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Our parish has provided financial support to our sister parish in Haiti since 1986. In the ensuing years several people traveled to Haiti on mission trips. Several people began providing financial sponsorships for children in the parish school. Beginning in 2004, several members of the parish made a real commitment to provide support our friends in Haiti. Because of their leadership, the amount of financial support as well as the number of people who joined us on mission trips to Haiti has increased dramatically. In 2003, for example our financial support was about $10,000. In 2016, the total amount of money raised on behalf of our Haiti mission was $245,430.

In 2004, the parish church at St. James needed a new roof, there was no doctor working at the medical clinic nor did they have any medical supplies, the parish high school was not able to operate because there was no money to pay teachers, the grade school was operating but most of the teachers had not been paid, the school buildings were in great need of repair.

Since that time, the church has a new roof and has been painted. In addition the chapel that the parish serves got a new roof, exterior walls and new pews. The school buildings have been repaired and painted. Teachers in the grade school and high school are now being paid and the enrollment in both of these schools has increased greatly. When the source of food to provide a noon meal for these students was eliminated, we stepped in to provide food for the children. For many of them, it was and still is, their only meal of the day.

We provided money to repair and upgrade the medical clinic serving the parish and community and found ways to provide medicines and medical supplies for the people. The value of these medicines is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition we now pay the salary for a doctor who works in the clinic.

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REMEMBERING

Estelle Schneider

MAY 8, 1931—AUGUST 24, 2017

"Preach the gospel at all times….if necessary use words" Francis of Assisi

The lights dimmed a little in our little corner of the world in the last days of August. It was not the total eclipse of the sun, but rather the passing of our dear and gentle friend, Estelle Schneider.

Estelle came onto the scene on May 8, 1931, the youngest of five children born to Tony and Mary Wolf. She grew up on the family farm on Kuebler Road and it was there that she learned to be centered in the simple things of life—love of nature, love of family, and learning how to care for the wonders of creation. And she learned a deep appreciation for the rhythms of life. She learned at an early age about planting and harvesting a garden. And she learned about canning and preserving vegetables, making jams and jellies, harvesting the apples and peaches that grew on the farm, making bread from the wheat that grew on the farm, butchering and processing chickens and hogs. For the Wolf family, like many other families at the time, if you didn’t grow it, you didn’t eat it.

Estelle attended grade school here at St. Joe where she first came into contact with the Sisters of St. Francis. They helped, Estelle nurtured her gift for music by learning to play the organ. As a young girl she learned to share that gift with our parish community. As an eighth grader, Estelle would often spend her Sunday afternoons coming to church to play for evening prayer and Benediction.

After Estelle graduated from eighth grade, she attended the high school academy for girls run by the Franciscan Sisters at Oldenburg. The Franciscan tradition of caring for the earth and embracing the presence of God in the world around us found a ready home in Estelle. It was all the things she had learned since she was a young child.

After graduating from high school, Estelle worked for a time as an office worker at several banks in Evansville. Living on the family farm, she continued to help with work of farm life. She also knew about other young men living in the area, one of whom was a young man named Jerome Schneider, who lived on a farm close by. There is some dispute as to how this relationship began. One story is that Jerome came by to buy some apples and got to know Estelle’s sister, Jean, and the two of them dated briefly, before Jerome and Estelle began dating. The other story is that Fr. Finis, the pastor of the parish, and a person who knew both Jerome and Estelle, was encouraging them to meet. However it happened, Estelle and Jerome were married in 1957.

Jerry and Estelle built a house on land from the Wolf farm that was just down the road from the place that Estelle had grown up. That house became a home for their four children, Ann, Joe, Julie and Karen. A son Mark, who was the oldest child, died at birth.

Estelle passed on to her children the things that were central to her life. So her children learned about gardening and canning. They learned about cooking and baking and they learned to appreciate the beauty of flowers and nature. They remember their mom as “the best mom ever”. She had a gentle way about her. She was willing to listen and gave good advice. She had high expectations of us as well. She taught us all to play the piano and made sure we practiced playing each day. She taught us to be good stewards of everything we had and she taught us about recycling long before it became popular. Don’t throw that food away, put it in a container. Someone might want to eat that later!”

