your own 529 plan.

Here's another exciting opportunity that can benefit you as well as needy families in our parish and ultimately our parish school. The State of Indiana now enables you to reduce your state tax liability while at the same time helping low and middle income families send their children to our school. Donors (individuals or corporations) are eligible to take advantage of a 50% credit against their state tax liability for contributions made to Choice Scholarship, the qualifying scholarship granting organization (SGO) that we deal with. If you make a contribution of \$100 to an SGO, you can take \$50 off your state taxes. It's important to remember that there is no minimum necessary contribution. Just remember that however much you give, half of that amount can be deducted from your state taxes. In addition, your

Saluting these Achievements

- Paula Gibson received a certificate of Professional Book- ing and Payroll through Ivy Tech
- Jacob Scheller helped lead the Mater Dei Skeet Shooting Team to the Indiana State Championship. He placed 5th overall in the state.



- Congratulations to our student athletes from Mater Dei who were named to the spring All City Academic Team: Girls Track: **Kylie Frey**, Softball: **Katelyn Bishop, Kayla Gerth**, Boys Golf: **Kurt Denning, Conner Frey**, Baseball: **Ethan Kissel**

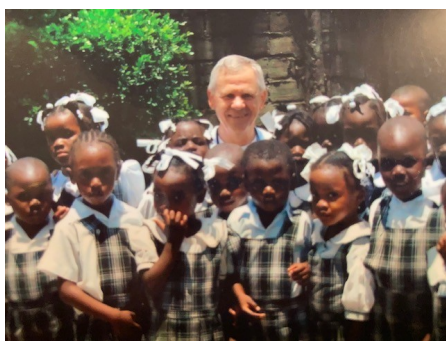
full contribution can also be deducted from federal taxes. Contributions that are made to an SGO can be designated for a specific school (in our case, St. Joseph School). That way the money you contribute will definitely go to providing a grant for a needy family here at St. Joseph.

The great thing about this opportunity is that it can be a win/win for everyone involved. If you would like more information about this opportunity, call us at the parish office (812-963-3273) We'll be happy to share more information with you.



CHANGING LIVES IN HAITI ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

When teams began traveling regularly to St. Jacques in 2004, we began targeting some of the most obvious and pressing needs - a church roof, basic health needs, school supplies, a generator to supply power, teachers not being paid, etc. Although our efforts were truly beneficial to



both parishes, we were only scratching the surface. What more could we do to make a difference? We kept coming back to EDUCATION being the key to change.

In 2007, after much research and prayer, a team led by Butch Feulner proposed a "community based" student sponsorship program. For \$25/month (\$300 annually), a sponsor would be assigned a student from St. Jacques elementary (Ecole St. Pierre - ESP) or high school (College St. Pierre - CSP). This gift would cover the student's tuition, uniform and cost of supplies. The majority of each gift would go toward the teachers' salaries. All 400 ESP and 300 CSP students would benefit from having dedicated teachers who were being paid consistently and the daily lunch program being provided. For



many students, this is the one certain meal they will get each day!

What began with 10 ESP and 10 CSP students in 2007 has grown to nearly 100 ESP and 100 CSP students being sponsored annually. The senior year -- Phylo as they call it in Haiti -- was added to the curriculum in 2012 and the enrollment in both schools has grown tremendously. The students are receiving excellent instruction and routinely exceed Haitian education standards. We typically graduate about 20 CSP students each year - a remarkable achievement in a country where less than 1% of the population ever go to high school.

What happens after high school? In recent years, we have expanded the sponsorship program to include university education if the student qualifies, meets strict criteria to enter and remain in the program, and if the sponsor agrees to continue providing financial support (approximately \$1,500 annually rather than \$360 for ESP and CSP students). We make no promises to the students but tell them if they are willing to make the com-

mitment and do all that is required of them, we will do our best to help find sponsorship. The student is responsible for housing, supplies, books and travel expenses while we cover tuition. We closely monitor the student's academic progress and, when necessary, remove a student from the program for non-compliance. Butch plays a key role in managing university sponsorships.

