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PLANNING FOR OUR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

Fr. Gene Schroeder

PASTOR

For one hundred and eighty-one years, the people of our parish have come together to answer this question: "How is God calling us to be a community of Faith? What is God calling us to do?" It's a question that the seven families asked in 1841 and it has been asked by families in every succeeding generation. The answer they came up with would demand from them their time, energy and resources. Building a church in which to worship, and providing a place and resources to pass their faith on to their children were high on the list.

It would be great to think that there was unanimous agreement among the people in each generation on just what to do. A little bit like we hear in the Acts of the Apostles when we are told that "the community was of one mind and one heart and there was no one in need." We smile when we hear these words and say "yeah, I bet it was like that." Truth be told, it's hard to get any group of people to agree completely on anything. Some folks have described leadership in parish as a bit like herding a bunch of cats, or trying to push a chain uphill.

It's more likely that in every generation we had some of the folks who agreed wholehearted with the things that parish did, some of the folks who agree with most of what was done, some who agreed with a little bit of what was done and some who didn't agree with anything. And as the parish grew and took on different works, people's support changed depending upon how much they believed in what was being done.

While there was never a total "buy in" by everyone, there was a consensus for what should be done. And there were many people who said, "while I may not agree with everything, I will offer my support because I am a member of the parish and I am willing to do my part."

It is this sense of pulling together for the common good that has been such a hallmark of our parish. It is rooted in the

basic belief that when each of us is willing to do our part, to offer what we can, God takes these efforts, large and small, and does great things with them. St Paul reminds us of this in the words from the letter to the Ephesians: "We give thanks to God whose power now at work in your lives can do far more than you can ask or even imagine."

With all that being said, we come to planning our parish budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023.)

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EVERYONE ON BOARD FOR OUR SUMMER SOCIAL--JULY 31

Britt and Patrick and Chip and Megan will be leading our efforts again this year. With the huge success we had last two years we believe it is in our Parish's best interest **TO DO WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR. WE DID IT BEFORE AND WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!**

We're going to have our big grand raffle with \$15,000 in prizes to be given away. Last year, 73% of our parish families helped to raise almost \$90,000 through our raffle. Imagine what we could do if we had the support of 80% or 90% of our parish families.

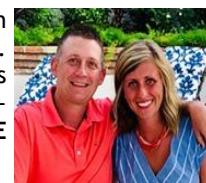
So, once again we are asking each family to buy/sell a packet of 10 raffle tickets. We think this \$200 worth of raffle tickets is equivalent to the amount of money you might otherwise have spent at our social, had we been doing it the way we did it in the past. By the time you read this, you should have already received your packet of tickets which included a stamped, return envelope which you can use to return your tickets. Of course, if you can sell more than 10 tickets, all the better. Just let us know and we'll get tickets to you.

The second thing we are focusing on for our social is to have our famous chicken dinner. People always enjoy eating and our chicken dinner has been very popular. Last year we sold 2500 dinners, a record. We think we can do that again. As we did last year, we will be offering our chicken dinner on a carry out basis only. Because of food price increases, we will be slightly raising our dinner prices. The price this year will be \$14/dinner.

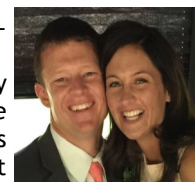
To ensure the success of our dinners, we are going to sell tickets beforehand. To get us started, we will be sending each of our parish families four tickets for the dinner which they can buy or sell. We'll include a stamped envelope that you can use to send us the money and the ticket stubs back to us. The last day to order dinner tickets is July 22nd.

Diner tickets will also be available after mass and at the parish office for folks to buy. Go the extra mile and extend a little "St. Joe Hospitality" at the same time. Here are some ideas:

- buy a dinner for the neighbor who can't get out
- take orders from your family and friends (we'll get you as many tickets as you need)



Britt and Patrick Fehrenbacher
812-480-970



Megan and Chip Altstadt
812-204-4091

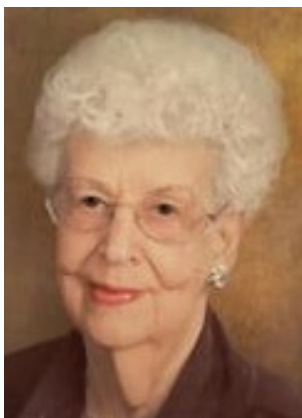


\$15,000 in prizes
1st Prize \$10,000
2nd Prize \$2,500
3rd - 6th Prizes \$500 Each
Preliminary Drawing June 30 \$500
TICKETS \$25 5 /-\$100

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REMEMBERING

Ann Glaser

July 3, 1926 - April 27, 2022

Ann Glaser is remembered for her quiet, unassuming and kind presence. Underneath that exterior she was a tough lady who endured many challenges in life, but learned to love life, her children and her many friends.

