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BEARING WITNESS SO THAT WE CAN BE LIFE FOR THE WORLD

Fr Gene Schroeder
PASTOR

Lately I've been thinking of a song we often sang during my years in the seminary. Fr. Tobias, a monk of St. Meinrad wrote this song. I remember especially the refrain: "we carry in our bodies the death of the Lord, that ours might be the gift of his life." It's based on words that St. Paul spoke to the community of Corinth (2 Corinthians 4:10). In speaking these words he was reminding the community of our calling to stand and bear witness to all the things around us and that includes the pain and suffering we see happening. Sometimes that suffering comes from the challenges people face in their life from sickness, family issues or money challenges. Sometimes that suffering comes from just living in the world today and hearing story after story about war and the resulting displacement of people. Stories about families dealing with floods, and droughts and the aftermath of tornadoes. Most recently we have been hearing about the terrible times our friends in Haiti have been going through because of government unrest and dire poverty. We've learned recently that even trying to get much needed financial resources to our friends has become increasingly difficult.

*This is our calling.....to recognize the Christ
in everyone...to reach out a hand of hope,
to speak a word of love, to share a tear of joy
or pain, to murmur a prayer, to stand together
against those forces that would divide us,
isolate us, and block our flow toward home.*

It can be difficult to be present to all this suffering. Who hasn't wanted to throw up their hands in despair or cover their eyes and ears so they don't have to listen to any more of it.

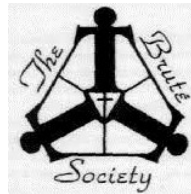
What possible good can it do to try to bear witness to the suffering around us if we simply get overwhelmed by it.

What does it mean to stand and bear witness? To carry in our bodies the death of the Lord? This is our calling.....to recognize the Christ in everyone...to reach out a hand of hope, to speak a word of love, to share a tear of joy or pain, to murmur a prayer, to stand together against those forces that would divide us, isolate us, and block our flow toward home.

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BRUTE SOCIETY INDUCTEES

Jim and Jancie Herr Cindy & Herman Schmitt



Each year our parish is invited to nominate two individuals/couples to be inducted into the Brute Society. The Brute Society recognizes individuals whose lives reflect the example of stewardship set by Bishop Brute, the first bishop of the Indiana territory. There are so many people who are worthy of being inducted into the Brute Society. And so the task of selecting two couples/individuals is very challenging. This year we have chosen to honor Jim and Janice Herr and Herman and Cindy Schmitt as the inductees from St. Joseph Parish.

One thing that is common among all those who have been selected as inductees into the Brute Society is that to a person, none of them think that what they are doing is special. Most of them would just say they are just doing their part as members of the parish. And that is certainly true of the two couple selected this year.



Jim and Janice Herr have been long time members of our parish. If you've been to the Altar Society and the Men's Club, you've seen them as they have been active in all the activities these organizations have been involved in. If you've been to our social, then you have seen both of them involved in all the preparation work. Janice led one of the serving crews in the dining room and for many years (40+) Jim oversaw the operation of the Hamburger and Pizza stands. You'll still find both of them helping to prepare the food for the social as well as our fish fries.



Many of you will recognize Cindy Schmitt as one of our cantors at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday and as a member of the choir. Herman is busy in the background keeping the church clean, helping to mow the grass and doing whatever else is needed to keep our parish running smoothly. Over the years, he has offered his

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Cindy & Herman

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CPC?

PARISH GOAL	\$125,270.00
PLEDGED TO DATE	\$ 85,932.00
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	215
AVERAGE PLEDGE	\$ 399.68

Now, more than ever, your help is needed
if we are to meet our parish obligation.

Thank you...



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REMEMBERING

Susann Angermeier

May 9, 1939—Sept. 28, 2022



The first time he saw Susann, Leonard was smitten! “She was 14 at the time, and she was walking down the sidewalk in front of the convent on St. Joe Road. She was wearing a beautiful brown dress and I thought she was the prettiest girl I had ever seen.” It would take another eight years, but Leonard was persistent and they were married at St. Benedict’s Church. “She told me at the end of her life that she could not have found a better husband,” Leonard remembered. And that pretty much summed up his feelings as well.

Susann Frazier was born on May 9, 1939, one of two daughters born to Phillip and Katharine (Mueller) Frazier. Her sister, Kathleen Mooney preceded her in death.

Susann initially attended St. Joseph School and then graduated from St. Mary’s School. She went on to attend Mater Dei High School where she graduated in 1957. After high school, Susann pursued a career in nursing and attended St. Mary’s Hospital School of Nursing.

During her nursing career, Susann worked at the Evansville State Hospital for a short time, but spent the majority of her time working at Welborn Baptist Hospital and also at St. Mary’s Medical Center. During much of this time Susann served as an emergency room nurse.

After their marriage, Leonard and Susann set up housekeeping at a new home they built on Neu Road, near the place Leonard had been born. There they would welcome two children in their family—a daughter, Cindy and a son, Stan.

