

# THE CARPENTER

NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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SEPTEMBER 2022

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## END OF THE YEAR PARISH REPORT

Fr. Gene Schroeder  
PASTOR

Our vision, as a parish, is to be a community of joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all. Now, as we come to the end of our

181st years as a parish, it is good to see how we have done that.

Every year presents it challenges. And so it was for us this past year. We began the year continuing to cope with the long term effects of living through a health pandemic and we ended the year dealing with the challenges of inflation. And through it



all there were births and deaths, health challenges, financial challenges, new beginnings for married couples, and the ongoing challenges of raising families and dealing with growing older.

Through it all we have come together to pray each week at Mass. We celebrated twenty-three baptisms, rejoiced with five couples as they got married, grieved the loss of nineteen parishioners who died as well as many other relatives and friends who have died. seventeen young children celebrated their first communion, sixteen young women and men were confirmed by Bishop Siegel, and eight people were baptized and received into the our Catholic faith this past Easter.

## PARISH SCHOOL

We continued to spend a great deal of time and resources in the operation of our grade school. In some ways this past year was harder than our previous year when we were in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. We began the year with the hope that we had moved beyond the pandemic and could get back to normal, but that wasn't the case. So we had to navigate continuing outbreaks of covid and the necessary health precautions that went with dealing with this. While that was a disappointment for some and more stress to deal with for all of us, the teachers and staff and students were able to make this another productive year of learning.

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## DOING OUR PART TO SUPPORT

### THE WORK OF OUR DIOCESE

This month we begin our Catholic Parishes Campaign. Through this annual effort, we are making real our commitment being part of a the Catholic church that goes beyond our parish. We see ourselves as part of the Diocese of Evansville and as part of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world.

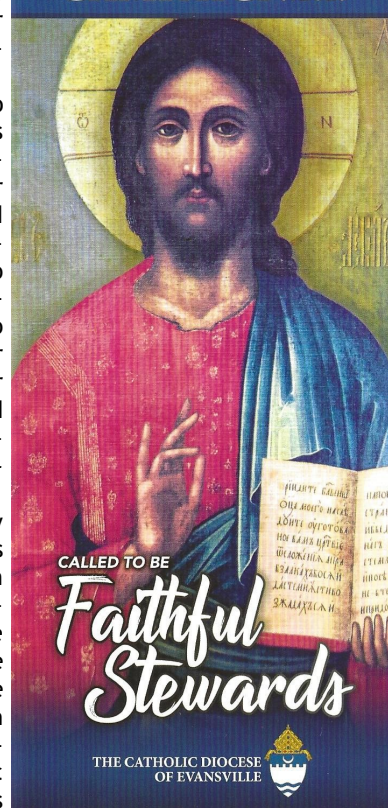
Embracing this vision can be challenging. No doubt it has been that way throughout the 181 year history of our parish. It's just human nature to think of ourselves and what immediately affects us. This is even more challenging when we are asked to give of our financial resources to help fund things that many of us don't fully understand or even have little appreciation of.

But the work we do collectively as a diocese is important. This work involves providing support for the work of our schools and religious education programs, training people to serve as catechists, deacons and priests, helping to fund a pension program for the employees of our schools and parishes, and publishing our weekly diocesan newspaper *The Messenger*.

Some of this work may not be that visible—things like overseeing our common health insurance and property and liability insurance programs, supporting the Catholic Church in the State of Indiana through the Indiana Catholic Conference; the Catholic Church in the United States through the National Catholic Conference of Bishops; and to the Church Universal at the Vatican to help Pope Francis pay the

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CATHOLIC PARISHES 2022  
CAMPAIGN 2023



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## MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!

PARISH GOAL \$ 125, 270.00

PLEDGED TO DATE \$ 6,000.00

NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 1


NOW MORE THAN EVER YOUR HELP IS  
NEEDED IF WE ARE TO MEET OUR GOAL

Thank you...

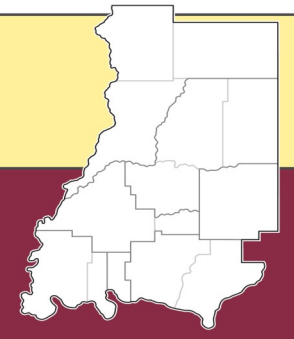




**76,216 Catholics**  
**29,030 Households**  
**54 Parishes**  
**1 Diocese**



CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN  
of Southwestern Indiana



Diocese of Evansville

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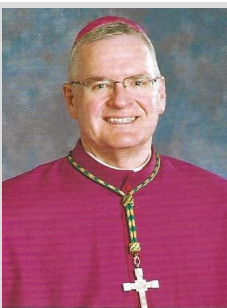
costs for running the Universal Church. While we may be unfamiliar with this work, it, too, is important.

It's a great challenge to extend the ownership we feel in our local parish to the larger Catholic Church, in particular the Diocese of Evansville and in fact to the whole Universal Catholic Church. But remember this: providing for the financial support of our Diocese is not something new. We've been doing it for the past 181 years of the life of our parish.

