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OFFERING WHAT WE CAN AND BELIEVING IT WILL BE ENOUGH

Fr. Gene Schroeder
PASTOR

Perhaps it was turning 70 this year. Whatever it was, it got me to thinking about what kind of legacy I will be leaving. I think there is a desire to want to be remembered that runs deep in all of us. One of my friends sym-

pathized with me and named his billy goat after me. That gave a whole new meaning to the idea of having "kids." Unfortunately the goat was mean and attacked people. He got sent to the market where he probably ended up on someone's dinner plate.

Another friend named a rooster after me, but alas, the rooster died as well. I did prevail upon the St. Joe City Cemetery Board to name a new road we opened in the cemetery after me—"St. Eugene Avenue." But then, with all the stuff coming out of the church sexual abuse crisis, we got word locally that it was not a good idea to name any building or anything else after a priest. So, now I tell people "St Eugene Avenue is really named after St. Eugene who was Pope from 654-657." But secretly, I still claim it. Who's gonna know the difference!

Wanting to know that we will live on is probably one of the reasons parents get so invested in their grandchildren. Somehow this is living proof that we existed. And of course, there is the hope that all the things that we held sacred will be respected by those who live on after us.

It occurred to me that many, if not all of the things that I have put time and energy into will end when I die. That left me feeling pretty sad and thinking that the best thing was to die "with your boots on" so you didn't have to be around to see what others will or won't do with all the things you were involved in.

But that is mostly a bruised "ego" speaking. A friend pointed out to me that when I started working as a priest I pretty much did what I thought I should do and didn't pay much attention at all to what the person before me did.

What I have come to notice again is how much the belief systems that have shaped us can really have power over our lives. Belief systems like "I am good and have a right to be here to the extent that I can do meaningful work." Or the belief system that says "my value as a person is dependent upon the good effect I have upon others. If I can't do this then my life does not

WISDOM FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Show Up Everyday

*Pay Attention to
Everything Around You*

Do Everything You Can

Don't Get Invested In The Results



have much value." Even though we may say that we do not believe these things, it is amazing how much effect they have on our lives. As much as we might like to suggest otherwise, the need to know that we made a difference in the world and in the lives of people is a pretty strong driving force.

So what is the solution to this dilemma? I keep thinking of the words I heard some years ago. Our role in life is to show up each day, observe everything around us, share our piece of wisdom and then don't get invested in the results. And I remember this person saying that the hardest of these was not getting invested in the results.

There is such truth in this. It's one thing to say I'm not going to get invested in the results of what I do and it is a whole other thing to actually do that. I'd like to think that I have gotten better at doing this through the years. And while that may be true, there are days when I find myself being way too concerned about the lasting effect of what I do.

How can we avoid the trap of getting invested in the results of our work? A big thing is learning how to forgive people and to forgive life for being inconsistent and even unfair. People have the best intentions. In fact, I think people are being very sincere when they say they want to do their best. I don't think anyone makes choices in their life with the belief that what they are about to do is really something stupid. All of us make choices because we believe they will help us achieve what we want and what we think is good for us. That doesn't mean that all of our choices are good. After all, who hasn't found themselves wondering "why did I do that?" or "what was I thinking?" or "if I knew then what I know now, I would never have done that."

What helps us to forgive others is when we recognize that we too have been inconsistent in our lives. We too have said one thing and then gone and done almost the complete opposite. Such is the journey of our lives.

And we need to learn how to forgive life for being unfair. There are things that happen which make little or no sense to us. A child is born with a rare and incurable disease. The promotion at work which we think should have gone to us and for which we have worked very hard, is instead given to someone else who has just joined the company.

And what of the people who suffer from earthquakes and other acts of nature that happen? Or the people who, through no fault of their own, suffer from famine and war? There are clearly a lot of inconsistencies in life and so many things that

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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

INTRODUCING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Sophie Fehrenbacher

At first glance, Sophie may appear to be quiet and somewhat reserved. But that is not the whole story or even the biggest part of the story. A woman, not afraid to walk her own path in life that includes a love for music, skate boarding, muscle cars along with a love for family.

Sophie is the daughter of Keith and Carrie (Dubord) Fehrenbacher and the younger sister of Conner Fehrenbacher. She is scheduled to graduate from Mater Dei high School this spring.

High school years have been eventful for Carrie. Their freshman year ended with the covid lockdown. School resumed her sophomore year with a lot of restrictions, but things have gotten back to somewhat normal times these past couple of years. “We had to learn all about learning online which took some getting used to, but now it has become a lot more familiar. Wearing masks also took some getting used to, but one of the things you learn is just to get on with things and so even something that may seem a big deal, after a while doesn’t seem like much of a big deal at all.”

