

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



November 27, 2011 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear friends,

Special thanks to the members of our Altar Society for providing the refreshments for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service last week. Special thanks as well to Guy Smith and Bud and Andy Jarboe, Brain Head, and Dan Lasher for re-routing the sewer and water lines last week. That work was necessitated when we demolished the old rectory. We're going to let the ground settle there for a bit and then sow some grass and cover it with straw. It's pretty late in the season for grass to take hold, but we might get a head start for next spring.

The last remaining job is to reconnect the water, gas and electric lines from the church to the garage. We will be doing that when the folks who are doing it have time to do it. While we are doing that, we are going to upgrade the electrical circuits in the garage which we use during our summer social. Special thanks to the Men's Club for underwriting the cost of this work.

Fr. Gene Schroeder



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

fr. Richard Rohr, ofm
THE GOSPEL NECESSITY

It is safe to say that there is confusion about what is needed for life, and what is really important for life. The vast majority of American stores seem to be selling wants not needs. What we no call needs were formerly wants, and they have moved to such a level of sophistication that now luxuries are "necessities" for many of us. The upwardly mobile in our culture cannot feel good about themselves unless the vacation next year is more luxurious than last year's, unless the clothes and the house are upgraded, unless the latest gadget is acquired. This keeps us all quite trapped and unfree, and inherently unsatisfied. We are running on a perpetual hamster's wheel.

Meanwhile, most of God's people on this heart starve; most of God's people have to learn to find happiness and learn to find freedom at a much simpler level. What the Gospel is saying, of course, is that such simplicity is the only place that happiness is ever to be found in the first place. We have moved to a level where we have made happiness and contentment largely impossible. We have created a pseudo=happiness largely based in *having* instead of *being*. We are so overstimulated that the ordinary no longer delights us. We cannot rest in our *naked being* with God, as Jesus offers us.

Such a message is about as traditional, old-fashioned and conservative a gospel as we can possibly preach, and it will always be true. Every generation needs to hear it and believe this anew, but particularly in our culture when even middle-class people have more securities and comforts than did kings and queens in times when royalty flourished. We have become *human doings* rather than *human beings*, and the verb "rest," as Jesus uses it, is largely foreign to us. Indeed, such rest feels like "nothing" at all, which makes it very hard to sell to people who do not value rest.

What is your life, material or not, are you using to fulfill a need that should be sought from elsewhere.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 4:-- 4:30 PM

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)

ST. JOE SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP WILL MEET THIS FRIDAY AT 1PM IN THE CAFETERIA FOR THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING. WE WILL EAT AND 1PM AND FOLLOW THAT WITH CARDS AND BINGO. HOPE TO SEE YOU THE

HAITI WATER PROJECT MATCHING GRANT UPDATE

MATCHING GRANT \$5,000

RAISED TO DATE \$1,568

Help us meet our goal by acting now. All contributions will be matched %100. Put your contributions in the collection or send them to the parish office.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM Frank & Theresa Maurer, T.P. Lewis, Valada Martin, Leona Barrett, Boobie & Bettye Maurer, Agnes & Vernon Dezember, Mary Hillenbrand, Bill & Lula Townsend, Robert Henn, Paul E. Horak,

Dennis Dossett, William Kissel (1926), Fr. Bernard Reidford (1948), Sr. Avila O.S.F. (Theresa Relleke, 1966), John Kissel (1983), Ludwina Schu (2006)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Clarence & Catherine Miller, Joseph & Mary Schneider, Helen & Robert Hopster, Theresa Shull, Robert Shull, Mary and Herbert Guess, Donald Guess

10:30 AM Florine & Aloysius Gries, Carol Vogh (1865), John Friehtaut (1870), John Happe (1894), Francis Hillenbrand (1912), Henry Hillenbrand (1974)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Advent Weekday

6:30 PM George Happe (1893), John Heimbucher (1899), Joseph Rexing (1966)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Advent Weekday

7:30 AM Theodor Ulrich (1906), Josephine Hale (2001), Agnes Scheller (2004)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Saint Andrew

7:30 AM Anna Voelker (1892), Elisabeth Wolf (1923), Herbert Langner (2004),

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday

NO MASS John Hillenbrand (1943)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday

7:30 AM Maria Ulrich (1859), Maria Baumgart (1876), Anna Eisterhold (1897), Mary Lunkenheimer (1921), Mary Clary (1964)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM Frank & Theresa Arnold, Ed Arnold, Brian Fuchs, Robert Gentry, Tony & Cecilia Sticker, Mary Rexing, Henry Beckerle (1892)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Tony & Mary Wolf, Agnes Debes, Pat Koch

10:30 AM Joseph Schmitt, Jr., Peter Wolf (1883), Guilielmus Hillenbrand (1902), Frank Voelker, Sr. (1935), Dennis Will (1957), Donald Will (1957), Joseph Rexing (2005)

EVANSVILLE WEST DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 5 St. Francis (Poseyville) 7 pm

Dec. 6 Resurrection 12 Noon

Dec. 6 Corpus Christi 7 pm

Each of these services will include the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation privately



STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.



