

## 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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## OCTOBER 3, 2010 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### DOES GOD LOVE SOME PEOPLE MORE THAN OTHERS?

### DOES GOD HAVE FAVORITES? *Fr. Ron Rotheiser*



This an old, disputed question with centuries of history: Is there a chosen race? Are some people predestined for heaven or hell? Does God love the poor more than the rich? Does God love sinners more than the righteous? Does God love virgins more than married persons? On the surface at least, it would seem that scripture suggests that God loves some people more than others. But is this true?

The question is hard to answer because partly it's a false one. Generally whenever we set up these kinds of oppositions (Does God love this person more than that person?) we are formatting the issue in a wrong way. For example, when Jesus tells us that there is more joy in heaven over the conversion of one sinner who has strayed than over ninety-nine others who seemingly have no need of repentance, he is not affirming that God loves sinners more deeply than righteous persons. For Jesus, speaking in this specific context, there are no righteous persons. There are only sinners (people who feel their need for conversion) and self-righteous persons (people who are sinners and have not yet acknowledged their need for repentance). Conversion, at least in this particular context, is not a precondition to the Christian life. It is the Christian life. There are no righteous persons, only sinners, and the Christian journey is always a journey of conversion, a returning to the fold. We open ourselves to receive the love of God whenever we are conscious of that. God does favor sinners, but that includes all of us.

The same is true regarding whether God loves the poor more than the rich. Jesus tells, seemingly without equivocation, that God has a preferential love for the poor, but does that mean that God loves the rich less?

Again, we must be careful in how we contrast these categories: poor versus rich. What's being affirmed is not that God loves us better when we are poor than when we are rich. Rather the idea is that God loves us in our poverty - and that we more easily let ourselves be loved and more easily express gratitude when we acknowledge our poverty. For Jesus, there are only two kinds of persons: Those who are poor and those who are not yet in touch with their own poverty. And it's not that God prefers us to be poor and loves us better when we are poor. Rather it's when we are poor and in touch with our poverty that we more easily invite in love, both that of God and that of others. God does favor the poor, but, if we truly know our own condition, that's all of us.

The same principle needs to be applied to questions surrounding holiness and sexuality. Does God love us better when we are sexually incontinent than when we are not? The Gospels emphasize that Jesus was born from a virgin womb, that he was buried in virgin tomb, and that we are invited to have a virginal heart. Because of this, inside of Christian spirituality as well as in the spiritual traditions of all the great world religions, there has always been a stream of thought that suggests that God somehow blesses the celibate life more than the non-celibate life, that virginity is the preferred spiritual state. Does God love us more when we are virgins?

Again, we must be careful in how we contrast the categories: virgin and non-virgin. What's being taught is the God loves what is virginal inside of us. The contrast is not between those who sleep alone and those who don't, but between those who protect what is virginal inside of themselves and those who don't, and between those who can sweat blood so as to carry the tension of living without consummation (of all kinds) and those who cannot. It's when we protect what is virginal inside us and when we don't short-circuit life's proper innate rhythms because of our tensions that we open ourselves up more to receive love, God's love and human love. God does favor virgins, but, if we live our lives with the proper reverence and patience, that includes all of us.

The same thing might be said about Jesus' holding up little children as an ideal. He is not teaching that God loves children more than adults. The contrast is not between little children and grown-ups, but between those who, like little children, know their need for help and those who because of pride or wound no longer admit their need for God and others. It's when we admit the deep truth that we are not self-sufficient that we open ourselves up, preferentially, to be loved by God and others. God does favor those who are childlike, but, hopefully, that includes all of us.

Does God play favorites? Yes, but not between and among different persons, but between and among different states inside our own souls

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





## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OCTOBER 3, 2010  
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2  
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Syl Happe, Dolores Niemeier, John Ulrich (1860), Coemeterium O'Connor (1870), Francis Erbacher (1893), Olivia Bender (1894), Agnes Ritter (1913), Louise Smith (1932), Lorena Davidson (1986)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3  
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Herb Langner, Cathy A. Luigs, Frances Elpers  
10:30 AM Michael Genet, Wanda Givens, Infant Sauer (1864), Casparus Westhofer (1888)

MONDAY OCTOBER 4  
Saint Francis of Assisi

6:30 PM Cyrilla Schlautmann, Carol Golzhauser (1864), Sylvester Ulrich (1865), Gusparus Goebel (1868), Foannes Seiler (1875), Joseph Rexing (1880), Catharina Witt (1898), Anna Seib (1915), Frank Arnold (1984), Verena Steckler (1992)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5  
Weekday in Ordinary time

NO MASS Barbara Kraft (1882), Florentina Gries (2006)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

NOTE TIME 9:30 AM Frank Eckart, Joseph Deichelbohrer (1859), Guilielmus Goebel (1882), Rosa Gobel (1887), Gustaf Wiesinger (1982), Louise Thornsberry (1995)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7  
Our Lady of the Rosary