Just as we do at St. Joe, Bishop Siegel and those who run our diocesan offices know how important it is to keep the costs as low as possible. This year our share of the cost of running the diocese is \$125,270. This is a \$5270 increase over last year. This is a 'bill' we owe the diocese. Should our CPC collection fall short, we would need to take money from our general fund to pay whatever wasn't paid. You can see why it's important to reach our goal.

Last year 72% of our parish families joined in making an average pledge of \$336.00 to our CPC campaign. Together we were able to meet our CPC goal, I'm confident that they will want to help out again by making a pledge again this year.

Last year 28% of our parish families did not believe they were in a position to support the CPC. My prayer is that the circumstances in their lives have changed so that they can join our common effort. I am confident that if these families will join efforts made by those who have supported the CPC in the



Dear friends,

I am grateful for the opportunity to write to you and express my thanks for the support you give to the Diocese of Evansville's Catholic Parishes Campaign. This annual appeal provides the vast majority of funding for the pastoral and ministerial outreach of our diocese.

By making your pledge to our Catholic Parishes Campaign, you join with thousands of your fellow Catholics who are helping to grow the ministries of the Diocese of Evansville. These ministries reach beyond parish boundaries and impact the lives of countless people in the twelve counties of south-west Indiana and throughout the world.

By embracing the theme of this year's campaign "Called to Be Faithful Stewards," you are helping to build up the kingdom of God in Southwestern Indiana.

With St. Joseph, I give thanks for the many ways you continue to bless your parish and our diocese by your faithful stewardship.

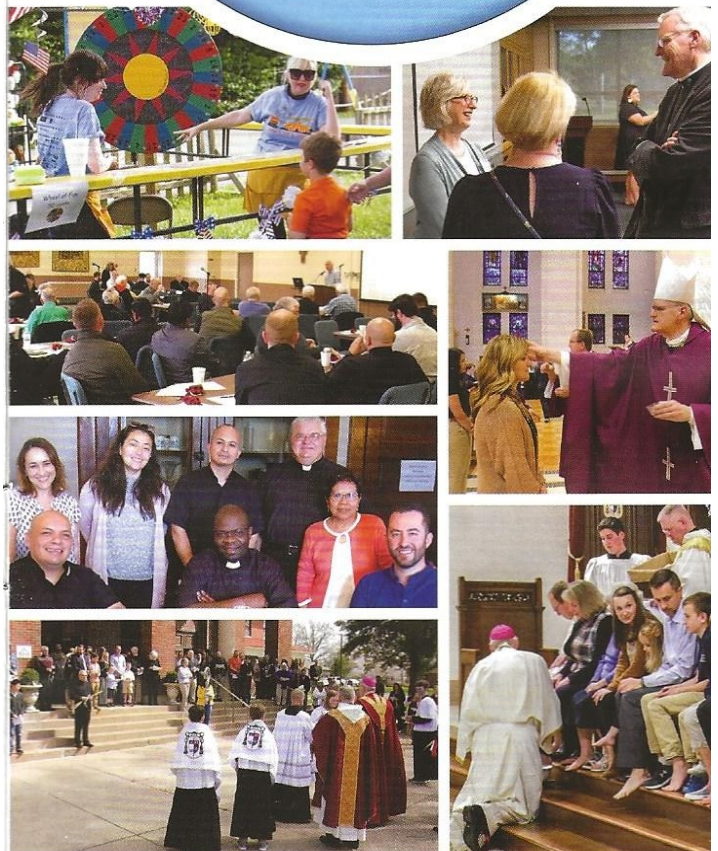
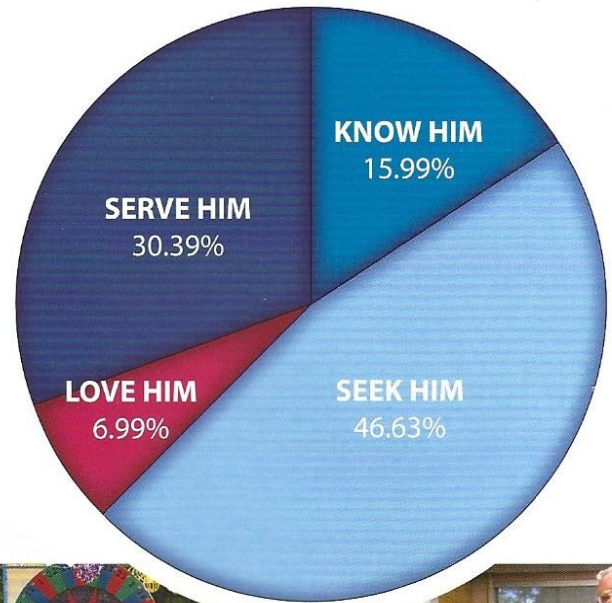
*Joseph M. Siegel*

Rev. Joseph Siegel  
Bishop of Evansville

past, we will be able to meet our parish goal of \$125,270.00.

Sunday, September 11th is the kick-off for our CPC campaign this year. As we have done in the past, you will receive a letter inviting you to participate in our CPC. Please take some time to think and pray about how God is asking you to help do the work He has given to all of us. May the example of St. Joseph fill us with confidence and courage to share our money so that God's work can be done. As we join in the common effort, let's remember, too, that when we work together, great things will happen in our parish and throughout our diocese.

