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REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Fr Gene Schroeder
PASTOR

The classic TV sitcom *Cheers*, about the goings on at a local bar in Boston, had a very memorable theme song which ended with the words *You wanna go where everybody knows your name*. That song echoes a deeply felt need in all people—the need to know that we will be remembered, that people will not forget us.

To be named and to be remembered is something that resonates deep in our souls. 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.

In our Catholic tradition, November has been the month that we make a special effort to remember our deceased loved ones, particularly November 2, the Feast of All Souls. But remembering our loved ones is not limited to one day or even one month. One of the ways we have done this is by praying for those who have died when we come together for Mass. This tradition goes back to the very early days of our church when members of the community would gather at the burial sites of their loved ones. These places were often referred to as the catacombs. There the community would pray for the dead and celebrate the Mass. If you traveled to Rome, you can visit some of these early grave sites.



Like many good things in the church, this simple and beautiful gesture of remembering those who have died, gets twisted up with lots of other things that don’t reflect the church at its best. Case in point. Indulgences. Quite understandably, those who lost loved ones wanted some kind of peace of mind knowing that their loved ones were with God in heaven. St. Paul even talks about this in his letter to the Thessalonians (4:13) *we do not want...you to grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose*

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BRUTE SOCIETY INDUCTEES

John & Ruby Manger Lee & Toni Askins



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 John and Ruby Manger and Lee and Toni Askins 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.

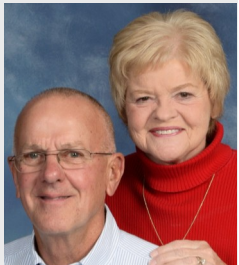
John and Ruby have been active as members of our funeral dinner crews. John has had a special love for working with the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. Ruby has shared her time and energy with the work of Altar Society. These are but a few of the latest ways they have lived a life of stewardship.

Many of you who come to our Saturday evening mass will recognize Lee and Toni in their roles as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Both of them have also served as special ministers of communion to members of our parish who are living in nursing homes. As a military veteran himself, Lee, has spent much time visiting with fellow veterans who are residents in some of our local nursing homes. Both Lee and Toni have served as Communion ministers to patients at St. Vincent Hospital.

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. John and Ruby and Lee and Toni have demonstrated how true this is. We are blessed by the example of their stewardship!



Lee & Toni Askins



John & Ruby Manger

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CPC)?

PARISH GOAL	\$130,270.00
PLEGGED TO DATE	\$ 85,540.00
NUMBER OF PLEDGES	198

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

THANK YOU

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL

REMEMBERING

David Spaetti

Feb. 21, 1953 - Sept. 26, 2023



David came onto the scene on February 21, 1953, the second oldest of five children born to Virgil and Rosemary (Kempf) Spaetti. His older brother Eddie was there to welcome him, and later his sisters Susie and Barb and his brother

Jerry would join them.

In the beginning, the Spaetti family lived on the eastside of Evansville before settling into a home on Goebel Lane within sight of our church. With his siblings, David could cut through the fields to make it to school. David graduated in 1967 and then went on to graduate from Mater Dei High School in 1971.

From the beginning David was very much a “hands on” kind of person. He was blessed with the ability to make or fix most anything. After high school David began working for his uncle Greg Kempf during various construction jobs. He helped to build many of the Guthrie May Homes being built in the North Park Area. He also worked with Mac Glaser building homes. Then in the mid 1970’s he started working for Empire Construction. There are many buildings throughout south-western Indiana that David worked on and supervised their construction. To all of them David brought his considerable skills and his penchant for near perfect work.



When David was not working at his “regular” job, he would be working with his brother Jerry, and later his son’s Brian and Daniel, at all manner of different projects for different folks. Work would get around, and soon the call, “David, can you help us do...” would go out.

Over the years, one of the places that benefitted from David’s skills was our parish. David cared about the buildings on our church campus as if they were his own. Fixing doors, repairing walls, overseeing new construction, always trying to fix things the best way possible while spending the least amount of money. Not an easy thing to do. David was a walking encyclopedia of knowledge about the ins and outs of all the buildings on our property. So much of the work he did was behind the scenes—rarely seen. It would be hard to calculate the number of hours David worked on parish projects or the amount of money he saved the parish through the years.

When David wasn’t working he enjoyed spending time at the family river camp on the Ohio. There he could share his passion for fishing and cooking with his daughter Jill and his sons, Daniel and Brian. And then there were times for rabbit hunting, something he enjoyed doing with Fr. Francis Schroering, who was pastor of our parish in the 1980’s.