Ann was born on July 3, 1926, one of four daughters born to Joseph and Eleanor (Hartweck) Dewes. Her sisters, Mary, Patricia and Kathleen, all preceded her in

death. She grew up with her family at 1404 First Avenue. Her mother died when she was six years old. Her dad was in the Navy which led him to be away from the family for extended periods. Ann's older sister, Kathleen, became a surrogate mother for her. Ann learned a lot of self reliance as a young girl. When she was in grade school she would walk the ten blocks to St. Anthony School. Later she would attend Central High School which was located in downtown Evansville near the current YMCA, and she made this mile trip also on foot.

After graduating from high school, Ann worked at several different jobs: Servell, Republic, and Bernardin Corporation. Going to church each week became not just a way for her to nourish her faith, it became the place she was to meet the love of her life, another young man from St. Anthony named Mac Glaser. Mac recently came home after serving in the army during the Korean War. He began to take notice of this young lady that happened to attend the same Mass as he did. Their romance blossomed quickly and they were married on November 26, 1956.

For a short time, Ann and Mac lived in an apartment in Evansville, just long enough for Mac to complete the new home he was building on Plainview Drive. They moved into their home in 1957 and it became the place where they would raise their four children: Tony, Linda, Tom and Ted.

Mac got invited to join the choir at St. Joe through Larry Ubelhor who happened to be doing the brickwork on their home. Through the choir, Ann and Mac became good friends with other choir members, especially Virgil and Rosemary Spaetti, Bud and Sharon Werner and Larry & Stella Ubelhor. Being the welcoming folks they were, it would be no time before Ann and Mac developed long term friendships with other members of the parish, especially Gene and Marianne Ritter with whom they would spend many wonderful times at their camp on the Ohio River.

Ann devoted her considerable skills to making a home for her children. That work included an endless list of household chores, doing laundry and doing endless amounts of canning and preserving foods from the garden. And she was a great cook. She became known for her German potato salad and macaroni salad. Ann also served as "family medical expert," nursing all the kids through illnesses and an endless list of cuts and bruises that rambunctious children get into. While Ann may have been a quiet person, she could maintain order in the family with the simple words: "wait till your father gets home."

One of the things that Ann and Mac shared with their friends was that they were all raising families and so their social life consisted with getting together with friends and their families. One of the great places they gathered was at the Ritter's river camp on the Ohio River. They also gathered for card games. The kids all recalled two things about these gatherings: first there would be lots of popcorn and soft drinks to enjoy, and second, stay out of the kitchen, because their parents were serious about playing cards: clabber and tripoley and yatzee. Social gatherings would also include St. Joe Men's Club dinners and dances, especially the New Year's Eve dance at the 4-H Center, and spot shoots at the Evansville Athletic Club Farm. And there would be those special trips to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals play baseball.

Ann was generous in sharing her time with our parish as well. As the kids were in school, she would spend many hours working with the PTA. She could often be found supervising the children on the playground. She helped out at the summer social as well, helping Reineldas Botzam make the dressing. Later she joined her friend Sharon Werner in running the carryout booth for the chicken dinners. Even later, she became known as the "coffee lady" at the social. Ann was also a member of the Altar Society and participated in countless number of their activities through the years.

In the late 1990's, Mac and Ann built a new house on Will Place. In the years after the children had all been married and were raising their families, Mac and Ann's home became the place for the grandchildren to gather. Those visits were sure to include some great meals and wonderful snacks from their grandmother.

Ann joined her husband Mac in working with the St. Vincent dePaul Society in renovating St. Anthony School into the first Ozanam Family Shelter. While Mac helped with the details of the construction, Ann helped to preparing different fundraising mailings to help generate the money needed.

In the last years of their life, Ann and Mac would be a fixture at daily Mass and continue to gather with their many friends in the parish. Mac's death in April of 2012, was a big blow. Like many other women who had married men who served in war, Ann's gentleness and kindness were instrumental in helping to heal the wounds that come from being in wars. While Mac's death was painful, Ann was able to help him die well and at peace.

Ann continued to live in her home and continued to be a part of our parish as her health allowed. For the last few years, she dealt with a number of different health issues. Her children and their families were able to make it possible for her to remain living in her home. She was blessed with some great neighbors, Victoria and Rodney Witherspoon, who came to cherish her as part of the family.

We celebrated the funeral Mass of Resurrection for Ann on April 30 and laid her to rest next to her beloved Mac in the holy ground of our cemetery. As we give thanks for her life, we echo the words of Jesus: "well done good and faithful servant. Come share in the kingdom that has been prepared for you."



REMEMBERING

Bettye Logel

January 16, 1926 - April 25, 2022

"My religion is kindness," said the Dalai Lama, the spiritual head of Tibet. Bettye may not have been familiar with the Dalai Lama, but her life certainly echoed the sentiments he expressed about kindness.

Bettye was born in Sommerville, Indiana on January 16, 1926 to Lawrence and Elsie (McNeely) Montgomery. In time, the family moved to Evansville where Bet-

tye completed her grade school education. In time, Bettye was married but soon found herself a single mom caring for three children: Pam, Donna and Rock. She faced the challenge of single parenthood with grit and determination, working at a number of different jobs to help provide for her children. Among the places she worked were George Koch and Sons, the St. Wendel Winery and the Amber Inn.

And then, as they say, life happens. In this case, Bettye was working at the Amber Inn, a tavern on the west side of Evansville. And through the doors walks a young man, Art Logel. Art was a single parent as well, the father of two sons, Stan and Steve. His wife Minnie had died, leaving him to care for his sons. "I met her at a bar," Art was fond of saying, always with a twinkle in his eye. He was the love of her life, and, on September 19, 1959 they were married at St. Wendel Church.

In time they set up housekeeping on Kuebler Road. That house became a home for their growing family, which included yours, mine, and in time, "ours", as they welcomed two daughters into their lives—Linda and Jenny.

Bettye used her considerable time and talents to create a home for her growing family. And she developed new skills as well, especially cooking and canning. Betty learned how to cook from her grandfather when she worked at the Amber Inn. After her marriage with Art, she became skilled at making meals from the huge surplus of produce Art reaped from his garden. She became an expert at canning and preserving vegetables of all sorts. And if Art decided to plant new varieties, she was sure to find a way to fix them. And Betty became quite skilled at baking, even to the point of making cakes for First Communion, graduation and wedding celebrations.

Bettye was generous with sharing her time and effort in our parish as well. No doubt she was inspired by the warm welcome she received from Alberta Fehrenbacher. Betty recalled that "she was the first person I met in the parish and she made me feel so welcome." As the children attended grade school, Bettye would give hours of volunteer service to all sorts of PTA projects. She was also quick to offer her time helping out at our summer social, making the tea and lemonade. And this would be an opportunity to "recruit" all her children to help as well. Bettye was also an active member of the St. Anne Altar Society and enjoyed working on various projects with the other members.

Bettye enjoyed traveling with her sisters and their husbands. Trips to Colorado, California and Hawaii were among the places they traveled. Some of the best memories were traveling to Rockport, Texas where Art and his brothers-in-law could indulge their passion for fishing. Meanwhile, Bettye and the girls would make different crafts and then go shopping, especially at the local Walmart.

Art's death in April of 2007 was a big blow for Bettye. He was her soul mate and she missed him terribly. She continued to live in the home on Kuebler Road but the home had too many memories for her. She talked to him daily and dreamt of him often. In time she found a home on Old Cannon Way and moved their with the help of her daughters and their husbands. Through it all, Bettye was upbeat about life. Her sense of kindness and her gentle laughter attracted many people to her. As long as she was able, she continued to come and pray with us at Mass.

In time, the rigors of taking care of a home became too much and Bettye became a resident at Holiday Village where she was able to connect with other folks from St. Joe Parish. In recent months, Bettye was faced with more challenges and entered hospice care at Park Terrace Nursing Center. She was ready to go home, she told her family. It was fifteen years since Art had died and she was ready to join him. As a woman of faith, she was not afraid to die. Her sentiments are best expressed in this poem which became one of her favorites.

*When I must leave you for a little while,
please do not grieve and shed wild tears
and hug your sorrow to you through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile,
and for my sake and in my name,
live on and do all the things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days.
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
and I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.*

And never, never be afraid to die. For I am waiting for you in the sky.

We gathered to celebrated the Mass of Resurrection for Bettye on May 2 and laid her to rest next to her beloved Art. We do not grudge your going, dear friend, but sing with joy for you. You believed that Christ would come back for you, now we celebrate that Christ keeps his word.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT APRIL—2022

CEMETERY REPORT FOR 2021: The members of the Cemetery committee met for their annual meeting on February 15. Total income for 2021 from cemetery burial plots was \$4,900. Expenses for this same period for cemetery maintenance were \$12,488.16.

This past year we used money from the cemetery fund to pay for three different projects associated with taking care of the parish grounds. The first of these was repairs sections of the parking lot. David Enterprises did this work which involved digging out several sections of the parking lot where the asphalt was deteriorating and then laying down new asphalt. Cost of this project was \$4,435.00. The second project involved putting in some drainage lines on the south side of the storage building and some drainage pipes along the west end of the property along St. Joseph Road. Cost of this project was \$2,640. The third project was replacing the sand in the sand filter of the water treatment plant. Cost of this project \$2,655.92. We engaged the services of Garland Hermann excavating as part of this work. The money for all the cemetery expenses was taken from the Cemetery Reserve Fund.

An additional cemetery endowment fund was established in memory of Wilbur and Marian Fehrenbacher. All told there are now four specific endowments providing for the ongoing maintenance of our cemetery: St Joseph Cemetery Endowment, Clarence and Catherine Miller Cemetery Endowment, Leroy and Rose Weiss Cemetery Endowment and Wilbur and Marian Fehrenbacher Cemetery Endowment. As of the end of 2021, there was \$45,601.81 available for use from the money made on these endowments.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS: Our different parish organizations continue to provide an essential level of support to our parish life.