## How Your Gift Serves





## REMEMBERING

*Darlene Baumgart*

November 11, 1931 - July 25, 2022

She was a daughter and sister, aunt and mother, grandmother and friend, but mostly she was darling Darlene to her husband and partner, Don for over 65 years.

Darlene Happe was born on November 11, 1931, the oldest child and only daughter of Sylvester and Irene (Effinger) Happe. In time she was joined by her three brothers, Ron, Bob and Fran. They lived on Division Street and attended St. Benedict Parish where Darlene graduated from grade school. Darlene then attended Memorial High School and graduated in 1949.

Darlene always saw herself as a wife and mother and so, as some of her friends would say “she wasted no time getting on with things.” She was always happy to tell you how she and her future husband, Don Baumgart met. “It was at a dance at Hornville. Don was this good looking tall guy leaning against the wall. I went up to him and said “do you think the wall would fall down, if you danced with me?” They danced and soon the relationship blossomed. They were married in 1950 at St. Benedict Church.

In the early years of their life, Don and Darlene lived on the Baumgart family farm on Kremer Road. It was quite an adjustment for this “city” girl to live on a country farm. But Darlene was up to the task. In time, Don would leave the farm and begin operating a gas station on the corner of Wabash and what is now the Lloyd Expressway.

Soon Darlene and Don built a small home at the intersection of Orchard and Fischer Roads. They put their considerable skills of “making do” with things as well as a sense of thriftiness by tearing down an old house and using the lumber as well as many of the fixtures of this house for their new home. This small house became the home where Don and Darlene raised their five children—Francis, Donnie, Sylvia, Curt and Sandy.

The house was Darlene’s domain, and with seven people living in a small space, everything had to be organized and clutter eliminated. She had her routines. In fact, some of her children think she must have been a tad bit OCD about things. Saturday evening supper of chicken noodle soup was followed by all the furniture being removed from the kitchen so that the floor could be washed and a new coat of Simonize wax applied. She was good about cleaning and polishing the furniture in the house. Some of her kids thought she may have polished the stain right off the furniture.

Darlene probably didn’t consider herself a great cook. But out of sheer necessity and repetition she became pretty good at it. In the summertime, her children remember her saying “get me 21 ears of corn and 7 tomatoes from the garden. She wasn’t a fancy cook. Most tunings were seasoned with just salt and pepper and, if Darlene was feeling a little on the wild side, perhaps a dash of paprika! One of the fond memories her children have is gathering for the evening meal at 5:30 each evening.

When she wasn’t busy with household cleaning and washing clothes and fixing meals, Darlene spent a considerable amount of time canning all the produce that came from the big garden that Don (and the children, of course) planted, weeded and harvested. And when she wasn’t busy with all these tasks, she took on the additional task of paying the bills, keeping the re-

cords and ordering all the supplies needed for the filling station that Don operated.

One of the things that Darlene took a special interest in was all the go carts that her sons built and raced. She would be the one who would often be the official scorer for these races. Going to these go cart races in some of the neighboring towns in Southern Indiana and Illinois were the closest thing to a vacation there was in the family.

Growing up, Darlene would also help with the Mouse Wheel (so called because it had a replica of Mickey Mouse sitting in the center of the booth.) In later years, she and Don would travel to northern Illinois to visit Don’s sister, Sr. Mary Martha Baumgart. Very often these visits coincided with a giant rummage sale the sisters were having on the grounds of their motherhouse. Darlene and Don were willing volunteers for this effort.

Don’s death in 2015 left a big hole in her life. But Darlene continued on, especially with the help of her children and grandchildren. She felt blessed to have them and delighted in telling others about how fortunate she was to have her family. In time, Darlene sold their home on Orchard Road and moved to an apartment in the Leisure Living Complex. Through the years, she began to deal with other physical infirmities. She was also found of saying “a lot of things in my body don’t work as good as they used to, but I still can talk!” And for all those who knew Darlene, she loved to talk and tell stories.

Darlene died on July 25 with her family and grandchildren by her side. As she would tell you, “I’ve had a good life and I’m ready to go.” We give thanks for the blessing that Darlene was to Don, her family, her brothers, and to all of us in the parish. May she know now the fullness of God’s life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**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***Ella Mae Kroeger*

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**IN HONOR OF***Sr. Erma Arnold & Sr.**Bridget Arnold*

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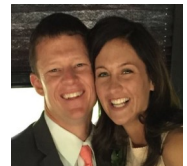


# 2022 Summer Social-- Working Like a Well-Oiled Machine

## SOCIAL CHAIRCOUPLES



**Britt and Patrick Fehrenbacher**



**Megan and Chip Altstadt**

Watching things unfold on the day of the social was like watching a well-oiled machine function at its optimum level. Frying the chicken, cooking the vegetables and dumplings, baking the dressing all went like clockwork. And then it continued with filling all the containers with the food, each in their precise place. And all this concluded with the meals delivered quickly and efficiently.

Actually the well-oiled machine was in operation even before the day of the social when we made the dumplings, baked all the cookies, made the slaw, and prepared all the fixings for the dressing and dumplings. In fact, things worked so smoothly that more than one person was heard saying "is everything done already? It seems like there should be more that we have to do."

We heard many comments about how good the food tasted. And we even heard comments that the food was packaged so well, that the gravy stayed in the center of the mashed potatoes and didn't run out!

We were more than a little anxious as we began preparations for the social this year. Some folks still yearned for the days of doing the social like we used to with all the games and outside activities. They pointed out that these efforts gave many people a chance to work together and get to know other people in the parish. While there is certainly truth in this, we believed that focusing on the raffle and chicken dinners is a better use of our time and effort, has given us an opportunity to be more successful financially and still afford people the opportunity to get know people by working on a common project.

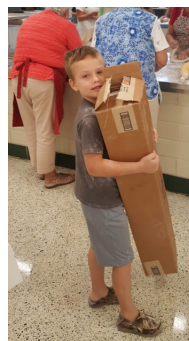
Then we had to deal with rising food prices. In response to these concerns we made the decision to increase dinner prices to \$14. And when it got to be three weeks before the

social and we had only sold 500 dinner tickets, there was more than one person who told us "I knew you shouldn't have raised the prices so much!" Truth be told, we were a little concerned as

well. But then we put the word out and lots of people stepped up to the plate to do their part. Soon, we passed 100 tickets, then 1700, then 2000 and soon we were approaching 2400, as many as we sold last year. And then on the day of the social we sold an additional 103 dinners. The result—we sold 2,503 dinners, the most we ever sold. It made believers out of all of us!

We were also able to share 25 meals with the House of Bread and Peace, 35 meals with the Ozanam Family Shelter, and over 50 dinners with the United Caring Shelter. We

BOOTH	INCOME		EXPENSES	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Dinners	\$35,219.45	\$29,206.50	\$14,192.33	\$10,948.43
Grand Raffle	\$80,250.00	\$85,134.28	\$16,176.00	\$17,285.28
TOTALS	\$115,469.45	\$114,340.78	31,368.33	\$28,233.71
YEAR BY YEAR COMPARISON SUMMARIES				
	2022	2021	2020	2019
TOTAL INCOME	\$115,469.45	\$114,340.78	\$119,225.00	\$76,619.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$31,368.33	\$28,233.71	\$25,104.56	\$14,930.46
NET PROFIT	\$84,101.12	\$86,107.07	\$94,120.44	\$61,848.99



made left over food available for folks to take home. We gave the money people contributed for this to our Haiti Student Food Fund.

A big shout out to all those who helped out in one way or another. From the beginning to the end, these efforts were characterized by a great spirit of cooperation. And in the process people got the chance to work with some pretty great folks and make some great memories. Together we learned again how to work smarter and not harder.

## 2022 SUMMER SOCIAL GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

\$10,000—Mary McIntosh  
 \$2,500—Ray Kissel  
 \$500—Greg Sorg  
 \$500—Earlene Elpers  
 \$500—Dolores Strupp  
 \$500—Dave & Donna Dippel  
 \$500—Gene Ritter (Early Bird Winner)

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We made some great strides in contusing to update our internet capabilities which allowed teachers to begin using smart boards in their classroom and allowed students to use chrome books and ipads.

We were able to take advantage of grants from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security which allowed us to upgrade the internet infrastructure, install new phones for the school and parish office and upgrade our security cameras.

### PARISH OUTREACH

We continued our strong history of outreach efforts this past year. Participating in various special collections for causes throughout the Unites States and the world is one way this happened. Other ways included ur weekly collection for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry, hosting blood drives, supporting the efforts of Habitat for Humanity, supporting Birth-right through our annual Diaper Bag Express, helping out at our local homeless shelters, and helping other charities in their work.

We continued to support the work of the Mary Mother of God mission serving the people of Vladivostok, Russia though our quarterly collection.

A big part of our outreach efforts happens through our work with the people of St. James Parish in Plane du Nord, Haiti. These involve ongoing efforts to support the children through our student adoption program for children in our parish grade school and high school as well as university education, providing money so that the children can have food to eat each day at school, supporting the work of the parish clinic and New Hope Hospital especially through procuring medical equipment and prescription medicines, and providing clean drinking water for the parish and community and providing funds for various micro finance projects. One project in particular that we have been working on is our "Sewing Hope for Haiti Project through which we are teaching people the skills needed for the job of seamstress.

One of the big projects that we have been working on is

### ST. JOE CEMETERY REPORT

The cemetery board had its annual meeting in January. A Financial Report for the period of January 1, 20121 thru December 31, 2021 showed an income of \$4,900 from the sale of grave lots. Expenses for the year, primarily related to lawn mowing expenses were \$12,488.16 which included payments for repairs to the parking lot, and maintenance upgrades to our water treatment plant sand filter.

As of December 31, 2021, the cemetery reserve fund had a balance of \$33,536.41.

A new endowment has been established for the cemetery: The Wilbur and Marian Fehrenbacher Cemetery Endowment. The four



endowments for the cemetery had a combined value of \$197,709.31as of December 31, 2021, and \$45,631.48 available for use for the needs of our cemetery.