David loved gardening and tried to share that passion with his family as well. As with all the other things that David did, there was always the “right” way to do things. No doubt his passion for perfection convinced all the plants and seeds, in the garden to grow and produce perfectly as well!

Over the years, David renovated several homes into brand-new like places. And finally he built his dream home within eye sight of the parish. No doubt all the people who were called upon to work on this house, had to be on their toes to do the job just right!

Dave was blessed with friends, especially Paul Steward, Alan Inkenbrandt and Alan Blankenberger. Being friends with

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.



Stanley Schapker
December 31



Willie Nieten
January 6



Delores Strupp
February 5



Rick Dile
February 27



Keith Jones
March 24



Bruce Woodward
March 27



Leonard Angermeier
June 26



Linda Elpers
August 15



David Spaetti
September 26



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



Dave often meant you got “invited” to help out on projects especially those around the parish. But there was always time to share in a good lunch at St. Joe Tavern.

Dave was also blessed with the love of a good woman and wife, Kim (Tepoole). Through Kim, he was introduced into the whole Tepoole family, even to the point of sharing their passion for St. Louis Cardinal Baseball.

Throughout his life, David was faced with difficult challenges. The death of son, Daniel who took his life in 2001. Dave also dealt with a number of health issues in his last years. Those issues became increasingly more difficult for David to cope with. So much of David’s gift to his family and to all of us, was his ability to do things almost perfectly. We would have been happy with things less than perfect, but that was hard for David. In the end, tragically, David took his own life.

We take comfort in the fact that David’s mom and dad, his brother Eddie and his son Daniel were able to welcome him into the kingdom. Through them, we pray that David was able to know all the good that he had done in life and that he was loved. May God grant him eternal rest.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL INTRODUCING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Kylie Frey

"Be happy in the Lord always. I repeat, what I want is your happiness." These words of St. Paul came to mind as we talked with Kylie. She is a senior at Mater Dei and the daughter of Ryan and Stephanie Frey, the younger sister of Austin and the twin sister of Connor. According to her older brother, she is the best athlete in

the family. So it is no surprise that a big part of Kylie's time has been involved with sports. She just finished running the half marathon sponsored by the Y and now she is beginning basketball practice. She's been playing basketball at Mater Dei since she was a freshman. Not surprisingly, she plays as the point guard, the floor general if you will for the team. "We've got a new coach this year, Lucius Wagner who played for UE. He's brought a lot of new energy to our team. I think we'll be pretty good!"

When Kylie finishes basketball she'll be part of the Girls Track Team where she runs the 100 and 200 meter races and is part of the 4 x 100 relay.

When she is not busy with sports, Kylie has also been involved in a number of extracurricular activities. She serves as the Senior Class President. Right now they are designing and making the senior class shirt. She will also help over see the design and marketing of senior class rings and help get the caps and gowns ready for graduation. Being a class officer this year means that they have taken on the extra responsibility of overseeing future class reunions. They are also planning the annual Trick or Treat celebration and the flag football games among students.

Kylie also serves as a policeman for Mater Deiville—so be sure to get your parking permits and park where you are supposed to or you may get a friendly reminder from a policeman! Kylie also has been trained as part of the Peer Mediation Team to help resolve disputes among students. She was also chosen to be one of the representatives to the "Tomorrow's Workforce Luncheon." She's been on the National Honor Society and has helped to organize study sessions for semester exams with their famous cocoa and cram ses-

sions.

Kylie has also been working hard with her academic studies. "I've had some great teachers at Mater Dei." Among those who have had a particular influence are her theology teachers, Mr. Wathen and Mr. Schaeffer. And she mentions Mrs. Gerard, with whom she is taking Advance Health Class. Perhaps this class has peaked her interest in a career in the health field. "I want to become a registered dietician." She's looking at programs offered at USI, IU and perhaps the University of Louisville. "Not sure if I want to go away for the "college" experience or stay home and save money. A lot will depend upon what kind of scholarships I am able to get."

Her dream job is to open her own company where she can help people maintain a health lifestyle with good nutrition and exercise. This would give her the chance to share one of her other passions which is working out. You can find her and many of her friends working out at Bob's Gym.

If you have been to Burdette Park the past few summers, you might have seen Kylie in her role as a lifeguard. She's been doing that for several years. This past summer she moved into a supervisory role with the lifeguards. That had the added benefit of being "boss" to her twin brother, Connor. She's even had to rescue a few folks in her time. "Your training kicks in when that happens so you don't have time to feel scared."

