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BEING LED BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fr. Gene Schroeder
Pastor

It all started with the mad rush of our Mater Dei High School students trying to get their required services hours completed in time. Doing service hours is a worthy undertaking. It is all about teaching people that service to others is central to being a follower of Christ. Like many of the things we do, however, this project can easily become just another requirement to fulfill or another hoop to jump through to get through school.

Doing service hours is really about trying to form our hearts to be Christ's hearts in service to the world. That led to think about a bigger question. How do we go about forming our and how do we know when we have done it?

That led me to thinking about the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that sits in our church. It is a very traditional image. With one hand, Jesus is pointing to his heart and with the other hand He is pointing the way. And the heart is encircled by a crown of thorns. It may not be great art, but it is good theology. Jesus tells us that the way to the Kingdom, the way to heaven, is through your heart. Put another way, if you want to be Christ is the world, the way to do that is through your heart.

Now, in case you didn't get the significance of the crown of thorns, this task is not going to be easy. Jesus tell us that to have a heart for others means that we must be willing to let our heart be shaped by the events of our life, even to the point of letting our heart be broken. He would say it another way at the Last Supper. He took bread and broke it and gave it to the disciples telling them "this is my body broken for you." He took the cup of wine and gave it to them saying "this is the cup of my blood poured out for you. Now come and follow me and do as I have done."

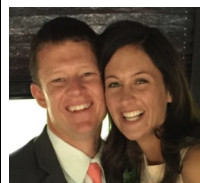
We need people to show us how to embrace our heart and trust the stirrings that come from deep within us. And then we need others to show us how to allow our hearts to be broken in service to others. And that takes a lifetime to do.



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SUMMER SOCIAL--SUNDAY, JULY 30 *We've Done it Before. Let's Do it Again!*



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For the last three years we have had the best socials in our parish history. We've been focusing on the two things that have always done well for our social through the years—our great chicken dinner and our grand raffle. Last year we served over 2400 diners and 74% of our parish families helped us to raise over \$85,000 through our grand raffle alone.

So, why argue with success? **SO WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE HAVE DONE THE LAST FEW YEARS.**

So we'll be sending everyone a packet of tickets toward the end of this month for them to buy/sell. We're confident that the 375 families who bought/sold their raffle tickets last year will be willing to do that again this year. Our hope is that the other 145 families will be in a position to help us out as well. We know that people feel good when they are doing their part in this parish effort.



\$15,000 in prizes
TICKETS \$25
5 / \$100

CARRYOUT ONLY
TICKETS
PURCHASED
BEFOREHAND
CHICKEN
DINNER
PICKUP JULY 30
10 am - 1 pm

We'll be doing our chicken dinner also as we did last year: Drive Thru only. Tickets will be the same as last year: \$14/person. We'll give every family a chance to buy tickets for their family as well. Look for more information in the weeks to come! We'll be selling tickets for the dinner beforehand. For the past couple of years, we've had some folks who sold dinners to the folks at Leisure Living. Perhaps there are other places where folks work that they could be selling dinner tickets as well. Could this be your special way to help out? In the meantime, here are some dates to note

Monday, July 17 Dumpling Making Day
Friday, July 28 Chicken Dinner Preparations
Saturday, July 29 Carryout Set-Up
Sunday, July 30 Social Dinners PICKUP TIME 10 am - 1 pm

What we really need to do is learn how to trust living in the world of our heart. I think everyone begins their life wanting to do this. But we get sidetracked, because living in our heart world can be scary and confusing. That's why we need guides who can show us the way.

Sometimes these guides know that they are showing us the way. But often times, they are guiding us without even knowing it. I've spent a lot of time in my life trying to understand how I came to be the person I am. That has required an ability to

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MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE MONDAY, MAY 29 at 8 AM

On Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day, at 8 am, members of our parish will gather in our parish cemetery to pray for the military veterans who are buried in St. Joe Cemetery. Afterwards, we will gather for Mass in the gym. (In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the gym) Listed below are the veterans who are buried in our parish cemetery and in other Evansville cemeteries.