The St. Anne Altar Society continues to provide money to

fund the purchase of different items we use at mass. These include such things as missalettes, altar bread and wine, and candles. The members of the group have also been meeting again in person each month to conduct their business and to have a time for food and fellowship. Their fund raising activities for this past year included a quilt raffle and several kuchens and cinnamon rolls bake sales. They will be making kuchens for sale during the parish rummage sale, June 10-11. They have also sponsored several coffee and donut gatherings on Sunday morning between the 8 and 10:30 am Mass. They will be having a spring dinner at on May 12 for all the women in the parish at the Carriage House in Haubstadt.

The Knights of St. John continues to meet for food and fellowship each month. This past April, they hosted the annual convention of the Knights of St. John which included members from different commanderies throughout the State of Indiana.

The St. Joe Men's Club continues to meet for food and fellowship. This year they continued a long tradition of support athletic opportunities for the youth in our parish by giving \$5,000 to the St. Joe Baseball League to aid their effort to build new concrete dugouts for the baseball field. They have continued their fundraising efforts of making sausage and burgoo.

The PTO continues to be an essential cog in the operation of our school. They have provided volunteers to help out in a wide variety of activities in the school including office help, playground supervision, and individual class room coordinators. They have also provided money for teacher and student supplies, classroom instructional material, painting projects in the school and new lockers for students in grades 6-8. To raise money they operated their booth at the Fall Festival, conducted the annual Book Fair Project and provided the meal for two Westside Nut Club Dinners.

The St. Joe Athletic Committee continued to provide coaches for a wide variety of sports teams in which students in the school participated. They also provided money for uniforms, equipment and fees for these different teams. Among their fundraising efforts is sponsoring a city/county wide basketball league for children in grades 2-6 which included teams from the different catholic schools in our area.

PARISH OUTREACH Our weekly collection of food for the food pantry continues as does volunteer work at the food pantry and the St. Vincent dePaul Coordinator's Office. Several blood drives were held. Our annual Diaper Bag Express is now underway. Our Haiti Outreach Group sponsored a "Hearts and Hands for Haiti" Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction. celebrating our 37 years of working with our Brothers and Sisters in Haiti on May 7th. The event was also intended to raise \$50,000 to build and equip a computer lab for the elementary and high schools in our Sister Parish in Haiti. In every way this was a huge success. Over 380 people attended and celebrated the blessings of this connection. And the event raised \$73,000 for the schools.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION efforts have continued through our Sunday Morning Family Religion Class. Sacramental preparations programs were conducted for the young men and women celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and for the young children celebrating their First Communion. Bible study classes were offered this Lent as well as the opportunity for families to celebrate the Way of the Cross. A weekly men's support group, That Man Is You, was also held. Eleven people were welcomed into the church this past Easter through the RCIA program. Plans are also underway for Vacation Bible School to be held this June.

PARISH MAINTENANCE ITEMS: We have had our usual number of air conditioning, plumbing and electrical repairs in the school and in the church. The PTO is providing money to install lockers for the students in the grades 6 through 8. Lockers have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed after the cur-

Prayer For Our Graduates

*People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered:
LOVE THEM ANYWAY.*

*If you do good, people will
accuse you of selfish,
ulterior motives:
DO GOOD ANYWAY.*



*If you are successful, you win false and true
enemies: SUCCEED ANYWAY.*

*The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow:
DO GOOD ANYWAY.*

*What you spent years building may be destroyed
overnight: BUILD ANYWAY.*

*People really need help but may attack you if you help them:
HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.*

*Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the
teeth: GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU'VE GOT
ANYWAY.*

*Prayer found on the bedroom wall of
Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

rent school year. PTO is also providing the funds to begin to do some painting of the metal door frames and stairwells in school.

Work on installing the new phone system for the school and rectory has been completed. Extensive upgrades in the school internet system have also been completed. We are continuing to replace the smart boards in each of the classrooms with new smart boards. We are also adding, upgrading and replacing ipads for the lower grades and laptop computers for the students in the upper grades. We are also in the process of replacing the lap top computers that our teachers have been using for some time. We have been able to do all these things with EANS funds (emergency assistance for non public schools.)

We received money in memory of Katie Schiff that the family asked to be used for the school. Since she had a special love for the cafeteria cooks, we are planning an upgrade to the kitchen islands in the school kitchen. The two current islands will be replaced with larger islands and an additional island cabinet will be built for the dishwashing area of the kitchen. This cabinet, as well as a cabinet that was built last year will be built on wheels which will allow for easy movement and cleaning of the school kitchen. Additionally, a more permanent cabinet for trash bags and other consumable products will be installed in the boiler room. A new desk and cabinets for use by the school cafeteria manager will also be built and installed in the boiler room.

PARISH FISH FRY was a success. 2050 dinners sold. Total Income was \$24,606.00, Total Expenses were \$9,823.66, leaving a profit of \$14,782.34. Food prices were up this year and as a result, we raised the cost of the dinners to \$12.