Although Estelle might give the impression of a frail woman who might get blown away with a strong wind, there was a toughness and determination about her. And there were few idle moments. She believed in the old saying “idleness is the devil’s workshop.” Her day would be filled with household tasks and endless amounts of gardening. And, as her parents got older, she was their taxi service. For her children, these weekly outings were a treat as they took Grandma and Grandpa Wolf to the grocery store, the bread store and the department stores. These trips might also include a stop at the library. And no trip would be complete without receiving a fresh pound of butter that their grandma had made.

As Estelle’s kids got older, she became not just a favorite grandmother but the “go to” babysitter, fixing breakfast for the grandkids before sending them off to school. And with them she could share the same love for music, for flowers and the wonders of nature. As the son-in-laws came around, she could share with them her bits of wisdom and even some good cooking advice. One of them recalled her telling him, “there is a difference between stirring eggs and beating eggs. This is the way it is done!”

To most of the people in our parish, Estelle will be remember for her fifty plus years serving as the organist for the parish choir. She worked really hard, especially in her collaboration with Larry Ubelhor, to pick the right kind of songs that went with the different parish festivals. Over the years she played the organ at countless numbers of funerals and weddings. Working with the choir also meant coming to choir practice each week. Some thirty years ago, Estelle also began playing the organ for mass at St. Boniface Parish and accompanying their choir as well and being at their weekly practices. For years, Estelle played at the Saturday evening mass at St. Boniface, the 8 am Mass here at St. Joe and then at the 10 am Mass at St. Boniface. It was only in later years, because of increasing difficulty with arthritis that she no longer played the organ at Mass. Over the last few years, she was an ever faithful presence at the 8 am Mass on Sunday.

When Jerry became sick in 2010 and was no longer able to get around, Estelle made it possible for him to enjoy his last days at home. This past August, Estelle suffered, what she first...
thought was a stroke but what actually turned out to be a cancerous brain tumor. She embraced this news with the same faith with which she faced the rest of her life. “I’m glad it happened to me and not some young mother. I’ve lived a good life and I’m ready to go.” And so, in her last weeks among us, she taught us how to die well. There was a graciousness and thankfulness about her in all the dealings she had with doctors and nurses and the other people who came to be with her. She took the time to write notes to all the folks who had been a part of her life and the ones with whom she had worked especially with both the choirs at St. Boniface and St. Joe. As she joined us for Mass in the last weeks of her life, we knew that her time with us was coming to an end. Her children and grandchildren were with her as she slipped into an unconscious state and then, on Thursday evening, August 24th, she quietly made her passing. She lived well and she died well. Her family and friends gathered on August 29, to celebrate the Mass of Resurrection, giving thanks for the gift she was to her family and friends and to our parish community.

WHAT DO POPE FRANCIS AND THE BISHOPS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FAITH LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE?

To answer this question the best people to ask are young people themselves. That’s why Pope Francis is interested in hearing from young people. He wants to know what is important in your life and what challenges you see people like yourself facing as they discern their role in life.

To help better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of young people, Pope Francis is inviting you to respond to an on line questionnaire. The questionnaire is on Pope Francis’ website and you can access it by go to the link 

Your answers will be compiled with young people from throughout the world and be present to the gathering of church leaders at the October 2018 World Wide Synod on “Young people, faith and vocational discernment.”

When you get to the survey, please note that you must select “English” from the drop-down menu in the upper tight hand corner of the page.

Hey Father, has anyone ever thought about having babysitting available when we come to Mass? I know we have Children’s Liturgy of the Word and that is great, but I’m thinking about kids who might be too young for that. By the time I take my kids to church and go through wrestling with them for an hour, I find I get very little out of Mass.

Sound familiar? Well the short answer is yes, we can provide babysitting during Mass. The challenge is finding people who are willing to help with this ministry.

We’re thinking about starting slow. Maybe offering babysitting at one Mass, probably the 8 am Mass. So, let us know if you would be willing to help out. Contact Jessica Reckelhoff jreckelhoff@evdio.org or 812-598-1151 or the parish office (812-963-3273).