Larry Alsop
1940-2020 ARMY
Frank Arnold
1908-1984 WW II
Barthel Bender
1892-1959 WW I
Clarence Botzum
1915-2000 WW II
Victor Brugger
1916-1968 WW II
Cindi Bonds Conaway
1961-2022
MARINES
Judy Cosgrove
1957-2013
AIR FORCE
Gerald Drone
1937-2001 NAVY
George Duncan
1920-1983 WW II
Aloysius Effinger
1926-1945 WW II
Killed in Action
Frank Effinger
1892-1923 WW I
Thomas Effinger
1842-1907 CIVIL WAR
Joseph Eickhoff
1932-1991 KOREA
Charles Elpers
1920-1992 WW II
Joseph J. Elpers
1919-1995 WW II
Joey Elpers
1944-2009 VIETNAM
Bill Elpers
1923-2012 ARMY
Edwin J. Englert
1892-1965 WW I
Frances Englert
1921-1990 WW II

Joe Englert
1923-1984 WW II
Robert Englert
1924-1986
WW II POW
Don Flick
1931-2013 KOREA
Victor Frank
1921-2001 WW II
Jim Fehrenbacher
1916-2001 WW II
George Folz
1912-1957 WW II
Mac Glaser
1928-2012 KOREA
Earl Happe
1919-1987 WW II
Ron Hartmann
1947-2017 ARMY
Paul Hasselbrinck
1933-2016 KOREA
William Helfrich
1931-1993 KOREA
Francis Hillenbrand
1921-2018 WWII
Leo B. Hillenbrand
1911-1975 WW II
Leo J. Hillenbrand
1921-2003 WWII
Merl Hoefling
1923-1985 WW II
Larry Hoefling
1945-2021 NAVY
Leroy Jochum
1934-2013 ARMY
Keith Jones
1949-2023 ARMY
Henry Kares
1911-1983 ARMY
Greg Kempf
1925-2005 WW II

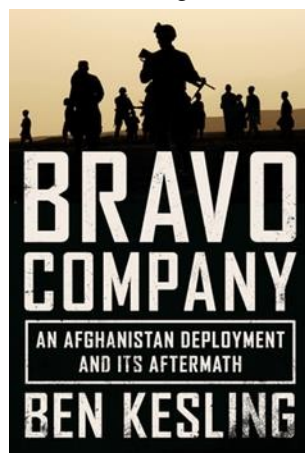
So what are we, mere bystanders, to think and feel after we see what happens to this sort of man. (a wounded soldier being treated at Walter Reed Army Hospital) What are we to think of the night Allen went to sleep and the tubes and drain valves and wires connected to his body got all jumbled and tangled up, so that when he needed to go to the bathroom, he couldn't move? What are we to think of how he, Sergeant Allen Thomas of the 82nd Airborne, made an accident in his bed? This is not something Allen would ever want to talk about. It is not something Danica (his wife) ever wanted to talk about. And yet it happened. And it happened to others. It happened in the past and it will happen in the future because this is life, and this is war, and its enraging and it's pathetic, and it's noble, and it's sad, and it's tragic, and it is life in all of its glory and all of its shame.

A grown man messing in his bed is something we should be forced to face unblinking. When we think of patriotism it's not the Veterans Day parades, the Memorial Day celebrations, the Fourth of July backyard picnics we should focus on. Sure all these things are well and good, but we should be forced to think about Sergeant Allen Thomas, and of the many warriors like him who come home from war to soil their hospital beds.

For those closest to him, Allen wetting his bed was an embarrassment. For the rest of us, it was and will ever remain, an attestation, an exemplification, and even a holy tribute. Do not look away from him in his apparent shame. That this rock and steady timber of American youth should be cracked and broken—and piss in his bed—is beyond what we can ever hope to understand about what it means to go to war.

Tragically, Sergeant Allen Thomas, suffering from the physically and emotional wounds he suffered from his deployment in Afghanistan, later committed suicide

*From the book **Bravo Company** **An Afghanistan Deployment and its Aftermath** by Ben Kesling*



Ron Kempf
1938-2021
NATIONAL GUARD
Tom Kempf
1933-2014 ARMY
William Kempf
1935-2001 ARMY

Albert Kissel
1936-1986 NAVY
William Kissel
1932-1971 KOREA
Dick Klausmeier
1930-2022 KOREA
John Kraft
1894-1964 WW I

Marlon Kroeger
1924-2021
NATIONAL GUARD
Nick Lannert
1976-2019 ARMY
Charles Lewis
1917-2002 WWII

Leo Mayer
1893-1975 WW I
Kenneth Maurer
1945-2013
NATIONAL GUARD
Olen Metz
1921-1994 WW II