Susann devoted her considerable energy to raising her children and being a part of their lives as they were growing up. When she wasn’t busy with that and all her work as a nurse, she also spent time keeping the books for Leonard’s Tool and Die Machine Company.

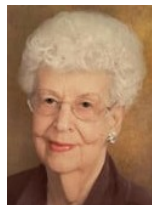
One of the great passions in Susann’s life was her work with Sigma Alpha philanthropic sorority. During her years as a member of the sorority, Susann served as treasurer and later national president of the sorority.

Over the years, Leonard and Susann were able to travel to various parts of the United States as well as trips to Venezuela and Spain.

During much of her life, and especially her last years, Susann suffered from physical limitations that prevented her from getting out as much as she once was able to. Over the years, she underwent several surgeries for hip and knee replacements.

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In our Catholic Tradition, the month of November is traditionally a time to remember those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. This year we remember especially these members of our parish who have died since last year.

JOHN
RECKELHOFFCINDI
CONAWAYBARB
GERTIESENDICK
KLAUSMEIERANN
GLASERBETTYE
LOGELIMELDA
WOODWARDCARL
STEWARTANITA
REXINGSUSANN
ANGERMEIERDARLENE
BAUMGARTELLA MAE
KROEGERDOUG
SCHAPKERJIM
COLLINSBILL
DUNCANMICHAEL
NIEMEIERDAVID
CARTWRIGHT

MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST AND
MAY GOD'S LIGHT SHINE ON THEM FOREVER

Two years ago, Leonard and Susann left their home on Neu Road and moved to a condominium in Indianapolis which was close to where their son Stan lived.

Susann died on September 28. Her family gathered together on October 4 to celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection. She was laid to rest in the holy ground of our parish cemetery. We pray that she will now know the fullness of God’s life in his kingdom and we pray that His peace will be with Leonard, Cindy and Stan and all the members of their families.

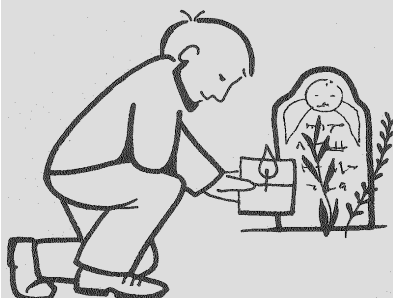
REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT MASS



To be named and to be remembered are deeply held human needs. We all want to know that people will remember us, that we will not be forgotten. Jesus himself knew about this as well. One of his pleas with the disciples, on the night before he died, was to tell them "don't forget me, remember what I have done for you." Remembering is not something we can do for ourselves. Remembering is a gift we give to others. Each time we recall a memory of those we love, they continue to live in our hearts. When someone we love has died, one of the great ways to deal with the grief of their loss is to continue to remember them. Each time we recall them to mind, they continue to live in our hearts.

One of the ways we have done this is by praying for them when we come together for Mass. Many of you will remember this as "having a Mass celebrated for a particular person." Each week we list the particular intentions in the weekly bulletin. These are the names of loved ones that people would like the parish to remember at Mass.

In our Catholic tradition, November has been the month that we have made a special effort to remember our deceased loved ones. And so, I encourage everyone to submit names of their loved ones. All of us know members of our family who have died: an aunt or uncle, a cousin, a grandparent or a child or even a close friend or co-worker. Even if your loved ones do not happen to have been a member of the Catholic Church, you are invited to share their names as well. You may also want to list the particular day you want



to remember them—perhaps their birthday, or wedding anniversary, or the day they died. If you come to a particular Mass, you may want to ask that your loved ones be remembered at that particular time.

For your convenience, you can use the slip on this page to submit your names and the day and time you want to remember them. There is no charge for this, but if you would like to make a donation to the church in memory of your loved ones, you may do so.

When I die
give what's left of me away
to children And old men
that wait to die.

And if you need to cry,
Cry for your brother
walking the street beside you.
And when you need me,
put your arms around anyone
and give to them
what you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something,
Something better
than words or sounds.

Look for me in the people
I've known or loved.
And if you cannot give me away,
at least let me live in your eyes
and not on your mind.

You can love me most
by letting hands touch hands
by letting bodies touch bodies
and by letting go of children
that need to be free.

Love doesn't die, People do.
So, when all that's left of me
Is love, Give me away"
— Merrit Malloy

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AT MASS

NAME(S)

DATE AND TIME

Clip and send these names to the parish office or put them in the collection basket at Mass.

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Nov. 13th beginning
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UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL INTRODUCING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Kurt Forcum

Kurt is the son of Mike and Julie (Haller) Forcum. He has three older brothers an older and a younger sister. His older brothers Nick and Steve both served in the military. His older brother Carl lives at home. His older sister, Gretchen, is now serving with the Army Reserve and is currently getting ready to deploy to northern Iraq. His younger sister, Gretchen is in the eighth grade here at St. Joe.

Kurt attended St. Joseph School and graduated in 2019. He has a lot of memories of his teachers through the years. He remembers especially that it was Mr. Wilson who gave him the nick name, "Mr. Forcunator." It was in grade school that Kurt began to play in the band. In junior high he was able to march with the Mater Dei band. During band competitions, he also served as part of the "prop crew" where he made sure that all the different props got moved on and off the field at the designated times.

