

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4-4:30 PM

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Sacramental Preparation



January 15, 2012, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

We speak a lot about “doing God’s will.” We pray in the Our Father: “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” But just how does a person know what the will of God is and whether or not we are doing that will when we know what it is. In the scripture readings today we encounter the young man, Samuel. He is confused by God’s call. He keeps thinking it is the temple priest, Eli, who is calling him. Eli’s response is to tell Samuel to respond with the words: “Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.”

As we try to do what God asks of us, our life can be filled with hesitant steps, choices that are surrounded with confusion leaving us wondering if we are on the right path. On most days, all we have for certain is the desire to do the right thing. Thomas Merton, a twentieth-century monk from the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky spoke eloquently of this predicament in a prayer that he composed.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact, please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, through I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen

Certainly words to bring comfort to us on our faith journey.

IT'S LOTTERY TIME

Have you bought your ticket?

we still have a number of tickets to sell. Special thanks to all who have bought tickets and especially those who have responded to my recent appeals. We still have about 40 tickets to sell before we can have our first drawing. Let me know if you can help me out by buying a ticket.

Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to Fran Happe, Larry Weis and Brain Elpers for removing the tree stump in the cemetery.

P.S.S. Remember that we are having a blood drive next week on Tuesday, January 24 from 3-7 pm in our school cafeteria. The need for blood is always great. Every unit of blood that is donated benefits up to three people! Stop by and give us a pint of your best stuff!



It's time to wrap up our lottery ticket sales for this year but

PTO Pizza and Cookie Dough Sale going on now. Place your order today.

Love is not a matter of getting what you want. Quite the contrary. The insistence on always having what you want, on always being satisfied, on always being fulfilled, makes love impossible. To love you have to climb out of the cradle, where everything is “getting,” and grow up to the maturity of giving, without concern for getting anything special in return.

Thomas Merton

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

We need your help!



Tuesday, January 24

3-7 pm in the cafeteria





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Virgil & Rosemary Spaetti, Elmer Schapker, Herbert, Mary & Donald Guess, Cecelia Reising (1986)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Clarence & Catherine Miller, Joe Glaser, Charleen Marie Inkenbrandt, Marian Elpers, Alice Keil
10:30 AM Pat Koch, Norman Dewig, Mary Kissel (1955)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Weekday

6:30 PM Leonard Joest (1875), George Beckerle (1891), Frank Goebel (1957), Josephine Schmitt (2007)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Saint Anthony

7:30 AM Francis and Viola Englert, Francis Niemeier

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Weekday

7:30 AM John Heerdink (1860), Elis Beckerle (1891), Agatha Mayer (1895), Martin Frey (1899), Secunda Henning (1902), Doris Rohnbacher (1937), Mary Seib (1948), Joseph Englund (1984), Nadine Macke (2004)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Weekday

NO MASS Bernadette Jean (2011)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Saint Fabian & Saint Sebastian

7:30 AM Infant Rexing (1869), Fred Sauer (1883), Herman Joseph (1923), Amy Jo Fechtmeister (1979), Albert Gries (1990), Helen Keller (1993)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Mary Rexing, Dennis Weis, Sylvester Happe, Paul E. Horak, Betty Horak, Dennis Dossett, Jerry Drone, Francis Helfrich (1905), Matilda Mayer (1936), Conrad Gries (1973), William Gries (1989), Albert Steckler (1989)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Charles Wolf, Charlie Inkenbrandt
10:30 AM Frederic Sauer (1872), Theresa Schmitt (1884), Thomas Hartlein (1892), Henry Riedford (1914), Sr. Perpetua O.S.F. (Gertrude Spitzer, 1947), Joseph Johnson (2000)

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."



JANUARY 8, 2012	\$ 16,223.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 18,400.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 489,775.08
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 515,200.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 167.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 13.57

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Arley Will, Melissa Blythe, Sierra Heldt, Jessica Kelley, Christiana Wolfe, Karl Forcum, Gretchen Forcum, Kurt Forcum, Devan Feulner, Trevor Clem, Connor Brown, Isabella Lagunzad, Maisy Seib, Heidi Forcum, Vanessa Vanbibber, Nathan Vanbibber, Finley Fehrenbacher, Piper Fehrenbacher

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

JANUARY 1, 2012	\$ 129.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 363,147.18

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 255.00
HAITI HIGHER EDUCATION FUND	\$ 500.00
HAITI WATER PROJECT	\$ 580.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 100.00

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

ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER: *Doris Thornton*

DEACONESS: *Lawrence Gumbel*

HERITAGE: *Myrna Craney*

WEST RIVER: *Larry Ubelhor, John Bergwitz*

PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester, Mary Butler*

SOLARBRON TERRACE: *Valeria Elpers, Clarence and Mildred Rexing,*

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*

BRENTWOOD: *Edgar Hartz*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

Jan. 15: Chelsea Arnold, Grant Voelker

Jan. 16: Connor Brown, Dan Collins, Tom Folz, Bettye Logel, GERALYN RUMINER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jan. 17: Earlene Elpers, Hadley Lannert, Sharon Moutoux, Doris Thornton, Allen Whitehouse

