

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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March 20, 2011 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

What is the point of suffering? *Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.*

Lent is about the holiness that suffering can bring. It is about bringing good where hate has been. It is about the transformation of the base to the beautiful. But don't be fooled: Lent is not about masochism. It is about being willing to suffer for something worth suffering for, as Jesus did, without allowing ourselves to be destroyed by it

This year's Lenten reflections deal not only with the kind of suffering that comes to us unbidden and unexpected, though that kind is painfully clear in the narratives that follow, but it also deals with the kinds of suffering some were willing to accept in order to change an oppressive environment for others. They raise a question that cannot go away: Why would anyone take on such difficulties, not only for the sake of their own lives, but for the sake of others as well?

These are questions that begin with Jesus but end with us. The answer to these questions has something to do with the very meaning of both Lent and life. Because suffering is part of our mortality, it is important to spend it well. Jesus, contending with the leaders of the synagogue at the cost of His life, in order to bring the synagogue to the truth of its own tradition, we can see, is worth suffering for indeed. And many others, we know, have done the same for the sake of truth and justice. Martin Luther King, Jr. did. So did Francis of Assisi. So did Catherine of Siena and Joan of Arc. And so are the women of whose lives we get a glimpse in these Lenten reflections.

We see in all these figures, and so many more—Mahatma Gandhi, Oscar Romero, Franz Jaegerstatter, Aung San Suu Kyi, Rosa Parks, Elizabeth Cady Stanton—that there are simply some things worth dying for as well as worth living for. To live for the lesser things of life is to risk not really living at all. Real life is pungent with risk, with the willingness to spend all the intensity we have for one great, lasting moment of creation-like childbearing, like human liberation, like being a living witness to justice and truth and love and faith, the greater things of life.

The problem lies in being able to make a decision about what we will do that is worth suffering for. It is about living in the way Jesus lived—for the sake of the sick in Galilee, for the women in Israel and Samaria and Canaan, for the poor in the temple, for those burdened by taxes in Palestine, for sinners everywhere who knew themselves to be weak and did not pretend to be strong—that determines the holiness of our suffering. That is the crossover point between sanctity and a sickness that seeks masochism.

Lent is the season that teaches us that darkness may overtake us but will not overcome good as long as we doggedly refuse to give in to our lesser selves, as long as we refuse to become the very things we say we hate. Whatever the grief of Good Friday, however much evil plumes itself, in the end the apostles rally; the women witness at their peril, the unbelieving are converted; the living witnesses attest to the life of Jesus despite the danger to their own lives. It is a commitment to that kind of suffering that Lent is about. And it is going on all over the world. The question with which this Lent confronts us is a simple one: In what way do our own lives support theirs?

—from the introduction to *Cry Justice! Cry Hope! Lent 2010* by Joan Chittister,
Beverly Bell and Women around the World

FABULOUS FISH FRY-- FRIDAY, APRIL 1

It's the BEST Fish Fry in the area!

SERVING: 5-7 PM

ADULTS \$8

KIDS (12 and under) \$4

Dine in or carry out

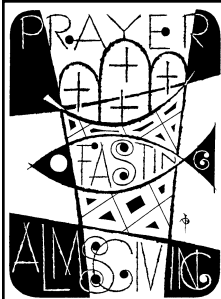


SIGN UP TODAY TO WORK. SIGN-UP SHEETS
ARE AT THE CHURCH DOORS

You can also call Mike and Jenny Collins (760-9709)
or the parish office (963-3273) to volunteer.



Happy Feastday!
Feast of St. Joseph
March 19



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARISH

5:00 PM Jim and Delores Niemeier, Agatha Ziegler (1872), Henry Angermeyer (1920), Joseph Goebel (1986), Cecilia Reising (1988), Olen Metz (1994)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM Andy Kelley, Jim and Delores Niemeier, Fr. Firmus Dick, Fr. Bob Wannemuehler, Fr. Sy Loehrlein,

10:30 AM Charlie Baylor, Carolyn Seib, Brenda Will, Bill Baumgart, Hugh and Adelaide Rogier, Clare Croce, Frank and Theresa Arnold

MONDAY, MARCH 21
Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM Leo Sudholt, Jeanette Werner, Infant Beckerle (1869), Anna Oshsner (1880), Maria Werner (1882), Maria Kissel (1907)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Laurentius Denninger (1865), Caspar Hillenbrand (1934), George Duncan (1983), Clarence Botzum (2000)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo

7:30 AM Victims of the earthquake in Japan

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
Lenten Weekday

NO MASS Infant Rexing (1884)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