For the last four years, Kurt has been attending Reitz High School. He's taken some interesting classes ranging from German, to computer to environmental science. Understandably, some of the biggest influences have been his teachers, especially his German teacher, Ms. Christi Adams and his Band teacher, Mr. Grimm.

Being part of the band has been a big part of Kurt's high school years. He's part of the percussion group. Right now, the band is in the midst of their band competition season and most recently they finished first at the North High School Invitational. "We're trying to make our way to state band finals this year. That takes lots of hard work and dedicated efforts. And that involves lots of early morning and late evening practices."

Going to Reitz was a big change for Kurt. "It was a lot bigger than my grade school class." One of the things that helped Kurt in this transition was becoming part of the band community. "I've spent a lot of time with the band over the years and that is where most of my high school friends are. Being part of the band also meant going to band camp each summer. That's a lot of hard work especially when it is hot like it usually is in the summer. Lots of times I thought I would rather be somewhere else, but then I thought if I wasn't here I would just be wasting time somewhere else."

One of the other big influences in Kurt's life has been his involvement with the Germania Maennechor. His mom and dad have been long time members of this German Club. Actually it was the place they met. Over the years, Kurt has helped out at a number of the different events, including the Volkfest. He's become known as the "Kraut Ball Runner." His job was to make sure that the inside and outside areas were stocked with their famous Kraut Balls. He's also been part of the crew that prepared all those delicious treats.

Food has also been a big part of the different jobs Kurt has had over the years. He's worked at the Ford Center, Bosse Field and Burdette Park. At all these places he's developed his skills at being master of the grill where he has learned how to fry hamburgers, brats, and hot

dogs. "It can be a pretty fast passed job at times and you have to work hard at keeping up with all the food orders. You also have to understand the different types of people that comes to these places and the food preferences they have."

Family times are important in Kurt's life. Special gatherings with his maternal grandparents are pretty much a weekly thing. These gatherings, as well as Christmas and Thanksgiving gatherings involve lots of good food.

Military service to our country has also been a big theme in the Forcum family. Kurt's dad served in the both the Army and Navy before retiring after a twenty-five year career. No doubt it was his influence that inspired his two sons and daughter to serve in the military as well. And it has influenced Kurt's plans for his future as well. "After graduation I would like to pursue a career in the army. If I was given a choice I would like to be in the transportation department. I plan on taking the ASVAB test that the army gives to see

VETERANS DAY-- A TIME TO REMEMBER, GIVE THANKS AND TO PRAY FOR PEACE



Below is a list of all the people from our parish who have, at one time or another, served in the armed forces. We give thanks for their willingness to serve and be a part of something bigger than their lives.

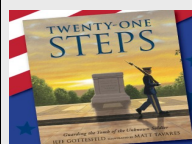
Ron Angermeier
Randy Appler
Lee Askins
Chris Baumeier
Bob Baehl
Rodney Baehl
Everett Baylor
Bob Beshears
Tim Bishop
David Conaway
Jim Butler
Mike Collins
Al Debes
Eric Douglas
Bob Duncan
Chick Duncan
Dave Duncan
Michelle Duncan
Rick Elpers
Jim Fechtmeister
David Fehrenbacher
Dick Fehrenbacher
Jack Fleeger
Tom Folz
Mike Forcum
Scott Gaiser
Jim Geiser
Cyril Gertiesen
Fred Gries
Jim Gries

Larry Gries
Justin Guetling
Ray Hamner
Fran Happe
Fred Happe
Larry Happe
Steve
Hasselbrinck
Jude Hays
Josh Henderson
Frank Hertel
Don Hutchinson
Bud Jarboe
John King
Ray Kissel
Bill Layman
Jon Locklar
John Luigs
John Manger
John Maurer
Joe Mayer
Robby Mossberger
Paul Ondash
Jesse Quinlin
Gene Ritter
Jim Scheller
Tony Scheller
Dave Schlichting
Cale Schnaus
Dennis Schneider

Chip Schwartz
Dave Seib
Bob Singer
Russell Stratman
Tony Tenhumberg
Sam Thompson
Richard Warren
Amanda Warren
Don Weis
Vince Werner
Allen Whitehouse
Steve Willis
Gary Wunderlich

REMEMBERING THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY

Wil Kirk
Scotty Kirk
Gretchen Forcum
Evan Collins
Nathan Werner
Katie Duncan
Daniel Werner



VETERANS DAY

what different kinds of skills you have and where you might be useful for the army."

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IN MY LIFE: "One of the best things I have learned in life is how important it is to have a focus in life. It's important to find something you like to do and then be willing to put the effort into it. Being part of the band has been a good focus in my life. Being part of the band puts you in a position to get to know other people. But you have to be willing to put the effort into making friends. I've learned a lot as well working in the different food venues. Different crowds like different kinds of food and you have to know the people you are serving so that you can make the right kinds of food."

