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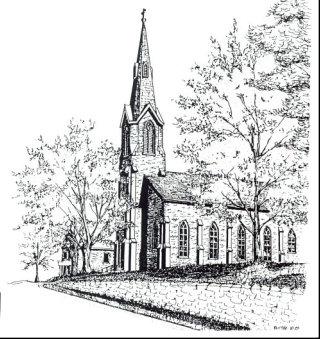
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Summer Social



## IT'S OUR TURN TO BUILD A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

Fr. Gene Schroeder  
PASTOR

One of the first funerals I had shortly after I arrived here at St. Joe in 2000 was that of Wilfred Will, a life long member of St. Joseph Parish. Like many other parishioners, Wilfred left a lasting impression on our parish. One of his tireless efforts on behalf of our parish was to mow the grass of the cemetery each week. He did it mostly by himself. When he died, one of his grandchildren shared this poem which Wilfred had hanging above his work bench. It's a poem by John Ruskin.

*When we build, let us think that we build forever.*

*Let it not be for present delight  
or for present use alone.*

*Let it be such work as  
our descendents will thank us for.*

*And let us think,  
as we lay stone on stone,  
that a time is to come  
when these stones  
will be held sacred because  
our hands have touched them,  
and people will say,  
as they look upon the labor*

*and wrought substance of them, "See, this our Father did for us."*

Wilfred was just one of many people who, through the years, made their mark on our parish and created something that we benefit from today. The hundred and forty families who came together in 1886 to build our church are certainly among this group. What a challenge they faced as they cleared the smoldering ruins of their church that had been completely destroyed by fire and then built a new church. It took all their efforts to raise



the \$15,000 needed to build the new church. This cost was seven times the amount of money they spent in building the first church that was dedicated in 1851. That church cost \$2,200. Even more remarkable is that it was twelve times the amount of money they spent to operate the church in 1888. In today's economy, that would be the equivalent of raising \$20 million.

These families not only provided the money needed to build the church, they also took part in clearing the ground and preparing the foundation and they used their teams of mules and

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## IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER AND GRAND RAFFLE—SUNDAY, JULY 30

Thanks to everyone for the great cooperation as we get ready for our summer social this year. 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 30. We'll have the drawing at 3 pm on July 30th.

By now, everyone in the parish should have received a letter inviting them to buy tickets for our famous fried chicken dinner. We included two dinner tickets with each



**\$15,000 in prizes**  
**1st Prize \$10,000**  
**2nd Prize \$2,500**  
**3rd – 6th Prizes**  
**\$500 Each**

**TICKETS \$25**  
**5 /--\$100**

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](mailto: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.

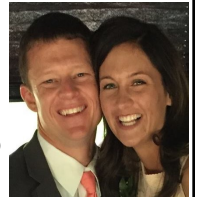
If you'd like to take a batch of tickets and sell them, call us and let us know. We'll get you set up.

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.

**Carryout Only** 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.

## HELP SPREAD A LITTLE CHICKEN JOY



Megan and Chip  
Altstadt  
812-204-4091



Britt and Patrick  
Fehrenbacher  
812-480-9702

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# LOOKING FOR SOME WAYS TO HELP? CHECK THESE OUT

## BEFORE THE SOCIAL

### DUMPLING DAY SET UP/CLEANUP CREW July 13 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 the 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 17 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 27 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 28 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 29

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 30 CHICKEN FRYERS

**1st shift 6:00 am—10 am**

Gary Fehrenbacher (Chair)

812-449-8490

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812-499-3000

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Chris Fehrenbacher—812-449-3006

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Andy Jarboe—812-306-4857

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Stan Love—812-963-6512

Mary Kay Fehrenbacher

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Amy Tenbarger—812-598-9980

Tony Tenhumberg—812-453-2506

Sally Kempf—812-963-9568



### 2nd shift 10:00 AM

Randy Fehrenbacher

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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

