

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 7, 2010 THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Dear friends,

In an ideal Christian world we would spend all our time doing good things and focus on being good people. There would be no bills to pay, no buildings to maintain and all our efforts would be spent learning more about our faith and putting that faith into practice.

But that's not the world we live in, is it? Your life, like mine, is filled with a lot of ordinary tasks: making sure there is enough food for the family; paying the utility bills, the phone bills, the taxes; buying clothes.

And the same is true for our church. Not just our church here locally in our little corner of God's world, but also for our church—the Catholic Church of Southwestern Indiana (the Diocese of Evansville). Each year our parish, as well as all the other parishes in our diocese, is responsible for paying its fair share of the costs of providing diocesan programs, services and other expenses associated with “doing business” as a diocese. In our diocese, this “fair share” is each parish's CPC (Catholic Parishes Campaign) goal. This year our diocesan budget is over 4.3 million dollars. Here at St. Joe we are responsible for providing \$98,500.00 toward this budget.



Your gift to the CPC,
large or small,
is important if we
are to meet our goal!

This is important work and it will take all of our efforts to meet this goal. Last year was a tough year for our CPC efforts—the first time in ten years that we did not meet our goal. 419 families pledged an average of \$230 to help pay this common bill. That's about 77% of our parishioners. So you can see that we really need everyone's help this year if we are going to meet our goal this year.

This week I will be sending you a pledge card with a stamped return envelope for you to use. I thank you, in advance, for thinking a praying about how God is calling you to give your financial support!

Fr. Gene Schroeder

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

PARISH GOAL: \$98,500.00

PLEGGED TO DATE: \$ 1,300.00

NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 1

Thanks to the following people
who have returned their pledge cards

Fr. Gene Schroeder

Our stewardship goal is to give 1%
of our gross income to the CPC



Life as Sacred Journey

by David Thomas

Today's readings deal with horticulture. We learn about a bush that burns and a tree that produces no fruit. In Exodus, we read that Moses encountered the presence of God in that famous bush that burned without consuming itself. God wanted to hold the attention of Moses who could not take his eyes off it. It worked. Children love to imagine this.

God gave to Moses God's special name. The name of God was a bit enigmatic and filled with mystery. It aptly gave the impression that God remains outside our sphere and certainly beyond our control. The name God gave to Moses was “I am who am.” Some interpret this to mean that while God is with us, God is also totally beyond us. Revealed yet hidden. God is uncreated and everything created depends on God. God just is! This is hard for a child to understand. And adults find it a great mystery too. In the end, we can only say that God is—magnificent and wonderful—and then be fully grateful that God loves us.

The barren fig tree is a reminder that God has great expectations of us. God created us to do two things. First, we are to live in gratitude for having been planted here on earth. And second, we are to do all within our God-given power to make life here better for all. We are enlightened, watered and nourished by God's constant invigorating presence.





CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

MARCH 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

5:30 PM Water Knapp, Dolores Niemeier, Joey Elpers, Anna Rockemeyer (1881), Peter Denninger (1891), William Kissel (1971), Olivia Voelker (1984)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 AM Bob Shull, Catherine Miller, Gilbert & Albert Fehrenbacher

10:30 AM Michael Genet, Anthony Linnemann (1859), Baby Meier (1863), Infant Baumgart (1863), Maria Goebel (1878), Anna Lunkenheimer (1879), Frideric Lunkenheimer (1879), Thomas Effinger (1907)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Weekday in Lent

6:30 PM Herbert Geuss (1875), Victor Huck (1987), LaVerne Fehrenbacher (1992), Fr. Roman Heerdink (19th Pastor of St. Joe, 1995)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Weekday in Lent

7:30 AM Peter and Richard Sherry, Margaret Fisher (1857), Adam Meister (1877), Nicolas Mossberger (1996)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Weekday in Lent

5:45 AM Communion Service

7:30 AM Cleo Spitzer (1865), Maria Sebastian (1865), Ludovicus Ulrich (1866), Lee Ann Heidt (1968), Jonathan Koester (1993)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Weekday in Lent

NO MASS Maria Hoefling (1877), Carolina Zeggeling (1899)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Weekday in Lent

5:45 AM Communion Service

8:15 AM Ferdinand Baehl (1860), Margaret Ulrich (1881), Dionysius Mayer (1910), Infant Macke (1916), Frances Weiss (1972), William Pfister (1977)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

5:30 PM Elizabeth Luigs, Jeanette Werner, Dolly Werner, John Bernhard (1878), Francis Voelker (2007)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 AM Charlotte Huett, Herb Langner, Jim Fehrenbacher

10:30 AM George Brack (1880), Mary Schmidt (1980), Al and Catherine Schmitt (2009)



You are invited to join in these Penance Services where there will be an opportunity for private confession:

Thursday, March 11

12 Noon at Resurrection 7 pm at Holy Redeemer Sunday, March 14 4 pm at St. Boniface



WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK?