Going to Mater Dei has been a good experience for her. “My class is larger than my grade school class and that introduced me to lot a new friends. One of the things I am going to miss from high school is hanging out on such a regular basis with so many of my friends. I have had a lot of fun these past four years of school. They have gone by pretty fast. It’s hard to believe I am almost ready to graduate.”

During her high school years Sophie has been a member of the Pep Club and a member of the Students for Life committee. “We try to do things that support the right to life of all people. One of the things we did this past year was to get together before school to pray a rosary for the Right to Life cause.”

Throughout her years in high school, Sophie has felt blessed to have some great teachers. “A good teacher helps you to feel like your are important. And a good teacher is one that makes the subject matter interesting and relevant to our lives.” Among her many good teachers, Sophie recalled her sophomore theology teacher, Mr. Jeremy Goebel. “He really helped us to have a deeper appreciation of our religion.”

Among her memorable classes was a chemistry class she took last year. “It was probably one of the most challenging classes I had and I am glad I took it. It’s good to be stretched beyond what you think you are capable of doing.” Right now she is taking a class on forensics where she is learning about understanding blood spatters and finger prints.

Sophie graduated from grade school here at St. Joe. Those years are filled with a lot of memories that make it hard to pick out the highlights. Of course there are the memories of all her teachers. “I remember especially Mrs. Daugherty who taught math.” While that wasn’t her easiest class, she remembers that Mrs. Daugherty really helped her to understand the subject matter.

Memories of being part of the parish are filled with times working at the summer social and fish fry. Not too surprising really, since she joined her parents and especially her grandpa, Gary Fehrenbacher, who fries the chicken and the fish.

Family relationships have been a key part of Sophie’s life. It is

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no surprise that when talking about the people who have had the biggest influences on her, she mentions her mom and dad. “My mom and I share the same kind of humor. People say we have a lot of the same mannerisms. I think the biggest thing I have learned from my mom is to learn to believe in myself. She helped me to know that it is ok to walk a path that is maybe a little different from others. That has meant a great deal to me.”

“I’ve learned a lot of things from my dad as well. We share a love for muscle cars. He’s taught me a lot of things about taking care of cars. Recently we bought a Volkswagen GTI and took it all apart and rebuilt it to make it faster. He’s pretty good with a lot of hands on kind of work, with cars and boats. And of course he’s pretty good working with wood as well. I think I get my sense of determination from him as well. Some folks may see this as stubbornness at times, but there is something good about being determined.”

“I’ve learned a lot from working with other people as well.” Sophie credits her co workers and manager at Zumiez in the mall. “It’s like a clothing store where you can also buy all kinds of different skateboards. Good friends can be a great support and they can be the people who challenge you to do your best.” Aside from working there, Sophie has also worked at Fehrenbacher Wood Specialties with her dad. “I started out just sweeping the floors but I have also got to know how some of the different machines work and lately I have learned about estimating different kinds of jobs.”

Working at Zumiez supports another one of Sophie’s interests which is skateboarding. Sophie also has a love for music. She taught herself how to play the guitar, ukulele and the piano. “Playing music is very relaxing for me.”

Spending time with family is a big part of Sophie’s life. Gathering with her mom’s parents and family are a big part of this. Spending time at Barkley Lake is also good. “We spend a lot of time going boating and enjoying other water sports.”

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There is also time to enjoy some good great meals with family. And perhaps a chance to enjoy some of Sophie's baking creations.

Next year Sophie plans to pursue a degree in computer science. "I think I would like to get into a career where I am writing different programs for companies to help their machines do what they need to do."

WORDS OF WISDOM: "I think it is really important to learn how to be comfortable with who you are. When I was in middle school, I think my biggest challenge was learning how to fit in. That was challenging because the things that I was interested in were not shared by everyone else in the group. What I have come to know is that it is ok to be a little different from others. I don't think it does any good to feel sorry for yourself. Sometimes the most important thing is just to face head on the things that appear in your life and do the best you can. It usually works out well. Sometimes it is tempting to just try to fit in with others because you want to be accepted and be part of the group. But what I have found is that you can be true to your convictions and still be part of the group."



Mitch Adler

A National Honor Society Member, football player, cattle breeder and future electrician—some of the ways to describe Mitch Adler. Mitch is the son of Rick and Tracy (Elfreich) Adler. His older sister Macy is in graduate school at Purdue pursuing a degree in occupational therapy. His younger sister Merritt is a freshman at Mater Dei. Mitch takes his role as big brother seriously. "I try to be a good example for her. She may not always agree with that, but I do! We get to spend time together each day when I take her to school and other places she needs to go."

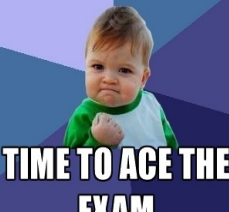
Mitch is a senior at Mater Dei. "High school went by fast!" It's been a full four years. Mitch has worked hard on his classes. Being selected to the National Honor Society for the past two years is evidence of his hard work. As a member, he has committed himself to do service hours in the community working with the Food Pantry. He's also helped with the junior class retreat and was part of the group that sent Christmas cards to grade school students.