2017 Rummage Sale Report

Our 2017 rummage sale is now history. And what an effort it was! It takes a great deal of work from a whole host of folks to transform our gym, meeting room and cafeteria into our own version of WalMart. We’ve been blessed over the years to have a whole group of folks who serve as our rummage sale “department heads.” They work so efficiently in setting up the section for baby clothes and young children, furniture, men’s and women’s clothing, books, jewelry, towels and bed linens, appliances, shoes and Christmas decorations.

The end result was that our annual Rummage Sale made over $10,000. Over the years that we have been conducting a Rummage Sale we have raised over $140,000 for our parish. Fantastic!

Special thanks to all the folks who went the extra mile to ensure this success: those who helped sort through and price all the items that we received, those who help set things up in such a creative and attractive manner, and those who came to work on the day of the sale, and especially those who helped with the clean-up. Many of you have been part of the “rummage sale crew” for the past several years. This sale would not happen without you. Special thanks to Imogene Baehl who has been the coordinator of this event for all these years. It was especially gratifying to see many of our high school students helping out throughout the week and especially on Saturday. With the help of Andy and Jessica Reckelhoff, they also provided sandwiches and drinks for our rummage sale customers.

Of course, a great big thank you goes as well to all those who brought their special treasures for the sale and for those who came to buy new “treasures!”

Not only were we able to provide some much needed income for our parish, we were also able to help several other groups to whom we gave clothes and other items from the sale. Among these groups were Birthright, Habitat for Humanity, and Goodwill Industries.

A tip of the hat as well to the members of the St. Ann Altar Society who made and sold over 300 kuchens during the Rummage Sale. Fresh and hot out of the oven—they almost sold themselves!

Finally a word of thanks to Cindy Schmitt, Al Debes and Kristan Gilles for all the great efforts they did helping us to recycle so much of the cardboard, glass, plastic and metal.

MEN’S CLUB SAUSAGE SALE

TAKING ORDERS THROUGH NOVEMBER 6

AVAILABLE IN BULK OR LINK
$15/5 LBS. 5 LBS MINIMUM ORDER
TO ORDER SIGN UP AT THE CHURCH DOORS OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (812-963-3273)

Last day to order is Monday, November 6. Pickup day Saturday, Nov. 11th 7-10 am. We’ll be making the sausage on Friday, Nov. 5 beginning at noon. Come and join in helping.
Drew Pfaffmann

“My high school years have gone by pretty fast. It’s been a time to meet new friends and to have new opportunities, but it has also been a time of having more responsibilities. If you want to get ready for college to have to face the challenges of the hard work ahead of you. But there has also been time to go to football and basketball games and lots of the social events that happen throughout the year.

Mater Dei has been good for me. I got a good catholic education and I think I have been well prepared for college.” That’s how Drew has described his high school years at Mater Dei.

Throughout his high school years, Drew has put a lot of effort into his classes. “I’ve had great teachers. Really they have all been good about challenging us to live up to our potential.” Among the teachers Drew has been particularly influenced by is Mr. Vogel, who teaches Biology. “He really sets the bar pretty high for students, but that is a good thing because it makes you work hard. I’ve also appreciated Mr. Wathen who teaches theology and World History. He comes across to me as such a smart person. And I have appreciated Mr. Keith who teaches Math. It’s really interesting because they also taught my mom and dad when they went to Mater Dei.”

Drew was a member of the basketball team his freshman year as well as the Super Mileage Team. He’s on the team once again this year. “During our freshman year we built a car out of carbon fibers which was a really neat thing to learn how to do.” Drew has also spent time volunteering at SWIRCA (Southwest Indiana Regional Council on Aging). My grandmother, Rita Shane, got me involved helping to set up for events there. He’s also helped out his grandmother, Carolyn Pfaffmann, by working at the Wish Upon a Star Booth at the Fall Festival. “My grandmother and grandfather, Val and Carolyn Pfaffmann, were both pretty involved in this organization.”

Next year, Drew plans on attending Indiana State University where he hopes to pursue a degree in Professional Flight. “My goal is to become an airline pilot. I got interested in this when I attended a Navy Blue Angles Air Shows. At one point I thought about becoming a pilot in the Air Force, but now I think becoming an airline pilot is the way to go.”

