

ST. JOSEPH

PARISH

Vanderburgh County

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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.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday—5 PM
Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

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JANUARY 10, 2010 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Dear friends,

We're getting close to wrapping up our St. Joe Lottery Ticket sales, but I still need to sell 50 tickets before we can have our first drawing. Can you help? Call the parish office (963-3273) or see me after Mass. Every little bit helps! Special thanks to all our lottery sellers for their faithful efforts.



LOTTERY NEWS...IS YOUR NAME IN THE POT?

Some folks have asked for a copy of the new year prayer I used last Sunday. Here it is. Fr. Gene Schroeder

BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR PRAYER

God of the seasons, Lover of the ages, Master of every moment: You who are beyond time yet within all time. We return to you what you have given to us — the moments, the minutes, the hours, the days, the weeks, the months, and the year of 2009. Time has been gracious to us again, and we thank you for freely giving us these human bodies, these events, and these relationships. We have lived another year and we have died another year, and now you are granting us the beginnings of another. We now hand over to you the blessed year, 2009, with all that it gave us and all that it took from us, knowing that both are necessary, just like our breath. We trust you in both the givings and the takings, the inhalings and the exhalings. May every breath of 2010 be a breath of the Holy Spirit, joyfully received and joyfully returned, beginning with this one right now. Amen.

Life as Sacred Journey

by David Thomas

Many people were well qualified for the baptism given by John. Anyone who cheated in business or at home, anyone who failed to speak truthfully, an act of humility. Anyone who was lazy and didn't fulfill their responsibilities—the list of sins and sinners could go on and on.

We also know Jesus never sinned. Nevertheless he submitted to what would have to be an act of humility. At the heart of why Jesus became flesh was his intent to go through everything that we should go through—whether he deserved to or not. In fact, his greatest act of doing something that he didn't deserve was his death on the cross. The charges against him were trumped up. He was totally innocent.



It really doesn't fit onto the scales of justice. We deserve punishment for our sins and yet God forgives us. The Prodigal Son deserved to be one of his father's hired hands, but the father hosted a grand party when the son returned after squandering his father's hard earned money. Once again, it doesn't make sense. Welcome to the world of God's crazy love.

Toward the end of the scene that we read about today, the heavens open and God's voice announces that Jesus is beloved. Similarly, those whom Jesus invites into discipleship, they too are loved. God's love is not based on whether we deserve it, earn it or pray for it. It's just there! Don't try to figure it out. Don't ask for a psychoanalytical interpretation of God's personality. God will come off as being a little deranged, out of touch with reality, compulsive. Our response is simply to accept being loved and give thanks.

SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY—Jan. 31

at the Soup Kitchen at St. John's Church on Bellemeade Avenue. Help is needed to prepare the meal (10:30-12:30 am) and serve the meal (1:30-3:30 pm). If you can help, contact Brad Ruminer 963-6987.



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.

Tuesday, Jan. 26



We need your help!





**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
JANUARY 10, 2010
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
5:00 PM Gilbert and Alberta Fehrenbacher, Henry Tenbarge (1907), Mary Hillenbrand (1975)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:00 AM Herb Langner, Bettye and Boobie Maurer, Alice Keil, Charlotte Huett, Catherine Hoefling, Agnes Willem, Jeanne Kuester

10:30 AM Sr. Ivo O.S.F. Jeanne Kuester (Philomena Weigand, 1900), Henry Storssen (1919), Victor Brugger (1968)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 PM Catherine Lautenschlerger (1872), Wilhelmus Funk (1875), Anthony Tiekens (1962)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Jim Vitzdam, Catherine Burgart (1887) Eileen Will (1944)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Feast of St. Hilary

7:30 AM Roy Thornton (1931), Infant Wurth (1944)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS Cecelia Reising (1986)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:15 AM Larry & Debbie Seger, Kathy Kling, Mary Kissel (1955)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Paul Horak, Dennis Dossett, Ray Voelker, Dolores Niemeier, Leonard Joest (1875), George Beckerle (1891), Frank Goebel (1957), Josephine Schmitt (2007)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Lawrence Luigs, Dora Happe, Midge Sulawske, Jeanne Kuester, Agnes Willem, Charlotte Huett, Catherine Hoefling