Over the years, Mitch has had a lot of good teachers who have challenged him, especially his advanced classes in math. What he appreciated most about teachers is how they helped him to understand what was being taught. That made it easy to learn.

Mitch has also been a part of student government as well. This year he is serving as a defense attorney. Most of the cases they deal with have to do with fines and permits for the cars

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TIME TO ACE THE EXAM

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students park at school. He's had one case this year, defending a friend of his. They lost the case. "He was really in the wrong. He should have just paid the fine."

But the big thing that has occupied Mitch's time in high school has been playing football. He's played football since he was in grade school and for the last six years he has been playing for Mater Dei first on the cub football team and then for the varsity team. The guys he's been playing with this year have been together since fifth grade. There were a lot of talented players in this group and they have had a lot of success culminating with winning the state football championship this year.

"We knew that if we worked hard we could achieve some success. And we had some great coaches who really prepared us well for each game." For the last two years the team made it to the state championship game. "Going to Lucas Oil stadium was something else. I think the first year we went, we were a little in awe of the place and a little in awe of the team we played. When we lost the game I think a bunch of us thought we want to get back here because we have a mission to complete. That is how we approached the game this year. We knew what we had to do and we went out and did it. It was a great experience."

The team earned a number of awards, as did Mitch for his role as starting linebacker. He was selected as team co-captain, and was named best defensive player for the team. He was selected as an All-State, All City, All-SIAC, and All Metro Linebacker. And he was named to the All-State Academic Team for football. For his career he was four tackles shy of becoming the all-time tackle leader at Mater Dei. The person in front of him, was none other than his father, Rick.

"Playing football taught me that hard work pays off. You have to be dedicated and show up especially on the days when you are tired and worn out. You've got to remember that football is a team sport and you have to be willing to be there for your teammates. We didn't have a lot of really star players but we had a lot of pretty good players and were willing to work together with each other."

Mitch graduated from St. Joe Grade School. His years in school have left him with a lot of memories. "I got to be friends with people in my class and they have been friends through high school. I remember all my teachers. They did a really good job preparing us for high school classes. The school lunches were the best. I know lots of folks from other schools that brought their lunches to school and can't understand why I liked our school lunches. But the lunch ladies were the best making super nachos, square pizza, breakfast lunches and I think once they made chicken and waffles." School memories also include going to Mass each week. "I remember we were able to do things like the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. Being able to participate like this really helped me to understand what this was all about."

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RUMMAGE SALEis on for **June 9-10**. We are inviting you to save your gently used items for the rummage sale.

Rule of thumb—if you wouldn't buy it at a rummage sale, then don't bring it. We regret that we cannot accept electronic items, old computers, TV's and the like. There just has not be a big demand for these items at our past rummage sales.

More information to be coming in the weeks ahead. Got any suggestions or questions? Contact Imogene (812) 963-5221. Thanks for your continued support!

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"Being part of St. Joe Parish is like being part of big family." Family is something that has been a big part of Mitch's life. And a big part of his family experience has been farming. It started with the grandpa and grandma Adler running a dairy farm. It's the place where his dad and his brother worked since they were young kids. And now it is a big part of Mitch's life. "We're not running a dairy farm anymore. That was a lot of work. Now they're raising and selling beef cattle. I can see myself raising cattle in the future and keeping the farm going." Being on the farm gives him the added benefit of spending time with his Grandpa Adler, his uncle and several of his cousins.

Growing up in a farming family, it was natural that Mitch got involved in 4-H. He's been a member since he was in grade school and for all these years has been showing cows each year at the fair. With his dad serving on the Fair Board, Mitch helped get things ready for the fair and then clean up after the week-long event. "We always looked forward to fair week, but it was a lot of work, especially all the clean up."

Spending time with family and gathering with cousins, especially for the holidays, is something that Mitch looks forward to. Mitch counts his mom and dad as some of the biggest influences in his life. "I think my mom has taught me a lot about the emotional side of life. I think I get my intellectual ability from her as well. My dad and I share a lot of the same passions. We both played football and enjoy watching football now. We also work together on the farm. People say we look a lot alike and we have a lot of the same mannerisms. I enjoy spending time with him and working together."

