

## 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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January 8, 2012, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

LOVE, FAITH, AND RITUAL REFLECTIONS ON FAMILY LIFE

Fr. Ron Rohlweiser, OMI

It's not easy to sustain love, at least not with constant emotional fervor. Misunderstandings, irritations, tiredness, jealousies, hurt, temperamental differences, the familiarity that breeds contempt, and simple boredom invariably chip away at our emotional and affective edges and, soon enough, fervor gives way to routine, the groove becomes the rut, and love seems to disappear. But we can easily misread this.

First off, just because the surface of a relationship seems clouded with misunderstanding, irritation, and hurt doesn't mean we don't love each other. Love sits at a place beneath the ebb and flow of irritation and boredom. You can be willing to die for someone, even as at that very moment you are seething with anger at him or her.

John Shea, in the brilliant series of homilies published through Liturgical Press, gives us a wonderful example of this. He shares the story of a woman who took in her aging mother to help her while she was recovering from a stroke. The daughter was painstakingly attentive to her mother's every need; yet, at a point, a dreadful fight broke out - over a trivial incident regarding a hard-boiled egg. In the middle of their war of words, the mother asked her daughter: "Why are you doing all of this for me anyway?"

Her daughter responded by listing her reasons: "I was afraid for her; I wanted to get her well; I felt maybe I'd ignored her when I was younger. I needed to show her I was strong. I needed to get her ready to go home alone; old age, and on and on. I was amazed myself. I could have gone on giving reasons all night. Even she was impressed.

"Junk," she said when I was done. "Junk?" I yelled. Like, boy, she'd made a real mistake with that remark. "Yes, junk," she said again, but a little more quietly. And that little more-quiet tone got me. And she went on: "You don't have to have all those reasons. We love each other. That's enough."

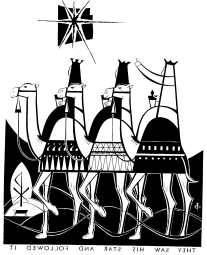
Irritation, anger, and boredom within a relationship do not necessarily mean that love has died, as this story illustrates. Love rests at a deeper place. But how do we touch that place inside less-than-idyllic feelings?

We do it through ritual. Our lives together within every kind of community are sustained by small and big rituals that keep us together, keep us respectful, and let us wait in patience throughout the ups and downs of shared life. For example; sometimes we greet each other with real warmth and sometimes our greetings barely mask our irritation or boredom. But, we still greet each other. Saying "Good morning" is a ritual act, an important one. It says that we love and care for each other, even when that isn't exactly what we may be feeling on a given day. That's also true of the perfunctory peck on the cheek as we greet or say goodbye, the ritual hug, the sign of peace in our churches, and (especially) our commitment to sit down with each other at regular times for meals and other get-to-gathers. These are important rituals that say with our action and our commitment what our feelings sometimes cannot say, namely: "I love you! I'm here for you, even when we are both too tired, too over-familiar with each other, too pre-occupied and busy, and too irritated by our differences to feel much fervor in our love at this moment." Ritual speaks for love, even as it needs always to be undergirded by love.

The same holds true for faith. In faith, just as in love, there is a surface and there is an undergirding. The deeper reality is in the undergirding and we should be prepared for lots of shifting ground on the surface. In our faith journey, there will be moments of fervor, of emotional warmth, of warm security; but there will also be periods, long periods, sometimes bitter ones, where on the surface we will feel only dryness, boredom, a sense of God's absence, and perhaps even a positive distaste for the things of God and faith. This doesn't necessarily mean we lack effort or that we are suffering in our faith from the familiarity that breeds contempt. We can, as Chesterton classically suggested, try to look at things familiar until they look unfamiliar again, but that won't, as the mystics assure us, always cure the problem.

Faith, like love, needs to be sustained through ritual, through ritual acts that let our commitment and our action say what we cannot always say in our words and our feelings. And our faith tradition provides these rituals for us: reading the scriptures, participating in the Eucharist, praying the office of the church, praying the rosary, praying from various kinds of prayer books, sitting in silent centering prayer, and, most important of all, simply showing up regularly for church. All of these say what the woman whose story we shared said to her daughter: Beneath all this, we love each other. That's enough!





## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 PM Frank & Theresa Arnold, Ed Arnold, Brian Fuchs, Mary Rexing, Jeanne Kuester, James & Dolores Nie-meier, John Buchart (1880), Rosina Bu-chart (1880), Friedric Roeleke (1892), Joseph Ritter (1960), Sylvester Schnepfer (1967)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Helen & Robert Hopster, Richard Jean, Jerome Schneider, Val Pfaffmann, Charles Wolf, Jane Raben, Virgil and Rose Spaetti

10:30 AM Florence Hodges, Stella Ubelhor, Theresa and Frank Arnold, Betty and Urban Will, Catharine Kissel (1887), Bettye Maurer (2008)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

6:30 PM Henry Tenbarge (1907), Mary Hillenbrand (1975)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Weekday

7:30 AM Sr. Ivo O.S.F. (Philomena Weigand, 1900), Henry Storsen (1919), Victor (1968) and Marcella Brugger

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Weekday

7:30 AM Catherine Lautenschlerger (1872), Wilhelmus Funk (1875), Anthony Tieken (1962), Catherine Miller (2010)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Weekday

NO MASS Catharine Burgart (1887), Eileen Will (1961)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Weekday; Saint Hilary

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

SECOND 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,

10:30 AM Pat Koch, Norman Dewig, Mary Kissel (1955)



Give Blood

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NEXT PARISH BLOOD DRIVE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 3-7 PM