Kylie attended grade school here at St. Joe. "I think we had a great class—evenly divided between boys and girls. So there was lots of time to have competitions between us. I see a lot of my grade school classmates and get a chance to talk to them." Memories from grade school include all the great lunches, PE class which tapped into her competitive nature. Art class was fun, as well, and having the chance to go to the library to read. Having the chance to be a leader of her school family was also a good experience, especially when they got to help lead prayer at Mass for Holy Thursday and Ash Wednesday.

When asked about some of the big influences on her life, Kylie speaks about her family. "I've been blessed to have the parents I do. Just knowing that they support me is such a big thing. Everyone says I look like my mom, but we share other things in common, too. She is very organized and she is a great cook, which has helped me develop a love for cooking and baking." Brownies with avocado is one of her latest creations.

"I think my dad and I share a sense of determination. Sometimes that can come across as being hard headed, but mostly I appreciate how important determination is for life. I like his sense of humor as well. You need that in life."

Kylie's extended family is pretty important as well. "They have all been big supporters of the things I have been involved in. My Grandmother, Marcia, is such a positive person, you just can't help but feel better about life after you have been around her."

WORDS OF WISDOM: "I think the hardest thing I have gone through was the covid pandemic. Our eighth grade year ended so suddenly and our first year in high school was difficult because of all the covid restrictions. It was good to be around family, but there is such a thing as too much family time. Having my dog Sadie was a good stress releaser. Playing sports has helped me to learn how to manage time really well. Sometimes you can get distracted by a lot of things, especially social media. You have to learn how to be disciplined in life so that you can do the things that you need to do and still have time for friends. Many of the things I have been involved with have also taught me about the value of being a good leader. A lot of leadership is just the example you set. Going to a basketball practice on days when that is the last thing you want to do, is one of the ways you can demonstrate good leadership."

MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

All are invited to Open House November 9th, 6-8 pm at Mater Dei High School. Meet teachers, coaches and staff, tour the campus, receive information about our curriculum and extensive tuition assistance program. Families with students grades 5-8 are especially encouraged to check it out! To RSVP visit our website materdeiwildcats.com. Questions? Contact Jill Seiler at jseiler@evdio.org. See you there!



Applications are now available for parents wishing to apply for Mater Dei High School Tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 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. There is one common application available for Tax Credit Scholarships (SGO's) School Choice Vouchers, and (CEF) tuition assistance

IT'S LOTTERY TIME

THE 2024 ST. JOE MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are now available. \$1350 to be given away each month. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

Look for an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks for your opportunity to participate. Our lottery sellers will also be contacting those who have bought tickets from them in the past. Cost is \$75.

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THE 2024 MATER DEI/MEMORIAL TREASURE THE TRADITION LOTTERY

TICKETS are also no available. Ticket are \$100. Every month there are four prizes totaling \$13,000 to be given

away. Need a ticket? Contact Margie Hartman 812-453-6826 or contact our parish office (812-963-3273).



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again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

Through the years, people continued to seek some assurance about those who had died. In some ways, one of the hardest things for us to believe is that God loves us and wants us to be with him forever. Sadly, I think we are much more comfortable with a religion that says you have to earn your way to heaven. And in this world there are winners and losers. Of course there have been any number of religious leaders in the Catholic church and in other religious denominations that are all to happy to fan the flames of this kind of fear.

So, imagine if you lived in the middle ages where death was all around you and most of life was mysterious. You would certainly want to pray that those you loved would be with God in heaven. And if the church offered you a way to have some kind of assurances about the after life, who wouldn't want to take advantage of that. And so we enter the world of indulgences. Now I don't think the church ever taught that there was a quid pro quo (this for that) arrangement whereby the person could pray a person into heaven. And the whole thing got messier when money became involved. It seemed that the church was selling indulgences and when you "bought" these indulgences you were helping to pave the way for your loved one to go to heaven.



There were all too many unscrupulous people who were willing to engage in this action especially to raise money to pay for the building of churches. All this led to a popular phrase "when the coin in the box rings, another soul from heaven springs." Martin Luther was just one of the people who were scandalized by such activity. The issue of indulgences was just one of a long list of things that led to the reformation in the 1500's.