Nick Couch

Nick is the son of Julie Moore-Holtz and David Couch. "I can't quite believe I'm eighteen, and graduating from high school as well!" Nick is a senior at Mater Dei. When we met he was preparing for homecoming at Mater Dei. He was selected as one of the candidates for Homecoming King. And, as it happened, he was chosen to be King. He joined fellow St. Joe graduate Katelyn Happe who was chosen as Homecoming Queen.



High school has given him lots of different memories, starting with going to school during a covid pandemic his freshman year. There are memories of helping out with school projects like the annual canned food drive. And there are memories of playing baseball. That's been a big love for Nick. Last year, however, he suffered a knee injury and was out for the season, so he is looking forward to being able to be part of the team this year. He's getting ready for the season by going through fall baseball practices.

Through it all there have been memories of hanging out with friends. Lots of the friends he had in grade school have continued to be good friends through high school, especially his friends, Ethan Kissel, Mitch Adler and Brendan Elpers. The great thing about high school is that it has given him the opportunity to develop good friendships with new people especially members of the baseball team.

Nick also counts his relationship with teachers as another blessing of his high school years. His baseball coach, Mr. Ricketts has been one of them. Another one is his religion teacher, Mr. Wathen. "He is the grandfather of one of my good friends. He's got a great way of teaching that makes classes interesting." He's also been taking a forensic class which is helping him see crime scenes from the perspective of law enforcement personnel.

Nick's school years began at St. John's in Newburgh which he attended for his pre-school through second grade years. He then came to St. Joe for grades three through eight. "I remember all the teachers I had. They tried to get me to do my best. And of course there are lots of good memories of hanging out with friends at recess."

In his spare time, Nick has been working at Helfrich Golf Course. He's spent much of his time there cleaning brush and weeds. He's learned how to use a chain saw and he's gotten pretty good using a weed eater.

Next year, Nick has hopes of going to IU or USI to pursue a degree in business management. He sees himself managing a business or maybe even owning his own business. Who knows, that business could be a golf course related business.

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IN MY LIFE "Going from grade school to high school was a big challenge for me. Classes are more difficult in high school and I have learned how important it is to do as

IT'S LOTTERY TIME

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well as I can. I have found that studying can be a real challenge. But you have to work at it. You have to be willing to put effort into things even if you don't want to do it.

I've learned a lot about teamwork through playing baseball. Everyone has to be willing to do their part if the team is going to be successful. It's an opportunity to get to know different people. I think it is important when you go to high school to not be scared to put yourself out there and make new friends. We all have to deal with fears of being judged by others and people not seeing the person you really are. But I think it is important to move beyond the fears.

Sometimes the things that you face can seem overwhelming and you may not want to face them. But if you are willing to make an effort you may find out that things are not as difficult as you first thought."

Thanks...for a job well done!



One group of faithful workers in our parish is our faithful mowing crews. Not only do their efforts save us thousands of dollars in labor costs, but also their efforts make our parish campus look beautiful. So now we take this time to extend a big thanks to them. Special thanks to Mark Schmitt for servicing all the mowers, trimmers and leaf blowers!

Barry Polk	Bill Layman
Austin Polk	Mark Messal
Dan & Mary Ruth Lasher	Ethan Messal
Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher	Rick & Pauline Elpers
Matt Voelker	Brad Schnur
Cale Schnaus	Jim & Jane Scheller Family
Ron Eickhoff	Randy Kuester
Steve Jung	Lawrence Schentrup
Mike Jung	Rob & Dana Grasso
Gabe Jung	Mark & Charlotte Schmitt
Danny & Linda Kares	Don Baumgart
Gary Gries	Herman Schmitt, Jr.
Stu Gibbs	Mike Forcum
Paul Stewart	Don Hutchison
Tom Elsner	Neal Dossett
Dave Fehrenbacher	Gene Schmitt
Stan Love	Mike & Michelle Reffett
Brian Elpers	Rich Harbenau
Joey Arnold	Nathan Doshier
Kevin Hartz	Randy Tenbarge
Steve & Marcia Frey	Steve Muensternman
Alan Blankenberger	Becky Heidorn
Becky Doshier	Paul Stewart
Matt Ubelhor	Josh Elfrich
Tom Folz	Joey Arnold
Mike Ennis	Roger Hall
Stephanie Tanner	Gene Schmitt
Allen & Barb Rexing Family	Did we miss anyone?
Jerry & Cindy Happe	Let us know. Thanks

HAITI MISSION TRIP REPORT



This past May, a group of six people travelled to Haiti to spend a week working with the people of St. James Parish. Prior to the trip we hosted a Hearts and

some are comfortable with the interviews, are seem eager to share and have big smiles and others seem a little uncertain of meeting with this strange American adult who they have to meet with. We know that the information we

send back is limited but we hope it helps each sponsor stay in touch with their student as the progress through school. We often hear from the students that they want to get photos of their sponsor's families and meet them someday.

Hand for Haiti Dinner and Dance on May 7. This event was held on May 7. The event had a number of purposes: an opportunity to gather family, friends and parishioners after being cooped up far too long by the effects of covid; a chance to rekindle relationships with past travelers and supporters of our Haiti mission, as well as share our hearts and stories with new supporters; and finally, to raise funds to expand our high school and the addition of a computer lab complete with computers, furnishings and solar power.