Board members also affirmed the policy of asking people to put a tombstone on their lot within six months of the purchase of the grave lot. This policy is designed to give families additional assurances that the lot they purchased for their grave will be available when the time comes for a burial on that lot.



helping the parish to build and equip a computer lab for the school. Like many projects in Haiti, the going is difficult and fraught with many setbacks. This past year, this project took a giant leap forward thanks to the funding that was provided through our Haiti Hearts and Hands Celebration. Thanks to the generosity of some of our many friends we were able to raise \$80,000 for this project. This money, joined with some matching funds and money we had previously set aside, will finally enable us to break ground on this project.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We continued our efforts to help parents train their children in the ways of faith through our Religious Education Programs and our Sacramental Preparation Programs. All these efforts involve lots of folks who are willing to share their faith and lead others by example. One of the challenges we face, especially in the area of providing opportunities for adult faith formation is finding opportunities that parishioners actually want to take advantage of. We continue to provide on-line opportunities and as well as opportunities beyond our parish for our parishioners to participate in.

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The work of our parish benefits greatly from the efforts of our various parish organizations. The Altar Society continued to provide money to purchase items for missalettes, candles, altar bread and wine and other items we use at Mass. The PTO and Athletic Committees continued to provide volunteers to support our teachers in school as well as providing the money for books, supplies, and other items for the school. The Men's Club and Knights of St. John not only provide an opportunity for fellowship, but members of each group gave many hours of service to the parish especially through various maintenance efforts.



### PARISH MAINTENANCE

Taking care of our buildings and keeping the property on our parish campus in good order continued to be a high priority for our parish. Much of that work, especially things like mowing the grass and snow removal would not happen without the help of so many volunteers. They also help with so many of the small maintenance items that all need to be taken care throughout the year. We are blessed to have so many folks who take such personal responsibility of caring for our building and parish property. Their efforts save us thousands of dollars each year.

This past year, in addition to caring for regular maintenance items, we were able to undertake some upgrades to our school

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## END OF THE YEAR PARISH REPORT (cont.)

building. The first of these upgrades was painting the stairwells and trim work around all the doors on the main level of the school. We also installed new kitchen islands and cabinets in the school kitchen as well as new cabinets and desk area for the school lunch program manager. Specialty Coatings also installed a new floor in the boiler room.

With the help of grants from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security we were able to upgrade our wireless internet infrastructure as well as installed a new phone system for our school and parish offices. The computer smart boards for teachers were also upgraded. New lockers were installed for the students in grades 5-8. Students in the upper grades are now equipped with chromes books. Students in the primary grades are equipped with ipads.



income was \$1,676,254.12 and our total parish expenses were \$1,651,124.47. We had \$25,129.65 left over at the end, which may sound like a lot, but in the end basically we broke even for the year.

Our income for the year from our collections/tuition was \$90,055.62 below our budgeted needs.

Perhaps a more revealing figure is that the total received through our collection and tuition payments this year was \$21,439.82 below the amount we received for the previous year. We were able to make up this deficit in reaching our weekly budget needs from our collection from other things like making more money through our fish fries and our summer social than we had budgeted. Another big help this year was that our annual rummage sale returned after a two year hiatus due to covid. And this year's rummage sale was our most successful, at least from the point of view of making money.



## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

For most people in the parish, parish financial reports are often difficult to wrap their head around. We have a report that is eleven pages long which will give details about where money was received for the year and where it was spent. But, again, people's eyes can glaze over pretty quickly when trying to forge through this report. So, here are a few highlights that may help to make the financial status of our parish more understandable.

We ended the year in the black which means, that after we took in all the money we did and paid all the bills we had, we had a little money left over. Put another way, our total parish



A look at our financial report reveals that 70% of our money is spent on salaries and benefits for our teachers, and parish staff, less than 1% is spent on worship related expenses, about 2% is spent on various aspects of running the parish office, about 9% is spent on building maintenance, utilities

and insurance, .002% is spent on Religious Education Programs, 6% is spent in support of Mater Dei High School and 12% is spent on expenses related to the operation of our school program, beyond the cost of salaries and benefits for teachers and staff.

We are able to operate our parish in the black financially in large part because we have a very dedicated parish and school staff that has learned how to get the most from the money we receive. Our staff is pretty bare bones and most of these people wear several different hats when it comes to job descriptions. It is these efforts that have enabled our parish to break even each year.

And so we have come to the end of another year in the life of our parish. There is much to be thankful for. We recall the word of St. Paul, who tells us to "give thanks to god whose power now at work in our lives can do far more than we can ask our imagine." We are a good parish. But we are not a perfect parish. We try our best to imitate Jesus in all that we say and do. At the same time we get sideways with one another. Sometimes we fail miserably in being the heart and mind of Jesus. But, as St. Mother Teresa, often reminded her follower: God did not call us to be successful. But he did call us to be faithful each day. And that's what we try to do. We are imperfect people who have fallen in love with a perfect God and doing our best to become more like the One we worship.



## CARPENTER SOCIETY REPORT

Two new endowments were established: The Wilburn and Marian Fehrenbacher Cemetery Endowment and the Sean Witsoe Children's Education Endowment. A total of \$158,841.20 was contributed to the thirty-one endowments in the Carpenter Society. The total value of our parish endowments as of December 31, 2021 is \$1,423.003 This is an increase of \$289,358 from the previous year and represents a 26% increase in the total value of our endowments. For 2021 we received \$49,721 in distributions from the thirty-one endowments included in the Carpenter Society.



