

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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NOVEMBER 28, 2010 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear friends,

Today we begin the season of Advent. Advent is about waiting. Fr. Henri Nouwen, writes that.... "Waiting is essential to the spiritual life. But waiting as a disciple of Jesus is not an empty waiting. It is a waiting with a promise in our hearts that makes already present what we are waiting for. We wait during Advent for the birth of Jesus. We wait after Easter for the coming of the Spirit, and after the ascension of Jesus we wait for his coming again in glory. We are always waiting, but it is a waiting in the conviction that we have already seen God's footsteps.

Waiting for God is an active, alert - yes, joyful - waiting. As we wait we remember him for whom we are waiting, and as we remember him we create a community ready to welcome him when he comes."

Fr. Gene Schroeder

P.S. Thanks to all those who have purchased a lottery ticket for the St. Joe Lottery. If you need tickets, call the parish office (963-3273)

P.S.S. Thanks to all those who helped with the Altar Society Dressing Sale. Over 400 gallons of dressing were made.

2011 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

Once again this year, the folks at PIERRE FUNERAL HOME have provided each of the families in our parish with a Catholic Calendar for 2011. Be sure to pick up a copy for your family. And then next time you see the folks at PIERRE, be sure to thank them for their gift to our parish!



We Want YOU in our NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

For the next couple of weekends we invite you to sign up to have your picture taken for our new parish directory. It's been four years since we did our last directory and have new faces in the crowd!

The signup sheets will be on the table in the front of church close to the vigil lights. Choose the time and day that is best for you.



BEING "CHURCH"

Fr. Henri Nouwen

It is important to think about the Church not as "over there" but as a community of struggling, weak people of whom we are part and in whom we meet our Lord and Redeemer

The Church as the body of Christ has many faces. The Church prays and worships. It speaks words of instruction and healing, cleanses us from our sins, invites us to the table of the Lord, binds us together in a covenant of love, sends us out to minister, anoints us when we are sick or dying, and accompanies us in our search for meaning and our daily need for support. All these faces might not come to us from those we look up to as our leaders. But when we live our lives with a simple trust that Jesus comes to us in our Church, we will see the Church's ministry in places and in faces where we least expect it.

If we truly love Jesus, Jesus will send us the people to give us what we most need. And they are our spiritual leaders

The most honored parts of the body are not the head or the hands, which lead and control. The most important parts are the least presentable parts. That's the mystery of the Church. As a people called out of oppression to freedom, we must recognize that it is the weakest among us - the elderly, the small children, the handicapped, the mentally ill, the hungry and sick - who form the real center. Paul says, "It is the parts of the body which we consider least dignified, that we surround with the greatest dignity" (1 Corinthians 12:23).

The Church as the people of God can truly embody the living Christ among us only when the poor remain its most treasured part. Care for the poor, therefore, is much more than Christian charity. It is the essence of being the body of Christ

Those who are marginal in the world are central in the Church, and that is how it is supposed to be! Thus we are called as members of the Church to keep going to the margins of our society. The homeless, the starving, parentless children, people with AIDS, our emotionally disturbed brothers and sisters - they require our first attention.



**CELEBRATION
OF THE
EUCCHARIST**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2010
FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 PM Joseph & Mary Schneider,
Frank S. Maurer, Theresa Maurer,
Valada Martin, Leona Barrett, Boobie
& Bettye Maurer, Agnes Dezember,
T.P.Lewis, Mary Hillenbrand, Paul
Horak, Dennis Dossett, Carol Vogh
(1865), John Friehaut (1870), John Happe (1894), Francis Hillenbrand
(1912), Henry Hillenbrand (1974)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM Alice Keil, Special Intention, Catherine Miller,
Liz Tucker, Urban & Betty Will, Jan Wedding
10:30 AM Carolyn Seib, Joseph & Anna Schmitt, Florine & Aloysius
Gries, Irene Schmitt, Robert Settersten, George Happe (1893), John
Heimbucher (1899), Joseph Rexing (1966)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Advent Weekday**