Donald & Holly Maurer—812-568-5379

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 812-963-8168

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 812-305-2531

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Jeanne Freeman

812-963-5181

Michelle Reffett

812-963-8110

Paula Gibson

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Jan Tenbarger

812-642-0025

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 (Chair)

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Julie Greubel—812-204-8717

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Co-Chair

Heath Stewart

Co-Chair

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812-963-5155

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**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
- Show up on Sunday Morning at 9 am to help

**DRIVE THRU PICK-UP**

Peter Fehrenbacher

812-568-9858

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



**We need YOU!**

**IS YOUR NAME ON THE SOCIAL WORKERS LIST?**

Contact any of the chairpersons to offer your 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

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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, (812-760-0342)

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

**COME JOIN US FOR OUR AFTER SOCIAL PARTY**

We'll gather after we have finished cleaning up. We'll have some burgers, brauts and hot dogs, drinks and chips, (and maybe some left over fried chicken, dressing and dumplings).

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

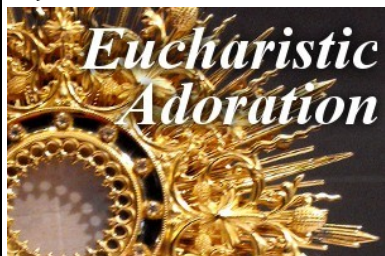
At 3 pm we'll draw the winners of our grand raffle.





## 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.



### Eucharistic Adoration

While our church is being repaired, we are gathering in our chapel in the rectory. What better place can you visit 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 our "rectory chapel" 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)



## RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

We had our 22nd annual rummage sale this past June 9 & 10. It sounds so simple to say but incredibly challenging to actually do. What a great spirit of cooperation we had. It is just amazing 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 over \$9,000. We have some expenses that we need to cover, but we believe our net for the year will be \$8,900+. Over the years that we have been conducting a Rummage Sale, we have raised almost \$200,000 from things that people no longer wanted!



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 and 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 coordina-

tor 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 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!

## SALUTING OUR ST JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL ALUMNI

We salute our living St. Joseph School Alumni who are celebrating these special anniversaries