Grant Eternal Rest to them O Lord. And Let Your Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Clarence Miller 1923-2011 WWII Francis Niemeier 1921-1944 WW II <i>Killed in Action</i> <i>Buried in Holland</i> Hank Preske 1923-2016 WW II Barthel Rexing 1917-1987 WW II Carl Rexing 1924-2013 WW II Joe Rexing 1919-2005 WW II Clem Ritter 1912-1973 WW II Ralph Ritter 1971-1991 WW II Elmer Schapker 1928-2011 WWII Paul Schapker 1921-2001 WWII Ken Schapker 1951-2015 NATIONAL GUARD Joe Scheller 1919-1986 WW II Joseph Schneider 1894-1978 WW I Vernon Sidenbender Jr. 1921-1973 WW II	Guy Smyth 1947-2015 VIETNAM Eddie Spaetti 1951-2016 NATIONAL GUARD Dave Tieken 1942-2005 ARMY Floyd Titzer 1927-2017 NAVY Cyril Ubelhor 1930-2015 KOREA Larry Ubelhor 1929-2012 NATIONAL GUARD Hubert Unfried 1923-1991 WW II KOREA Ray Voelker 1917-2007 WW II Albert Vollman 1944-2021 Navy Walter Weis 1920-2018 NAVY Leroy Weiss 1921-2015 WWII Tony Weiss 1924-2020 WWII Talmadge Wells 1923-2018 WWII Bud Werner 1929-2020 KOREA	Curtis Will 1941-2009 AIR FORCE Urban Will 1916-2002 WW II Daniel Woods 1939-2000 ARMY Robert Woodward 1952-2001 VIETNAM Norbert Yellig 1917-2006 WWII BURIED IN OTHER CEMETERIES Robert Angermeier 1928-2019 ARMY Synatius Baumgart 1916-1993 WW II Brenda Bergwitz 1942-2021 MARINES John Bergwitz 1938-2015 MARINES Charlie Bergwitz 1979-1992 NAVY Cindi Conaway 1961-2022 MARINES Elmer Debes 1939-1982 NAVY Frank Eckart 1923-2009 WWII C. Merel Effinger 1937-2014 MARINES	Ray Fisher 1926-2007 WW II Robert Gentry 1927-2006 WW II KOREA, VIETNAM Norbert Happe 1896-1919 WW I <i>Buried in France</i> Edgar Hartz 1933-2012 ARMY Joseph S. Johnson 1928-2000 KOREA Bill Knight 1943-2014 AIR FORCE Art Logel 1918-2007 WW II Jack Lannert 1927-1985 WW II Joseph D. Mayer 1893-1963 WW I Robert McIntosh 1938-2017 AIR FORCE Harold Niemeier 1923-2019 WWII	Scottie Pace 1934-2021 ARMY Bernie Scheller 1951-2002 ARMY Don Schroeder 1931-2019 NAVY Joe Schu 1911-1999 WW II Don Singleton 1927-2014 WW II Bob Straub 1934-2018 ARMY Joe Sudholt 1950-2010 ARMY Donald Titzer 1936-2003 AIR FORCE Richard Torres 1945-2019 ARMY Eugene Wargel 1940-1999 NAVY Allen Wargel 1946-2005 ARMY
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2023 FISH FRY REPORT

Can you have a fish fry on the same day that a tornado comes through the parish grounds and rips off the roof of our church? Well, of course you can! And if you wanted to see how it was done all you had to do was come to our first fish fry this past March 3rd. The winds were still swirling around moments after the tornado had passed through when people were already figuring out how we were going to make the drive through work for the fish fry. While the local media was here to cover the storm damage, we were able to use this coverage to tell folks—the fish fry is still on! Come on out for a great meal! And things worked like clockwork. By the end of the evening we had sold 1014 dinners. Two weeks later we had our second fish fry. The weather was a lot calmer. This time we served 1044 meals.

INCOME	\$28,843.10
EXPENSES	\$ 8,738.17
PROFIT	\$20,104.93
MEALS SERVED	2058

It took a great deal of work and lots of cooperation by a lot of folks to make this happen. Special thanks to Peter Fehrenbacher and the delivery crew for figuring out a new traffic pattern for our first drive through. Shirley Happe and Alice Weis once again worked their magic in making of our German potato salad. They have turned the reins over to Randy Fehrenbacher, Sis Jarboe and Henrietta Happe for next year!

Thanks to the slaw sisters: Jessica and Natalie Kassenbrock and Imogene Baehl and their crew for taking care of the slaw. Thanks to Cheri King and Keri Hartz for putting up with all the disruptions to the school lunch program. And they made some great baked beans as well. Thanks to Gary Fehrenbacher for over seeing the fish fry-ing efforts, and to Jessica Reckelhoff and her crew for making the corn bread. Yummy on both counts!