Next year, Mitch plans on beginning the apprenticeship program with the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers). "I like the ability to work with my hands and I think a career as an electrician could be great." Down the road, you'll probably find Mitch working as an electrician, raising cattle and doing a little farming. Marriage and family are no doubt a part of this as well.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "I think it is important to appreciate the time you have. People tell you that high school will go by fast but that is hard to hear. But it really does. I have enjoyed spending the time with friends, especially all the guys on the football team. We had some great moments together. High

school is a great time to make great memories. I think it is important to have a good sense of humor in life. Try not to get upset about things. Lots of times things happen and you think they are the biggest thing in the world, but they aren't. Enjoy each moment. Family support is important. I try to remember that they really do want the best for you. Sometimes, in the heat of the moment, it doesn't always feel like that. I think it is important to learn how to be patient with others. Having good friends is important. You have to be willing to put yourself out there by getting involved and being part of different activities. That's how you get to know other people. Friendship also involves responsibility. You have to be willing to be there for others if you want to be there for you."

Tyler Weinzapfel

When you talk to Tyler about the things that are happening in his life, one thing becomes clear pretty quickly—this young man has a lot of things going on in his life. Tyler is a senior at Reitz. He is the youngest child of Gary and Kathy Weinzapfel. His older sister, Megan got her degree in biomedical engineering and is working in Keystone, Colorado. His brother Jacob is in the midst of his residency in Internal Medicine at Deaconess Hospital.

Brother Lucas works as an industrial engineer with General Motors in Nashville. And his brother Zach is working at a suicide crisis line and is preparing to enter into medical school.

Tyler's interests cover a wide scope. He's serious about his academics (currently ranked #1 in his senior class), playing the violin, playing chess, being involved in 4-H and a member of Boy Scout Troop 399. He's also found time to be part of the German Club at Reitz and the Clabber Club, as well as being part of the math and science academic teams and works as a



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PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Wednesday during Lent, (excluding March 29), we will gather for Family Stations of the Cross from 6:30-7:00 at St. Joe Church. Bring the whole family to pray and reflect on Jesus' passion. Contact Jessica (812) 598-1151 for more information.



teacher's assistance working mostly in the school office.

As you might imagine, Tyler has taken a lots of AP classes to earn college credits—calculus, physics, chemistry, and history to name a few. He's been blessed with a curious mind and an aptitude for learning and he's been making the most of it. He was named a SAT Commended Scholar, occupying that rarefied air where people only miss one or two questions on the SAT exam and then can give you compelling reasons why their answer was right and the test answer was wrong!

Music has been a big part of Tyler's life as well. He's been playing the violin since he was in fifth grade. He plays in the Orchestra at Reitz and also played with the orchestra for the Warrick County Summer Musicals. He also plays in a special orchestra at St. Lucas UCC. His teacher is the conductor of the orchestra and invited him to play. Tyler has enjoyed playing with the orchestra and thinks that this might be one of the things he would like to continue to do when he goes off to college.

His involvement with the EVSC orchestra gave him the idea for his Boy Scout Eagle Project. Tyler's been a member of the Boy Scout Troop 199, the same troop his dad and brothers were part of. He's been involved in a whole array of scouting projects and scouting trips over the years. For his Eagle Scout Project he built some storage units for the string basses which are used and stored at Thompkins Middle School. He got some excellent advice and help from his Grandpa, Al Weinzapfel, to complete this project.

Tyler has also been a member of the Happy Hoosiers 4-H Club. His mom has been the one who encouraged him to join 4-H. It's given him a chance to care for and exhibit his rabbits and chickens. It has also given him a chance to exercise leadership responsibilities through the years with the club.

Tyler has also been playing chess since he was in grade school. Some of his best competition came from playing against his siblings. When he was in fourth grade, he was good enough to win the state JV chess championship for grades six and under. Last year he placed seventh in state competition.

In the last few years, Tyler has given his time to help run the chess team at Helfrich Park as well as being an Ensemble Hall Monitor, assisting with setting up, breaking down, and monitoring the local band/orchestra competition.

Tyler has also had the time to work at a few different jobs. Dog sitting has been one, and working as a life guard at Burdette Park has been another. He might be doing that again this summer or you may find him working at Azzip Pizza.

What has helped Tyler through all these activities? He'll tell you that he's had some great teacher/role models in a number of his classes. What he has liked about them was that they knew their subject matter and had a way of engaging the students. What has especially meant a lot is those teachers who are willing to accommodate different styles of learning. And it helps when teachers are smart enough to know what they know and don't know and who are willing to admit their mistakes.

The other big support for Tyler comes from his family.

"I'd say we are a pretty close knit family and we try to support each other in the things that we are involved in. When we get together we like to play a lot of word games, something that comes pretty naturally to a bunch of brainiacs." As the youngest in the family, Tyler has appreciated the good role modeling he has gotten from his sister and brothers. He also counts his parents as his biggest supporters. "Dad's an engineer so I get a lot of my way of thinking from him. Mom's been the one who has pushed all of us to get a good education. And I think she has a way of keeping things organized even when things may look chaotic to the outside overseer. I like to think of it as "controlled chaos."