The event was a huge success with over 350 guests and volunteers were in attendance. A live auction followed the dinner with many great items being auctioned along with acceptance of cash donations to purchase specific furnishings for the computer lab. We had over 100 silent auction items and baskets that were awarded to the highest bidders. Simply put, it was an amazing display of love and support by our church family, our Haiti Outreach supporters and our community. The event, raised around \$90 K and along with the generous \$100K donation in by the Angermeir's we have enough to completely fund the building project, which has already begun on our high school campus in Plaine du Nord.

They held a meeting with Fr. Dubois, the pastor at St. Jacques, and Ednel the engineer Father has selected to construct the school improvement project. We learned of Father's commitment to the success of the project and desire to directly oversee the work. Father explained that he would utilize skilled contractors for the technical work but would solicit help from the parish for some of the common labor work. The engineer seemed to be knowledgeable and experienced. They both expressed their goal to start construction on the project as soon as school exams were complete and try to substantially complete the project during the summer break. We brought some startup funds so materials could be secured and not be delayed by the slower process of wiring funds to Cap Haitien.

STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Our group was able to conduct student interviews of all the sponsored students in the elementary school (Ecole St. Pierre). This is always an enjoyable portion of the trip as our participants get to set with an interpreter and personally meet with and speak with the students as we try to bring back information for their sponsors. Just like here, we find some are shy, some are outgoing,



The children in Plaine Du Nord are the most loving, fun and trusting kids I have ever met. Most evenings we would spend our time sitting on the front porch playing with the kids. One day while sitting on the porch playing games with the kids one little boy walked up and sat right next to me, almost like we were best friends already. Within only a few hours this little boy, Jules, became so attached to me I couldn't even go get a drink without him. Later we found out he was a student who needed a sponsor for the upcoming school year. A family friend of ours said they would like to sponsor a little boy and I knew instantly he was the one. We asked Jules if he could take us to his house so we could talk to his family and he hopped right into the truck. Telling Jules's family that we have found him a sponsor was something I will never forget and it is crazy the lasting impact this little boy has on my life. The rest of the trip I would see Jules every day and he would make sure of it. One morning before school he even snuck back into where we were staying and stood in the doorway waving to us. (Pictured below) I cannot wait to go back and see Jules and all the other children. -Kayla Fuhs

construction, with the planned addition of a new medical lab and an optometry wing. Several new buildings have been added with the addition of private rooms for patients & families and lodging facilities for local Medical Staff and administrators. During our visit, we met a group of US optometrists who were performing eye exams and procedures

Nou Fe Yon Sel Nan Jezikri



We are One in Jesus Christ

HOME VISITS

Our mission team made about ten home visits during our time in Plaine du Nord. Edwin, our local Haitian sponsorship coordinator always works hard on a short notice to try to find us sponsored students homes to visit. These visits

are performed so we can bring more information back to our sponsors about their student's family and home conditions. We meet the student and their families at their home and try to take photos and interact with the family to learn about who lives in the home, what they do to care for their family, etc. For those who get to participate in these visits it is usually an awesome experience and we learn about various neighborhoods, culture, living conditions and most importantly are always amazed at the hospitality shared with us by our Haitian friends, we are welcomed into their homes, offered seats to sit and share with them and personally get to witness the joy of their family unit. Here in America if six strangers came to your door unannounced and who didn't speak our language we would probably lock the door and ask them to leave, in Haiti we are welcomed as friends into their homes with open arms and warm smiles.

NEW HOPE HOSPITAL VISIT

They visited New Hope Hospital to meet with Dr. Makland and see the progress of his awesome facility. There is still ongoing

and training Haitian optometrist who will staff the new optometry wing at the hospital.

SEWING HOPE PROJECT

One of the important items on our trip list, was to meet with Sendia the sewing coordinator and with Pascal the sewing school teacher to discuss progress, graduation, and new enrollments.



We met with Pascal the teacher on several occasions to get familiar with him and to get an update on the program. Although we found that preparations for graduation was behind and that new enrollment progress was slow, we gained confidence that Pascal is passionate about his job and truly wants to educate students with good sewing skills. We met with Sendia our local sewing coordinator and learned that she had chosen to end her commitment as coordinator due to her busy schedule and new time commitment needed for her new printing and copy micro-finance business. She committed to fulfill her duties through the end of July and introduced us to a potential replacement coordinator who we interviewed for Monie. We also reviewed the sewing supplies in the ware house and learned that there were still several totes of sewing fabric and supplies available for use by the school and students.

On Sunday, July 3, we celebrated our first **Sewing Hope** graduation with 7 students being honored. It was an amazing celebration as we reached this milestone with Sewing Hope, 3 years after restructuring the program and moving to a student sponsorship funding model for this Technical School. Despite various staffing challenges, covid and continued incidents of unrest in Haiti, we have made great progress in establishing a solid program with a talented tailor leading the classes.