### 86 Years 1937

Isabelle (Wolf) Bittner

### 83 Years 1940

Anna Mae Gries

### 82 Years 1941

Marie Gumbel

Gene Ritter

Carol Thornton

### 81 Years 1942

Doris Duckworth

Sylvester Reising

Earl Reisinger

### 80 Years 1943

Mary Gertiesen

Mary Langham

Betty Purser

William Schmidt

### 75 Years 1948

Elizabeth Coulter

Merle Effing

Rosalie Hartman

Allen Hatfield

Cleve Hatfield

Marvin Preske

Patricia Rexing

### 70 Years 1953

Joan Brown

Norma Capp

Sharon Conrad

Joan Hansen

Caro Jean Heagy

Virginia Hirsch

Barbara Huff

Rita Kuebler

Ruth Kuebler

Shirley Lamar

Gary McGee

David Thompson

Robert Wade

Barbara Wolf

### 60 Years 1963

Diana Weiss Altstadt

Mary Jo Bennet

Carrollotte Cannon

Karen Collins

Kathy Dumot

Caroline Ennis

Michael Greulich

Fred Gries

Jackie Gries

Robert Happe

Wilma Hayden

Pamela Head

Elana Holh

Fred Inkenbrandt

Danny Kares

Mary Loefler

Kathleen Lehman

Marvin Loehr

Stan Logel

Elaine Michl

Sr. Janet Miller MM

Allen Rexing

Matthew Rexing

Michelle Richard

Janice Sanderson

Sr. Joan Scheller OSB

Jim Scheller

Phyllis Scheller

Phillip Schneider

William Seoane

James Short

Marlene Voelker

Timothy Woodward

### 50 Years 1973

Mindy Alison

Kenneth Angermeier

Kay Arnold

Carol Barnes

Mary Lynn Baumgart

Rick Baylor

Curtis Bender

Rhonda Bowlds

James Coulter

Anthony Crothers

Diana Dixon

Kim Duerson

James Elpers

Mike Elpers

Ronnie Elpers

Linda Englert

Diane Evans

Kim Farney

Scott Fleeger

Agnes Gentry

Ronald Goedde

Ruth Gorman

Victoria Greenfield

Steve Hasselbrinck

Mary Holmes

Janet Jarves

Bill Kempf

Chris Kempf

Victoria Kempf

Jeff Mangold

Mike Maurer

Donald Montgomery

Paul Pfister

Tom Ritter

Sandra Rob

Robert Rogge

Kent Ruminer

Kathleen Sanders

Kathleen Schaefer

Theresa Schaefer

Randy Schapker

Karen Schenk

Dennis Schmitt

Janet Sheppard

Steven Smith

Diane Watker

Linda Whelan

### 25 Years 1998

Jacob Appler

Kimberly Cole

Chris Collins

Roxanne Frank

Emily Freeman-Hobbs

Haley Fritts

Kerri (Crowdus) Kleeman

Alica Malo

Holly Meyer

Angie McDonald

Elissa Paulsen

Aaron Reckelhoff

Josh Richter

Audrey Riney

Anna Ruminer

Joe Schmitt

Kylie Shaw

Zach Spaetti

Jennifer Wolfe



## 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 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).





# Franz Jägerstätter: The Austrian farmer who said no to Hitler

In Braunau am Inn in upper Austria, some curious people stop to gawk at the “Hitlerhaus” where the infamous man was born and raised. They would be wise to continue on a few more kilometers to the little village of St. Radegund, where a far different sort of person lived. The place is very small: only a beer house, a few houses and a modest church. It is considered so insignificant that the village does not even appear on some detailed maps of Austria. But this may change considerably in the near future. St. Radegund’s most famous citizen, Franz Jägerstätter, was named an authentic martyr by Pope Benedict XVI in June 2007.

Does being a martyr make one, ipso facto, a saint? Certainly the young Franz did not appear very saintly. He was a rowdy type, known for getting into brawls with the other young men of the area. It would seem that he fathered a child out of marriage and then disappeared for a year or so, going to another part of the country to work in the mines.

When tempers had cooled he returned, fell in love with a local girl and married her. The lovely Franziska was just what this undisciplined young man needed. She was lively and full of fun, but also mature and deeply devout. For their honeymoon they traveled by motorcycle all the way down to Rome and back, a trip unheard of in rural Austria. Franz was, as everyone said, a *lustiger Mensch* (“lively fellow”), who had found the perfect partner.

He became quite devout himself. Neighbors said they could hear him singing hymns as he worked the family farm. He became friends with the Rev. Josef Karobath, the pastor, who named him sacristan and put him in charge of training the altar servers, planning the holy day celebrations and caring for the church.

But some serious political changes were taking place at the time. Franz was the only one in town who voted against the annexation of Austria by Germany. The German army entered the country and was greeted with wild enthusiasm. Hitler made a triumphal entry into Vienna and was met by the Cardinal Archbishop. Franz was one Austrian who was not pleased.

A year later Poland was invaded. Franz decided he could not in conscience serve in such an unjust war. Poland had not invaded Germany; Germany had invaded Poland and, very soon, other countries. Many of his friends were enlisting; others waited to be drafted. Franz told his wife, his mother and his pastor that he would not serve.

Father Karobath was understanding. In fact, soon he would be removed from his parish for having delivered a less than totally patriotic homily. But he reminded the younger man that his widowed mother, his wife and now his three tiny daughters depended on him. Franz decided to seek advice from the bishop in Linz.

But the bishop simply lectured him about the other young men who were fighting and dying in Russia in defense of the fatherland. He should do the same.

Franz’s determination would not be eroded. For a long



time the induction notice did not come. The government needed farmers like Franz for the war effort. But as the war took more and more lives, older men and even boys were being sent to the front. The notice came in the mail: Franz was needed in the army. There could be no such thing as a conscientious objector.