NOTE TIME 7:30 AM Infant Fischer (1860), Marian Romati (1870), Catharine Trunk (1878), Philip Titzer (1919), Gertrude Smith (1955), Herman Hartweck, Sr. (1967), Mary Reising (1972), Fr. Fred Niehaus (16th Pastor of St. Joe, 1952)

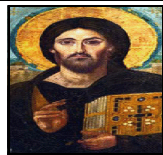
SATURDAY, MARCH 26
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM John Straub, June Weiss, Frank & Theresa Maurer, T.P. Lewis, Valada Martin, Leona Barrett, Boobie & Bettye Maurer, Agnes & Vernon Dezember, Mary Hillenbrand, Sophia Drewis (1916), Infant Te-pool (1916), Joseph Feudenberg (1931), Rosina Rexing (1939)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM Bob Gries, Anthony Kercher, Greg Kempf, Stella Ubelhor

10:30 AM Greg Englert, Lu Montgomery, Edwin Englert, Joseph Weiss (1887), Anton Schilli (1913), Rose Schmitt (1950)



Penance Services with an opportunity
for private confession on
Thursday, March 31
12 Noon at Resurrection
7 pm at Holy Redeemer

ROGATION DAY SERVICE THURSDAY, MARCH 24

The Parish of St. Mary's Huntingburg and the Diocesan Office of Catholic Rural Life will offer the annual Rogation Service Thursday March 24 at 7 pm to pray for favorable weather, protection from natural disasters and for a fruitful harvest. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag of seed and soil to be blessed. This service is for all who eat and care for the earth.

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. *What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?*



MARCH 13, 2011	\$ 19,163.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 471,754.77
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 501,200.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 217.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 24.34

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Melissa Blythe, Trevor & Joshua Clem, Paige, Kurt & Trent Denning, Finley Fehrenbacher, Kurt, Karl, Gretchen & Heidi Forcum, Rakyn Hays, Austin Jones, Jessica Kelley, Ethan & Evan Lyke, Kameryn & Kaitlyn McGehee, Madison & Dillon Mossberger, Eric Ondash, Maisy Seib, Nathan & Vanessa Vanbibber, Lauren Voelker, Brandon & Nathan Werner, Christiana Wolfe

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

MARCH 13, 2011	\$ 615.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 339,927.82

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 450.00
HAITI WATER PROJECT	\$ 650.00
HAITI STUDENTS	\$ 230.00
HAITI SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 140.00
EASTERN EUROPE	\$ 66.00

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

SELECT HOSPITAL: *Dorothy Wargel*

HEALTHSOUTH: *Joe Schmitt*

PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester*

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

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*

SERENITY PLACE ST. MARY'S WARRICK CO: *Edgar Hartz*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

Mar. 20: Merl Schapker

Mar. 21: Mandy Elpers, Shari Kempf, Halley Mattes, Kevin McGarrah, Lesa Raben, Monica Voelker



Mar. 22: Joe Deweese

Mar. 23: Bryce Baumgart, Merel Effinger, Rick Heldt, Sarah Luigs, Samantha Montgomery

Mar. 24: Donna Dippel, Andrew Emmert, Danny Kelley, Leisa Loehrlein, Kathy Morris, John Reckelhoff, Nannie Schmitt, Lane Wargel, Connor Witsoe

Mar. 25: Jim Collins, Steve Doyle, Chelsea Emmert, June Preske

Mar. 26: Jenny Bozeman, Shelly Collins, Mary Kay Elpers

Mar. 24: Wayne & Melba Wilderman

Mar. 25: Alan & Julie Gaisser



Please remember in your prayers **Bob Gries**, nephew of Anna Mae and cousin of Fred, Jim, Danny, Vernie, Bernie, and Gary Gries and Carolyn Hutchinson and golfing buddy of Don Hutchinson, and **Anthony Kercher**, the brother-in-law of Donatius Baumgart who died this past week. May they now know the fullness of life in God's kingdom and may God's peace be with their family and friends.



MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm Men's Club Meeting
TUESDAY: 6 pm SPRED Friends
7 pm Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 7-9 pm Bad Women of the Bible at St. Joe Inn
7 pm Marian Prayer Group
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Haiti & Food Pantry Collections

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 26 & 27

5:00 PM Pat & Jeanne Freeman, Donald Werner, Ron & Margaret Angermeier (EM), Mackenzie Douglas (S), Bernette Locklar (L), Rick Sheller Family (GB)

8:00 AM Michael Elpers, Allen Whitehouse, Imogene & Richard Baehl, Al Debes (EM), Gabe Gries (S), Lucas Goedde (L), Larry & Henrietta Happe (GB), Ron & Becky Mayer (G)