Today, we are proud to have 45 students attending universities in Haiti, studying Engineering, Administration, Medicine, Medical Technology, Computer Science, Nursing, Agriculture, and Diplomacy. If there is ever to be a true change in a country torn by political turmoil, natural disaster, and lack of resources - it will be through the education of its youth. With commitment, along with financial support they cannot gain elsewhere, these young people will become the leaders that Haiti needs. What an awesome opportunity we have to provide support and HOPE for Haiti's future!

Many sponsored students have excelled after graduation. Here are some of their stories.

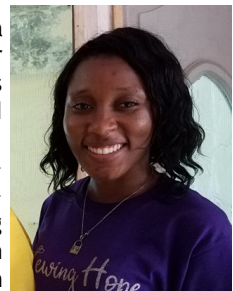
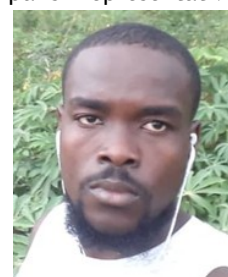
Julenord Saintillus is a University graduate. He serves as the paid Clinic Administrator at St. Jacques Medical Clinic. He also serves as our student sponsorship coordinator for sponsored university students, serving as the liaison between St. Joe's coordinator and the pastor. He provides oversight of the local university students, contacts schools to confirm tuition rates, collects grades to confirm students are achieving academic success, and many other tasks as needed. He often serves as one of St. Jacques parish representatives and serves as a translator when we visit.

Fritzman Daniels is a University graduate. He owns and manages a construction company with his brother. His company recently completed construction of a \$100K+ building in the parish compound. The Daniels brothers have also constructed a home for George and Dianne Moll as part of their work with a parish in Carrefour des Peres, not far from PdN. Fritzman is driven to succeed and is not afraid of hard work.

Sendia Toussaint is a University graduate and serves as coordinator for our Sewing Hope sewing program as the liaison between the Instructors and the St. Joe team. Recently, Sendia received a microfinance loan to operate a printing and copy service business in the community.

Jim-Kertz Philostine is currently a senior at the University of Notre Dame PdN

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studying Agriculture. He has always been eager to work and very helpful to our teams. He learned English on his own. Jim-Kertz serves as our local coordinator for the clean water program.

Vilson Duval is currently enrolled at the University of Notre Dame PdN. He has learned English and has become an interpreter and friend to those who visit Plaine du Nord. He has become one of our go-to guys when we need someone to help us communicate. Vilson has begun an after-school group for elementary students which focuses on fostering the spiritual, cultural, social and etiquette skills of the students. He provides meaningful activities and reduces unproductive idle time of these energetic children. Vilson is eager to learn from the teams that visit and always ready to help. He says that we all have helped them so much and he wants to do the same for us



Fredson Joseph was part of the sponsorship program and was a good student with strong faith and great work ethics. He came to the US through the support of his sponsors, George and Dianne Moll. He enrolled at USI in the ESL program, going on to earn his Computer Information Systems degree from USI. He is now working in the IT department at the University of Arizona in Tuscon, AZ.

A Home for Esther

Our work in Haiti is focused on helping the parish, schools, and community as whole and normally does not involve work for individuals. There is always an exception. For the many groups who visit Haiti, Esther always stands out. She is one of the cooks at the grade school who always has a beautiful toothless smile, attends Mass daily and gives great bear hugs to welcome us. We learned over time that Esther lived in one of the most dilapidated homes in Haiti. The St. Jacques parish council recognized her as one of the neediest individuals in the parish.