But the idea of somehow "buying" something to pave the way for a loved one to get to heaven continued to persist. If you are old enough, you may remember people paying money for a mass intention. Some may remember it as have a "mass read" for a loved one. A little digression is in order which has to do with the way the church try to raise the money needed to fund the work of the church. Now, we'd like to believe that people would give money as an example of good stewardship, realizing that money is a gift and we are called to give back to God as an act of thanksgiving. That notion of stewardship and tithing has its roots in Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament). While that is the ideal, it is often very hard to get people to

actually do this in practice. So enter the notion of stipends—a payment for services if you will. So, in the church there were stipends for everything from having a baptism, to having a Mass celebrated, and even to such things as "pew rent." As a footnote to history, one of the early pastors of a local parish was instructed by the bishop to begin having people pay "pew" rent. Many of these folks were upset and complained that they had paid for the pews to begin with and were not going to pay to sit on them. Whereupon the Bishop put that church under interdict which meant that Mass could not be celebrated there and none of the sacraments could be celebrated there as well. (And just so you know, the "numbers" you see on the pews we have in our church, are directly related to the notion of paying "pew" rent.)

In time the interdict was lifted, cooler heads prevailed but the notion of stipends continued. This got all the messier when a priest's salary was almost entirely made up of the stipends he collected for celebrating Mass and the other sacraments. Now there were different levels of stipends for different kinds of Mass. Low Mass (no singing, just a few candles lit) were the least expensive, High Mass (singing and lots of candles lit), required a larger stipend. Gregorian Masses (pull out all the stops, priest, deacon, sub deacon, archpriest, lots of candles, lots of singing, and lots of incense) were the most expensive.

Now if you were in a parish that was poor and people only paid for a low Mass, well, your salary would reflect that. In this kind of system there is always the chance for abuse. How about taking several intentions for one Mass and kind of load up on the money side. And that led to all kinds of restrictions about how many Mass intentions you could take per Mass.



Thankfully a lot of this ended when a priest was paid a decent wage and was no longer dependent upon stipends. But the notion of stipends continues. So you will still hear people say things like "how much does it cost to have a baptism, or a funeral or a wedding?" And they will ask "how much does it cost to have a Mass said?"

I know that much of this discussion will have many people, especially young people, scratching their heads and wondering just what we are talking about even though these same people will often give an offering for a baptism or a wedding without realizing just where this practice came from.

Thankfully, we no longer have "pew rent" and we don't charge for sacraments. And the number of people requesting Mass intentions has dwindled as well. Now I'm glad we don't have money association with these requests, but I really do think it is important to remember our loved ones who have died. Over the years, I have tried to encourage folks to list the names of their deceased relatives so that we can remember them at Mass. There is no charge for doing this. So in this sense, we no longer have Mass stipends.

If you look at our weekly bulletin, for each day of the week we have listed the names of loved ones we want to remember at mass. Here is a typical example from this past October 17.

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Let me try to explain it to you.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

7:30 AM MASS: Mary Kilian, Valentine Schenk (1879), Valeria (2013) & Marcellus Elpers, John Reckelhoff (2021)

Saint Ignatius of Antioch is the saint whose feast day we celebrate on October 17. 7:30 AM Mass is the time for that particular Mass. Then you will see a series of names. Some of these names have a date behind their name. In this example Valentine Schenk (1879) and John Reckelhoff (2021). That is the year they died. Sometimes you will see names of a people joined together. In this example Valeria (2013) & Marcellus Elpers. In this case, Valeria Elpers died on October 17, 2013 and she was married to Marcellus Elpers so I included his name as well. Sometimes you will see names of other people listed. In this example the name of Mary Kilian. This was an instance when someone asked that we remember her on this day.

Now, in actuality, we pray for all the faithful departed at each Mass when we pray “remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy.” At the same time, there is something to be said for people actually hearing the names of their loved ones being mentioned or being named. Over the years, as I have remembered all different names at Mass of all the people who have died in the past one hundred and eighty two years of our parish, they have become real to me, even though I have never met them and they have lived and died long before I came on the scene. For me, it makes it all the more clear how important it is to pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

In addition I try to pay attention to relatives of our parishioners who have died and include them among the people we are praying for at Mass. I try also to include other members of the deceased family. You can learn a lot by reading the obituaries! I’m sure most people don’t even notice that, but for the person whose loved one has died, it is just a small way of saying we are praying with you and for you in this time of loss. Sometimes I have included the names of deceased folks from other parishes I have been in.

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. As I said before, there is no charge for this. If you would like to make a donation to the church in memory of your loved ones, you may do so. but it is not necessary. The most important thing is that we take the time to remember those who have died. And as recall their memory to mind, they continue to live in our lives. And that is a good and holy thing to do.