Drew went to grade school here at St. Joe. “I remember having some good teachers there. I liked Mr. Goedde and Mr. Wilson and Sr. Bridget. She was a pretty tough teacher but that was a good thing for me. We had a great class and really got along well. I remember going to the Children’s Museum in St. Louis for our class trip and then going to a St. Louis Cardinal baseball game which was pretty neat.”

Drew is a big sports fans. Our family has been a big Notre Dame football family so I’ve become a big fan as well. But I like the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team, which is interesting because no one in our family has ever been a Kentucky basketball fan.” Drew also has gotten interested in following politics especially with the last presidential election. “I really like history so learning about politics seemed pretty natural to me.”

When you talk to Drew you learn quickly that family is a pretty important part of his life. He is the oldest child of Jim and Bridget Pfaffmann and an older brother to Dillon, a junior at Mater Dei, Dawson, a freshman at Mater Dei and Delliolah, a fourth grader at St. Joe. They live in the house where his dad grew up. Gathering with the Pfaffmann family and the Shane Family are regular parts of Drew’s life. “Gathering with cousins for the holidays is something I look forward to. We go to the Shrine Circus at Thanksgiving, eat lots of good food, watch sports events and generally have a good time together.”

Mom and Dad have been pretty strong influences in Drew’s life. “My Mom taught me about caring for other people. I think I get my love of sports from my Dad.” Among the other strong influences in Drew’s life is his grandparents, especially his Grandmother Rita. “I go to their house pretty much everyday after school since they live so close to Mater Dei. There’s always something good to eat there! They taught me how important family is and how important it is to have God in your life. Really, I try to learn from all the people in my family. My Uncle Kyle, who had a bout with cancer, taught me a lot about keeping things in life in perspective.”

That came in handy for Drew when he faced his biggest challenge in life—having Graves disease. “It’s an immune disorder of the thyroid gland. It took a while for this to be diagnosed but it affected my sophomore and junior year in high school. It’s one of those times when you become aware of the fact that there are things in life that are bigger than you. Sometimes when you are growing up you think nothing will happen and then you find out differently. It’s made me be more aware of my body and how I need to take care of myself. The thing that got me through was knowing that my family was there to support me.”

Drew recovered enough to continuing being a baseball umpire especially for the St. Joe Baseball League. “I like being an umpire. Sometimes people yell at you but you get used to it. Being an umpire has given me the chance to see the very best behaviors from people and some of the worst behaviors as well.”

WORDS OF WISDOM: I think it is important to have a dream and then to work at pursuing it. But I think it is also important to pay attention to the things that are happening
now in your life. Enjoy your friends. Stay close to your family. They are the ones who will be there for you. I think it is also important to make a place in your life for God. I think this helps you keep things in life in a good perspective. I think it is also important to take care of yourself, health wise. Sometimes when you are young you think nothing will ever happen to you. But that is not always the case.”

Mackenzie Warren

“I can’t hardly believe it’s already my senior year at Mater Dei. I have really loved my time here. It feels like home. It’s like one big family. The teachers have been great and I’ve made lots of new friends.” The years of high school have been busy one for Mackenzie. Aside from all the class work, she has been a member of the Pep Club cheering on all the athletic teams as well as the band and academic teams. She has also been a part of the Service Club. “I was in charge of getting people to pass the buckets at football and basketball games to collect money for various charities. She also served on the Student Council as a homeroom representative in her freshman year.

“I’ve had a lot of good teachers at Mater Dei, but I think the one that has influenced me the most has been Mrs. Lefler. I remember her as being the one who made me feel so welcome during my freshman year. She’s the kind of person that really listens to you but at the same time is ready to challenge you. She has helped me to build my self-confidence. She also taught me how important it was to balance being there for others with taking care of myself.”

Mackenzie is a graduated of Westside Catholic School. “Grade school seems long ago but the years of grade school were a good experience for me as well. I really enjoyed my teachers and I’m still friends with my classmates. I remember the big thing was playing kickball, before school, during recess and during PE classes.” And there are memories of good food during lunch, especially the chicken and dumplings. And there are good memories of the class trip to Holiday World.

Right now, the big passion of Mackenzie’s life is kickboxing and karate. “I was taking my brother Parker to a karate class and I saw some folks my age in a training class and I told myself “this is for me.” So began a career which has led her to become a member of the United States World Kickboxing Team where she has earned a 2nd degree black belt. “Being involved in this sport has taught me a lot of self confidence and discipline. It’s a lot more than just a physical sport. You learn about how to act and not just react. You have to be really dedicated to this sport if you want to become good.”