Franziska remembers that she and Franz got up early in the morning while the grandmother and the three girls were still asleep. Would she ever see him again? They said their farewells and he walked off into the pre-dawn darkness toward the induction center. He refused to take the oath of obedience to Hitler and was quickly put into jail in Linz. He was held there for some time and sent some truly beautiful letters to his wife. Eventually he was sent to a dreaded prison in Berlin.

Franziska very much wanted to visit him. The new young priest who had taken the place of Father Karobath said he would accompany her. They set off by train although the Americans and the British were bombing the rail lines. At the prison they could see through a window that Franz was brought in a van, pulled out and knocked to the ground. Yet he was allowed to visit with them. The priest repeated some of the old arguments: there was still time to change his mind; he could still be saved. But Franziska knew that to her strong-willed husband, saving his body was not as important as saving his soul. For him it was a clear case of right and wrong: the war was unjust; he could not serve.

He was taken away, and the two visitors made the dangerous trip back to St. Radegund. Franz was beheaded by the prison guillotine. When the war ended, the prison chaplain, who knew where the body had been buried, had the bones put in a box. A nun agreed to take them back to St. Radegund for burial. Father Karobath had returned as pastor and he announced that Franz would be given a solemn funeral and buried in a place of honor directly next to the church.

Many did not agree, however. Their sons, brothers and husbands had fought and died in Russia, Italy, France and Germany. They were the heroes, not Franz, a man who had refused to serve. When his name was carved with those of other war dead into a village war memorial, the name was defaced. But Father Karobath would have none of it. Franz was worthy of solemn burial. The monument would be repaired and flowers planted on his grave.

As the years have passed, the local people have taken a more positive view of Franz Jägerstätter. A little museum has been opened in the old farmhouse. Some photos, a rosary and a prayer book are on display there and, of course, his motorcycle helmet. People have started to come as pilgrims. They pray in the church where he prayed and stop by his grave, which is in an honored place just outside.

There were, I think, two priests in Germany who were executed as conscientious objectors, but Franz seems to have been the only layman. It was a dangerous and risky business to say no to Hitler’s insane war. Could he have done it without the support of a strong and loving wife? Now, however, his three daughters know that their father was a martyr. And martyrs are saints. The beatification ceremony for Franz Jägerstätter took place on Oct. 26, 2007, in Linz, Austria

*From an article written by Fr. Willard Jabusch printed in America Magazine in 2007.*

In 2019, the story of Franz Jägerstätter was brought to life in a movie called *A Hidden Life*. You can watch it online.



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### Building a Legacy for the Future (cont)

horses to make the trip into Evansville to haul loads of brick that were used to build the church. Clara Baumgart recalls hearing stories from her father, Frank Will (and father of the same Wilfred Will mentioned above), about hauling wagon loads of brick. "Many times the wagon would get stuck in the mud and sometimes it would take six teams of mules to pull the load out."

I can't help but see parallels to these stories as we begin the work of rebuilding our church. In many and varied ways, people have already stepped forward to offer their help. Putting together the blueprints to guide the workers in building a new roof; finding places to store fall festival booths so we can store pews in our storage building; refurbishing and repairing our pews and kneelers; coming up with just the right color scheme to paint the church and the right kind of carpet to install; shoring up the floor joists; and updating electrical circuits. All these tasks and more have been taken up by parishioners. Even among the folks from our general contractors, you will find parishioners who are helping to rebuild our church.



If you came upon the job site in 1888, no doubt you would have found fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, each offering their help with the task at hand. And you see the same thing today. What a beautiful legacy of stewardship!

Of course, it took more than hands on help and "sweat equity" to make the new church a reality. They had to come up with the money as well. And it is the same way for us. So now we are embarking on a "Rebuilding our Church" capital campaign to raise the money needed. Our goal is to raise \$600,000. Together with the money we are receiving from our insurance company, we believe it will cover the approximately \$1.3 million it will take to do all the things we want to do.