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
 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

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
 Jordan Wilkenson
 Steve Willis
 Gary Wunderlich



REMEMBERING THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY

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



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AT MASS

NAMES

DATE AND TIME

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

HAITI SEWING HOPE REPORT



Monie Sissel

SEWING HOPE COORDINATOR

It is so hard to believe that another school year is about to begin. We have fourteen brand new Sewing Hope students and twelve students returning to complete their 2nd year. Let me tell you a little about how the last school year started and finished. We ended up starting the 2022-23 school year in early November due to political issues and the safety of our students. Sewing Hope actually started a couple of weeks ahead of elementary and high school. Since there are fewer students and they are older, they can more easily fly under the radar of any of the protestors trying to make trouble.

We started the year with fourteen First Year and nine Second Year students. A small group of us visited in February and all 23 students were still enrolled at that time. The first year students were particularly engaged and really enjoyed what they were learning. The second year students were a bit more serious, but they too were doing quite well. Other than a few students here and there, attendance was so much better than it had been under the previous instructor and it showed in the skills that were displayed.

During our February visit, we decided to more than double the classroom hours each week. Teaching each class only two days a week was not enough time to properly learn the trade. The students really embraced the new five-day school week and Pascal's devotion and passion for teaching is quite admirable. In March and April, we lost three students - two due to illness and the third for unknown reasons.



The graduating class of 2023. All the students made their own graduation outfits—jacket, vest, slacks, dress, skirt

One of the students, Fabiola Joseph, ended up passing due to her short illness. I was so proud of how the other students supported her while she was ill and also at her funeral. It is always so sad when we hear of extremely young people passing in Haiti. Many times, the illness would be easily treated in the U.S.

I don't know if this was the case with Fabiola - I just know she had "stomach issues".



Nadine Tide with the sewing machine she was awarded

In July, our remaining eight second year students graduated! We had hoped to have a small team travel and be present for the graduation in early July, but we were unable to form a team. Only two of us were scheduled to go and so we decided to wait until a group goes this fall. I was looking forward to both attending graduation and being there as the new summer program kicked off, but it wasn't meant to be. I've included photos from graduation and the summer program, as well as student work



A sample of some of the work being doing by our students.

through the year. One student, Nadine Tide, was awarded a used treadle sewing machine. Nadine spent two years in the program, had excellent attendance and has become an accomplished seamstress. She also helped the first year students on many occasions. I believe the incentive of earning her own machine was well deserved. Nadine was thrilled. She was asked to speak at the graduation ceremony.

Another student, Wislor Saintilien presented a plaque to their teacher Pascal. He was very moved by this gift.



Students learning the art of silk screening

A week after graduation, we started a short 4 week summer program. This was another change we discussed in February during our visit. Graduates worked on making uniforms. Other students sewed tote bags, microwave bowl holders, Bible covers, hot pads and various other items. They were limited by what supplies they had on hand. Since our trip had been canceled, they didn't get supplies for some of the planned items. But the intent is that the students will get some compensation for the items they made. Also, the students who participated in the summer program will be eligible to apply for a small business loan should they want to pursue running a small business.

The new school year began this past September 18th. We have fourteen new first year students, eleven returning second year students and one new second year student. Due to lack of attendance and very low grades, one student was removed from the program. This is always a hard decision to make, but the students know our expectations when they start the program and they know there are reasons we can release them. In fact, they have to sign off on a list of rules and expectations. It saddens me when a student is given such a great opportunity and they choose not to make the most of it.

One thing we are trying this school year is to charge a very small tuition amount each year - about 2500 Haitian Gourdes - or about \$18. Although not a large amount, we feel this will give the student a little "skin in the game". If they graduate, the tuition will go toward graduation expenses. If they drop out, they lose that amount. We will see

how it goes.

In general, the St. Joe Outreach Team is pushing the idea of high school graduates going to a trade school rather than pursuing university attendance. The sad fact of the matter is, even if the HS graduate has a sponsor who will agree to pay university tuition, there just aren't enough jobs for nurses, doctors, agriculture majors, administrators, and so on. So we are encouraging students to consider learning a trade where they can be employable upon graduation. That is the goal of Sewing Hope - teach a trade that can result in employment, and without the high cost of university sponsorship.

It continues to be a privilege to be a part of the St. Joe Haiti Outreach Team and to work directly with the Sewing Hope Sewing School. I get to see firsthand what God is doing there through all of you.