NO MASS Frank Eckart (2009)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8  
Weekday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS John Storssen (1917), Randall Rexing (1987)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Dave Tieken, Louis Swain, Paul Horak, Dennis Dossett, Francis Behme (1870), John Litzler (1877), Benjamin Muensterman (1963), Albert Kissel (1986), Theodore Kraft (1997)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10  
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Virgil Locklar, Anna Glaser, Jerry Schneider  
10:30 AM Walter Hasenour, Carolyn Seib, Maria Brentl (1874), Francis Rexing (1893), Joseph Frank (1984)

PLEASE JOIN US THIS TUESDAY AS WE HONOR



*Fr. Myron Effing CJD*  
celebrating his 70th birthday

Tuesday, October 5 5:30—9:00 pm  
St. Joseph School Cafeteria  
Fr. Myron will be celebrating Mass  
on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am

**JOIN US FOR THE BIG NIGHT FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS**  
The Little Sisters of the Poor are having their BIG NIGHT FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS MASQUERADE BALL on Saturday, October 16 at the CENTRE. Lee and Toni Askins are getting a table for people from St. Joe for this ball. For tickets call Julie Welch at 464-3607.

### STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"



SEPTEMBER 26, 2010	\$ 14,001.82
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 1,125.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 59,663.76
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 71,600.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 65.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 14.55

**YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK:** Melissa Blythe, Trevor Clem, Paige, Kurt & Trent Denning, Jillian & Joe Happe, Carlie Hobbs, Austin Jones, Jessica Kelley, Haileigh McClure, Isaac, Catherine, Mariah, Natalie & Zackery Schneider, Ben & Clayton Titzer, Brandon & Nathan Werner, Christiana Wolfe

#### RAISING THE ROOF FUND

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010	\$ 278.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 300,160.54

#### MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI STUDENTS	\$ 652.85
HAITI COLLECTION	\$ 120.00
AID TO THE NEEDY	\$ 10.00
CATHOLIC BUILD FOR HABITAT	\$ 20.00

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

GATEWAY: *Becky Doshier*

HEALTHSOUTH: *Tony Weiss*

PINE HAVEN: *Betty Will, Brenda Koester, Charles Baylor, Pat Koch*

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

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*

ATRIA ASSISTED LIVING: *Bernadette Jean*

STERLING HOUSE: *Avila Fehrenbacher*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

Sept. 24 Brenda Koester. Sorry we missed you!

October 3: Margie Hartmann, Donna Hiestand, Delilah Pfaffmann, Jacob Scheller, Guy Smyth, Dave Wolf

October 4: Brock Glaser, Brynlee Oakley, Mark Weidner

October 5: Triley Barkley, Chad Craney, Viola Englert,

Brian Head, Tony Tenhumberg, Richard Tieken, Patti Will

October 6: Matt Raben

October 7: Jennifer Frank, Jean Johnson, Kelley Pennington

October 8: Mitchell Adler, Andrew Craney, Lauren Rickelman,

Tony Scheller, Jacob Stratman, Judy Werner

October 9: Kyle Adler, Mason Mossberger, Dan Schenk, Dorothy Wargel

October 3: Dan & Dosey Lehman, Rick & Janet Niehaus, Alvin & Mary McIntosh, Michael & Donna Hiestand

October 4: Rick & Pauline Elpers, Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Rick & Chris Scheller, Eric & Kaytee Marts

October 5: Larry & Jackie Gries, Don & Lissa Rexing

October 6: Dave & Kim Spaetti, Don & Denise Weil

October 7: Doug & Cindy Klueh

October 8: Tom & Debra Clem



#### FUNDRAISER FOR OUR HAITI MISSION...

Again this year we are working the parking lot behind Paul's Pharmacy during the Fall Festival. Anyone interested the parish office (963-3273). The schedule is Monday Oct. 5th through Saturday Oct. 10th. We work 2 shifts 7am-3pm and 3pm-9pm.

**MONDAY:** 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration **THIS**  
**MONDAY-SATURDAY:** Fall Festival—visit the PTO and **WEEK**  
 Knights of St. John Booths  
**TUESDAY:** 5:30 pm Fr. Myron Effing Celebration,  
 6 pm SPRED Catechists, 7 pm Choir Practice  
**WEDNESDAY:** 7 pm Marian Prayer Group  
**THURSDAY-SUNDAY:** Men's Cursillo  
**SATURDAY/SUNDAY:** St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Collection  
**SUNDAY:** 9-10:15 am RCIA

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

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

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 10**

**5:00 PM** Jan Hermann, Donald Werner, Ron & Margaret Angermeier, Kathy Cook (EM), Alyssa Hollingsworth, Anna Lagunzad (S), Bernette Locklar (L), Lorraine Blanford (GB), Ed & Betty Hartz (G)