Thanks to Tom Elsner and his crew for selling tickets and to Shari Kempf for organizing our fish dinner sales at Leisure Living. And, of course, we had great help with bunches of people coming to do the preparation work for the slaw and German potato salad. And to all the other folks who came to prepare all the food, get the dinners ready and then made sure everything got cleaned up and put away at the end of the evening. Thanks to our 8th graders for the great cookies they made and sold. And finally, thanks to Elisha Dewig for overseeing the fish fry. Great leaders make things look easy! All in all, another great parish effort!

Now, you may wonder, what we do with the money we earn from the fish fry. Well, all the money is put into our parish maintenance account which we use to pay for repairing and maintaining our parish facilities. To give you an idea about the kind of maintenance expenses we have, consider this, Within this past year, aside from ordinary things like fixing leaky toilets, repairing light fixtures and servicing our heating and air conditioning units, we also had to install a new air conditioning unit in our church (\$12,464.00)

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REMEMBERING

Keith Jones

February 16, 1949—March 24, 2023

Keith was a man with a big heart and a laughter that could light up a room. He was born on February 16, 1949, one of six children born to Carson and Lucille Jones. He grew up on the north side of Evansville near Garvin Park. As a young child he attended Baker Avenue Elementary School. He later graduated from North High School in 1967. As a sports fan, he joined in the whole school in celebrating with their basketball team as they won the state championship in 1967. Keith took advantage of the training and industrial classes offered at North which fit in well with his “hands on” approach to learning.

As a young teenager, Keith enjoyed playing baseball and he enjoyed helping others play as well. He would often volunteer his time to help get the baseball fields at Bosse Field and the West Side Nut Club fields ready for games.

Like many young men of his age, Keith was drafted into the army and served with them in Germany in the late 1960's. There he learned to use his skills as a cook. He could certainly attest to the fact that “an army marches on its stomach!”

Keith met the love of his life, a young woman named Beverly Schapker at a dance at Lamey's Grove, the place where many young men and women in the late 1960's gathered. They were married on December 14, 1968 here at St. Joseph. In time, Keith and Beverly would welcome two sons, Rick and Scott, into their family.

Keith worked at Whirlpool Corporation for forty-one years before retiring. When he wasn't busy working, his time was taken up with raising his sons and sharing with them all the great passions of his life. Among those passion was his love for cars. Over the years, Keith was a regular visitor and exhibitor at many different car shows. He took great delight in fixing cars and making sure they were in pristine condition. Keith also enjoyed doing landscaping work, as visitors to his home could attest.

Keith also enjoyed running and participated in several local marathon runs and art festival runs. Another great passion for Keith was traveling. Over the years, he and Beverly were able to go on several ocean cruises as well as traveling throughout the continental United States, as well as Alaska and Hawaii and to Europe. One of his greatest adventures was going on a safari in Africa. He loved to share the memories of seeing elephants, tigers, giraffes and other wild animals in their natural habitat.

Keith had a real heart for others. In so many quiet and unassuming ways, people remember him offering his help to others. And, as the grandchildren Daniel and Jessica came along, Keith would share his zest for life with them.

Keith enjoyed being around people and was quick to include others in his growing list of friends. Nothing made him happier than sharing time filled with food to share where laughter abounded.

As he grew older, Keith dealt with a number of health issues especially those dealing with his heart. Those issues led to an early retirement and restricted what he was able to do in his later years. Even with his health restrictions, Keith was still ready to do what he could for others. And what he enjoyed the most was gathering with friends and sharing some great laughs. Most recently, he and Beverly had moved to an assisted living apartment at River Pointe Health Campus. Keith died on March 24. His family gathered to celebrate his life at a funeral at The bridge Church, where Keith was a member. We give thanks for the gift that Keith was to his family and to our community. We pray that he will now know the fullness of God's life in the Kingdom of heaven.