This represents a 4.25% distribution. Combined with distributions from previous years, it gives us a total \$331,335 which is now available to be used for the various purposes as determined by the particular endowments.

Here are just a few of the ways money generated from our endowments is being used: helping families in school, whose jobs have been impacted by this pandemic, to pay for book and supply fees and tuition payments; paying for the upkeep on our cemetery and parish property, providing money to help the communication efforts of our school alumni association, providing money so that we

can respond to requests for assistance with rent and utility payments from folks in our area; and providing money for our friends in Haiti so that they can have food to eat and schools to attend.

# PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: JULY 1, 2021--JUNE 30, 2022

ORDINARY INCOME	
<b>COLLECTION and GRADE SCHOOL TUITION</b>	\$934,369.38
<b>OTHER ORDINARY INCOME</b> Rummage Sale, Bulletin/Newsletter Ads, Summer Social, Fish Fry, Interest Income, Lottery, Rental, & Miscellaneous	\$214,569.24
<b>SCHOOL INCOME</b> Book Fees, Technology Fees, Non Parish Tuition, Pre-School Fees, After School Care Fees, WSNC grants, Tuition Vouchers, Lunch Program other miscellaneous income	\$525,215.50
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME</b>	\$2,100.00
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</b>	\$1,676,254.12
ORDINARY EXPENSES	
<b>PARISH STAFF SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>	\$204,630.33
<b>CHURCH AND WORSHIP</b>	\$6,806.41
<b>PARISH OFFICE AND RELATED EXPENSES</b>	\$59,356.41
<b>PARISH BUILDING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE</b>	\$54,729.55
<b>MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL</b>	\$97,655.46
<b>ST. JOE SCHOOL EXPENSES</b> Salaries and Benefits, Classroom/Curriculum, Pre-School, School Lunch Program, Day Care, Building Maintenance	\$1,182,866.48
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	\$45,079.83
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	\$1,651,124.47

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME 2021-2022	
<b>PTO FOR SCHOOL PAINTING</b>	\$8,000.00
<b>EANS (Emergency Assistance for Non Public Schools) GRANT</b>	\$108,636.04
<b>SAFTEY GRANT (Indiana Department of Homeland Security)</b>	\$42,678.47
<b>KATIE SCHIFF MEMORIALS</b>	\$11,465.00

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN (CPC) 2021	
<b>CPC GOAL</b>	\$120,000.00
<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	\$120,667.50

MISSION OUTREACH DISTRIBUTIONS 2021-2022	
<b>Fund for the Needy and Other Special Collections</b>	\$10,109.58
<b>Vladivostok Missions</b>	\$2,187.00
<b>Haiti Monthly Support</b>	\$8,675.00
<b>Haiti School Education</b>	\$132,139.00
<b>Haiti Special Projects</b>	\$150,885.80
<b>Haiti Water Project</b>	\$500.00
<b>Haiti Food Expenses</b>	\$8,765.00
<b>Haiti Sewing Hope</b>	\$7,365.97
<b>Haiti Fish Farm</b>	\$8,155.00
<b>Monthly Personnel Stipends</b>	\$7,100.00
Money spent on our Haiti Ministry comes from contributions of parishioners as well as our friends of Haiti outside our parish.	

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES 2021-2022	
<b>PARISH OFFICE PHONE UPGARDE</b>	\$11,509.25
<b>NEW AC UNIT IN CHURCH</b>	\$12,404.58
<b>ELECTRONIC PIANO</b>	\$6,699.00
<b>EPOXY FLOOR IN BOILER ROOM</b>	\$2,200.00
<b>SCHOOL PAINTING</b>	\$14,622.68
<b>SCHOOL KITCHEN UPGRADE</b>	\$15,454.69
<b>INTERNET and COMPUTER UPGRADES</b>	\$92,614.21
<b>SCHOOL INTEGRATED PHONE SYSTEM</b>	\$42,678.47

ENDOWMENT INCOME 2021-2022	
<b>ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED</b>	\$160,518.94
<b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO CATHOLIC FOUNDATION</b>	\$161,168.94

The above report is a condensed version of our financial report. If you would like to review a more detailed financial report, call the parish office and we will make a copy of the complete report available for you.

## POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS ABOUT WHAT THE CHURCH SHOULD BE

*Last month Pope Francis traveled to Canada on what he described as a Penitential Pilgrimage to be with the many indigenous people of Canada. He spoke these words at a prayer service with the parish community of Sacred Heart in Edmonton.*

I am happy to be here among you. I have come to visit your home, as a friend and pilgrim in your land, in this church where you gather to praise God as brothers and sisters. This place is a *house for all*, open and inclusive, just as the Church should be, for it is the family of the children of God, where hospitality and welcome, typical values of the indigenous culture, are essential. A home where everyone should feel welcome, regardless of past experiences and personal life stories.