What's in store for next year? "I think I would like to get in the medical field, perhaps getting involved in stem cell research." His dream was to go to Notre Dame and if he had won the Lilly Scholarship, he would have gone there. However, he didn't win so now, the future is up in the air. He's been accepted at Notre Dame, IU, Purdue, Alabama, and Rose Hulman. He's also applied to Stanford, Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt. It will all depend upon what kind of scholarship offerings he receives. His dad, being a Purdue graduate, keeps telling him that Purdue would be a great choice.

WORDS OF WISDOM: "One of the things I have learned is how important time management is. Being involved in so many different things, I think it is important that you make the most out of what you are doing each day. Find out what excites you in life and then be willing to put the time and effort into pursuing it. Learning good time management skills is really important. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself and try new things. You don't want to end your life regretting the fact that you didn't do something that you wanted to do. I've been very fortunate to have had the opportunities I have had. Some have been better than others. Some have been good experiences and others not so much. But even the bad experiences can teach you."

SOUNDS

I miss the sound
of the singing wife
I miss my loved one
whispering my name
I miss the sounds
that color my life
As I grow old
nothing's the same

As I grow old
I'm more aware
the sounds I love
are no longer there
Like the busy hum
of the honey bees
In the noon day sun,
and gentle breeze

I miss the sound of a newborn calf
I miss the lift of a baby's laugh
I yearn for the sound of when the kids all came
As I grow old, nothing's the same.

Mary Mayer

We have copies of Mary's book of poetry for sale. Contact the parish (812-963-3273). Proceeds benefit St. Joe School.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions that were given in memory of these loved ones. Let us remember the gift they have been in our life.

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**REMEMBERING
Delores Strupp**

January 4, 1953 - February 5, 2023

Delores blessed our parish family with a gentle yet strong presence for many years. Delores came on the scene on January 4, 1953, the second of eight children born to Don and Rosie (Garrett) Pritchett. Her sister Roxie was there to welcome her and together they welcomed Kenny, Diane, Roger, Ray, Michael and Paul.

Delores graduated from St. Wendel Grade School. Among her classmates were Cecelia Kuester, Sandy Schmitt, and Eddie Luigs. She then attended the Franciscan Academy in Oldenberg for her freshman year of high school. She returned home after that year and graduated from North Posey High School. She attended USI (then know as ISUE) where she graduated with a degree in accounting. Later she would get her master's degree in Industrial Management from USI. Over the years, Delores worked at Cynthiana State Bank, Bristol Myers, Bernardin, Vectren, and most recently, Mitchell, before retiring.

At the center of her adult life, was a young man named Tom Strupp. They met at the Dutch Corner Restaurant at St. Wendel. At the time, the restaurant was owned by Delores's parents. As a young girl she was given a choice between babysitting and washing dishes at the restaurant. It was a no brainer. She got paid to wash dishes but not babysitting!

And so it happened that Tom and one of his friends decided to go out biking and they stopped at the Dutch Corner for some food and refreshments. At the time Delores was working as a waitress and cook. From that chance encounter they arranged for their first date a week later. Their relationship continued to blossom and they were married on May 15, 1976. Their first home was a small home known as Raider's Milk House on the corner of #6 School Road and Highway 65. In time they would buy and remodel a home on #6 School Road before moving into their final home on St. Joe Road.

Through the years, Delores devoted her considerable skills to their two daughters, Sarah and Katie, as well as Tom's son, Mark. That involved all the ordinary tasks of keeping the household running. And it involved a lot of cooking which was something at which Delores excelled. Most nights the family would gather for a meal of meat, potatoes and vegetables. When it was planting and harvesting time on the farm, she would make her special chili and hot dogs or maybe some great chicken and dumplings. And of course many folks through the years had the chance to enjoy her German potato salad and her brownies. And brownies was just one of the many baked goods she shared with her family and friends through the years.

As the girls grew up, Delores was with them all the way, helping with their homework. "She would pay us a penny for each of our spelling words we spelled correctly". And, with her background in math, she made learning fun. She was there as well getting the girls to their sporting practices and would be there to cheer them on at their games.

Delores also involved her daughters in the world of 4-H and especially the Vanderburgh County Fair. Fair week became a family affair, setting up their camper and spending the entire week there. Delores was a member of the Vanderburgh County Extension Homemakers. Not only did she help with the various projects her daughters entered in the fair, she entered lots of projects herself. In the later years there was some friendly competition between Delores and the other members of the family when they all entered an angel food cake. Delores usually won, except for the one year that Tom's entrée was judged the best!

Delores delighted in spending time with her family and her eight grandchildren as they came upon the scene. Thanks to her daughter Sarah, she became a big fan of NASCAR. Jimmy Johnson in the #48 car

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH CEMETERY NEWS

HELP US GET THE CEMETERY READY FOR THE LAWN MOWING SEASON

For the common good, the cemetery board has established guidelines for cemetery decorations. The basic rule our cemetery board is trying to follow is this: any decorations or flowers need to be attached to the grave monument itself or placed



securely in flower containers that are a part of the grave monument. Anything else placed around the grave monument creates a hazard for our lawn mowing crews.