6:30 PM Bud and Emil Hopf, Theodor Ulrich (1906), Josephine Hale
(2001), Agnes Scheller (2004)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
Saint Andrew**

7:30 AM Fr. John Lefler, Fr. Sy Loehrlein, Anna Voelker (1892), Elisa-
beth Wolf (1923), Herbert Langner (2004)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday**

7:30 AM John Hillenbrand (1943)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday**

NO MASS Maria Ulrich (1859), Maria Baumgart (1876), Anna Eisterhold
(1897), Mary Luekenheimer (1921), Mary Clary (1964)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
Saint Francis Xavier**

8:15 AM Robert Gentry, Henry Beckerle (1892)

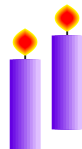
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 PM Dolores Niemeier, Peter Wolf (1883), Guilielmus Hillenbrand
(1902), Frank Voelker, Sr. (1935), Dennis Will (1957), Donald Will
(1957), Joseph Rexing (2005)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM Herb Langner, Stella Ubelhor, Jim Vitzdam, Glenn Fehren-
bacher, Gilbert & Alberta Fehrenbacher, Lou Montgomery

10:30 AM Charles Baylor, Carolyn Seib, Carol Lewis, Edwin Englert,
Infant Hartlein (1864)



**St. Joe Senior Citizens will gather
this Friday at 1 pm in the cafeteria
for a special Christmas luncheon
followed by bingo and games.**



**ALL COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES NEED TO BE FILLED AND RETURNED BY THIS
SUNDAY SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIUBTE THEM TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all
was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship
of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is
Lord of my life?



NOVEMBER 21, 2010	\$ 15,596.01
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 184,190.07
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 214,800.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 16.97

**YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLEC-
TION LAST WEEK:** Melissa Blythe, Trevor & Joshua Clem, Paige,
Trent & Kurt Denning, Addison, Jordan & Brendan Elpers, Austin Jones,
Jessica Kelley, Ethan & Evan Lyke, Kaitlyn & Kameryn McGehee, Maisy
Seib, Lauren Voelker, Lucas, Tyler & Zachary Weinzapfel, Nathan &
Brandon Werner, Christiana Wolfe

RAISING THE ROOF FUND



NOVEMBER 21, 2010	\$ 142.78
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 304,807.64

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 100.00
HAITI SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 100.00
HAITI STUDENTS	\$ 19.64
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT	\$ 127.00

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

PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester, Pat Koch*
SOLARBRON TERRACE: *Valeria Elpers, Clarence Miller,
Clarence and Mildred Rexing*
NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*
ATRIA ASSISTED LIVING: *Bernadette Jean*
PARVIEW: *Avila Fehrenbacher*
CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*
WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

Nov. 28: Jim Fechtmeister, Brenda Schaefer, Lenny Tenbarga	HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Nov. 29: Joseph Hillenbrand, Trey Holweger, Mildred Rexing	
Nov. 30: Laura Gries, Frank Peterlin, Hope Peterlin, Carrie Seib, Heath Stewart	
Dec. 1: Joan Stewart	
Dec. 2: Leonard Angermeier, Debbie Betz, Bob Englert, Adam Nisley	
Dec. 3: Tom Betz, Peggy Dossett, Don Weis, Kim Wolfe	
Dec. 4: Neal Dossett, Laura Elpers, Donna Gaupel, Eloise Hamner, Mary Ruth Lasher, Keith Smith	
Nov. 28: Ron & Becky Mayer, Tom & Bryanna Barron	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Dec. 1: John & Cheri King, Ryan & Kara Dewig	
Dec. 3: Bob & Leisa Loehrlein	

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



Again this year you are invited to re-
member 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. 20. The names will be printed in the
Christmas bulletins. You can use the envelope that is
included in your monthly envelope packet.

MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Friends
 7 pm Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 pm Religious Education Commission Meeting
 7 pm Marian Prayer Group
FRIDAY: 1 pm Senior Citizens Christmas Gathering
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Food Pantry Collections
SUNDAY: 8 am-12 pm Breakfast with Santa
 9-10:15 am Religious Education Student Class
 1-3 pm Confirmation Session

**THIS
WEEK**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 & 5

5:00 PM Jeanne Freeman, Donald Werner, Bob & Mary K. Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier (EM), Lindsey Deig, Mackenzie Douglas (S), Nancy Gumbel (L), Jim & Janice Herr (GB), Ed & Betty Hartz (G)

8:00 AM Al Debes, Michael Elpers, Kathy Fehrenbacher, Jean Duncan, John Manger (EM), Noah Schnur (S), Jalane Weber (L) Randy Kuester Family (GB), Tom Blythe Family (G)

10:30 AM Diane Bassemier, June Beverly, Joe Crowdus, Paul Hillenbrand, Mark Taylor (EM), Ashlynn Shane, Drew Pfaffmann (S), Shane Wessel (L), Darlene & Penny Appler (GB), John & Diane Bassemier (G)

BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS

Sat., Dec. 4—5 pm: *Sharon Hollingsworth & Lisa Douglas
 Sun., Dec. 5—8 am: *Becky Ondash & Stephanie Frey
 Sun., Dec. 5—10:30 am: Jessica Wallace & *Sally Reising Kempf



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!!

AROUND TOWN
DEC. 1 St. Mary, Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, 7 pm
DEC. 5 St. Benedict, Sing for the Sisters, featuring Germania Mannerchor and Damenchor and The Weinacht Brass Ensemble, to benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor, 2 pm, concert is free, there will be a free will offering.
Dec. 31 St. James New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance, dinner served at 7 pm, Grant Jones will be the DJ, call 319-9800 or 768-6842 for reservations and info.

NOVEMBER TRADITION LOTTERY WINNERS:

\$10,000—Michael & Donna Ferriell, \$1,500—Linda & Larry Wannemuelher, \$1,000—Todd Maurer, \$500—Michael Elpers

COME ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA--December 5

8:00 am—Noon, in the cafeteria

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

\$3.00, Children under 2 are free

Carry-outs available



ON THE MENU: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee/Juice/Milk
 Have your picture taken with Santa and see the puppet show.

IT'S LOTTERY TIME

St. Joe Monthly Lottery Tickets are now available. \$16,200.00 to be given away next year. Cost is \$75. This month our ticket sellers will be getting in touch with all those who bought tickets last year. Thanks to those who have already returned their tickets. **We also have tickets for the Mater Dei Treasure the Tradition raffle.** Call the parish office for information.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Communal Penance Services

Wednesday Dec. 15th 7:00 PM

Friday Dec. 17th 11:00 AM

Opportunity for the private celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 2 12 Noon Resurrection Church

December 2 7:00 PM St. Boniface Church

If these times are not convenient, please call me at the office so that we can set up a time that is convenient.

Happy Advent—Fr. Gene

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011

JR. HIGH SKI TRIP (GRADES 6-8) AT PAOLI PEAKS.



Cost: Ski Ticket or Snow Board Ticket \$52 (includes ski rental, chair lift, dinner, lesson and transportation), those not skiing \$27 (includes transportation and dinner). Adults sign up to be a chaperone. Adult chaperones who ski pay only \$27, chaperones not skiing are free. For more info., contact Sharon Vogler 963-3273 or email svogler@evdio.org.



ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY DEC. 9 6 PM
 All women of the parish are invited to join them. Cost is \$5 per person. 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).



ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS Catholic Charities is seeking families to "adopt" needy families this Christmas. Call 423-5456, email tluebellor@evdio.org, or fax 423-4392 today and get in the Christmas Spirit by reaching out to a family who needs you.



Pray with us! We have family in Iraq and Afghanistan!