She has been good enough to participate in the World Championships in Greece, Spain and most recently in Ireland where she earned a gold, two silvers and a bronze in various competitions. Her main rival is a young woman from England by the name of Kacey Browning. “She has bested me in our last match by one point.” Despite being competitors, they have become friends thanks to Facebook and snapchat.

Any conversation with Mackenzie reveals that family is a big focus in her life. She is the daughter of Richard and Amanda Warren. She has a younger brother, Parker, who is in the fifth grade and Bella who is in Kindergarten at St. Joseph. “Dad is from Missouri and he and Mom met when they were in the military. He now works for Toyota and mom started working in the cafeteria at Mater Dei this year. My mom is my best friend.

She’s the one I talk to about everything. I think I get my outgoing personality from her as well as my determination. She also has a lot of strong opinions and I can identify with being pretty strong willed myself! I think I can my athleticism from Dad. He’s pretty outgoing as well. We’re all a bunch of talkers. You come by our house there is always a lot of talking going on.”

Mackenzie’s maternal grandparents as well as several aunts and uncles live close by. “It’s like we have our own little town. It’s not unusual for us to put the word out and lots of the extended family get together to go out to eat.” Gathering with family for Christmas and Easter and other holidays is pretty important as well. That includes gathering with her paternal grandparents in Missouri. “We try to get there as often as we can. There is always a lot of good food at these gatherings because my grandmother is such a great cook.”

Aunts and uncles and grandparents have been big role models for Mackenzie. “My Uncle Alex has such a strong presence. I guess that’s because he’s been a police officer and firefighter. My grandpa is the same way. We’ve bonded over the years. Everyday we are ready to ask each other the same question: ‘What did you have for lunch today?’

All these extended family members provide a lot of people to look out for her. “My uncle and grandpa have to approve all of my boyfriends.” Fortunately, they like her current boyfriend! This sense of looking out for others is something that Mackenzie has picked up as the big sister to her younger brother and sister. “I really enjoy being with them. The only thing that bothers me is that, as I move on in life, I won’t always be there to enjoy their growing up.”

Next year, Mackenzie plans on attending USI where she hopes to pursue a degree in occupational therapy. Right now, in her spare time, she is working at the Steak and Shake in the food court at USI. “Down the road, I could see myself getting a job in physical therapy her in the area. I love being around my family and can see myself raising my family here as well.”

WORDS OF WISDOM: “Kickboxing has taught me how important discipline and dedication are in life. You also learn that you have to really work hard at things in life if you want to really benefit form them. You can’t expect everything to come to you right away. Even more, what I have learned from my Karate instructor is that failing in life is going to happen. She keeps telling us “expect to fail but know that you can get up and move forward. You get better from the difficult things in life. You only loose if you don’t learn anything from your defeats.”

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PARISH SPOOKTACTULAR
SUNDAY EVENING—OCT. 29  5-7 PM
Join us for some SPOOKY fun!
All children (thru 5th grade) and their families are welcome!
Come as a family.
Enjoy games, candy, pizza and snack.
Admission is only $2
REFLECTIONS ON A MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

“When I hear about the work of the Global Brigade I knew I wanted to be a part of it,” recalled Machala Karcher. Machala is the daughter of Stan and Angie Karcher and is now in her second year at Ball State. “One of the folks at school told me about a group that was going to Nicaragua and that’s how it all began. “It was my first time on a plane and the first time I went to a country outside the United States.”

Global Brigades started in 2003 with some passionate young adults looking to make a difference in Honduras. Now it is an international non-profit movement that uniquely implements a holistic model to meet a community’s health and economic goals. There are several different brigades that volunteers can be a part of. Some of them deal with helping to build sustainable businesses, others deal with developing clean water systems for people and still others work to provide dental and medical assistance to communities. It was one of these brigades that Machala joined.