There was a short summer session in July to introduce our incoming students to basic sewing techniques. After a month of rest during August, the new school year will begin in September with 12 new students and 10 continuing second year students. We plan to introduce a new program next summer that will allow students to work for pay during the summer months.

WATER SPIGOTS AND FOOD

We want to offer a short positive note that the water spigots in the elementary school courtyard have been repaired and the students are again receiving clean water from the parish clean water system. (The last group visiting witnessed problems with the water for the school children). We also witnessed the

kitchen in action as the cooks prepared food for the children. They cook rice and beans in large pots over charcoal and propane stoves. The students receive their food at their desks in the classrooms, one class at a time.

NEW COOKS' QUARTERS AND VISITING QUARTERS

Our group was the first group to be able to stay in the new dormitory recently completed over the top of the new cooks/caretakers quarters. The facility was really nice with large rooms, ceiling fans, tiled floors, a new bathroom with shower, and glass windows with screens. The cooks now have their own bathroom and a place to sleep that is not subject to the flooding as in the past.

The new building was constructed by Fritzmane Daniels, a sponsored student and graduate of Ecole and College St. Pierre.



His sponsors also supported his Engineering education at the University of Notre Dame Plain du Nord campus located near Plaine du Nord, what a success story. The building is two stories with residences on the first floor for the cook, care takers, deacon, and storage and a bathroom. The second floor consists of two large dorm type rooms and a connecting bathroom. This new facility will be a great improvement for the cooks and will improve future visiting groups accommodations.

DR. LEO'S FISH FARM

Dr. Leo's fish farm has expanded with the addition of a new larger pond. There are now both red and black tilapia growing at the farm. Dr. Leo has been a great steward of the money that was raised and has done everything he said he was going to. The big challenge now is being able to afford fish food and pay for fuel for the generator that powers the aeration system. Haiti just like the rest of the world is experiencing shortages and inflation. Combined with already being one of the poorest countries in the world presents very challenging times. We want to thank everyone for their support of the fish farm. For anyone that would like to continue supporting this inspiring man while he truly is Christ's hands feeding the children. Donations can still be sent to St. Joseph Parish with Fish Farm in the memo.

MICRO FINANCE

We have been providing micro-finance loans to various individuals and groups over the last several years. We believe that helping people help themselves is an important part of our mission. To be eligible for a loan the individual is required to submit a business plan to us for review. Our first and largest loan was to provide funds to the Fann-Vonyan women's group in Plaine du Nord for a chicken farm, over fifty percent of this loan has been repaid to date. We have also provided funds for phone charging business, funds for another small chicken farm, funds for a retail beverage business,



There are no words to describe how amazing the little kids are in Plaine du Nord. They were filled with

smiles and giggles. Their circumstances do not define their attitude towards others. They were welcoming and they loved chatting and playing games with us. Even if they might have been young kids, they taught me lifelong lessons and I am grateful for that. They are truly blessings from God.

In Mass, I could feel the presence of their faith in God coming from them and I was in awe. That they do not let their circumstances define who they are but look to God for everything. Father Dubois was also very welcoming and generous so I thank him very much for that. The young students and kids were also welcoming in the St. James community. I even learned new words in Creole from these kids! They always found a way to put a smile on my face. While interviewing and doing home visits of sponsored students houses and families I was shocked at how kind and hospitable the people were. They would welcome us into their house and we would also have a good conversation with them. I thank them so much for that because I learned so many new things. The community of St. James is unique and I am grateful I was able to experience it."

- Mihret Whitehouse

and a restaurant/bar business. We recently approved a loan for a copy/printing business and have a loan for a tap-tap (taxi type) business under review. The loans are interest free loans with an individualized pay back plan. Most of our loans are around \$2000 USD in value. We have about \$4,000 available for loans currently. If you have a desire to help in this area and want to provide us with some advance loan funds, please contact George Moll at 812-310-3044 or Greg Head at 812-455-3903.

PTPA (PARISH TWINNING PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAS)

Several members of our Haiti outreach committee, Monie and Don Siscel, Chad Martin and I, traveled to Nashville TN. on August 26-28 to attend the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas

(PTPA) for their regional conference held about every four years. PTPA is a non-profit that twins over 300 us Catholic parishes with parishes in Haiti and South America. This conference was very informative



Although I have had the opportunity to make several trips to Haiti, this trip was special in that I was able to share my passion and love

for the Haitian people with my wife, daughter and granddaughter. This was my daughter's and granddaughter's first trip and their hearts were touched by this opportunity to reach out and learn about a new culture and witness firsthand how others live in poverty but still maintain love for their family and faith. Despite witnessing the extreme need, my spirit is always lifted up by the faithful and welcoming people of Haiti as we try in some little way share our love and give hope to these our dear friends and brothers and sisters in Christ."

- Greg Head

and enabled us to network with many others with similar missions. We heard presentations by groups and individuals who have firsthand knowledge of working with Haiti and third world countries, hopefully what we learned will help us improve our work. If you would like to learn more, you can go to their website ptpausa.org.