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

ST JOSEPH CHURCH
IN MEMORY OF*Rick Dile*Frances Ackerman
Marie Ackerman

IN MEMORY OF

Stan Schapker

Susan Helmer

WILBUR & MARIAN
FEHRENBACHER
CEMETERY ENDOWMENT
IN MEMORY OF*Stan Schapker*Terry & Julie
Fehrenbacher
Dick & Judy FehrenbacherTONY STRICKER PE
ENDOWMENT
IN HONOR OF*Jim & Diane Werner*

Lee & Toni Askins

IN HONOR OF

Marie Gumbel

Lee & Toni Askins

URBAN & BETTY WILL
LANDSCAPE ENDOWMENT
IN MEMORY OF*Delores Strupp*

Chris & Patti Will

MOTHER TERESA
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE NEEDY
IN MEMORY OF*Delores Strupp*

Marie Gumbel

IN MEMORY OF

Florentina Pfetscher

Marie Gumbel

LEROY & ROSE WEISS
CEMETERY ENDOWMENT
IN MEMORY OF*Delores Strupp*

Rose Weiss

IN MEMORY OF

Florentina Pfetscher

Rose Weiss

IN MEMORY OF

*Sr. Mary Emma**Jochum, OSB*

Rose Weiss

Diane Weiss-Altstadt



REMEMBERING

Bruce Woodward

March 31, 1953 – March 27, 2023

Bruce had a kind and gentle soul and he blessed his family and our parish with that presence for many years. Bruce was born on March 31, 1953, the second of eight children born to Bob and Imelda (Martin) Woodward. Bruce began his grade school years at Corpus Christi until his parents bought some land on Hillview Drive and moved the family there. Bruce graduated from St. Joe Grade School in 1967. He attended Mater Dei High School for two years. There he enjoyed playing football, baseball and wrestling. Bruce was very much a kind of “hands on” learner so he took advantage of the Technical and Industrial classes offer at North High School and graduated from North in 1971.

Bruce learned about the value of hard work and perseverance from his parents. He began his working career at Uncle Charlie's Meats. He also worked for a short time with the Vanderburgh County Garage, and later worked at Whirlpool Corporation. He took the test to become a sheriff but when a job opening came available in the Fire Department In 1983, he took it. Working on the Fire Department was not just a job for Bruce. It fit in well with his compassion for others. Over the years, he worked at various hose houses, spent time as a Fire



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...COMING JUNE 19-22

The Parishes of Resurrection and St. Joe are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will take place this summer from June 19-22 8:30-11:30 each morning! We will be gathering at Resurrection School. Children entering Preschool-4th Grade are welcome to attend, and students entering 5th grade-college are welcome to help with games, snacks, crafts, music, prayer, and just good fun! We are also looking for parent leaders and helpers in all of these areas and in the child-care room. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812) - 598 - 1151 or jreckelhoff@evdio.org. to register and for additional information.



Investigator, served as an EMT, helped with the Health and Safety Training for new fire fighters, and served as a District Chief for the department. The bond he formed with the men and women who worked as firefighters was deep and long lasting.

Bruce met the love of his life, Terri (Theresa McIntyre), an eastside gal from St. Benedict Parish. Terri remembers that the first time she met Bruce was through her friend Jeannie and her boyfriend David, who happened to be good friends with Bruce. "They went frog gigging and Jeannie and I sat in the car talking. A local sheriff came by and asked us what we were doing sitting along the roadside in a car!" Bruce got her number and showed up the next night for their first "official" date. He was driving his Pontiac Firebird, his pride and joy. Unfortunately, the car overheated. But they managed to enjoy a hamburger and french fries together. Terri was a junior at Memorial at the time but it soon became apparent that this relationship was something special. They got married on June 29, 1974, shortly after Terri turned 18 and graduated from high school. They were married at St. Benedict with Fr. Lawrence, OSB witnessing the marriage.

Terri's mother loved Bruce from the beginning, but her dad was less sure. "I sure hope you know what you are doing," was his comment. In time, however they became good friends as well. The fact that he was a firefighter and Bruce became a firefighter probably didn't hurt at all!

Bruce loved living on the West Side and especially the land where he grew up on Hillview Drive. Long before he was married, he told one of his childhood friends, "this is where I am going to live." That became a reality when, in 1989, he and Terri built a house next to his parents. There they would raise their two daughters, Many and Erin. He wanted the best for them and while he may have had some pretty high standards for the way things should be done, his daughters knew that he always had their backs. "He made me the person I am today," was the way one of his daughters described it.

Their home became a place to gather for meals with family and friends. Later it would be the place where they welcomed son-in-laws and their grandchildren.

Bruce loved the outdoors. Nothing would make him happier than working on one of the numerous projects he undertook. "I love the smell of dirt," he would tell others. Give him the chance to operate a dozer and he was in heaven.

Bruce spent many hours planting and harvesting the produce from his garden. He was at home in the world of plants and animals. He raised bees and when he learned they needed a water source, he created a pond in his backyard. He raised chickens and built elaborate chicken houses for them. He built special bird houses for bats and Chimney swifts. He was inspired to do this when he saw the special bird houses that they had for them at the zoo.