SUMMER SOCIAL plans are underway. Social will be July 31, the last Sunday in July. We will have a drive thru chicken dinner and an expanded raffle. Again we will be offering \$15,000 in prizes through the raffle. Raffle tickets will be mailed to all parishioners in May. We will also be sending dinner tickets to all the families in our parish. We have done some preliminary checking on food prices and they are up from last year. We're thinking that as a result we will raise the dinner prices to \$14/ dinner.

RUMMAGE SALE plans are underway after a two year hiatus. Sale will be on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. We will be accepting items for the sale after all the Masses on June 4 and 5 and Monday to Wednesday, June 6-8. The Altar Society will be making kitchens for sale.

PARISH BUDGET: Based upon recommendations given to us by the Diocese, salary prices for parish staff members were figured at a 3% increase. Teacher salaries have also been set for 3% increase with an incremental increase for additional years of service. For the year 2022-2023, total salaries are projected to be \$920,136 which is 52% of our total budget.

Pension costs for our employees are anticipated to increase by 6%. Medical Insurance costs are projected to increase by 5%. Total costs for pension, medical insurance and social security are projected to be \$311,652 which is 18% of our parish budget. Salaries and benefit costs represent 70% of our parish budget.

Property and liability insurance costs are anticipated to increase by 5%. Total insurance costs are projected to be \$38,450 which is slightly more than 2% of our total parish budget.

Utility costs are projected to increase by 5% are projected to

be \$62,000 which is 3.5% of our parish budget.

Costs for parish office and related expenses are anticipated to be 34,500 which is slightly less than 2% of our parish budget.

Costs for maintenance of our parish buildings and property, including the operation of our parish water treatment plant (\$16,000) and the cleaning of our school (\$63,000) is anticipated to be \$204,900 which is about 12% of our total budget.

We anticipate spending \$10,000 on expenses related to church and worship. This is less than 1/2% of our total budget. And we anticipate spending about the same amount \$10,340 on expenses related to our Religious Education Program.

We will be paying \$98,000 toward the support of Mater Dei High School. This figure is based, in large part, on the number of students from St. Joe who are attending Mater Dei. This represents about 6% of our total budget.

Regarding our budgeted income, we have budgeted income from our Sunday collection to be \$1,024,000. Based on this, our weekly budgeted collection will need to average \$19,692. This is 59% of our income needs.

We have budgeted other ordinary parish income to be \$125,884. This comes from such sources as bulletin/newsletter ads income, lottery income, social income, religious education fees, fish fry income. This is about 7% of our budgeted needs.

We have budgeted school income to \$604,440. This money comes from such things as pre-school and pre-k fees, lunch fees, after school care fees, book and supply fees, non parishioner tuition, and school voucher income. This represents 34%

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PROPOSED PARISH BUDGET (Summary) July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023	CURRENT BUDGET 2021-2022
INCOME		
Stewardship		
Offerings/Grade	\$1,024,000.00	\$1,024,000.00
School Tuition		
Other Parish	\$123,884.00	\$151,692.00
Income		
Religious Education	\$2,000	\$2,000.00
Income		
School Income	\$604,440.00	\$513,640.00
TOTAL PARISH	\$1,754,324.00	\$1,691,757.00
INCOME		
EXPENSES		
Parish Salaries	\$218,100.00	\$210,500.00
and Benefits		
Church and	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Worship		
Parish Office	\$65,691.00	\$58,500.00
Parish Buildings	\$45,850.00	\$42,400.00
and Grounds		
Mater Dei Expense	\$98,000.00	\$98,000.00
Total Grade	\$1,248,843.00	\$1,204,617.00
School Expenses		
Religious	\$67,840.00	\$67,640.00
Education		
TOTAL PARISH	\$1,754,324.00	\$1,691,657.00
EXPENSES		

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of our anticipated income.

Total budgeted expenses for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is projected to be \$1,754,324.00 and is balanced by projected income of \$1,754.324. We anticipate that expenses related to the operation of our grade school will be \$1,248,843.00, which is 71% of our total parish budget. We anticipate that our parish will be providing \$644,402 toward the operation of our school. This represents 56% of the money we anticipate receiving through our weekly collections and parish ordinary income.



The spiritual life is not a template; it is a process meant to change our lives. There are stages in the spiritual life that move us from one level to another.

The first is compliance. The Ten Commandments dominate in this phase. Being spiritual in this phase depends on keeping a list of do's and don'ts, on keeping the "rules"—whatever they are—on being perfect.

This kind of spiritual score keeping is a necessary but very immature stage. We concern ourselves with actions rather than attitudes. We worry about not insulting someone, perhaps, but not about wanting to insult them.

The point is that we don't make choices in this stage. Not real choices. We simply conform or rebel. We do what we're told and call ourselves holy for having done so. We do everything we're told but we never ask ourselves whether or not what we're doing has anything at all to do with the Beatitudes or not.

The second level of the spiritual life is awareness. It has more to do with becoming Christian than it does with going through the rituals of being Christian. This stage of spiritual development awakens in us the awareness that our roles as Christians is to help make the world a just and peaceful place. We are not here simply to make ourselves paragons of organizational piety.