Many travelers felt the nudge to help her obtain better living conditions, so a group was tasked with making structural improvements to her home. Their assessment, however, showed the home to be structurally unsound with no reasonable way to perform repairs. Demolition and reconstruction were the best options. When we found that she did not own the home or the property, we

explored other options. Finally, after a long search, we found a suitable lot and developed plans to build a small home for Esther, her son and 4 grandchildren. Individuals who had met Esther or heard her story came together and raised the funds independently of the outreach team. Now, five years later, members of our last mission trip that traveled to Haiti in May were able to attend a blessing and dedication for her new home.

COMPUTER LAB UPDATE

For many years we have had a dream about building a computer lab for our high school students. Thanks to the successful efforts of our Hearts and Hands for Haiti celebration last May, we were able to raise the \$50,000 matching funds for our long awaited computer lab project. Now we are excited about being able to get the project started. The plan is to build a second floor on the cur-

LITURGICAL MINISTERS July 23, 2022 -- August 21, 2022

As we continue to navigate through this coronavirus pandemic, the liturgical ministers we need for our weekend masses are limited to our lectors and one Eucharistic minister.

Saturday July 23, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Toni Askins
Sunday July 24, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Marcia Frey
Sunday July 24, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Jane Scheller
Saturday July 30, 2022 5 pm	Volunteers	Mike Refett
Sunday July 31, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Tom Folz
Sunday, July 31, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Aleiah Nisley
Saturday August 6, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Sis Jarboe,
Sunday August 7, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Tom Blythe
Sunday, August 7, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Shane Wessel
Saturday, August 13, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Toni Askins
Sunday, August 14, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Terry Drone
Sunday, August 14, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Jane Scheller
Saturday, August 20, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Mike Refett
Sunday, August 21, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Chick Duncan
Sunday, August 21, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Mandy Elpers

rent high school to house the computer lab. Pictured here are some renditions of what the finished project will look like.

Fr. Dubois has selected a Civil Engineer who teaches at CSP to oversee the design and development of the project. Preliminary construction plans have been developed and costs have been estimated as follows: construction - \$95K; solar installation - \$35K; computer equipment - \$30K; furnishings - \$25K and instructional materials \$5K. Total project cost is \$190K.

we're excited to report that this past May several folks traveled to Haiti on a mission trip. They were able to take some money with them to help get the computer lab project started.



MISSION OUTREACH



Be an island of mercy in
a sea of indifference.

Pope Francis

Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with great
love. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Thank you for making it Christmas in June at Birthright as they received the baby items collected during our diaper bag express fundraiser. Thank you, especially, to Toni Askins for coordinating this effort for our parish.



Thanks so much for your weekly donations of food, personal hygiene products and for the monetary gifts. I have a feeling some of you regularly buy food for here as you purchase your own groceries. Terry Drone and Martha Baehl can be counted on to bring your food when they come to volunteer each Tuesday. We are very grateful for the many ways St. Joe supports the food pantry. Many people are being helped by your caring. Blessings in this beautiful Easter springtime season!

~Sr. Donna Marie Herr, O.S.B.

We accept donations for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry at the church doors

SPECIAL MISSION APPEAL JULY 16-17 TO SUPPORT THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF OLDENBURG

Once a year, through the efforts of our Diocesan Mission Office, a group of missionaries is invited to come and talk to the members of the different parishes in our diocese. This gives people in the parish a chance to learn about the work these individual groups do and also a chance to share in that work through our prayers and financial contributions. This year the Franciscan Sisters of Oldenburg, Indiana, will be the mission group that will be coming to our parish.

For many years, members of the community have been working with the people of the Highlands of New Guinea. They also work with the Native Americans in New Mexico as well as at risk students in Cincinnati, Ohio. The funds that the sisters receive will help with their work in Native American schools, Franciscan missions, Quincy Catholic Charities, Pleasley Neighborhood Center in Cincinnati. They have also worked with Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Relief, Catholic Committee of Appalachia helping those in need of education and employment, special Olympics and SPRED education.



The Franciscan Mission Fund has also provided financial grants in support of our work in Haiti by helping our students sponsor a child's education at our school in Plaine du Nord.