Machala joined twenty other college aged students for a medical mission experience in the community of La Corneta in Nicaragua. When they got to Nicaragua they met up from another group of student volunteers from Colorado State University, “We stayed at a central base camp and then had to travel several hours to get to this community for each of the days we were there. The first day we joined the members of the community in digging a trench for a water system that was being installed. We used pick axes and shovels to dig through the rocky ground. I found I used muscles I never thought I had! It was amazing to see how all the folks of the community were all working together on this project!”

She spent another day unpacking medicines and putting it in smaller bags and putting directions for how and when to take it. The money I raised was used to help purchase these medical supplies.

She also spent time working at the medical and dental clinic. People came from all over the area and some of them had traveled for hours to get there. We spent our time working mostly with the young children, trying to teach them about good nutrition and eating healthy and doing some general examinations on them. “I took some Spanish in high school which helped to communicate with the kids. We spent time playing with kids while their parents were being treated in the clinic. Even though my conversational Spanish is not that good, I was able to get along with the young children. When we didn’t know the right words to speak we just smiled a lot! By the end of the day my cheeks hurt from so much smiling!”

Being with the people there for a week really opened my eyes to the things we take for granted here. When I went I thought the place would really be poor but I found out that there was a lot of infrastructure in place. I was really impressed with the work of the Nicaraguan doctors and nurses. Really all the people there worked hard. They don’t have near all the things we have here, but they make things work. My mission trip experience helped me appreciate all things I have. And it has made me ready to go back again!”

CELEBRATING 2,617 YEARS OF MARRIAGE FAITHFULNESS

This month we celebrate with and giving thanks for these couples from our parish who have been married for 50+ years. They, along with the hundreds of other couples throughout our diocese, are honored at a special Mass and celebration. Their names and the number of years they have been married are listed below.

**Bob & Nancy Angermeier—61**
**Leonard and Susie Angermeier—56**
**Richard and Imogene Baehl—56**
**Bob and Martha Baehl—51**
**Gus and Verena Bender—63**
**Bob and Norma Duncan—63**
**Chick and Jean Duncan—50**
**Tom and Dolores Foltz—58**
**Dennis and Bobbie Gibbs—50**
**Ray and Eloise Hamner—53**
**Fran and Shirley Happe—57**
**Fred and Mary Happe—52**
**Larry and Henrietta Happe—54**
**Charles and Doris Head—67**
**Frank and Sandy Hertel—51**
**Mike and Donna Hiestand—53**
**Don and Carolyn Hutchison—51**

**Ted and Berta Kares—53**
**Ella May Marlon Kroeger—68**
**Ron and Linda Kempf—59**
**Stan and Glenda Love—50**
**Harry and Donna Lincoln—53**
**Dan and Dosey Lehman—58**
**Jon and Bernette Locklar—53**
**John and Ruby Manger—54**
**Mary and Joe Mayer—66**
**Bob and Marilyn Mossberger—56**
**Norb and Madonna Niemeier—50**
**Harold and Esther Niemeier—70**
**Charles and Joan Niemeier—61**
**Tom and Clara Raben—50**
**Gene and Marianne Ritter—63**
**Ray and Charlene Schapker—53**
**Tony and Alma Scheller—51**
**Dave and Charlotte Schlichting—51**
**Herman & Catherine Schmitt—63**
**Dennis & Joanie Schneider—58**
**Bob and Betty Singer—66**
**Russell & Dorothy Stratman—63**
**Don and Alice Weis—51**
**Lee and Sharon Werner—67**
**Dave and Barbara Whalen—67**
**Frank and Betty Will—51**
**Imelda and Bob Woodward—66**
**Gary and Diane Wunderlich—50**
HERE’S A CHANCE TO GET A BREAK ON YOUR INDIANA STATE TAXES and HELP OUR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME

Who wouldn’t like to get an Indiana State Tax deduction? Here’s a chance to do just that and help our parish and school at the same time. The State of Indiana now enables you to reduce your state tax liability while at the same time helping low and middle income families send their children to our school.

Here’s what can help you. Donors, both individuals or corporations, are eligible to take advantage of a 50% credit against their state tax liability for contributions made to Choice Scholarship, the qualifying scholarship granting organization (SGO) that we deal with. If you make a contribution of $100 to an SGO, you can take $50 off your state taxes. It’s important to remember that there is no minimum necessary contribution. Just remember that however much you give, half of that amount can be deducted from your state taxes. In addition your full contribution can also be deducted for federal tax purposes. Contributions that are made to an SGO can be designated for a specific school (in our case St. Joseph School). That way the money you contribute will definitely go to providing a grant for a needy family here at St. Joseph.