At the second level of the spiritual life, we come to realize that though God began the process of Creation it is our responsibility to complete it. Then we set out to become the kind of people we were put on Earth to be. We begin to go out of ourselves for the sake of the world rather than simply awarding ourselves gold stars for being regular observers of ancient rituals. "Do not wish to be called holy before you are holy," the Desert Monastics taught. It is holiness, not regularity, that we are now about in our spiritual life.

Finally, the third level of the spiritual life is transformation. It requires that we ourselves begin to "put on the mind of Christ." We ourselves begin to think like Jesus of the Mount of Beatitudes who in the face of The Ten Commandments required love that was demanding, holier than laws could ever be. We face what it means to be just in an unjust world, meek in an arrogant one, humble in a domineering one, compassionate in a prejudiced one, full of grief for those who suffer from suffering not of their own doing, compassionate for those who are oppressed by the indifferent in this world.

Then the truly spiritual soul sees the world as God sees the world and sets out to make it right. But that can happen only if we spend our lives immersed in the Scriptures, steeped in its passion for good, conscious of its struggles, in tune with the heart of God. *Sr. Joan Chittister OSB*

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

AWAKENINGS

Sr. Joan Chittister OSB

Human development is a slow process that happens in stages of more or less regularity. We call them infancy, early childhood, pre-teen, adolescence, adulthood. As we move through one at a time, each of them a task from birth to death, we keep an eye on the charts that tell us what to expect in each.

Spiritual development, on the other hand, is slower than that. And not guaranteed. Spiritual development depends on the way we deal with one phase of life after another—with whether we deal with them or not, in fact. There are no rule books to describe the process for us, no time charts, no defined hurdles to conquer—just one small internal mountain after another to reckon with.

The soul is tested from one challenge to another, from one experience to another, from one wisdom figure to another. Literature is full of figures who meet the obstacles of every stage and prevail. Or not. In the end, we begin to understand, our "lives" become what we ourselves fashion out of both those wins and those losses. Of which there are many.

My own development attests to them all. The death of a young father, the struggles of a young mother, the continuous reshaping of family, the shock and isolation of personal physical limitations, the discovery of the internal self—and the need to come to terms with its wretched character—the tenor of effects of life in the monastery, the meaning of "belief." Each of those chapters of life draws the contours of how life develops for everyone. And yet, though we all face the same kinds of questions, wrestle with the same attempts to avoid them—in the end we all face a series of trials, of tests, of triumphs.

The truth is that we each play the music of our lives in distinct and distinguishing ways. We can learn by listening to others, of course, but in the end, it's not about the overarching melody of life so much; it's not about someone else's answers. No, it's really more about the way we ourselves choose to play every single chord of it that will determine the sounds we leave behind for others to hear as they go.

As this book implies, for me those choices have returned again and again to three areas: the nature and place of God in life, the meaning of spirituality in a secular culture, and the demand to understand what it means to be a woman. In a man's world, in a man's definitions, in a man's church.

Those chords—the presence of God, the call to spiritual insight, and the rejection of sexism—have carried me through life. I have run into walls, not bridges, to those ideas everywhere, yes, but there has also been a drumbeat of truth under all of it. In the face of every obstacle I heard the call of God to wake up, to speak out, to leave some melodies behind. Then, perhaps others could sing new songs of truth within them, too, so that generations to come might also wake up. If we awaken. Now.



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Planning For Our Next Fiscal Year (cont)

Here are the assumptions that have guided us as we put this budget together.

- We want our church to continue to be here as a place to come together to pray at Mass and to celebrate the special events in our lives.
- We want to continue to operate our grade school as a place to help train our children in the ways of faith
- We want to continue to support Mater Dei High School as we have done since we have had Catholic high schools in Evansville
- We want to care for all the buildings and property that make up our parish campus.
- We want to continue to offer Religious Education and Sacramental preparation programs for the children and adults

of our parish

- We want to continue to operate as a part of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville.

Using these assumptions, we put together the budget for next year. A summary of the budget can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. If you would like amore detailed budget report, call us at the office and I'll be glad to share one with you.

While I'm sure not everyone is 100% on board with everything that is represented in this budget, I do believe they reflect the will of the majority of folks. Raising the \$1.754 million dollars necessary to make this budget a reality will take everyone' support. I'm sure the seven families that gathered together in 1841 to start this parish could scarcely comprehend such numbers. But, like them, all we need to do is to offer the very best we can and when we do, God will do great things with it.

CARPENTER SOCIETY REPORT



From very humble beginnings in 1995 with the establishment of one endowment that had a value of \$5,711, we now have grown to 31 different endowments with a combined value this year of \$1,423,003. The results we have seen in the growth of our endowments is nothing short of remarkable, despite the financial challenges we have been living with because of on the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

This past year two new endowments were established. The first was established by the members of the Wilbur and Marian Fehrenbacher family for the long term maintenance and care of our parish cemetery. Wilbur and Marian were long time members of our parish. Their love for our parish will live on and enable us to keep our cemetery grounds as sacred and holy place of remembrance for them and all those who have been buried in our cemetery these past 181 years.