10:30 AM Doris Taylor, Diane Bassemier, June Beverly, Joe Crowdu, Paul Hillenbrand (EM), Haley Elpers, Macey Adler (S), Michelle Schmitt (L), Darlene & Penny Appler (GB), Dick & Kathy Griese (G)

Sundays during Lent. Evening **AROUND TOWN**

Prayer at St. Benedict 5:30 pm
March 26: St. Joseph (City) Rummage Sale, 7 am-1 pm
March 26: Holy Redeemer Rummage Sale, 7 am-1 pm
March 27: The Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony at St. Benedict 2 pm

March 27-28: Lenten Renewal Days St. John Daylight 7 pm
April 1, 2, & 3 SOURCE AND SUMMIT YOUTH RETREAT at Memorial High School

April 2: Holy Rosary Faith Day, 8 am-3:30 pm, to register call 477-8923 by March 28

April 2: St. Theresa Rummage Sale, 7 am-1 pm

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

PARISH GOAL: \$ 100,000.00
PLEGGED TO DATE \$ 32,410.00
NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 115
AVERAGE PLEDGE: \$281.82



Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge cards (partial listing)
Our stewardship goal is to give 1% of our income to the CPC


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| Gary Fehrenbacher | Cyril & Barbara Gerteisen |
| Dave & Lori Wolf | Ruth Burk |
| Jim & Janice Herr | Antoinette Happe |
| Leroy & Rose Weiss | Leonard & Linda Elpers |
| Estelle Schneider | Wilbur & Marian Fehrenbacher |
| Eugene & Elizabeth Schmitt | Bill Elpers |
| Mike & Jossie Burk | Mike & Joyce Elpers |
| Kay Moutoux | Stephen & Anne Lannert |
| Ken & Ruth Hoefling | Dan & Laurie Hartman |
| John & Gail Maurer | Renee Pace |
| Rick & Sherry Dile | Thomas & Debra Daughtery |
| Alan & Joan Inkenbrandt | Larry Ubelhor |

BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS
\$ Sat., Mar. 26—5 pm: *Sharon Hollingsworth & Lisa Douglas
\$ Sun., Mar. 27—8 am: *Becky Ondash & *Stephanie Frey
\$ Sun., Mar. 27—10:30 am: Rebecca Whitehouse & *Julie Forcum

PRE-SCHOOL, PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

We are continuing to accept registrations for our pre-school, pre-K and Kindergarten classes for next year. For more information contact Mrs. Melba Wilderman, our school principal, at the school office (963-3335).

COME JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY--SATURDAY, APRIL 2

 We need to clean up the leaves, fill in graves spaces in the cemetery, and trim some bushes to get our parish campus looking nice and ready for the lawn mowing season. Bring a rake, leaf blower, and anything else that will help us dispose of the old leaves. We'll start at 8am. (Rainout date will be April 9). Please note: the April 2 day is a change from the April 9 day listed in this month's newsletter.

CEMETERY NOTE: Help us get ready for lawn mowing time by removing all Christmas wreaths and other decorations around your cemetery tombstones that might get in the way of our lawn mowing crews.

IT'S LAWN MOWING TIME! JOIN THE CROWD THAT'S JUST "A CUT ABOVE"



We have six crews (more if we can get more people) who mow the lawn each Thursday on a rotating basis—once every six weeks. The crews mow the lawn around the rectory and convent and the cemetery. We provide all the equipment (self-propelled lawn mowers, riding lawn mower, weed eaters, (and refreshments for the workers!)).

We're looking for new people (men and women, young and more mature! to be a part of one of our mowing crews.. Maybe you could be one of them. Call the parish office (963-3273) or Mark Schmitt (963-9186) the coordinator of our lawn mowing crews.



Just in Time for Mother's Day! GERANIUM AND HANGING BASKET SALE

Transform your yard into a beautiful garden or treat your mother to the gift of flowers this Mothers Day!


 **\$17 FOR 10" HANGING BASKET**
\$4.25 FOR 4 1/2" POT 

Order forms are in the back of church or at the school office. Pick up on Friday, April 29, from 2-6 pm in the gym or upper parking lot.

UPCOMING LENTEN FISH FRIES:
EACH FRIDAY : St. Benedict, St. John's Newburgh, & Nativity
MARCH 25 & APRIL 8: St. James (Haubstadt)
APRIL 15: St. Wendel Knights of St. John, Holy Redeemer



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

 Once again this year we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter. Please send your contribution along with the names you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by April 18. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH TRIP CITY MUSEUM IN ST. LOUIS--SATURDAY-APRIL 16

There are a few seats remaining for our trip! They will be given first come...first served. So, if you are interested in going with us please turn in your registration as soon as possible to Sharon Vogler.