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



JANUARY 1, 2012	\$ 19,525.50
DECEMBER 30, 2011 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 1,050.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 18,400.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 473,532.08
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 496,800.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 10.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 27.15

**YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK:** Sierra Heldt, Amelia Duncan, Finley Fehrenbacher, Vanessa Vanbibber, Nathan Vanbibber, Catherine Schneider, Connor Brown, Mariah Schneider, Kameryn McGehee, Zackery Schneider, Isaac Schneider, Natalie Schneider, Hannah Smith, Brandon Werner, Landon Smith, Isabella Lagunzad, Piper Fehrenbacher, Jessica Kelley

### RAISING THE ROOF FUND

JANUARY 1, 2012	\$ 169.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 363,018.18

### MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 772.00
HAITI HIGHER EDUCATION FUND	\$ 700.00
HAITI WATER PROJECT	\$ 2,528.00
HAITI SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 1,500.00
HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS	\$ 2,700.00
AID TO THE NEEDY	\$ 1,100.00

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

DEACONESS: *Lawrence Gumbel*

HERITAGE: *Myrna Craney*

WEST RIVER: *Larry Ubelhor, John Bergwitz*

PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester*

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. 8: Terry Fehrenbacher, Mary McIntosh, Glenn Shane

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 9: Paul Hasselbrinck, Taylor Holweger, Kylie Lincoln, Laney Fehrenbacher



Jan. 10: Butch Feulner, Randy Kuester

Jan. 11: Danny Gries, Jane Luigs, Joanie Schneider, Amanda VanNess

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

Jan. 13: Mike Collins, Sarah Glaser, Steve Gries, Angie Karcher

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 11: Randy & Jeanne Shumate, Mark & Shannon Vickers



Jan. 12: Alan & Jennifer Williams, Chip & Megan Altstadt

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE CAFETERIA AFTER THE 8 AM MASS TODAY

WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK?



**MONDAY:** 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7 pm Knights of St. John Meeting  
**TUESDAY:** 6 pm SPRED Catechists  
7 pm Choir Practice  
**WEDNESDAY:** 7 pm Marian Prayer Group  
**FRIDAY:** Middle School Ski Trip to Paoli Peaks  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:** Haiti & Food Pantry Collections  
**SUNDAY:** 9-10:15 am Religious Education Classes/RCIA  
9-10:15 am First Communion Parent Meeting

**THIS  
WEEK**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING JAN. 13:** Beginning Square Dance Les-  
**AROUND TOWN**  
sons with the River City Square Dancers, 7-9 pm, ages 13 and older, for full details call 812-567-4485  
**Jan. 14: St. John (Daylight) Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner,** 6-8 pm, adults \$6, children (under 10) \$3, call 867-3718 to purchase tickets

**--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](http://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.org](mailto:mwilderman@evdio.org).

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

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

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 & 15**

**5:00 PM** Pat & Jeanne Freeman, Sharon Vogler, Jim Werner, Eloise Hamner (EM), Natalie Schneider (S), Jan Hermann (L), Jon & Bernette Locklar (GB), Glenn Givens Family (G)

**8:00 AM** Terry Drone, Tom & Delores Folz, Marcia Frey, Al Debes (EM), Alexis Price (S), Amelia Reckelhoff (L), Curtis & Amanda VanNess (GB), Jim & Susan Helmer (G)

**10:30 AM** Cecilia Koch, Jane Scheller, June Beverly, Joe Crowdus, Cara Kuester (EM), Katherine Hahn, Addison Elpers (S), Mandy Elpers (L), Todd Powers Family (GB), Jim & Jane Scheller (G)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SKI TRIP--JANUARY 13**

Information and permission forms have gone home. If you did not receive information, contact Sharon Vogler 963-3273 or email [svogler@evdio.org](mailto:svogler@evdio.org).



**--Buy SCRIP after Mass--**

**SCRIP WORKER SCHEDULE**

Sat. 1/14, 5 pm: Cindy Baumgart & \*Sharon Hollingsworth

Sun. 1/15, 8 am: \*Stephanie Purcell

Sun. 1/15, 10:30 am: Mandy Elpers & \*Tracy Adler

**CREATING A LIVING LEGACY FOR OUR PARISH**

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, tax legislation just enacted extends the opportunity throughout 2011 for individuals 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity, such as your parish or an endowment. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are not subject to income tax! For information on how to add to an existing endowment or if you are considering creating your own Catholic Legacy, please contact the Parish office (963-3273)



Flowers and More is now offering our parish 8% cash back on every local order when you mention St. Joseph Parish at the time of your purchase. This includes everyday occasions, weddings, events, and funeral arrangements. We can work directly with you or the funeral home if you have pre-arrangements made. Call Bob Jacobs and friends at 424-8931 to make your occasion memorable.

**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.



**IT'S LOTTERY TIME**

We're wrapping up our lottery sales for this year. Thanks to all those who have again purchased a ticket or bought a ticket for the first time. We still have a number of tickets to sell to reach our goal of selling 500 tickets. So...let us know if you can help us out. Cost is \$75. Contact the parish office. (963-3273) and we'll be glad to deliver a ticket to you. Check the mail also for a for a chance to buy a lottery ticket.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Mater Dei/Memorial** annual "Buy a Ticket for the Tradition" Lottery. Each ticket is \$100. For tickets call the Parish office at 963-3273.



**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.

**THE ALTAR SOCIETY WILL BE SELLING THEIR MOUTHWATERING KUCHENS NEXT WEEKEND**

Help is always appreciated beginning at 7:30 am, Saturday, January 14th. There will be no January meeting.