If you are interested in going on a trip or learning more about the costs and logistics please contact one of the following individuals and they will be able to answer your questions. Jim Riordon 812-449-3213 / Chad Martin 812-454-2785 / Steve Elliott 812-470-0312 / George Moll 812-319-3044 / Monie Siscel 812-575-9167 / Greg Head 812-455-3903 or any other Haiti Outreach member you may know.

MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Applications are now available for parents wishing to apply for Mater Dei High School Tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications are available online at www.materdeiwildcats.com; select "Enrollment", then "Tuition and Financial Assistance Hard copies will be available at Mater Dei and at our school and parish office. Questions? Please contact Jill Seiler at Mater Dei (812-426-2258, ext. 322) or email jseiler@evdio.org. This year there is one common application available for Tax Credit Scholarships (SGO's) School Choice Vouchers, and Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) tuition assistance



LITURGICAL MINISTERS -November 27, 2021-December 19, 2021

The liturgical ministers we need for our weekend Masses are limited to our lectors and one Eucharistic minister.

Saturday November 19, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Sis Jarboe
Sunday November 20, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Tom Blythe
Sunday November 20, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Jane Scheller
Saturday November 26, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Toni Askins
Sunday November 27, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Marcia Frey
Sunday November 27, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Mandy Elpers
Saturday December 3, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Mike Reffett
Sunday December 12, 2021 8 AM	Volunteer	Terry Drone
Sunday December 4, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Shane Wessel
Saturday December 10, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Sis Jarboe
Sunday December 11, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Donna Blankenberger
Sunday December 11, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Jane Scheller

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the contributions made to St. Joseph Parish in memory of these loved ones. Let us continue to remember the gift they have been in our lives.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN MEMORY OF

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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 all do small things with great
love. *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

**We continue to accept donations
for the St. Vincent dePaul Food
Pantry each weekend.just a jar
of peanut butter, a bag of beans or
a box of oatmeal or cereal.....that's all.**

Guardianship



Do you have some extra time and
want to give back by acting as a vol-
unteer with Guardianship Services?
Being a volunteer does not mean you
are legally responsible, but you would
have the opportunity to go out in the
community and engage with clients
one-on-one. This could be an elderly
person, a person with a disability or

someone else in a vulnerable position. Each volunteer will be
assigned a client to work with over the course of a one-year
commitment. Volunteers visit their clients, attend care con-
ferences, document changes, and advocate for their client's
needs and wishes. If you would like to hear more, please con-
tact Michelle Kirk at 812-455-7092.



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Do you have a slightly used
collapsible wheelchair or
walker. You can donate
them to

Joni & Friends Ministry. These items will
be refurbished and sent overseas to those
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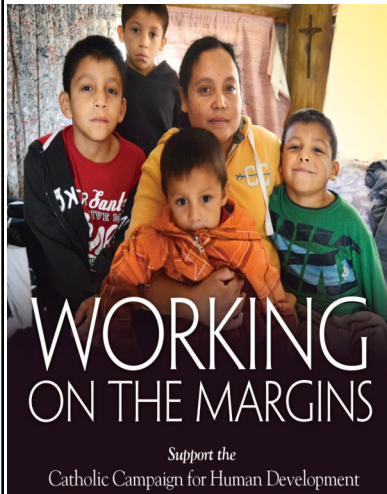
LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS WITH THE NEEDY THIS CHRISTMAS?

Each Christmas, Catholic Charities
sponsors a giving program which pairs
families in need with individuals,
groups or businesses, who "adopt" a
family's Christmas wish list. Those who
choose to "adopt" the family(ies) are
provided with specific information re-
garding clothing needs and sizes, as
well as toys and household items that
the family wants or needs. If you are
interested in "adopting" a family through this program, or if
you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Catholic
Charities at 812-423-5456. You can also make a financial
contribution to this Christmas Giving Program. Make the
checks payable to "Catholic Charities," and drop it in the col-
lection or send it to the parish office.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Cam-
paign for Human Development. Currently 38 million people
in the United States live in poverty. This collection funds
programs that empower local communities to address the



**WORKING
ON THE MARGINS**

Support the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

challenges they face.
The Catholic Campaign
for Human Development
supports those living in
poverty across the coun-
try. It identifies and
addresses the unique
obstacles people face as
they work to lift them-
selves out of poverty. In
addition, 25% of the funds
we collect remain in our
diocese to fund local anti-
poverty projects. By sup-
porting this collection, you
are giving those on the
margins a hand up, not a
handout. Please be gener-



Thanks to all the people who came for-
ward to donate blood October 16 Thanks
as well to the folks for taking care of all
the details for the blood drive. You gift
helps save lives!

LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR THOSE "HARD TO BUY PERSONS" THIS CHRISTMAS?