To help us get ready for our lawn mowing season, we

ask that you remove any decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews. Remember that flowers and plaques must be attached securely to the tombstone or flower vases. Shepherd's crooks, statues, balloons, and the like are not permitted as they are a hazard to our mowing crews.

We believe it is important for all those who are placing flowers on the graves of their loved ones to periodically check them. We have found that some people will place artificial flowers on the grave and then never come and check on them. In the meantime, the flowers get faded and shredded and begin to disintegrate thus causing bits of flowers to be scattered all over the cemetery. We think this is not in keeping with the image of the cemetery that people in the parish would like to see.

Thanks for your help in keeping our cemetery a place of honor and respect as well as a safe place for our lawn mowing crews.

IT'S LAWN MOWING TIME. COME JOIN THE CROWD THAT IS A "CUT ABOVE."



It's time to start planning for the lawn mowing season in our parish. We're looking to add some people who can help mow the large areas of our campus with our riding mowers. And we are looking for folks who can join some of our existing lawn mowing crews. These crews mow the lawn around the rectory, church, school and convent and the cemetery. We provide all the equipment (self-propelled lawn mowers, riding lawn mower, weed eaters, and refreshments for the workers!).

With the retirement of Mark Schmitt who took care of our lawn mowing equipment for many years, we are adjusting some of the duties of the mowing crews, particularly those who operated our riding lawn mowers.

Maybe you could be one of these people. Call the parish office (812-963-3273), Randy Fehrenbacher, (812-453-5397) or Randy Tenbarge (812-205-5139) to offer your help or for more information. Not only can you help the parish save money, but you can also help in keeping our grounds looking nice, and it's great exercise!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CEMETERY BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Cemetery Board was held on January 17, 2023. Cemetery Income from the sale of graves and other memorial gifts was \$20,405.00. Expenses for the

maintenance of our lawn mowing equipment and care for the parish grounds was \$ 6,421.39. The cemetery reserve fund at the end of December, 2022 stood at \$47,252.23.

As of the end of December, 2021, the four specific cemetery endowments (The St. Joe Cemetery Endowment, Leory & Rose Weiss Cemetery Endowment, Clarence and Catherine Miller Cemetery Endowment, and Marian and Wilbur Fehrenbacher Cemetery Endowment) have generated \$45,601.81 which is now available for use of our cemetery.

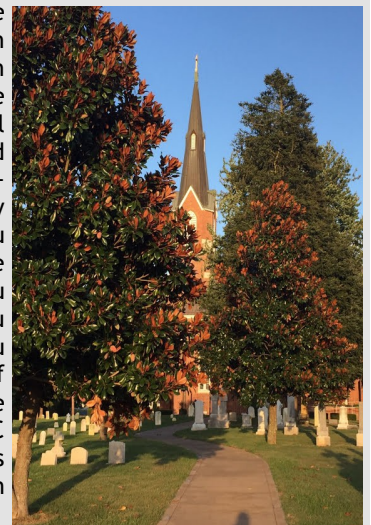
The cost for our cemetery plots, is going up slightly. The cost for a double plot for parishioners \$1,450.00, single grave \$725.00 For non parishioners a double grave is \$2,900 and a single grave is \$1450.00.

With the retirement of Mark Schmitt, who had taken care of our lawn mowing equipment for many years, cemetery board members came up with a plan to care for the ongoing care of our lawn mowers and to put together a weekly schedule for our lawn mowing crews.

INTERESTED IN FINDING THE NAMES OF PEOPLE BURIED IN OUR CEMETERY?

If you are interested in finding out who is buried in our cemetery and where their grave is, you can find this information

on our parish website www.stjoeco.org. Click on "Church Information" and then click on "cemetery." There you will find an alphabetical listing of all the people buried in our cemetery and the section and row in the cemetery where they are buried. You can click on the "map of the cemetery" which will show you where they are buried. If you walk through our cemetery you will notice that each row of the cemetery is marked by the section of the cemetery (A,B, C or D) and the row it is. This will help you locate the person you are searching for.



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Remembering Delores Strupp (cont.)

was her guy! She also got to spend an enjoyable trip to Las Vegas with Katie and Sarah. An adventurous person and risk taker, she told friends she even imbibed in a cocktail with milk in it (A Black Russian).

Her enjoyment of family included playing poker with her sisters and brothers. And there are countless memories of gathering with extended family and friends, including many of her seventy-one nieces and nephews.

Delores's life took an unexpected turn in the last year as she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. As this disease progressed, Delores became more and more homebound. She faced these difficulties with a quiet courage and determination. Truth be told, her desire was to be able to die at home, sooner than later. She passed peacefully on Sunday, February 5, shortly after celebrating her 70th birthday.