As we conduct this campaign, we are trying to be conscious of all the other financial commitments we are asking people to make on behalf of our parish. Chief among these is making sure we continue to receive the money needed in our collection each week to meet all of our day to day expenses. And right now we have been asking people to financially support our summer social and chicken dinner. In the fall, once again, we will be asking folks to help do our part to support the work of our diocese through our annual Catholic Parishes Campaign.

Given all these things, we have a window of opportunity in July and August to conduct our "Rebuilding our Church" campaign. I am confident that we will be able to meet this financial challenge. Many people have already asked about when we will have a campaign and are anxious to make their contributions. Judging from the reactions I heard when they first heard the news about the damage to our church, I know people have a great love for our parish and want to ensure

### ESTIMATED COSTS FOR CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

*As you review these numbers, remember they are our best estimate now. With a building that is a 134 years old, there is always the possibility that new things will show up that we did not anticipate, but nonetheless need to be taken care of. As a result, some of the items listed below may be modified up or down depending upon what is determined as the best way to go forward.*

Tuckpointing/Sealing Brick	\$ 220,000.00
Church Carpet	\$ 40,000.00
Replacing Louvers	\$ 15,000.00
Repair of North Steeple Window	\$ 5,000.00
Repaint Upper Louvers	
and exterior stain glass windows	\$ 15,000.00
Rectory Roof	\$ 21,500.00
New Garage Doors	\$ 12,600.00
AC Unit Repair	\$ 2,500.00
Steeple Repair	\$ 9,000.00
Pipe Organ Repair	\$ 60,000.00
Floor Joist Repairs	\$ 10,000.00
Roof Replacement, Repair,	
Interior Painting	\$ 600,00.00
Pew Repair and Refurbishing	\$ 25,000.00
Parking Lot Security Gates	\$ 30,000.00
Parking Lot Repair	\$ 30,000.00
Filling in the ditch	
along St. Joseph Road	\$ 20,000.00
Classroom Cabinets	\$ 40,000.00
Brick Wall Columbarium	\$ 80,000.00
Initial Cost for Roof Repair	
and Debris Cleanup	\$ 125,200.00
Total Estimate Costs	\$1,372,000.00

that it will not only be fixed, but continue to be around for many years to come.

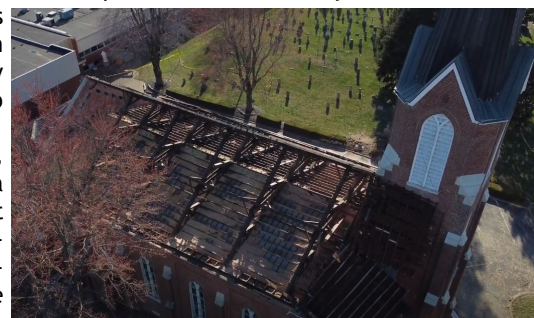
Our plan is for this campaign to run over the next couple of years, basically from August, 2023 through December, 2025. This month I will be sending you a pledge card which you can use to make your pledge.

All of us have different financial situations. The great thing is that no one person has to provide all the money themselves. Of course, if there is a person who can do this, I certainly won't say "no" to their offer!

Truth be told, however, this is a "we" project, not a one person project. And, honestly, we have the financial re-

sources to meet this goal. Now we just have to have the "will" to do it. I'm confident that we do!

So, look for your pledge card in the mail in the coming weeks. Take some time to think and pray about how God is asking you to be part of this parish endeavor. This is truly "our" special moment in the life of our parish. As we think and pray about making our pledge, let us remember that a time is to come, when our efforts will be held sacred, because our very life has been in it. And people will say, as they look upon these efforts, "See, this is what our ancestors did for us."





## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### July 15, 2023 -- August 13, 2023

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR
Saturday July 15, 2023 5 PM	Butch and Linda Feulner Diane Woods	Toni Striker
Sunday July 16, 2023 8 AM	Kylie & Stephanie Frey Lisa Cook	Chick Duncan
Sunday July 16, 2023 10:30 AM	Becky Doshier Jena Wessel Steve Jung	Julie Forcum
Saturday July 22, 2023 5 pm	Eric Reffett Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher	Sis Jarboe
Sunday July 23, 2023 8 AM	Tom and Dolores Folz Jalene Weber	Tom Folz
Sunday, July 23, 2023 10:30 AM	Angie Will Diane Bassemier Darlene Appler	Mandy Elpers
Saturday July 29, 2023 5 PM	Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson Lee Askins	Mike Reffett
Sunday July 30, 2023 8 AM	Brian and Ann Craney Marcia Frey	Tom Blythe
Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:30 AM	Danielle Weledge Doris Taylor Cecelia Koch	Shane Wessel
Saturday, August 5, 2023 5 PM	Donald & Brandon Werner Mary Kay Fehrenbacher	Toni Striker
Sunday, August 6, 2023 8 AM	Terry Drone Rodney and Paula Baehl	Dennis Niemeier
Sunday, August 6, 2023 10:30 AM	Kitty Deig Sally Kempf Paul Hillenbrand	Jessica Reckelhoff
Saturday, August 12, 2023 5 PM	Donna Niemeier Eric and Karen McDonald	Sis Jarboe
Sunday, August 13, 2023 8 AM	Dave and Betty Fehrenbacher Joan Inkenbrandt	Terry Drone
Sunday, August 13, 2023 10:30 AM	Amy Cody Jena Wessel Rachael Schanus	Jane Scheller

## Saluting these Achievements

- Adam Blankenberger recently received his Doctorate in Physical Therapy
- Joe Happe is beginning his medical internship at St Vincent Hospital in Evansville
- Michelle Kirk recently received her Masters of Social Work degree

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## READY FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE? COME JOIN US ON OUR HAITI MISSION TRIP JULY 29--AUGUST 5



Come join us as we travel to our sister parish in Haiti—July 29–August 5. Here are some of the things we hope to do: attend the graduation ceremonies for the Sewing Hope sewing school and work with the students as they kickoff their internship program; check out the status of the new Computer Lab; visit homes of sponsored students and families; meet with the Parish Health Clinic Director; visit local trade schools where our students attend.

You'll have a chance to join the community at mass and meet some of the great folks in the parish. This is a great opportunity to open your heart to those in need. We can assure you that your heart will be touched by this experience and that your presence will give hope to our friends in Haiti. Join veteran Haiti travelers Monie Siscel and Greg Head. To learn more you can contact Monie at 812-575-9167, Greg at 812-455-3903 or Chad Martin at 812-454-2785. Say a prayer about this opportunity and say yes to joining in this adventure.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. JOE  
Top left and right...honoring Mrs. Weatherholt for her years of teaching and Mr. Winstead for their service to our school as our principal.

Middle: Honoring Mrs. Hiestand on National Library Day

Bottom left: Thanks to our faithful popcorn ladies—Mrs. Proctor & Mrs. Jarboe



## 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. We are very grateful for the many ways St. Joe supports the food pantry. Many people are being helped by your caring.

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

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

## HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT THE LIFE OF A CHILD BY BECOMING 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.

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](http://www.villagedids.org)

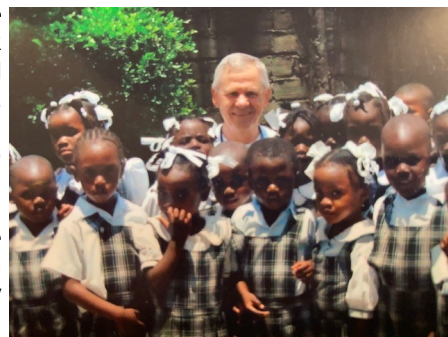
## Foster Care



*What to Know, Where to Go, What to Do!*

## JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES IN HAITI ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

One of the foundations of our work with our brothers and sisters in Haiti is 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.

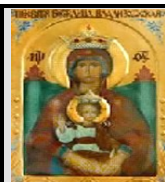
In recent years, we have expanded the sponsorship program to include university education if the student qualifies, meets strict criteria to enter and remain in the program, and if the sponsor agrees to continue providing financial support (approximately \$1,500 annually rather than \$360 for ESP and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



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!