10:30 AM Joe Elpers, Francis Crowdus, Stella Ubelhor, Charles Hayden, Madeline Rexing, Judy Peterlin



Please remember in your prayers *Charles Hayden*, the father of Trish Cowan, and *Francis Crowdus*, the uncle of Joe Crowdus, and *Judy Peterlin*, the mother of Frank Peterlin who died this past week. May they know the fullness of eternal life with God and may his peace be with their family and friends.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS Saturday, January 16 at St. Benedict Rosary at 4, Mass at 4:30 pm

IRAQI STUDENT PROJECT DINNER & AUCTION JAN. 30 5:30-7 PM AT ST. ANTHONY. For two years, people from across the diocese have led the Evansville Support Group for Zaid Majeed, a UE student in the Iraqi Student Project, that provides Iraqi refugee-students with undergraduate degrees from universities across the U.S. Join us for a great night of food/fun.

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Jesus whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.



JANUARY 3, 2010	\$ 19,085.00
DECEMBER 31, 2009 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 1,725.50
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,500.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$298,242.25
BUDGET TO DATE	\$315,000.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 24.35

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK:

Macey Adler, Matt & Melissa Blythe, Trevor Clem, Paige, Kurt & Trent Denning, Amelia Duncan, Abby Elpers, Owen & Tanner Fritch, Gretchen & Karl Forcum, Hunter & Grant Gillenwater, Austin Jones, Jessie Kelley, Haileigh McClure, Issac, Catherine, Zackery, Natalie & Mariah Schneider, Maisy Seib, Nathan & Vanessa Vanbibber, Nathan & Brandon Werner, Nicholas & Mallorie Will

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

JANUARY 3, 2010	\$ 1,567.52
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 257,595.03

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 508.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 20.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

DEACONESS: Mary Guess, Betty Hartz

ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER: Ole Olsen, Charles Head

PINE HAVEN: Betty Will, Brenda Koester, Charles Baylor

SOLARBRON TERRACE: Valeria Elpers, Clarence & Catherine Miller, Clarence and Mildred Rexing

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: Norm Moutoux

ATRIA ASSISTED LIVING: Bernadette Jean

STERLING HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING: Avila Fehrenbacher, Joan Roberts

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: Larry Hoefling

Congratulations to Amy and Andy Sellers on the birth of their son; Brandon McNeely on the birth of their son, Isaac, and to Nick and Katie Miller on the birth of their son, Cooper James

January 10: Butch Feulner, Kathy Greene, Randy Kuester

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 11: Danny Gries, Jane Luigs, Joanie Schneider, John Sims, Amanda VanNess

January 12: Kristen Baehl, Jeremy Clem, Linda Feulner, Debbie Preske, Greg Vanbibber



January 13: Mike Collins, Sarah Glaser, Steve Gries, Angie Karcher, Amy Smith

January 14: Matthew Fleck, Steve Frey, Dan Hartman, Adria Keller, Zackery Schneider, Jacob Weinzapfel, Suzanne Weiss

January 15: Chelsea Arnold, Grant Voelker

January 16: Dan Collins, Tom Folz, Bettye Logel, Geralyn Ruminer



January 11: Randy & Jeannine Shumate

January 15: Ryan & Stephanie Frey

January 16: Mike & Mary Loehrlein



WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK

Sign up to pray for vocations.

Sign up sheet is at the front doors of the church.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

(EM=Eucharistic Minister, S=Servers, L=Lector, GB=Giftbearers, G=Greeters)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 & 17

5:00 PM Lauren Niemeier, Donald Werner, Jim Werner, Bob & Mary K. Fehrenbacher (EM), Austin Jones, Austin Taylor (S), Bernette Locklar (L), Lee & Sharon Werner (GB), Glenn Givens Family (G)

8:00 AM Allen Whitehouse, Al Debes, Jean Duncan, Michael Elpers, Kathy Fehrenbacher (EM), Adam Elpers (S), Donna Gaupel (L), Greg & Denise Lehman Family (GB), Jim & Susan Helmer (G)