This year Sr. Bridget Arnold, will be speaking on behalf of the missionary work of the Franciscan community. She will be speaking at all the weekend masses on July 16 and 17.



HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE LIFE OF A CHILD. BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER BECOME A FOSTER CARE FAMILY

More than 1,000 children in Vanderburgh County experience abuse or neglect every year. This number continues to increase, and not all of these cases end in triumph. Right now there are over 1000 kids in Vanderburgh County in foster care but only 150 foster families.

There is a great need for **Foster Care Parents**. Become a trained foster parent through the Department of Child Services or the Villages, and then take children into your home until they are returned to their families or placed in an adoptive home. Foster parents have complete control over who they decide to take in and how many children they choose to care for at once.

There is also a need for **Respite Care Families**. These families undergo the same training and preparation as a full-time foster parent, but only take in children who have already been placed with a full-time foster family to allow those families a short break.

Respite care families are essential to preventing burn out and retaining existing foster families, and because the same training is required, a respite family can later choose to become full-time foster parents or vice versa.

You can also **Become a Sitter**. Watching a child who's in foster care requires a simple background check, which the Villages provides at no cost, and it allows foster parents to go out on dates for much-needed rest and marriage building.

Wrap around a Foster Family: Caring for a child in foster care can put strain on a family. Helping with household errands, cooking an occasional meal, and providing items needed for an incoming child can help relieve that strain.

For more information check out www.villagedids.org

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Nearly half of the 1,000 children in our community have a CASA. The other half are on a waiting list. Children with a CASA are less likely to stay in long-term foster care. The need for more CASA volunteers is greater than ever. If you have an interest in becoming a CASA volunteer or would like to know what being a CASA volunteer entails, you can visit the CASA website at www.vandcasa.com

Foster Care





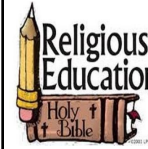



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SPECIAL COLLECTION JULY 30-31 TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS FOR MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH IN VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA



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10 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection	11 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Knights of St. John Meeting	12 7:30 am Mass GOT YOUR CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS?	13 7:30 am Mass	14 No Mass	15 No Mass Communion to the Homebound	16 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
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MAKING MEMORIES (CONT)
the clean up crew. By their actions, they made “helping out at the church” an honored thing to do.

Our summers were not filled with baseball, softball or soccer games. And we never went on vacations. So, being involved in the church picnic activities was a welcome break. I even spent time selling chances on the big picnic raffle. I think my aunt and uncle, with whom I stayed most summers, made a deal with me that I would get so much money for the social tickets I sold. You could do that back then, since there were no gaming rules to follow. Ah to be set on a life of decadence and crime at such a young age!

I tried to convince my aunt and uncle that I would buy their dinners at the church picnic and they would provide me with spending money for the rest of the day. No such luck!

Over the years that I have been a priest, there are many memories—making candy, making cakes, making dumplings, making kuchen, preparing food for the dinners, selling quilt chances, serving meals, selling money wheel tickets. I have



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badgered more people over the years to give me money and promised all sorts of things to those who responded to my pleas.

So now we come to another social here at St. Joe. Want a chance to work with other people in the parish and get to know them and have the experience of working on a common project? Well, here are some opportunities.

- Come help set up the cafeteria for dumpling making day
- Come and help us roll dumplings on July 18
- help us make cookies and bag them for the dinner
- Come help prepare vegetables, debone chickens, break bread for dressing
- Help us make and package slaw
- help set up the drive through area
- help package the meals and get them to the folks coming through the drive through
- help clean up everything after the dinner is over

In all these ways you will have a chance to be part of a common parish effort, get to know other people in the parish, and have the chance to listen to their stories. And in the process you will be creating your own summer social memories!

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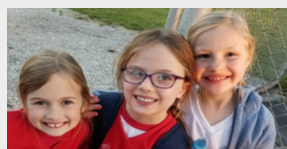
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