The great thing about this opportunity is that it can be a win/win for everyone involved. And it is easy to do. You can do it online. Simple go to the website http://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors and follow the simple directions. Be sure to designate “St. Joseph Evansville” as the school so that your gift will directly benefit us. If you would like more information about this opportunity call Fr. Gene Schroeder (812-963-3273).

COME JOIN IN THE FUN OF PREPARING OUR FAMOUS BURGOO. WE NEED HELP ON SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28th at 8 am CALL Chris Will (812-963-6135) for more information.

AED DEVICE NOW LOCATED IN CHURCH

We now have an AED device right inside the front door of our church. The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is designed to be used by any one of us if someone is having a heart attack. We wanted to place this device in a location where people gather and that is easily accessible. Let’s hope we never have to use it, but just in case, it is here and has the potential to save a life!

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.

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IN MEMORY OF

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IN MEMORY OF

Dr. Raymond
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IN MEMORY OF

Estelle Schneider
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SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY—October 29

Sunday, October 29, is our day to help serve the meal at the Soup Kitchen at St. John’s Church on Bellemeade Avenue. Help is needed to prepare the meal (10:30 am-12:30 pm) and serve the meal (1:30-3:30 pm). If you can help, contact Brad Ruminer 812-499-3636.

BLOOD DRIVE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
8 AM - NOON IN THE CAFETERIA

Every unit of blood that is donated can benefit up to three people!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO THESE HAITIAN CHILDREN

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St. Vincent de Paul ReStore

Come and visit the Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 1301 N. Royal Avenue (north of Vogel Road between Green River Road and Burkhardt Road.) The purpose of Habitat for Humanity of Evansville’s ReStore is to help provide funding for Habitat’s mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. The store does this by selling donated new and used appliances, furniture, cabinets, building products, and household items to the general public. By providing a free pick-up service, the store is also an outlet for donors to be able to recycle and repurpose items that may have otherwise gone to local landfills. Since these items are donated to us, we are able to provide donors with a charitable gift receipt. To learn more, call 812-602-3460 or go to www.evansvillerestore.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS MONTH TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS AT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PARISH IN VLADIVOSTOK

LETS 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.
## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 21, 2017 – NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HAITI (cont)

Fr. Claret, Fr. Alain and now Fr. Raynold, to help them have the means to get around by buying different vehicles for them, provided access to internet, and bought office equipment and computers not only to manage the day to day affairs of the parish but to be able to communicate with us.

As we have worked with our friends in Haiti, we have grieved with them as they dealt with the devastating effects of earthquakes, an outbreak of cholera and most recently deadly floods. During the height of the cholera epidemic, several medical volunteers went to Haiti to provide direct medical assistance. For several years we have worked to provide clean drinking water to prevent another outbreak of cholera. We provided money to clean up from the floods and to buy desks, chairs and books for the schools that had been destroyed.

Much has been done and it has made a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. These efforts from the people of our parish and many other of our friends of Haiti who have joined in this work, represent an incredible outpouring of financial generosity. Over the last fourteen years over $1.5 million dollars has been raised to benefit our Haiti mission.

But I think our work in Haiti has made a difference in other ways. For one thing, more people are now involved in this ministry in one way or another. In some small way, the needs of the people in Haiti have become part of their consciousness. It may just be a small thing, like asking whether the unneeded medicines and medical equipment they have can be used by the folks in Haiti. That may lead to sponsoring one of our school children. It may even lead to moving out of our comfort zone and going on one of our mission trips to Haiti.

Over the years over one hundred people have been on our mission trips. Many people have gone on several trips. While these trips are spent working on specific projects with the folks in Haiti, these immersion experiences are much more than that. You cannot go to Haiti without it having a big effect on your life. Time and again we have heard this from our mission teams. What we come to understand is that we start our thinking we are going to do things to help the folks in Haiti and we end up getting changed by the experience. It’s not so much what we did for them as much as how our lives are changed. And that is probably the best indication of how we have and continue to make a difference.