Yet we must not forget that in the Church too, the wheat is mixed with weeds. And precisely because of those weeds, I wanted to make this penitential pilgrimage. It pains me to think that Catholics contributed to policies of assimilation and enfranchisement that inculcated a sense of inferiority, robbing communities and individuals of their cultural and spiritual identity, severing their roots and fostering prejudicial and discriminatory attitudes; and that this was also done in the name of an educational system that was supposedly Christian.

This evening, I would like to share with you some reflections on the word *Reconciliation*. What does Jesus tell us when he speaks about reconciliation, or when he prompts us towards it? What does reconciliation mean for us today? Dear friends, the reconciliation brought by Christ was no agreement to preserve outward peace, a sort of gentlemen's agreement meant to keep everyone happy. Nor was it a peace that dropped down from heaven, imposed from on high, or by assimilating the other. The Apostle Paul tells us that Jesus reconciles by bringing together, by making two distant groups one: one reality, one soul, one people. And *how* does he do that? Jesus reconciles us with one another on the cross, on the "tree of life", as the ancient Christians loved to call it.

You, my dear indigenous brothers and sisters, have much to teach us about the symbolism and vital meaning of the tree. Joined to the earth by its roots, a tree gives oxygen through its leaves and nourishes us by its fruit. It is impressive to see how the symbolism of the tree is reflected in the architecture of this church, where a tree trunk symbolically unites the earth below and the altar on which Jesus reconciles us in the Eucharist in "an act of cosmic love" that "joins heaven and earth, embracing [...] all creation" On the cross, Christ reconciles and brings back together everything that seemed unthinkable and unforgivable; he embraces everyone and everything. Everyone and everything!



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS –SEPT.24, 2022 – OCT.16, 2022

As we continue to navigate through this coronavirus pandemic, the liturgical ministers we need for our weekend Masses are limited to one lector and one Eucharistic minister for each Mass.

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR
Saturday September 24, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Sis Jarboe
Sunday September 25, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Tom Blythe
Sunday September 25, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Jane Scheller
Saturday October 1, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Mike Reffett
Sunday October 2, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Marcia Frey
Sunday October 2, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Mandy Elpers
Saturday October 8, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Toni Askins
Sunday October 9, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Terry Drone
Sunday October 9, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Shane Wessel
Saturday October 15, 2022 5 PM	Volunteer	Sis Jarboe
Sunday October 16, 2022 8 AM	Volunteer	Donna Blankenberger
Sunday October 16, 2022 10:30 AM	Volunteer	Jane Scheller

Dear brothers and sisters, what meaning does this have for people who bear within their hearts such painful wounds? I can only imagine the effort it must take, for those who have suffered so greatly because of men and women who should have set an example of Christian living, even to think about reconciliation. Nothing can ever take away the violation of dignity, the experience of evil, the betrayal of trust. Or take away our own shame, as believers.

Yet we need to set out anew, and Jesus does not offer us nice words and good intentions, but the cross: the scandalous love that allows his hands and feet to be pierced by nails, and his head to be crowned with thorns. This is the way forward: to look together to Christ, to love betrayed and crucified for our sake; to look to Christ, crucified in the many students of the residential schools.

If we truly want to be reconciled with one another and with ourselves, to be reconciled with the past, with wrongs endured and memories wounded, with traumatic experiences that no human consolation can ever heal, our eyes must be lifted to the crucified Jesus; peace must be attained at the altar of his cross. For it is precisely on the tree of the cross

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## MISSION OUTREACH



Be an island of mercy in  
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*Pope Francis*

Not all of us can do great things,  
but we can do small things with great  
love. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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and the 27 parish conferences in the  
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tion, or to make a donation, or to register

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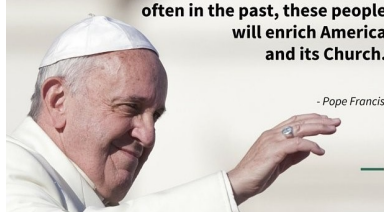
## NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

**SEPTEMBER 20-25, 2022**

A refugee is any person who is unable to return to their  
home country out of a well-founded fear of persecution because  
of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or member-  
ship in a particular social group. Refugees do not voluntarily

Do not be afraid to welcome [immigrants].  
Offer them the warmth of the love of  
Christ . . . I am certain that, as so  
often in the past, these people  
will enrich America  
and its Church.

- Pope Francis



migrate but instead are  
forced to do so out of im-  
mediate necessity. This is  
often in the context of civil  
unrest, armed conflict,  
human rights violations, or  
other violence.

How Does Refugee Re-  
settlement Work in the  
United States? Each year,  
the President authorizes

the admission of a certain number of refugees into the country.  
The Presidential Determination for admission goal of refugees to  
the United States in FY 2022. is 125,000.

During the application process for someone seeking to  
come to our country (which typically takes at least 18 to 24  
months to complete), the prospective refugee remains outside  
of the United States. They undergo a rigorous and thorough  
screening process. Once USCIS conditionally approves the appli-  
cant, he or she must complete a medical examination. Those  
individuals who receive approval for resettlement then undergo  
a final screening by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
prior to entry into the United States.

Do refugees create a burden on receiving communities? In  
fact, it's the complete opposite. Soon after resettlement, refu-  
gees become self-reliant and productive members of the com-  
munity. In 2015, "the almost 2.3 million refugees captured in  
our analysis earned a collective \$77.2 billion in household in-  
come. They also contributed \$20.9 billion in taxes."



# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  <div> <b>Parish Goal \$125,270. No Gift is too Large or too Small</b> </div>				1 NO MASS	2 7:30 am Mass	3 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:30 pm  5 pm Mass  Food Pantry Collection  Haiti Collection
4 8 & 10:30 Masses  Food Pantry And Haiti Collection	5 7:30 am Mass No Eucharistic Adoration	6 7:30 am Mass	7 7:30 am Mass  Parish Staff Meeting 12 Noon	8 NO MASS  Altar Society Meeting 6:30 pm	9 7:30 am School Mass	10 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:30 pm 5 pm Mass Food Pantry Collection <b>CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN (CPC) COMMITMENT WEEKEND</b>
 <div> <b>LOOKING FOR ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO NOURISH YOUR FAITH? CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE <a href="http://www.stjoeco.org">www.stjoeco.org</a></b> </div>						
11 8 & 10:30 Masses Food Pantry Collection Family Religion Class 9- 10:15 Confirmation Session 2 11:30 <b>CPC KICKOFF WEEKEND</b>	12 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration  6:30 PM Mass  7 pm Knights of St. John	13 Mass 7:30 am	14 Mass 7:30 am  Parish Staff Meeting 12 Noon	15 NO MASS  Haiti Outreach Commission 6:30 pm	16 7:30 am School Mass	17 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:30 pm  5 pm Mass  Food Pantry Collection
<b>HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO OUR CPC CAMPAIGN?</b>						
18 8 & 10:30 Masses  RCIA 9-10:15am	19 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration  6:30 pm Mass  7 pm Men's Club Meeting	20 7:30 am Mass	21 7:30 am MASS  Parish Staff Meeting 12 Noon  Bible Study 6 pm	22 NO MASS  PTO Meeting 6 pm	23 7:30 am School Mass	24 Sacrament of Reconciliation 4-4:30 pm  5 pm Mass  Food Pantry Collection
<b>DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOACTIONS TUESDAY - 6 AM - WEDNESDAY - 6AM</b>						
25 8 & 10:30 Masses Bible Study 9 am Family Class RCIA 9-10:15am Confirmation Session 3 11:30-1	26 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration  6:30 PM Mass	27 7:30 am Mass	28 7:30 am MASS  Parish Staff Meeting 12 Noon  Bible Study 6 pm	29 NO MASS  WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY 6 PM ST. JOE INN	30 7:30 am School Mass	



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**SATURDAY 5 PM**

**SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:30 AM**

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#### **POPE FRANCIS....WHAT IS CHURCH? (cont.)**

that sorrow is transformed into love, death into life, disappointment into hope, abandonment into fellowship, distance into unity. Reconciliation is not merely the result of our own efforts; it is a gift that flows from the crucified Lord, a peace that radiates from the heart of Jesus, a grace that must be sought.

There is another aspect of reconciliation that I would like to mention. The Apostle Paul explains that Jesus, by means of the cross, has reconciled us *in one body* (cf. Eph 2:14). What body is he talking about? He is talking about the body of the Church. The Church is this *living body of reconciliation*. If we think of the lasting pain experienced in these places by so many people within ecclesial institutions, we feel nothing but anger, nothing but shame.

That happened because believers became worldly, and rather than fostering reconciliation, they imposed their own cultural models. This attitude, brothers and sisters, dies hard, also from the religious standpoint. Indeed, it may seem easier to force God on people, rather than letting them draw near to God.

This is contradictory and never works, because that is not how the Lord operates. He does not force us, he does not suppress or overwhelm; instead, he loves, he liberates, he leaves us free. He does not sustain with his Spirit those who dominate others, who confuse the Gospel of our reconciliation with proselytism. One cannot proclaim God in a way contrary to God himself. And yet, how many times has this happened in history!

While God presents himself simply and quietly, we always have the temptation to impose him, and to impose ourselves in his name. It is the worldly temptation to make him come down from the cross and show himself with power. Yet Jesus reconciles us *on* the cross, not by coming down *from* the cross. At

the foot of the cross, were those who thought only of themselves and kept tempting Christ, telling him to save himself and not think of others.

Brothers and sisters, may the Church, the Body of Christ, be a living body of reconciliation! The word “reconciliation” is in fact practically synonymous with the word “Church”. It comes from the word “council”, and it means “meet again in council”. The Church is the house where we “conciliate” anew, where we meet to start over and to grow together. It is the place where we stop thinking as individuals and acknowledge that we are brothers and sisters of one another. Where we look one another in the eye, accept the other’s history and culture, and allow the mystique of togetherness, so pleasing to the Holy Spirit, to foster the healing of wounded memories.

This is the way: not to decide for others, not to pigeon-hole everyone within our preconceived categories, but to place ourselves before the crucified Lord and before our brothers and sisters, in order to learn how to walk together. That is what the Church is, and should always be - the place where reality is always superior to ideas. That is what the Church is, and always should be - not a set of ideas and precepts to drill into people; the Church is a welcoming home for everyone! That is what the Church is, and ever should be: a building with doors always open.