HOW CAN I HELP



- Sponsor a student. The cost of Sewing Hope sponsorship remains \$300 for the 2023-24 school year (or \$25 per month if you wish to pay monthly). This covers all equipment and supplies, upkeep of classrooms and equipment, and staff salaries. This is such a small amount by our standards. For them, however, it represents the difference between having a trade to earn a livelihood versus scraping together a meager living using whatever resources they can find and whatever means necessary - not a simple feat.
- Make a donation of any amount to our Sewing Hope Program. No donation is too large or too small.
- Donate your unused sewing supplies (fabric, buttons, thread, scissors, etc). If you know of other people who have sewing supplies they no longer need or want, please share my contact information with them(812-575-9167 or moniesiscel@astound.net) and I will be happy to pick up supplies from them.
- Please continue to pray for Haiti in general and for Plaine du Nord specifically. And please pray especially for the Sewing Hope program, its students and the staff.
- And finally, if you are feeling a tug at your heartstrings to travel to Haiti and see what it's all about, please reach out to me or someone on the St. Joe Outreach team. I felt completely safe in February during our visit. So again, if you feel the nudge, don't dismiss it too quickly. We would love to have new travelers join our teams.

Nou Fe Yon Sel Nan Jezikri



We are One in Jesus Christ

TWO DAUGHTERS OF OUR PARISH HONORED FOR THEIR WORK



This past September, Sister Rose Mary Rexing, a member of the Benedictine Community at Ferdinand, was presented with the Athena International Leadership Award by the Rotary Club of Dubois County. Founded in 1982, the Athena Program is a non-profit organization that seeks to support, develop and honor women leaders. It recognizes eight distinct attributes, including authentic self, relationships, giving back, courageous acts, learning, fierce advocacy and celebration & joy, as well as traditional traits like taking risks, assertiveness and hard work. Sister Rose Mary's achievement will be commemorated alongside those of previous recipients of the award in a permanent display in the Dubois County Museum.

Since entering Monastery Immaculate Conception in 1968, Sister Rose Mary has been a high school teacher, pastoral associate, vocation director, director of mission advancement, and Executive Director of Mission Integration for Memorial Hospital in Jasper. She currently serves as Director of Hospitality and Spirituality Ministry at the monastery, overseeing the Benedictine Hospitality Center and its programs, retreats and special events.

Sister Rosemary is the daughter of the late Clarence and Mildred (Baehl) Rexing and the sister of Allen (Barb) Rexing.

Sister Joan Scheller, also a member of the Benedictine Community at Ferdinand, was presented with the Corazón ALASI award for Cultural Competency from ALASI (Asociación Latinoamericana del Sur de Indiana), located in Dubois County. The award honors "individuals who have fired our 'corazón' (heart) to make us the individuals that we are today." To be nominated a person must embody culture (engaging with the community), access (actively assisting or empowering the Latino Community), and education (seeking to improve education for Latinos). The award honored Sister Joan's "exceptional dedication to promoting cultural understanding, sensitivity, and inclusivity."



Sister Joan entered the monastery in 1967, and has served as an elementary and special education teacher, a missionary to Guatemala, administrative assistant for Kordes Retreat Center, a pastoral associate, an accredited immigration law representative and Latino outreach coordinator. She is presently Director of Latino Outreach & Immigration Services, authorized by the U.S. State Department to assist legal immigrants on their path to citizenship, among other duties.

Sister Joan is the daughter of the late Joseph and Agnes Scheller and the sister of Mary, Tony (Alma), Rick (Chris) and Jim (Jane) Scheller.



**WE'RE 69% OF THE WAY
TO OUR GOAL. MAKE YOUR
PLEDGE AND HELP US
GET OVER THE TOP!**

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 Harpenau
Joey Arnold	Nathan Doshier
Kevin Hartz	Randy Tenbarger
Steve & Marcia Frey	Steve Muensterman
Alan Blankenberger	Becky Heidorn
Becky Doshier	Paul Stewart
Matt Ubelhor	Josh Elfreich
Tom Folz	Joey Arnold
Mike Ennis	Roger Hall
Stephanie Tanner	Gene Schmitt
Allen & Barb Rexing Family	<i>Did we miss anyone?</i>
Jerry & Cindy Happe	<i>Let us know. Thanks</i>



Diocesan policy: Report and inform

The Diocese of Evansville has in place a policy that requires that any allegation of child abuse must be reported to civil authorities. If an allegation involves the sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, the Victims Assistance Coordinator must also be informed. Sexual misconduct violates human dignity and the mission of the church. The spiritual well-being of all victims, their families, and others in the community is of particular concern to the church.