**GIVE THE GIFT OF
FOOD TO OUR
BROTHERS AND
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Needing a gift this
holiday season for the
person who has it all?
Give the gift of food
to the children
at our sister parish,
St. James Parish, lo-
cated in Plaine du
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Questions? Please email Alison Martin at alison@twc.com











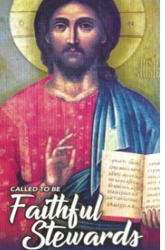


LET'S GO HOG WILD FOR THE HOMELESS

In conjunction with the Men's Club Sausage
sale this month, we'd like to provide sausage to
the homeless shelters in Evansville and to the
St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. We'll have a
special collection after the Masses on the
weekend of November 5-6. You may also send
your financial contributions to the parish office.



November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ST. JOE MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE SALE BULK OR LINK \$4 / LB 5 lb MINIMUM ORDER ORDER BY NOVEMBER 7 PICK UP NOVEMBER 12 		1 7:30 am MASS  ALL SAINTS DAY Day of Prayer for Vocations Tuesday 6 am Wednesday 6 am	2 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff 12-2 pm Bible Study 6 pm	3 NO MASS Young Adults (20's -30's)  TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30—8:30 pm	4 Communion to the Homebound 7:30 am Mass	5 Sacrament Of Reconciliation 4 pm 5 pm Mass Haiti & Food Pantry Collection Sausage for the Homeless Collection 
6 8-10:30 Mass Family Religion Class 9 am RCIA 9 am Confirmation Session 4 11:30—1:30	7 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm LAST DAY TO ORDER SAUSAGE 6:30 Mass	8 7:30 am Mass Choir Practice 7 pm	9 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff 12-2 PM Bible Study 6 pm	10 NO MASS Altar Society Meeting 6:30 PM  To the Veterans of our Armed Forces Thank You for Your Service	11 7:30 am MASS Men's Club Making Sausage 1 pm — 6 pm 	12 Men's Grp 8 am Sausage Sale Pick Up 7-10 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
13 8 & 10:30 Mass Family Religion Class and RCIA 9 —10:15 am Confirmation Session 11:30-1	14 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass Knights of St. John Meeting 7 pm	15 Mass 7:30 am Choir Practice 7 pm 	16 7:30 am MASS Parish Staff 12-2 PM Bible Study 6 pm HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR ST. JOE & MATER DEI LOTTERY TICKETS!	17 NO MASS PTO 6 pm Haiti Ministry Committee Meeting 6:30 pm 	18 7:30 AM MASS Communion to the Homebound	19 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5 pm Food Pantry Collection College Care Packages Due Back
20 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection Family Class & RCIA 9-10:15 am	21 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass School Board Meeting 6 pm Men's Club Meeting 7 pm	22 7:30 am Thanksgiving Mass with School Students Choir Practice 7 pm	23 7:30 am Mass	24 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25 NO MASS Communion to the Homebound	26 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4pm Mass 5 pm Food Pantry Collection
27 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection  ADVENT	28 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass	29 7:30 am Mass Choir Practice 7 pm	30 7:30 am MASS Parish Staff 12-2 PM	WE'RE 69% OF THE WAY TO OUR GOAL. MAKE YOUR PLEDGE AND HELP US GET OVER THE TOP! HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO OUR CPC? 		

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BEARING WITNESS (cont)

The interesting thing that can happen when we are willing to do this, is that we can see that there is something beyond the immediate suffering we first notice. Being able to see beyond the immediacy of the pain around us can help us see great moments of compassion.

I saw this happening recently at one of our weekend Masses. During this Mass we prayed for the daughter of a family in our parish who was dying. As people came forward for communion they passed this family. And what I saw was how folks reached out to them. It was simple gestures—a knowing glance, a simple pat on the shoulder, a few words of comfort. They were beautiful gestures. And each one conveyed a message to this family that they were not alone, that here were people who loved them and cared for them. And I know these gestures meant a great deal to the family.

In a way they were conveying the words we hear in Psalm 91. You may be more familiar with this psalm because it is the basis for the words of the song “On Eagles Wings.” That song is one of the five most popular hymns sung in church. I think it’s popularity comes from the fact that it touches such a deep cord in all of us.

Remember the words? “And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hand.” The song uses these words to speak about bearing witness to the suffering we see around us. “The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear. You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day. For to his angles he’s given a command to guard you in all your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot against the stone.”

Standing with people in the midst of their suffering does not make the suffering go away. Nor is it an end in itself. We bear witness so that our efforts will be the gift of God’s life. That is what we do when we reach out a hand of hope, speak a word of love, or share a tear of joy or pain. And in the process, we take away the power the suffering and pain have for so many people in their lives.



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BRUTE SOCIETY NOMINEES (cont)

help from such things as preparing food for the Men’s Club meetings to helping with our summer social. Cindy has been a central figure in our recycling efforts. She and Kristan Gilles make weekly trips to the recycle center to recycle our cardboard, paper, cans, and plastic recyclables.

Saint Mother Teresa was fond of saying that few of us do earth shaking things. But we can all do ordinary things and if these are done with love, they become truly great things. Jim and Janice and Herman and Cindy have demonstrated how true this is. We are blessed by the example of their stewardship!



Breakfast
with
Santa

Join us
Sunday
December 4
8am --Noon

Invite your family, friends and neighbors! Proceeds benefit the St. Joe 8th Grade Class Project