**8:00 AM** Richard & Imogene Baehl, Al Debes, Michael Elpers, Kathy Fehrenbacher (EM), Abby Elpers (S), Jalane Weber (L) Dan Lasher Family (GB), Ron & Becky Mayer (G)

**10:30 AM** June Beverly, Joe Crowdus, Paul Hillenbrand, Amy Tenbarger, Diane Bassemier (EM), Drew Wiley (S), Joyce Lewis (L), Todd Powers Family (GB), Julie Conley Family (G)

**BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS**

Sat., Oct. 9—5 pm: \*Karen McDonald & Julianna Voelker

Sun., Oct. 10—8 am: \*Stephanie Purcell

Sun., Oct. 10—10:30 am: \*Keri Hartz & Mary Kay Hahn

**CELEBRATING 2,363 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, were honored at a special Mass this Sunday, October 3 at Good Shepherd Parish. Their names and the number of years they have been married are listed below.



**Bob & Nancy Angermeier—54**  
**Donatius and Darlene Baumgart—60**  
**Gus and Verena Bender—56**  
**Bob and Norma Duncan—56**  
**Marian and Wilbur Fehrenbacher—67**  
**Don and Julitta Flick—55**  
**Tom and Dolores Folz—51**  
**Mac and Ann Glaser—55**  
**Leo and Marie Gumbel—63**  
**Fran and Shirley Happe—50**  
**Edgar and Betty Hartz—54**  
**Paul & Marlene Hasselrinck—52**  
**Charles and Doris Head—60**  
**Ella May Marlon Kroeger—61**  
**Tom and Jerri Kempf—56**  
**Ron and Linda Kempf—52**  
**Dan and Dosey Lehman—51**  
**Mary and Joe Meyer—59**  
**Norm & Kay Moutoux—51**

**Harold and Esther Niemeier—63**  
**Charles and Joan Niemeier—55**  
**Monie and Floyd Titzer—58**  
**June and Henry Preske—61**  
**Clarence and Millie Rexing—64**  
**Gene and Marianne Ritter—56**  
**Charlotte and Elmer Schapker—58**  
**Herman & Catherine Schmitt—56**  
**Nannie and Joe Schmitt—63**  
**Dennis & Joanie Schneider—51**  
**Don and Neacie Singleton—59**  
**Russell & Dorothy Stratman—56**  
**Bob and Darlene Straub—53**  
**Leroy and Rose Weiss—62**  
**Lee and Sharon Werner—60**  
**Dave and Barbara Whalen—60**  
**Darrell and Loretta Whelan—56**  
**Imelda and Bob Woodward—59**

*Thank you for the witness of your faithfulness.*

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**CAN YOU HELP?** Come and learn the secrets of sausage making. Young and old, men and women invited. We start work on Friday, Nov. 5 beginning at noon. Help is needed all afternoon. Come for an hour or the whole afternoon!

**COMING: SUNDAY OCTOBER 24**

ST. JOE MEN'S CLUB'S FAMOUS

**BURGOO**

BURGOO AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP BEGINNING AT 7 AM. CONTAINERS PROVIDED

BIG GREEN EGG SMOKER/GRILL AND \$200/GAS FROM THE MINI MART WILL BE GIVEN AWAYS ON OCT. 24. DO YOU HAVE TICKETS?



**JOIN US FOR DINNER ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th**

**Harvest Fest Dinner**

Fried Chicken and Turkey Roast Dinner

Serving from 11am - 1pm Carryouts Available

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN YOU!



**WE NEED DESSERTS....AND HELP PREPARING THE DINNER—OCT. 16 8 am**

Disposable pie and cake pans work best. There will be sign up sheets at the church doors if you can help with desserts.. To offer your help, please call Imogene at 963-5221.

**Come join us at HOPEFEST**

**Saturday, October 16 5-9 pm**

Come join us again at St. Joe for this annual fundraiser Riding Hope, Inc. is a therapeutic horse riding program for kids with special needs



Enjoy hamburgers, brats, pizza, snacks and drinks Musical entertainment AND Performances by the HANDS OF JOY PUPPETS CAR SHOW CHANCE AUCTION Admission \$3/person \$10/family Come for an evening of fun and support for a great cause

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING—THURSDAY OCT. 14 6:30 PM**

On October 14th at 6:30 pm we will host a special speaker, Kathy Dockery from Deaconess Breast Center with a presentation on Breast Cancer. Following will be our monthly meeting. Our Rada cutlery and products will be on display. New members are always welcome! Dues are only \$5 per year. Come and join us!



**COME ENJOY THE FUN AT THESE FESTIVALS**



Oct. 3 St. Raphael Dubois  
 Oct. 3 St. Martin Chrisney  
 Oct. 31 St. Peter Celestine