Report child abuse

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government. CPS Toll-free: (800) 800-5556 Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

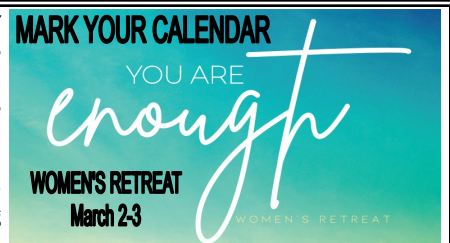
Report and inform

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese: Toll-free: (866) 200-3004 Local: (812) 490-9565

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 10, 2023

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR
Saturday November 18, 2023 5 PM	Donald & Brandon Werner Mary Kay Fehrenbacher Donna Niemeier	Mike Reffett
Sunday November 19, 2023 8 AM	Kylie Frey Stephanie Frey Tom & Dolores Folz	Marcia Frey
Sunday November 19, 2023 10:30 AM	Angie Will Jane Scheller Diane Bassemier Danielle Weledge	Shane Wessel
Saturday November 25, 2023 5 PM	Eric and Karen McDonald Butch and Linda Feulner	Sis Jarboe
Sunday November 26, 2023 8 AM	Imogene Baehl Michael Elpers Randy and Kathy Fehrenbacher	Chick Duncan
Sunday November 26, 2023 10:30 AM	Doris Taylor Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig	Julie Forcum
Saturday December 2, 2023 5 PM	Diane Woods Eric Reffett Peter and Jodi Fehrenbacher	Toni Askins
Sunday December 3, 2023 8 AM	Chick Duncan Brian and Ann Craney Darlene Appller	Tom Folz
Sunday December 3, 2023 10:30 AM	Paul Hillenbrand Amy Cody Jena & Shane Wessel	Jane Scheller
Saturday December 9, 2023 5 PM	Mary Loehrlein Carolyn Hutchinson Lee and Toni Askins	Sis Jarboe
Sunday December 10, 2023 8 AM	Terry Drone Joan Inkenbrandt Lisa Cook Marcia Frey	Tom Blythe
Sunday December 10, 2023 10:30 AM	Rachael Schnaus Becky Doshier Shane Wessel Steve Jung	Mandy Elpers

Prepare your heart and mind this Lent 2024 with an inspirational Women's Retreat. Beginning Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 am-10:00pm and ending on Sunday, March 3rd with 8:00 am Mass. Adoration, guest speakers, live reflective music, rosary, a spa hour, confession, and Mass. What a great way to enter into the busy Lenten season. You are welcome to come and pray for as long as you can. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff (812-598-1151 jreckelhoff@evdio.org) for information and/or to register.



There is always something
to be thankful for....



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.**

Eight years have passed
since I published the Encycli-
cal Letter *Laudato Si'*, when I
wanted to share with all of
you, my brothers and sisters
of our suffering planet, my
heartfelt concerns about the
care of our common home.

**Laudate
Deum**

To all people of
good will on the
climate crisis



This is a global social issue and one intimately related to
the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have
expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about
climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological ap-
proach, because our care for one another and our care for the
earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of
the principal challenges facing society and the global commu-
nity. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vul-
nerable people, whether at home or around the world.

I cannot deny that it is necessary to be honest and recognize
that the most effective solutions will not come from individual
efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the
national and international level.

If we consider that emissions per individual in the United
States are about two times greater than those of individuals liv-
ing in China, and about seven times greater than the average of
the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the
irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would
have a significant long-term impact. As a result, along with indis-
pensable political decisions, we would be making progress along
the way to genuine care for one another.

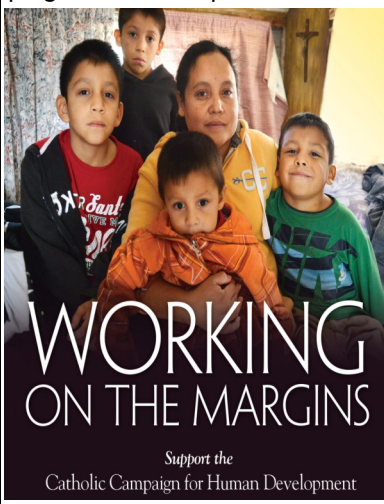
Nonetheless, every little bit helps, and avoiding an increase
of a tenth of a degree in the global temperature would already
suffice to alleviate some suffering for many people. Yet what is
important is something less quantitative: the need to realize that
there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a
maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there
are no cultural changes without personal changes.

Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to
consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere
fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is
contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsi-
bilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of in-
terest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even
though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from
the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large
processes of transformation rising from deep within society.