We are grateful for gift of her quiet and unassuming presence. And we give thanks for her wisdom that seemed to cut through the frivolous and get to the heart of any issue. We pray that she be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven, remembering the words: "well done good and faithful servant. Come share now in the kingdom that has been prepared for you."

Lenten Penance Service



LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 29th—7 pm
Friday, March 31st—11:00 am

During these services we will use share a reflection on the Stations of the Cross as our examination of conscience.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated each Saturday from 4:00-4:40 pm Also anytime upon request. Call Fr. Gene (812-499-9074) to arrange a time that is convenient



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 2nd

Masses (Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8 & 10:30am)

Blessed Palms will be available at all the Masses. During each of the Masses we will proclaim together the Passion of Jesus Christ according to Matthew



CHRISM MASS—TUESDAY—APRIL 4th

5:30 pm AT St. Benedict's Church

During this Mass, Bishop Siegel will bless the Holy Oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 6th

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7 pm

After mass the church will be open for people to spend time in prayer

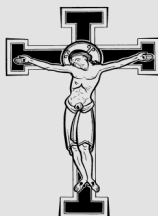


GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 7th

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 7 pm

During this time we will proclaim together the Passion of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John, pray for the needs of the church and world, have veneration of the cross and share in communion

The church will open all day for prayer



HOLY SATURDAY—APRIL 8th

EASTER VIGIL—EASTER SERVICES

DURING THE NIGHT 7 pm

During the Easter Vigil Services we will light the Easter Fire, bless the new paschal candle, proclaim readings from scripture, bless the baptismal waters and renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the Eucharist



EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9th

Masses at 8 and 10:30 am

During the mass we will renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Eucharist



LITURGICAL MINISTERS MARCH 25, 2023--APRIL 26, 2023

Saturday March 25, 2023 5 PM	Mary K Fehrenbacher Lee Askins	Mike Reffett
Sunday March 26, 2023 8 AM	Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher	Jalene Weber
Sunday March 26, 2023 10:30 AM	Angie Will Diane Bassemeir	Mandy Elpers
Saturday, April 1, 2023 5 pm	Mary Loehrlein Diane Woods	Sis Jarboe Toni Askins Mike Reffett
Sunday April 2, 2023 8 AM	Joan Inkenbrandt Lisa Cook	Josh Baehl Tom Folz Chick Duncan
Sunday April 2, 2023 10:30 AM	Darlene Appler Danielle Welledge	Shane Wessel Jane Scheller Sr. Bridget
Saturday April 8, 2023 7 PM	Lee & Toni Askins	Tom Blythe Tom Folz
Sunday April 9, 2023 8 AM	Chick Duncan Brian & Ann Craney	Marcia Frey
Sunday April 9, 2023 10:30 AM	Doris Taylor Cecelia Koch	Jane Scheller
Saturday April 15, 2023 5 PM	Donald Werner Donna Niemeier	Sis Jarboe
Sunday April 16, 2023 8 AM	Rodney & Paula Baehl	Donna Blankenberger
Sunday April 16, 2023 10:30 AM	Paul Hillenbrand Amy Cody	Shane Wessel
Saturday April 22, 2023 5 PM	Eric & Karen McDonald	Toni Askins
Sunday April 23, 2023 8 AM	Imogene Baehl Dolores Folz	Tom Folz
Sunday April 23, 2023 10:30 AM	Becky Doshier Steve Jung	Jessica Reckelhoff

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK

Friday, March 24th 7:30 am
Children's Palm Sunday Mass

Thursday, April 6 9 am
Holy Thursday Service with Children

Friday, April 7 Good Friday Prayer
Service with Children 8, 9, & 10 am

Friday, April 14 7:30 am
Children's Celebration of Easter
You are invited to join in any of these
services with your children.



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*

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This month we are invited to participate in the special collection for Catholic Relief Services. The Catholic Relief Services is an organization of the Catholic church in the United States. It funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world.

Supporting this collection is a great way to help us reach out to those who are suffering in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Sudan, Yemen and so many other places throughout the world that are suffering from famine.

Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, the Catholic Relief Services Collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

There is an envelope in your monthly packet of envelopes which you can use to make a contribution. Or you may drop your offering in the collection or send it to us in the mail. You can also give online by going to their website.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Relief Services, visit their website: www.crs.org

Support
The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Give HOPE

to Jesus in disguise

Dear friends,

Thanks so much for your parish's weekly donations of food to the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. Every Tuesday Terry Drone arrives with multiple bags of groceries. In addition, several members of the parish send monetary donations on a regular basis. We are grateful for St. Joe's partnership with us in this much needed ministry. Dorothy Day, echoing the words of scripture said: *The mystery of the poor is that they are Jesus, and what you do for them, you do for Him.* What an important awareness to live by: Christ comes to us "disguised" in the need of our neighbor. It is evident you are aware of—and act on—this truth.