The second endowment has been established in honor of Sean Witsoe. You may remember that Sean was a five year old boy who died of a brain tumor in 2010. His parents, Craig and Katie Witsoe, along with his sister Anna and brothers Conner, Ian and Matthew wanted to honor Sean and the people of our parish. They have established the Sean Witsoe Endowment to be used for the educational needs of the young people in our parish. While the Witsoe family moved to Knoxville, Tennessee several years ago, they still feel a close connection to the people of our parish. This endowment will not only benefit young people in the parish for years to come, but it will also serve as an ongoing reminder of Sean and the love his family had for him and for our parish.

In 2021, a total of \$158,841.20 was contributed to the thirty-one endowments in the Carpenter Society. The total value of our parish endowments as of December 31, 2021 is \$1,423,003. This is an increase of \$289,358 from the previous year and represents a 26% increase in the total value of our endowments.

There has been a remarkable growth in our parish endowments from its beginnings in 1995. Even more remarkable is that in the past seven years, our endowments have almost tripled in value. For 2021 we received \$49,721 in distributions from the thirty-one endowments included in the Carpenter Society. This represents a 4.25% distribution. Combined with distributions from previous years, it gives us a total \$331,335

which is now available to be used for the various purposes as determined by the particular endowments.

Here's just a few of the ways money generated from our endowments is being used: helping families in school whose jobs have been impacted by this pandemic, to pay for book and supply fees and tuition payments; paying for the upkeep on our cemetery and parish property, providing money to help the communication efforts of our school alumni association, providing money so that we can respond to requests for assistance with rent and utility payments from folks in our area; and providing money for our friends in Haiti so that they can have food to eat and schools to attend and medical care through the parish clinic.

CURRENT PARISH ENDOWMENTS

- St. Joseph Parish Endowment
- St. Joseph School Endowment
- St. Joseph Cemetery Endowment
- Father Fred Niehaus Endowment
- (For the general needs of the Parish)
- Estelle and Jerome Schneider Haiti Endowment
- George and Bette Duncan Endowment
- (For the general needs of the parish)
- Joe And Winie Schu
- School Kitchen Endowment
- Dossett-Horak Liturgy Endowment
- Theresa Baehl Youth Ministry Endowment
- Leroy & Marilyn Jochum
- Haiti Student Endowment
- SPRED Endowment for Religious Education
- Bob and Mark Kay Fehrenbacher
- Family Charitable Endowment
- (For the general needs of the parish)
- Clarence and Catherine Miller
- Family Cemetery Endowment
- Urban and Betty Will Parish
- Landscaping Endowment
- Frances Miller Parish Endowment
- (For the general needs of the parish)
- Jim and Delores Niemeier
- Parish Maintenance Endowment
- Mother Teresa People in Need Endowment
- Joe and Kathy Weber
- St. Joseph School Endowment
- Tony Stricker Physical Education
- Endowment for St. Joseph School
- Madeline and Carl Rexing
- St. Joseph School Endowment
- Butch and Linda Feulner Charitable Fund
- (for the general needs of the parish)
- Sr. Bridget Arnold OSF School Endowment
- For Students in Need in the Parish
- James & Ida Greenwell Parish Endowment
- James & Ida Greenwell
- Haiti Student Endowment
- Fred and Mary Happe Parish Endowment
- Rose and Leroy Weiss Cemetery Endowment
- Norbert and Verena Schroeder
- Worship Endowment
- Haiti Higher Education Endowment
- Fr. Gene Schroeder Liturgy Endowment
- Wilbur & Marian Fehrenbacher
- Cemetery Endowment
- Sean Witsoe Education Endowment

INTERESTED IN MAKING A GIFT TO THE CARPENTER SOCIETY?

Gifts to the Carpenter Society can be made in a number of ways

- Naming the Parish in your will
- Naming the Parish as a full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- Naming the Parish as a beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust
- Naming the Parish as the owner of personal property subject to the requirements of the donor's life estate
- Establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity

Individual Endowments can be established with an initial donation of \$5,000. Currently there are thirty-one endowments established for various needs in the parish.

For information regarding establishing an endowment or contributing to an endowment, contact Fr. Gene Schroeder at the Parish Office (812-963-3273). You can also contact the Catholic Foundation Office for the Diocese of Evansville (812-424-5536).



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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*



GET ON BOARD THE DIAPER BAG EXPRESS

Once again, this year, from Mother's Day to Father's Day you are invited to join our parish effort to help Birthright. Get on board and help unwed mothers and fathers by bringing powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, etc. for newborn babies. Packages of diapers can also be donated. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. If you have questions please contact Toni Askins at (812-457-1334).