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



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

**WORKING
ON THE MARGINS**

Support the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Thanks to all the people who came
forward to donate blood October 29.
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
SISTERS IN HAITI**

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
Nord, Haiti.
Gifts ranging in
price from \$5-\$100.
Self-service station













located at the weekend masses or red flyers with the bulletins
if you prefer mail order. *Questions?* Please email
Alison Martin at alison@twc.com

**Into our lives JESUS COMES as the BREAD
OF LIFE---to be eaten, consumed by us
Then He comes as the HUNGRY ONE, hoping to be
fed with the BREAD OF OUR LIFE, our hearts
loving and our hands serving.**

**IN LOVING AND SERVING we prove that we
have been created in the LIKENESS OF GOD,
for God is love and when we love we are like God.
*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta***

November 2023

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 6 PICK UP NOVEMBER 11			1 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff 12-2 pm That Man Is You 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 pm 	2 NO MASS 	3 Communion to the Homebound 7:30 am Mass	4 5 pm Mass Haiti & Food Pantry Collection Sausage for the Homeless Collection 
5 8-10:30 Mass Coffee & Donuts 9 am Family Religion Class 9 am RCIA 9 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:30	6 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm LAST DAY TO ORDER SAUSAGE 6:30 Mass 	7 7:30 am Mass 	8 7:30 am Mass Parish Staff 12-2 pm That Man Is You 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 pm 	9 NO MASS Altar Society Meeting 6:30 PM	10 7:30 am MASS Men's Club Making Sausage 1 pm – 6 pm 	11 Sausage Sale Pick Up 7-10 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection
12 8 & 10:30 Mass Family Religion Class and RCIA 9 – 10:15 am	13 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass Knights of St. John Meeting 7 pm	14 Mass 7:30 am Choir Practice 7 pm Day of Prayer for Vocations Tuesday 6 am Wednesday 6 am	15 7:30 am MASS Parish Staff 12-2 PM That Man Is You 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 pm	16 NO MASS PTO 6 pm Haiti Ministry Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	17 7:30 AM MASS Communion to the Homebound Senior Citizens Gathering 1 pm	18 Mass 5 pm Food Pantry Collection College Care Packages Due Back
19 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection RCIA 9-10:15 am Children's Liturgy 10:30 Confirmation Retreat	20 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass School Board Meeting 6 pm Men's Club Meeting 7 pm	21 7:30 am Thanksgiving Mass with School Students	22 7:30 am Mass School Break Nov 22-26	23 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass in Gym 	24 NO MASS Communion to the Homebound	25 Mass 5 pm Food Pantry Collection
26 8 & 10:30 Mass Food Pantry Collection 	27 Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm 6:30 Mass	28 7:30 am Mass 	29 7:30 am MASS Parish Staff 12-2 PM That Man Is You 5:30 Bible Study 6:45 pm	30 NO MASS WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY 6:30 PM St. Joe Inn	1 Communion to the Homebound 7:30 am Mass	2 Mass 5 pm Food Pantry Collection Haiti Collection

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Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE**

Eucharistic Congress

A REVIVAL FOR YOUR HEART

LIFE FOR YOUR SOUL

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024
OLD NATIONAL BANK EVENTS CENTER**

This is an opportunity to grow deeper in our love for and knowledge and appreciation of our Lord Jesus Christ and share in His life with us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a what, but a Who, the true Body, Blood of Jesus. This is a time of reawakening to the greatness of God and his merciful grace to us.

**CONGRESS BEGINS AT 8:30 AM
CONCLUDES WITH MASS AT 4:00 PM
COST: \$40 / PERSON**

PURCHASE TICKETS ON LINE AT TICKETMASTERS
<https://www.ticketmaster.com/diocese-of-evansville-eucharistic-congress-evansville-indiana-01-13-2024/event/05005F27E0125309>

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS GO TO eucharisticcongressevdio.org



SCAN ME



**Breakfast
with
Santa**

Join us
Sunday
December 3
9 am --Noon

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



MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE SALE

TAKING ORDERS

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

AVAILABLE IN BULK OR LINK

\$4 / LB 5 LBS MINIMUM ORDER

Sign up sheets available at our weekend masses or call the parish office (812-499-9074). Last day to order is Monday, November 6. Pickup day Saturday, November 11th 7-10 am. We'll be making the sausage on Friday, Nov. 10th beginning at 1 pm. Come and join in helping.



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 4-5. You may also send your financial contributions to the parish office.