Sr. Donna Marie Herr OSB SVPD Food Pantry Manager

Every weekend we accept donations for the Food Pantry. A jar of peanut butter, a bag of beans or a box of oatmeal or cereal. It all helps a person in need.



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Marian Educational Outreach is excited to host a **Celebration Night at Easter Seals Crescent Room on April 29th, 2023** for a night of dinner and dance. This year's event will be a true celebration of the organization and will be a spotlight for many students and families who benefit from your generosity. These stories are sure to warm your heart!

You don't want to miss this event! Contact Emily (Tenbarger) Schnapf (812-303-1165) or email eschnapf@evdio.org for tickets and other information

We are excited for a night of true celebration. Entertainment will be with Dave & Rae, a live band. Dinner, drinks, and dessert will be catered by Bauerhaus. 'Moments of Giving' will highlight several families and students throughout the evening. You will get to hear and see stories of student's success stories all across our Diocese.

**Attire will be business! Don't forget your dancing shoes, too.*



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ENJOY the ⁷ BEST FISH DINNER in the area Fridays--March 3 AND 17 Serving from 5-7 pm DRIVE THRU CARRYOUT ONLY 			1 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff Mtg 12 Noon Fish Fry Preparation 1 pm in the cafeteria Family Way of the Cross 6:30 pm That Man is You 7 pm	2 NO Mass	3 7:30 am Mass FISH FRY Serving 5-7pm Drive Thru Carryout Only 	4 Food Pantry Collection Sacrament of Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5 pm Haiti & Food Pantry Collection
5 Mass 8 & 10:30 Coffee & Donuts 9 am Family Religious Education 9-10:15 RCIA 9 AM Haiti & Food Pantry Collection	6 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 pm Mass  LENT..... FASTING FROM OUR NEED TO HAVE EVERYTHING AND CHOOSING TO STAND WITH THOSE WHO HAVE VERY LITTLE	7 MASS 7:30 AM KN-2 Prayer Service 8 am PRAYER DAY FOR VOCATIONS TUESDAY 6 AM -- WEDNESDAY 6AM	8 Mass 7:30 am Parish Staff Meeting 12-2 pm Family Way of the Cross 6:30 pm That Man is You 7 pm	9 NO MASS Altar Society Meeting 6 pm 	10 7:30 MASS Senior Citizens Gathering 1 pm	11 Altar Society Making Kuchens 7 am Food Pantry Collection Sacrament of Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5 pm COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES
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OFFERING WHAT WE CAN (cont)

seem downright unfair. Can we forgive life for this? To do so does not mean we somehow think all these things are ok. They are no ok. But learning how to forgive in this way is about realizing that there are always things beyond us in life. It is about learning how to live in the mystery of life with all of its complexities and its seeming unfairness.

The great thing that Jesus came to teach us is how to sit in this kind of world and still be life for others. He teaches us how to hold all the unfairness and injustice in life. In holding this pain we avoid the temptation of responding in kind. We don't return evil with evil. We allow life to unfold as it does. We see everything around us and recognize it for what it is. We grieve for all the suffering and injustices around us in the world. But we don't just stay here. We make the effort to show up every day. We look around our world and we offer the gift we have. We do the next thing. We share our money, our time to help someone in need. We listen with compassion. When we see situations or people and we say "I know how to do something that will help" we do that. And then we let it go and trust that our efforts will be sufficient.

When I can live out of this energy, than I don't have to worry about what kind of legacy I might leave. And I don't have to worry about whether or not I have been "successful." I don't have to be concerned about whether my presence made a difference in people's lives.

It's not that I don't care or want to do my best. My goal is to do my best and care as much as I can about all the things that I am involved in. But in the end, I try to keep in mind the last words we pray in the Our Father—"For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours."

IT'S FISH FRY TIME

FRIDAYS MARCH 3 and 17

SERVING 5-7 PM (DRIVE THRU) ONLY

It's time to make plans for the best fish fry in the area. We will be serving carryout dinners only. You can pick them up at our drive thru carryout. Price is the same as last year—\$14/dinner



ON THE MENU: Fried Fish Filets, German Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans and Cornbread

Our 8th grade students will also be offering special dessert cookies for sale as well.

COME HELP US PREPARE



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
BEGINNING AT 1 PM

We'll need help to prepare all the ingredients for the potato salad and slaw.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 BEGIING AT 2 PM

We'll need help preparing our famous sweet/sour slaw and packaging it in containers

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 BEGINNING AT 3 PM

We will need help frying the fish and putting the carryout meals together for the carryout. We'll be doing that in the meeting room. And we need help cleaning up after all the meals have been served. Check the emails for updates. You can also volunteer by calling Elisha Dewig (812-798-7098) or the parish office (812-963-3273).

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT DINNER