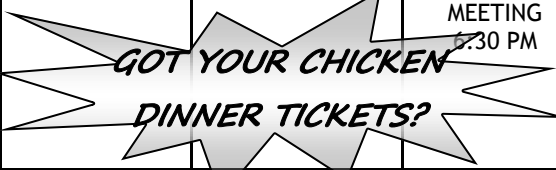




We are now in the process of inviting people to renew their student sponsorships for the new year. This is a great time to begin sponsoring a student as well if you have not done that in the past.

**CONTACT ERIC REFFETT**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass Haiti and Food Pantry Collection	<b>3</b> 7 am —6:30 pm EUCHARISTI ADORATION 6:30 pm Mass	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Mass 	<b>5</b> 7:30 am Mass <b>HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS?</b>	<b>6</b> No Mass 	<b>7</b> 7:30 am Mass Communion to the Homebound	<b>8</b> 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
<b>9</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection	<b>10</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Knights of St. John Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:30 am Mass Prayer Day for Vocations 6 am Tuesday to 6 am Wednesday	<b>12</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>13</b> No Mass	<b>14</b> 7:30 am Mass Communion to the Homebound Senior Citizens Gathering 1 pm in the Meeting Room	<b>15</b> 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
<b>16</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection Special Mission Appeal	<b>17</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass Men's Club Mtg 7 pm <b>SOCIAL DUMPLING MAKING DAY</b> 7 am—?	<b>18</b> 7:30 Mass 	<b>19</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>20</b> NO MASS HAITI OUTREACH MEETING 6:30 PM	<b>21</b> NO MASS Communion to the Homebound	<b>22</b> 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection <b>LAST DAY TO ORDER CHICKEN DINNERS</b>
<b>23</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection	<b>24</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass	<b>25</b> 7:30 AM Mass 	<b>26</b> 7:30 am Mass	<b>27</b> No Mass	<b>28</b> 7:30 am Mass Communion to the Homebound <b>SOCIAL DINNER KITCHEN PREPARATIONS</b> 7 AM	<b>29</b> SOCIAL DINNER SETUP PREPARATIONS 5 pm Mass Collection for Vladivostok Mission Food Pantry Collection
<b>30</b> 8 & 10:30 Mass Collection for Vladivostok Mission <b>SUMMER SOCIAL CARRYOUT DINNER 10-1 PM</b> <b>GRAND RAFFLE DRAWING 3 PM</b>	<b>31</b> 7 am-6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass	<b>SCHOOL REGISTRATION MONDAY, AUGUST 7 4 PM</b>   <b>BACK TO SCHOOL BASH MONDAY, AUGUST 7 5 PM</b>				<b>JOIN US ON UR HAITI MISSION TRIP</b>  <b>HAITI MISSION</b> <b>July 29--August 5</b>



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**Saturday—5 PM**

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### **RULES FOR LIFE**

*Live below your means.*

*Return everything you borrow.*

*Stop blaming other people.*

*Admit when you make a mistake.*

*Give clothes not worn to charity.*

*Do something nice*

*and try not to get caught.*

*Listen more; talk less.*

*Strive for excellence, not perfection.*

*Be on time. Don't make excuses.*

*Be kind to unkind people.*

*Let some cut ahead of you in line.*

*Take time to be alone.*

*Cultivate good manners. Be humble.*

*Realize and accept that life isn't fair.*

*Know when to keep your mouth shut.*

*Go an entire day  
without criticizing anyone.*

*Learn from the past.*

*Plan for the future.*

*Live in the present.*

*Don't sweat the small stuff.*

## **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?*

**BUY A  
CHICKEN  
DINNER**

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

**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  
or United Caring Shelter**

or make a donation and we will put it with other  
donations and use the money to buy some dinners.



**BACK THE BLUE and RED**  
 Bring some dinners to one of our  
 local police/sheriff 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!**