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS MONTH: PETER'S PENCE

Pope Francis reminds us that those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone. The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and His works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

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We are accepting donations each weekend for the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. A box of cereal, a jar of peanut butter will go a long way to helping those in need.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS June 28, 2022--July 17, 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 June 25, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Toni Askins
Sunday June 26, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Marcia Frey
Sunday June 26, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Jane Scheller
Saturday July 2, 2022 5 pm	Volunteers	Mike Reffett
Sunday July 3, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Tom Folz
Sunday July 3, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Aleliah Nisley
Saturday July 9, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Sis Jarboe,
Sunday July 10, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Tom Blythe
Sunday, July 10, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Shane Wessel
Saturday, July 16, 2022 5 PM	Volunteers	Toni Askins
Sunday, July 17, 2022 8 AM	Volunteers	Terry Drone
Sunday, July 17, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteers	Jane Scheller








The weeks leading up to Spring Break our fourth grade Bobcats spear headed a service project for Peyton Manning's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. One of their classmates was a patient there for several weeks. They wanted to show the hospital some Bobcat love and thank them for taking such good care of Claire. They held a toy drive and collected over 450 items and over \$600 to give to them. Great work!



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5 8 & 10:30 am Masses Haiti and Food Pantry Collection BRING YOUR RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS TO THE GYM TODAY	6 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass RUMMAGE SALE PREPARATIONS 9 AM TO 7 PM MONDAY --FRIDAY BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE EACH DAY	7 7:30 am Mass Youth Trip to Holiday World 7 am – 7 pm	8 7:30 MASS Last Day to bring items for the Rummage Sale	9 NO MASS	10 NO MASS Making Kuchens Friday Noon Saturday 7 am  3 pm – 7 pm	11 Food Pantry Collection Sacrament of Reconciliation 4 -4:40 pm 5 pm Mass 7 am--Noon \$3 Bag Sale begins At 10 am
12 8 & 10:30 am Mass Food Pantry Collection	13 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass Knights of St. John 7 pm	14 7:30 am Mass 	15 7:30 AM Mass \$15,000 in prizes 1st Prize \$10,000 2nd Prize \$2,500 3rd -- 6th Prizes -- \$500 Each Preliminary Drawing June 30 \$500	16 NO MASS 6:30 PM Haiti Mission Meeting	17 NO MASS	18 Food Pantry Collection Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm Mass 5 pm
19 8 & 10:30 am Mass Peter's Pence Collection Happy Father's Day 	20 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass Men's Club Meeting 7 pm	21 7:30 AM MASS  Vacation Bible School June 20--23 8:30 am--11:30 am	22 7:30 AM MASS	23 NO MASS	24 NO MASS <div> My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it. </div>	25 Food Pantry Collection Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:40 pm 5 pm Mass
26 8 & 10:30 am Mass Food Pantry Collection	27 7 am-6:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass	28 7:30 AM MASS PRAYER DAY FOR VOCATIONS TUESDAY 6 AM --WEDNESDAY 6 AM	29 7:30 am Mass Social Raffle Early Bird Drawing	30 NO MASS	DRIVE THRU CARRYOUT ONLY PICKUP JULY 31 10 AM -1 PM \$14 / DINNER TICKETS NEED TO BE PURCHASED BEFOREHAND CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR TICKETS (812-963-3273) DEADLINE JULY 22 	

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Pray with us! We have family in
Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia and....

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Summer Social News (cont)

- Get with some friends and provide the money for dinners for the people at The Ozanam Family Shelter. House of Bread and Peace, or the United Caring Shelter. We will be glad to work with you to get these dinners delivered

WE NEED HELP PREPARING THE MEALS

We'll need help making dumplings for the social on Monday, July 18. We'll also need people to help prepare all the things for meals on Friday and Saturday before the social day,



July 29 & 30 as we have in the past. We'll begin working at 7 am on Friday, July 29. We'll also need help setting up for the drive thru on Saturday, July 30.

And we will need folks to prepare all the food on Sunday morning. Our plan is to serve the carryout dinners from 10 am to 1 pm. We're going to need a lot of folks to make this happen. Then we'll need folks to help clean up.

After everything is cleaned up, our plan is have a little post social party and then have the drawing for the grand raffle prizes around 3 pm.

As always it's going to take a lot of good will and presumption of good intentions on everyone's part. We've had a great tradition of people working together to ensure the success of our social in the past. We're counting on this great support again to ensure our social a great success again. We've done it before, and we can do it again!

Don't miss our incredible RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, June 10 3-7 pm

Friday night shoppers get the first chance at all the bargains.

(Shoppers pay DOUBLE PRICE)

Saturday, June 11

7am – 12 Noon

\$3 Bag Sale Begins at 10 am

HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?

Bring items to the gym after all Masses on June 4-5 and 9am – 7 pm Monday—Wednesday—June 6,7, & 8)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 IS THE LAST DAY TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE

CAN YOU HELP?

Every day 9 am—7pm the week of the sale (COME FOR A DAY OR AN HOUR) and on sale days, June 10-11. At noon on Saturday after the sale—men and women, young and old are needed to help box and load what is left over.

We will have kuchen and cinnamon rolls for sale during the Rummage Sale. Come and help make them on Friday and Saturday