Jan. 18: Rodger Duncan, Delores Folz, Thomas Nisley

Jan. 19: Tracy Adler, TJ Reagan, Sandy Savage, Emily Tenbarga

Jan. 20: Chuck Effinger, Matthew Loehrlein, Michelle Luigs, Tammy Luigs, Evan McDonald, Eliana Nisley, Marleen Voelker

Jan. 21: Jonathan Coomes, Linda Cowan, Ann Ennis, Danielle Gries, Ava Smith

Jan. 15: Ryan & Stephanie Frey

Jan. 16: Mike & Mary Loehrlein

Jan. 17: Chris & Jessica Wallace

Jan. 19: Floyd & Monie Titzer

Jan. 20: Merl & Pat Schapker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY—January 29

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.



MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE SALE. TAKING ORDERS NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 13



NEW DROP OFF BOX...for your convenience we now have a drop off box located by the front door of the rectory. You can use it to drop off items when there is no one in the office.

MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm Men's Club Meeting
TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Friends
7 pm Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 pm Religious Education Commission Meeting
7 pm Marian Prayer Group
THURSDAY: 6 pm Outreach Commission Meeting
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Haiti & Food Pantry Collections
SUNDAY: 9-10:15 am Religious Education Classes/RCIA

**THIS
WEEK**

Jan. 20: St. Ferdinand Mass for **AROUND TOWN** Life, 8 pm EST
Jan. 22: Holy Cross (Fr. Branch) Chili Supper, 4-7 pm
Jan. 24: St. Benedict's What We Believe: Social Justice and Catholic Tradition, at St. Benedict's School Woodward Center, 6 pm Soup & Sandwich supper, 7 pm Address by Bishop Thompson, free will offering to benefit St. Vincent DePaul Society, Call 425-3369 for reservations before Jan. 23.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

(EM=Eucharistic Minister, S=Servers, L=Lector, GB=Giftbearers, G=Greeters)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 & 22

5:00 PM Butch & Linda Feulner, Donna Niemeier, Kathy Cook, Lauren Neimeier (EM), Emma Douglas (S), Nancy Gumbel (L), Lorraine Blandford (GB), Fred & Judy Gries (G)

8:00 AM Jean Duncan, Michael Elpers, Richard & Imogene Baehl, Ann Craney (EM), Jenna Klueh (S), Jessie Kelley (L), Chris & Patti Will (GB), Chick & Jean Duncan (G)

10:30 AM Brad & Nancy Ruminer, Kitty Deig, Dan & Kathy Schenk (EM), Haley Elpers, Macy Adler (S), Michelle Schmitt (L), Ken Rickelman Family (GB), Greg & Susie Head (G)

--IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT SCHOOL CHOICE--

Students entering kindergarten or currently enrolled at a public school are eligible for scholarships through the Tuition Assistance Fund of Southwestern Indiana (TAFSWI) to attend Mater Dei or other Catholic schools for the 2012-13 school year. Eligibility for the scholarships are based on published income guidelines, and applications may be downloaded from the organization's website (www.tafswi.org). Applications must be turned in and initially processed by the administrator at the school of your choice. Students must have applied and been accepted for enrollment at the school to apply for the scholarship.

Indiana's voucher program provides funding for eligible public school students to attend Catholic schools. Current Kindergarten students at a Catholic grade school, who previously received a scholarship through TAFSWI, may be eligible for a voucher to continue their education at the Catholic grade school. Vouchers are also available for students that transfer from public schools to attend Catholic schools. Specific information regarding procedures and deadlines for the School Choice voucher program will be announced by the Indiana Department of Education at a later date.

If you have any questions or want more information contact Melba Wilderman at our school office (963-3335) or email her at mwilderman@evdio.

--Buy SCRIP after Mass--

SCRIP WORKER SCHEDULE

Sat. 1/21, 5 pm: Lisa Douglas & *Aimee Gerth

Sun. 1/22, 8 am: *Amy Elpers

Sun. 1/22, 10:30 am: *Jessica Wallace & Jenni Bishop

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REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED ONES AT MASS

You are invited to submit the names of your loved ones. This gives all of us a chance to pray with them and for them as well as praying for you. When you submit these names, we invite you also to list the particular day you want to remember them—perhaps their birthday, or wedding anniversary, or the day they died. If you come to a particular Mass, you may want to ask that your loved ones be remembered at that particular time.



**Saint Meinrad
Archabbey and
School of Theology**

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology have a long history of service to the Diocese of Evansville. In fact, over 80 active and retired priests of the Diocese are Alumni of St. Meinrad, including Bishop Thompson. Over 420 lay Alumni live in the Diocese. All have studies at Saint Meinrad under the care and guidance of the Benedictine monks.

For almost 150 years, Saint Meinrad's monks have dedicated their lives to serving the needs of the Catholic Church through their prayer and work. You can be a part of this important work. The monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey encourage you to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They humbly ask for your financial support and partnership to help continue their work of serving the needs of the church.

**WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR
VOCATIONS THIS WEEK?**