10:30 AM Cecilia Koch, Cara Kuester, Megan Schneider, Mark Taylor, Amy Tenbarge (EM), Dane Freeman, Cameron Montgomery (S), Michelle Schmitt (L), Joe Deweese Family (GB), Michelle Kirk (G)

Buy SCRIP after Mass



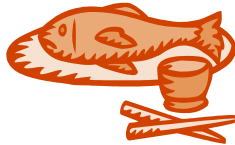
Sat., Jan. 16—5 pm: *Karen McDonald & Juliana Voelker

Sun., Jan. 17—8 am: *Mary & Tom Goedde

Sun., Jan. 17—10:30 am: *Eran Happe

IT'S FISH FRY TIME: FEB. 19 AND MARCH 5

It's time to make plans for "the best fish fry in the Evansville area." The dates for our fish fries are **Friday, February 19th and Friday, March 5th.** Call Greg or Diane Matt 963-6222 to volunteer. You can also call the parish office at 963-3273.



A PENNY A DAY CAN PROVIDE LIFE-GIVING VITAMINS FOR CHILDREN IN HAITI

We're starting a campaign to provide daily vitamins for the 750 children in the grade school and high school of St. James Parish in Haiti. Providing them with vitamins will be one of the simplest and most effective ways we can help them fight off the many diseases they face.

We can purchase children's chewable multivitamins wholesale for \$11 per bottle of 1,000 which is substantially below most retail pricing. To meet our goal we need a total of 150,000 vitamins.

Here's how you can help:

- A penny a day (\$3.65/year) can purchase enough vitamins for one child for more than a year
- \$11 can purchase 1000 vitamins, enough to provide for vitamins for 5 children
- \$55 can purchase 5000 vitamins, enough for 25 children
- \$110 can purchase 10,000 vitamins, enough for 50 children.



Our goal is to purchase the vitamins and send them via Parish Twinning Program of the Americas in March, if you would like to help you can send your donations to the parish office. Be sure to mark it "Haiti Vitamins."

For more information contact Cecilia Koch (963-9257) or Susie head (963-8126).

**Save that extra change, pick up that penny that others leave behind.
make your donation today to keep the children of Haiti healthy!**



**Pilates Tuesdays & Thursdays
Jan. 19—Feb. 25 6:45-7:30 pm**



2010-2011 TUITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is announcing that applications for tuition assistance for the 2010-2011 school year are available at the offices of Mater Dei High School. They are also available at our school office as well as the parish office.

To download, type and print an application from Mater Dei High School website, www.materdeiwildcats.com, select "About MD" tab, then "Tuition and Fees".

For more information please call Margaret Angermeier: 402-6700 Ext. 302. Email: cef@evdio.org

We want to thank very one for all there support and prayers you sent our way during this most difficult time of Alice's death. A special thanks to all the folks who prepare and served the luncheon and to Father Gene and Father Dave Fleck for a wonderful mass and remembrance of Alice.

The family of Alice Keil

Our family would like to thank you for allowing us to have the funeral for Eric at your beautiful church. Thank you for the fine meal you provided for us after the funeral Mass. We are very grateful for helping us send our brother off to a greater place. God bless you and all those who make this possible.

The family of Eric Wrinkles

We would like to thank everybody for the prayers and cards we received upon the death of our mother, Jeanne Kuester. We also want to thank Father Gene for "being there" for us.

~Randy Kuester and Carolyn Lipper

Come view the story of Fatima....



THE 13TH DAY

Wednesday, January 20—2 PM

Showplace Cinema North Tickets \$5

Special benefit presentation with 100% of the proceeds going to support Fr. Myron Effing's missionary work in Eastern Russia

Group tickets can be purchased from Marilyn Wassmer (985-3261) or email her at

donalwassmer@sbcglobal.net Tickets may

also be purchased at the door on Jan. 20.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS...

- **Confirmation Session #3**— for candidates and sponsors, Sunday January 10 from 1-3 pm in the Meeting Room.
- **REACH WEEKEND**—Saturday, January 16th (9am-3:30 pm) & Sunday, January 17th (8:20am-2:50 pm), location: St. Agnes Parish.



**DANCE CLASSES BEGIN FEB. 22 7-8:30 PM
COST \$50/COUPLE For info call Kathy (963-9247)**