Bruce loved the outdoors, fishing, wildlife, frog gigging, cooking and seed starting. Bruce adored his time vacationing with his family to the Great Smoky Mountains and Sanibel Island in Florida. He liked nothing better than to share the fruits of his labors with

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
May 27, 2023--June 18, 2023**

We are once again offering people the opportunity to receive both the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Accordingly we will have three ministers of communion, two ministers for the bread and two for the wine.

Saturday May 27, 2023 5 PM	Donald & Brandon Werner Mary Kay Fehrenbacher	Mike Reffett
Sunday May 28, 2023 8 AM	Joan Inkenbrandt Tom and Dolores Folz	Marcia Frey
Sunday May 28, 2023 10:30 AM	Kitty Deig Amy Cody Paul Hillenbrand	Julie Forcum
Saturday, June 3, 2023 5 pm	Donna Niemeier Eric & Karen McDonald	Toni Striker
Sunday June 4, 2023 8 AM	Lisa Cook Jalene Weber Imogene Baehl	Jalene Weber
Sunday June 4, 2023 10:30 AM	Jena Wessel Becky Doshier Rachael Schanus	Shane Wessel
Saturday June 10, 2023 5 PM	Butch and Linda Feulner Diane Woods	Sis Jarboe
Sunday June 11, 2023 8 AM	Michael Elpers Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher	Chick Duncan
Sunday, June 11, 2023 10:30 AM	Shane Wessel Steve Jung Angie Will	Jane Scheller
Saturday, June 17, 2023 5 PM	Eric Reffett Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher	Mike Reffett
Sunday, June 18, 2023 8 AM	Chick & Jean Duncan Terry Drone	Tom Folz
Sunday, June 18, 2023 10:30 AM	Diane Bassemier Darlene Appler Danielle Weledge	Mandy Elpers

his family and friends, sitting in the midst of his wildlife sanctuary.

For the last several years, Bruce dealt with some pretty serious health issues. Being the kind of person he was, he didn't want to make a big deal out of this and he certainly didn't want to be a bother to others. We celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection for Bruce on April 1. Bruce never wanted to make a big deal of things are be the center of attention but as an unintentional special tribute to Bruce, during the mass our fire alarm system suddenly went off! We couldn't think of a better tribute to him! We give thanks for the gift Bruce was to his family and friends and to our parish community. We pray that he may now hear the words of Jesus, "well done, good and faithful servant, come share the kingdom prepared for you."

EVANSVILLE WEST SIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH**HOLIDAY WORLD TRIP--JUNE 7**

Incoming 6th-outgoing 8th Graders

\$36 per student ticket

\$26 per adult chaperone ticket

Deadline to register is May 15th

Contact Jessica to register

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Up Close and Personal

INTRODUCING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Taylor Vogt

Taylor is the daughter of Stephanie and Roy Hostettler and a senior at Reitz High School. When we sat down to talk with Taylor, she had just finished track practice. Running has been a big part of Taylor's life beginning in the middle school years. Taylor has participated in cross country and track from her days in middle school and throughout her high school years. "Most folks who run cross country run distance races in track, but I've been focusing on the 400 meter run and the 4 x

400 meter relay.

"My mom ran track when she was in high school and she encouraged me to try it out because she wanted me to get involved in things. I started in middle school and when I won the 800 meter race in seventh grade at the city wide meet, I got hooked. Running can be a big challenge. You've got to get in shape to physically do all the running. In every race there will come a time when you want to just quit and then you have to learn how to push through these times. That is where having a good mental attitude is just as important as being in good physical shape. Your heart has to be in it as well. Sometimes, when you are physically exhausted, it is running on heart that gets you through."

Taylor has done well enough as a member of the track team and the cross country team that she has been offered a scholarship to U of E where she will compete on the Division I level. We look forward to hearing about her college adventures!

In addition to her athletic achievements, Taylor has also participated in a number of other activities at Reitz. She has been a member of the cheer leading squad all four years. And, in case you are wondering, she is the person they throw up in the air during their cheerleading routines. Now that calls for a lot of trust in your fellow cheer leading squad members!

She has also been a member of the Student Council where she has volunteered her time working in the school office. She also serves as the class treasurer. And she has been selected to be a member of the National Honor Society for the past two years.

And in the midst of all this, she has carried a heavy academic load, with lots of science and math classes. Next year she will be going to U of E to pursue a degree in biochemical engineering. "My dream job is to work for NASA."