NOVEMBER 20, 2011	\$ 19,543.10
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 18,400.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 353,495.83
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 386,400.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 10.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 16.05

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Melissa Blythe, Audrie Collins, Trent, Kurt & Paige Denning, Finely & Piper Fehrenbacher, Jessica Kelley, Ethan & Hannah Kissel, Isabella Lagunzad, Isaac, Natalie & Zackery Schneider, Lauren Voelker, Brandon Werner, Christiana Wolfe

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

NOVEMBER 20, 2011	\$ 210.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 361,348.41

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 150.00
HAITI SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 100.00
HAITI WATER PROJECT	\$ 135.00
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	\$ 46.00

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

WEST RIVER: *Larry Ubelhor*

PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester*

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

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*

BRENTWOOD: *Edgar Hartz*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

November 27: Megan Blankenberger, Paul Kline, **HAPPY**
Tim Mayer, Christie Reagan, Roxanne Weiss **BIRTHDAY**

November 28: Brylee Delano,
Jim Fechtmeister, Lenny Tenbarga



November 29: Trey Holweger, Mildred Rexing

November 30: Laura Gries, Carrie Seib, Heath Stewart

December 1: Kathy Seger, Joan Stewart

December 2: Leonard Angermeier, Debbie Betz,
Bob Englert

December 3: Tom Betz, Peggy Dossett, Don Weis,
Kim Wolfe

November 27: Brent & Kelly Lyke, Rick & Tracy Adler,
Mike & Jossie Burk

November 28: Ron & Becky Mayer,
Tom & Bryanna Barron

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

December 1: John & Cheri King,
Ryan & Kara Dewig



December 3: Bob & Leisa Loehrlein

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Again this year you are invited to remember your loved ones in a special way at Christmas by including their name(s) in the Christmas Flower Memorials. Please send the name or names of people you want to remember to the parish office along with your donation to the parish office by Dec. 19. The names will be printed in the Christmas bulletins.

MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Friends
 7 pm Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 pm Religious Education Commission
 7 pm Marian Prayer Group
FRIDAY: 1 pm Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner
SATURDAY: 4 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Haiti & Food Pantry Collections
SUNDAY: 8-NOON Breakfast with Santa
 9-10:15 am Religious Education Classes & RCIA
 11:30 am-2 pm Confirmation Session #5

THIS WEEK

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT: Advent Evening Prayer at St. Benedict Church beginning at 5:30 pm
Dec. 4: St. Agnes St. Nick Brunch, 9:30-11:30 am
Dec. 10: St. Clements (Boonville) Annual Christmas Memories Cookie Walk, 7-11 am
Dec. 31: St. James (Haubstadt) New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance, doors open at 6:30 pm, \$50/couple, \$25/single, call 205-9500 or 618-6307

AROUND TOWN

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 & 4

5:00 PM Sharon Vogler, Jim Werner, Dolores Sudholt, Don Werner, Kathy Cook (EM), Mackenzie Douglas (S), Toni Askins-Stricker (L), Lee & Toni Askins (GB), Glenn Givens Family
8:00 AM Marcia Frey, Tom & Delores Folz, Randy & Kathy Fehrenbacher (EM), Gabe Gries (S), Lucas Goedde (L), Larry & Henrietta Happe (GB), Jim & Susan Helmer (G)
10:30 AM Jane Scheller, Paul Hillenbrand, Sally Kempf, Cecilia Koch, Diane Bassemier (EM), Haley Elpers, Macey Adler (S), Shane Wessel (L), Phil & Becky Doshier (GB), Greg & Susie Head (G)

IT'S LOTTERY TIME St. Joe Monthly Lottery Tickets are **48 CHANCES** now available. \$16,200.00 to be **TO WIN \$16,200** given away next year. Cost is \$75. If you haven't purchased a ticket in the past and would like to do so this year, contact the parish office. (963-3273). 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 St. Joe School Office at 963-3335, or Parish office at 963-3273.



--Buy SCRIP after Mass--

SCRIP WORKER SCHEDULE

Sat. 12/3, 5 pm: *Jenny Collins

Sun. 12/4, 8 am: *Stephanie Purcell

Sun. 12/4, 10:30 am: Michelle Shane & *Jena Wessel

GOING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? SANTA SAYS "Give them SCRIP"



DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GIVE THAT SPECIAL PERSON? WHY NOT BUY THEM A

SCRIP Gift Certificate

LET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BENEFIT ST. JOE!!

--NEWS FROM MATER DEI--

Catholic Education Foundation tuition application are now available from the Mater Dei School Office, our parish office or through the Mater Dei High School website. Go to www.materdeiwildcats.com; select "Prospective Students, then "Tuition and Financial Assistance".



Completed applications may be sent electronically to cef@evdio.org or sent by mail or delivered personally to the CEF office. This year the priority deadline for applications will be December 15, 2011. Applications must include estimated 2011 income and financial information. By March 15 2012, send tax returns and W-2's electronically or in hard copy to verify estimated 2011 information. CEF applications are available at the school and parish office.



ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY DEC. 9 6 PM
 All women of the parish are invited to join them.

Call Jan Hermann (480-5710) or the parish office (963-3273) for reservations

This year, with the economy being as it is and with so many being in need, we have chosen to ask those attending to bring a monetary gift for St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in lieu of our usual gift exchange. You may also choose to bring a gift for a state hospital patient. This should be wrapped and marked for gender as well as size. No glass containers of any kind.



ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY IS SELLING RADA KNIVES. These make nice Christmas gifts, wedding gifts, or bridal shower gifts and of course for your own personal use! Place your order by calling Imogene (963-5221).

COME ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA--December 4

8:00 am--Noon, in the cafeteria

Adults \$6.00, Children (2-10 yrs) \$3.00,

Free for Children under 2. Carry-outs available

ON THE MENU: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice, Milk and Hot Chocolate

Hands of Joy Puppet Team performs at 9 am

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Proceeds benefit the St. Joe 8th Grade Class Trip



Boy Scout Troop 399 Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale at Sacred Heart
 The species of trees are Balsam, Frasier Fir, and Douglas Fir. Questions? Call Roger Nurrenbern at 457-1051.

WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK?



IN HAPPY MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD. IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK GOD. IN QUIET MOMENTS, WORSHIP GOD. IN PAINFUL MOMENTS, TRUST GOD IN EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD.