

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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DECEMBER 5, 2010 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear friends,

I received word this week from Fr. Alain in Haiti that two of our students at St. James School have died from the cholera epidemic that has now reached Plaine du Nord. There are also between 80-100 confirmed cases of people in Plaine du Nord who are sick with cholera. We have been spending money so that they can buy the necessary medicines to combat this outbreak. Fr. Alain is also doing what he can to urge people to follow hygienic procedures in their lives which is quite a challenge because of the poor quality of water available to them.

Once again the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti are tremendous. Your donations to our monthly collection continue to be critical to our ability to respond to their needs. As we come to the end of the year, we are always ready to receive you extra donations for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.



Many thanks to all the folks who helped prepare the Care Packages for our college students. With your generous help, we are delivering/sending 75 care packages. Please keep our college youth in your prayers as they begin their semester exams in the next 1-2 weeks.



This week you will be receiving a letter giving the status of your pledge to our Raising the Roof Campaign. Next May will be the end of this four year campaign. So far we have received payment for 88% of the total pledges of \$346,000. With your continued support, I feel confident that we will receive the remaining 12% which is about \$42,000.

Check your statement to make sure it is accurate. As always, let us know if there are any mistakes, so that we can make the necessary corrections.



We are continuing work on transforming the convent into the new rectory/parish office. Those of you who have been involved in renovation work of older homes will not be surprised that there is never a good starting and stopping place for this kind of work.

We have decided that the best thing is to replace all the old plumbing cast iron pipes as well as all the old electrical. What we need right now are people who are willing to do the demolition work needed to accomplish this—mostly tearing out ceilings and wall paneling. So if you are looking for the chance to work out your frustrations, give me a call. We can use your energy to help do some of the demolition work.

Fr. Gene Schroeder



SUPPORT THE DREAM ACT

Senator Richard Lugar, a sponsor of the

DREAM Act, is expecting that this bill will be acted upon following the Thanksgiving holiday. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly support this legislation as one means of providing hope and opportunity for many young people who are trapped through no fault of their own without citizenship status.

If enacted, the DREAM Act would create a pathway through which undocumented immigrant students could obtain conditional permanent residency and, ultimately, American citizenship. Under the legislation, certain students would be eligible for conditional permanent residency if they meet certain criteria, including: entering the United States before age 16; living in the U.S. for at least five continuous years immediately before the bill becomes effective; graduating from high school or gaining admission into an institute of higher education; having "good moral character" and not committed certain crimes; and being younger than 35 when the bill becomes effective. Students must also demonstrate that they have not been under a final order for deportation. After a six year period of conditional permanent residency, these individuals could apply for citizenship if they had continued to demonstrate "good moral character," continued to live in the U.S., and completed at least two years of higher education or served at least two years in the military.

The DREAM Act could come up for a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives as early as the week of November 29th. To promote Congressional action on the DREAM Act, JFI urges you to send the letter below to your Senators and Representative and ask them to co-sponsor or publicly support the DREAM Act.

You can call Rep. Brad Ellsworth 202-225-3121 or Senators Evan Bayh and Richard Lugar 202-224-3121 to urge them to support this bill. For more information you can go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org.



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCCHARIST

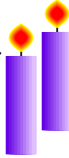
DECEMBER 5, 2010

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Vitzdamm, Glenn Fehrenbacher, Gilbert & Alberta Fehrenbacher, Lou Montgomery, Agnes Willem, Andy Kelley

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Feast of Saint Nicholas

6:30 PM Agatha Effinger (1857), Magdalen Kissel (1857), Francis Relleke (1858), Anna Hartlein (1864), Joseph Wangler (1893), Allen Wargel (2005)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

NOTE TIME 6:00 PM Bill Gries, John Lenyes (1878), Regina Becker (1906), John Tieken (1945), Barthel Bender (1959), Robert Jochum (2003)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

NOTE TIME 8:15 AM Victims of the cholera epidemic in Plaine du Nord

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Feast of Saint Juan Diego

NO MASS Walter Reheman (1989), Donald Titzer (2003)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

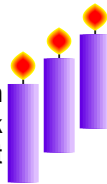
Advent Weekday

NOTE TIME 7:30 AM Maria Kissel (1857), Elisabeth Stoeckle (1862), Lillian Hillenbrand (1938), Paul Kissel (1942)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM Edwin Englert, Bernard Heerdink (1863), Christian Deichelbohor (1863), Joseph Berhardt (1863), Infant Trunk (1863), Infant Sheiner (1863), Infant Steinmetz (1863), Infant Kohl (1871), Mary Kissel (1942), Elmer Debes (1982), Eric Wrinkles (2009)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Joe Sudholt, Curtis Will, Betty and Urban Will, Madelyn Rexing, David Rexing, Joey Elpers

10:30 AM Jerome Muensterman, Sean Witsoe, Janet Wilson, Fred Goebel (1947), Jewell Stevens (2008)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Mass will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 7 and 8:15 am on Wednesday, December 8.

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



NOVEMBER 28, 2010	\$ 11,639.57
NOVEMBER 30, 2010 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 1,125.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 196,949.64
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 232,700.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 50.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 23.75

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Macey Adler, Nicholas & Allyson Angermeier, Melissa Blythe, Conner Brown, Joshua Clem, Elyssa, Cole & Katelyn Happe, Rakyn Hays, Jessica Kelley, Nikki & Shelby Mayer, Kaitlyn & Kameryn McGehee, Dillon & Madison Mossberger, Lucas, Tyler & Zachary Weinzapfel, Nathan & Brandon Werner, Christiana Wolfe

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

NOVEMBER 21, 2010	\$ 306.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 305,113.64

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 100.00
ST. VINCENT DePAUL FOOD BANK	\$ 100.00

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

DEACONESS: *Larry Ubelhor*

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*

Dec. 5: Audrie Collins, Bettye Conley, Zachary Ondash, Catherine Schmitt, Rose Weiss

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 6: Bryanna Barron, Tyler Collins, Dylan Pfaffman, Rick Scheller



Dec. 7: Tom Glaser, Becky Jung, Evan Loehrlein, Eugene Schmitt, Josh Wade, Betty Will, Josh Winiger

Dec. 8: Karen Angermeier, Lori Appler, Meagann Manger, John O'Reilly, Angela Reckelhoff, Jessie Ruminer

Dec. 9: Julie Fehrenbacher, Diane Hill, Joan Inkenbrandt, Ansley Singer, Sharon Vogler

Dec. 10: Mary Butler, Jacob Englert, Helen Kissel, Diane Wunderlich

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 11: Julie Conley, Betty Hartz



Dec. 5: Mike & Doris Niemeier

Dec. 6: Pat & Jeanne Freeman, Paul & Karen Gorman

IT'S GOOD TO DO BUSINESS WITH OUR BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS

Fifty-five area businesses support our parish each week by taking an ad in our bulletin and newsletter. Their generosity enables us to publish our bulletin each week and publish and mail our newsletter each month.

As we get ready to renew our ads for the new year, it's a great time to say "thanks" to them and to support them by taking advantage of the services they offer!

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES: Wednesday, Dec. 15 7pm and Friday, Dec. 17 11am

There is always an opportunity for private celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Call Fr. Gene (963-3273) to set up a time that is convenient.

MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting

TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Catechists
7 pm Choir Practice
7 pm Athletic Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 7 pm Marian Prayer Group

THURSDAY: 6 pm St. Anne's Altar Society Christmas Dinner

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Food Pantry Collections

SUNDAY: 9-10:15 am Religious Education Family Class

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 & 12

5:00 PM Pat & Jeanne Freeman, Lauren Niemeier, Dolores Sudholt, Kathy Cook (EM), Nathan Werner, Brittney Hollingsworth (S), Toni Stricker-Askins (L), Tom & Jerri Kempf (GB), Ed & Betty Hartz (G)

8:00 AM Delores Folz, Richard & Imogene Baehl, Allen Whitehouse, Al Debes (EM), Haley Elpers (S), Kim Spaetti (L) Dan Lasher Family (GB), Jim & Susan Helmer (G)

10:30 AM Kitty Deig, Becky Doshier, Dick Griese, Amy Tenbarga, Emily Tenbarga (EM), Bayleigh Wessel, Kiersten Buedel (S), Joyce Lewis (L), Mike & Julie Forcum Family (GB), Michelle Kirk (G)

BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS

Sat., Dec. 11—5 pm: *Melissa Gillenwater & Missy Singer

Sun., Dec. 12—8 am: *Bridget Pfaffmann

Sun., Dec. 12—10:30 am: *Mandy Elpers & Tracy Adler



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!!

We Want YOU in our PARISH DIRECTORY

There still is time to sign up to have your picture taken for our new parish directory.

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.



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!

DEC. 5 "Sing for the Sisters" Concert at AROUND TOWN St. Benedict, to benefit Little Sisters of the Poor, 2 pm.

DEC. 12 CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUDALUPE with Bishop Gettelfinger at mass at 5:30 pm at Nativity Church. Mexican food, Mariachi band for music and dancing to follow.

Dec. 31 St. James New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance, dinner served at 7 pm, call 319-9800 for reservations and info.

COME ENJOY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA THIS SUNDAY--DECEMBER 8

8:00 am—Noon, in the cafeteria

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

\$3.00, Children under 2 are free

Carry-outs available

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!



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.



ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS COMING

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).

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.



NEED DRESSING FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER? St. Anne's Altar Society still has 20 gallons of dressing for sale. The cost is \$12 per gallon. Call Imogene Baehl at 963-5221 to place your order.