Taylor began her academic career at Cynthia Heights. "I liked it there. It was a good fit for me. I remember that my mom was pushing me to do lots of reading so I could earn "book bucks" which you could redeem at the annual Celebration of Reading Festival held at the end of the year."

Taylor moved on to Helfrich Park Middle School. "It was a bigger place and that is where I started participating in cross country and track." It's not surprising that her coaches, Ms. Dillow and Mr. Hartman were big influences on her. She also participated in the LBL (Land Between the Lakes) yearly gathering, first as a participant and then as one of the group leaders.

Taylor is an only child. Her mom grew up outside of Jasper, near Ireland, Indiana. Her grandparents and great grandparents still live in this area. "My mom graduated from Jasper

High School and she would have liked nothing better than for me to attend there as well! We usually go to visit my grandparents especially for the holidays and they have come to watch some of the track and cross country meets I have been involved in. We are a pretty small family. My mom has one brother that lives in Baltimore. For many years, growing up it was just me and my mom. Then, when I was in sixth grade, my mom got married to Roy Hostettler. That has been good for me as well. He's become my dad."

"I get a lot of my determination from my mother. She was big into sports when she grew up and always encouraged me to get involved as well. I learned pretty early that sports teams that involved a ball were really not for me. My Dad, Roy, has really encouraged me in my athletic career as well. I used to hate running when I first started, but he taught me how to run faster and then I started winning races and my whole outlook on running changed."

WORDS OF WISDOM: "I think it is important goals in life that really stretch you. But then, you just can't set a goal, you have to do the work to achieve it. Don't be afraid to try new things. You are not going to like everything you try. So, if you try something and it doesn't work out, that is ok. No one is going to be good at everything. Don't be afraid to get involved in things. I think you'll have more fun in high school if you get involved in different activities. High school is not just about going to class and trying to get good grades. It's also a chance to meet different people and get to know them."



Hope and despair are not opposites. They are cut from the very same cloth. Every life finds itself forced to choose one from the other, one day at a time, one circumstance after another. When darkness descends on the soul, it is time to go looking for whatever good thing in life there is that can bring us comfort. Then we need music and hobbies and friends and fun and new thought.

Despair colors the way we look at things, makes us suspicious of the future, makes us negative about the present. Most of all, despair leads us to ignore the very possibilities that could save us, or worse, leads us to hurt as we have been hurt ourselves.

Hope, on the other hand, takes life on its own terms, knows that whatever happens God lives in it, and expects that, whatever its twists and turns, it will ultimately yield its good to those who live it consciously, to those who live it to the hilt.

When tragedy strikes, when trouble comes, when life disappoints us, we stand at the crossroads between hope and despair, torn and hurting. Despair cements us in the present. Hope sends us dancing around dark corners trusting in a tomorrow we cannot see because of the multiple paths of life which we cannot forget.

Life is not one road. It is many roads, the walking of which provides the raw material out of which we find hope in the midst of despair. Every dimension of the process of struggle is a call to draw from a well of new understandings. It is in these understandings that hope dwells. It is that wisdom that carries us beyond the dark night of struggle to the dawn of new wisdom and new strength.

Reflection from Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

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look back on my life without the usual negative judgments and regrets and just see my life for what it was.

God blessed me with a sensitive heart. I don't think I am unique in that, but it has taken some time for me to accept this and see this as a gift. That's because the times when my sensitive nature expressed itself, it did not always seem to me to be a good thing. Many images come to mind.

I remember being with my uncle, with whom I spent a great deal of time as a child. He was a big hunter. And I remember when he came home from squirrel hunting, he showed me the bounty of his hunt. "If you can tell me how many squirrels I caught, you can have them all." My response was to pick up one of the dead squirrel and start to pet it. I was aware of death and I felt sadness in my heart. My uncle was not amused and I never told him what I was feeling.

Another incident. It is the end of my third grade. I liked my teacher. She had paid special attention to me and allowed me to help her with special projects. Now I would be moving on to another teacher. I stood there crying on the last day of school. Uncomfortable with this, I tried to hide by putting my head under my desk pretending I was looking for something. I did not know why I was crying. And when my teacher asked me what was wrong, I could give her no answer. I'm sure she felt bad and wondered what she had done wrong. She had done nothing wrong. In fact she had done a lot of things right. How does a third grader understand the complexities of being loved and facing endings?

It is the end of grade school and our eighth grade class is having a graduation breakfast. As part of the celebration, our class was giving presents to our teacher and our pastor. Several class members were chosen to make these presentations. I was asked to make the presentation to our pastor. I had the whole speech written out and knew it by heart. But when the time came, I felt tears welling up inside me. I had a vague sense that this was truly an ending for me. I would not be going on to Jasper High School as were all my other classmates. I would be going to the Latin School, our diocesan high school seminary. It would be the last time I would be with them. But I didn't know what to do with this feeling of sadness, so I just pretended that I forgot what I had to say, and stumbled through making the presentation.

I am not alone in having these experiences of life. The specific details might be unique to me, but all of us are blessed with a heart that seeks to be present to all that is around us. But living in our heart world can often be confusing and bewildering to us. Good guides show us how to live in this world. They can tell us,

BEING LED BY THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS (cont.)

thought if I got good grades that would be a way of proving to myself that I belonged, that I had value. I was a good person because I did well in school.

But the world of our heads, the world of ideas and doing things, as good as they may be, are not the whole story. The picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has him pointing to his heart. And if we don't quite get the picture, it is to an exposed heart, crowned with thorns, at which he is pointing. He is not pointing to his head, nor is there an exposed brain to view.

So we need good guides who have had the courage to embrace the world of their hearts. But that journey can be challenging. So often it involves being comfortable with vulnerability and even shedding tears—not necessarily two things that are high on our priority list.

Some have said that crying ought to be a sacrament. But most of us shy away from public displays of tears. Who hasn't heard stories like "I never saw my father cry...." or "the only time I saw my mother cry was...." When tears come we think we have to apologize for our apparent weakness in allow them to come forth. But that is not the case. In men's work, the often quoted saying is "a young man who cannot cry is a fool...."

Now, let me be clear. I am not trying to suggest that people learn how to cry or even that there is something wrong if they don't cry. The point is that it is important for us to be able to live in our heart world. Tears are just one expression of that world.

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Congratulations to these young boys and girls who made their First Communion on Sunday, April 30, 2023

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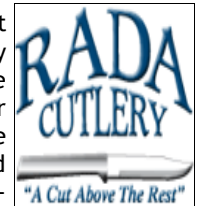
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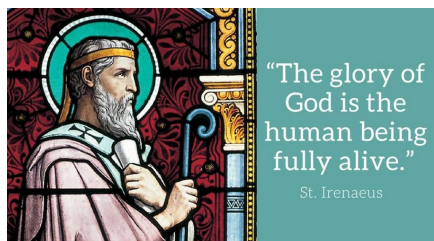
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Being in touch with our heart world is not an end in itself. When we learn to embrace our heart world, we become more fully human. The second century Bishop, St. Irenaeus, often told people that “the glory of God is best revealed in a person who is fully human and fully alive.”

Good things can happen to us when we become comfortable living in our heart world. We become aware of all of life around us. We notice the simplest things that bring joy and



life to us. A beautiful sunset, a flower blooming, are the delight a dog takes in seeing us can all tug at our hearts. We become aware of the love that goes into a child drawing a simple picture for us, or the

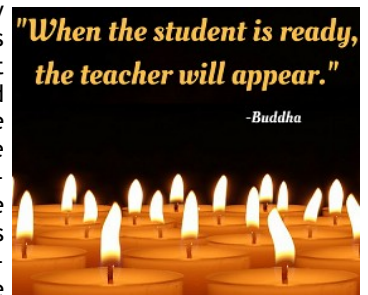
courage we see displayed when someone who has lost a loved one has the courage to just show up each day.

And we become aware of the pain of the world around us: friends who are grieving the loss of a loved one, children who don't have enough to eat, families who have lost their homes and livelihood because of natural disasters, the horrible price that is paid when war is waged. When we are comfortable living in our heart world, we can embrace all of the experiences of life—the joys, sorrows, hopes, disappointments and despairs. Like Jesus with his arms outstretched on the cross, we say “yes” to all of it. And then we do what we can. Think globally and act locally is how some people put it.

But when we are not comfortable living in our heart world, it is difficult to see all the pain and suffering around us and not want to shut down. That's when living out of fear and anxiety can easily become the path we take. We turn our eyes and cover our ears so we don't have to see and hear. Worse still, we can try to find someone or something to blame for all that is happening.

So we go back to the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jesus is showing us the way through life. And that way is learning how to live in our heart world. I have been blessed with many people in my life who have loved me. They have helped me to accept and nurture the gift of a sensitive heart. I know there are guides for you as well. The old proverb says it well: “When the student is ready, the teacher arrives.” What is needed is simply our desire to learn and to be led.



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