Sign up sheet is at the front doors of the church

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give

witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!



FEBRUARY 28, 2010	\$ 12,822.10
FEBRUARY 28, 2010 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 1,563.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$422,352.79
BUDGET TO DATE	\$455,000.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 10.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 22.00

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Melissa & Matt Blythe, Conner Brown, Adam & Abby Elpers, Logan Elpers, Marcus Elpers, Gretchen, Kurt & Karl Forcum, Danielle, Gabe & Ben Gries, Rakyn Hays, Jessica Kelley, Jenna Klueh, Zackery, Issac, Catherine, Natalie & Mariah Schneider, Maisy Seib, Brandon & Nathan Werner, Nicholas Will, Emma Winiger, Christina Wolfe

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

FEBRUARY 28, 2010	\$ 712.77
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 274,767.21

MISSION OUTREACH

EASTERN EUROPE	\$ 10.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$ 5.00
HAITI	\$ 55.00
HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF	\$ 200.00

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

DEACONESS: *Mildred Lewis*

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

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

NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*

ATRIA ASSISTED LIVING: *Bernadette Jean*

STERLING HOUSE ASSISTED LIVING: *Avila Fehrenbacher, Joan Roberts*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

Congratulations to Amy Schneider, our Kindergarten Teacher, on the birth of her daughter

March 7: Candy Butler, Victoria Givens, Nick Pope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 8: Greg Elpers, David Hertel, Phil Strange, Frank Will

March 9: Lee Barkley, Mike Clark, Kristen Fleck, Alvin McIntosh, Ruth Rice



March 10: Justin Allison, Jeb Baumgart, Ryan King, Emma Schnur-Hamrick

March 11: Brendan Elpers, Vernie Gries, Austin Jones, Donald Maurer, Tony Moore, Tom Raben, Donald Werner

March 12: Evan Freeman, Amy Maurer, Chris Moutoux

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 13: Patrick Ellison, Carolyn Lipper, Sheila McGehee, Amelia Reckelhoff

March 9: Mark & Cheryl Barnett

March 11: Chuck & Theresa Roberts



Please remember in your prayers *Michael Schwartz*, the brother of Chip Schwartz who died last week. May he know the fullness of eternal life with God and may his peace be with Chip and all the members of Michael's family.

ST ANNE ALTAR SOCEITY WILL BE MEETING THIS THURSDAY AT 7 PM. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm Knights of St. John Meeting
TUESDAY: 6pm SPRED Friends
7 pm Choir Practice
THURSDAY: 7 pm St. Anne's Altar Society

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

(EM=Eucharistic Minister, S=Servers, L=Lector, GB=Giftbearers, G=Greeters)
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 13 & 14

5:00 PM Donald Werner, Jim Werner, Kathy Cook, Pat & Jeanne Freeman (EM), Alexis Price, Emma Douglas (S), Mike Reffett (L), Charles Cook Family (GB), Fred & Judy Gries (G)
8:00 AM Delores Folz, Michael Elpers, Kathy Fehrenbacher, John Manger, Allen Whitehouse (EM), Abby Elpers (S), Donna Gaupel (L), Dan Lasher Family (GB), Ron & Becky Mayer (G)
10:30 AM Cecilia Koch, Darlene Appler, Cara Kuester, Magan Schneider, Mark Taylor (EM), Drew Wiley (S), Mandy Elpers (L), Tom & Sandy Savage(GB), Greg Head Family (G)

MARCH 13 Mater Dei Girls Tennis Team Fundraiser at SALAD WORLD. From 11am –6 pm they will donate a portion of their sales to the tennis team. Come support our girls!

MARCH 14 Card Party at Holy Redeemer 2 pm. Call Judi (475-9232) for reservations.

MARCH 20 St. John the Apostle (Bellmeade) Annual Friends Dinner/Raffle 6:30 pm. Dinner tickets \$30/person, raffle tickets \$5 For tickets and info contact 270-724-1384.

MARCH 30 Chrism Mass 5:30 pm Choir—If you are interested in being part of the Diocesan Choir, contact Jeremy Korbat (812) 425-3369 ext. 162 or via email at jkorba@evdio.org

\$ BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS \$

Sat., Mar.13—5 pm: *Cindy Baumgart
Sun., Mar. 14—8 am: *Stephanie Purcell
Sun., Mar. 14—10:30 am: Rebekah Nisley & *Keri Hartz



Sunday, March 14
at the Centre
Dinner 5pm
Bingo 6pm
For tickets call
474-2943 ext. 300



IMMIGRATION REFORM COULD BE CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

With the expectation that comprehensive immigration reform could soon be considered by Congress, it is important that supporters of reform make their voices heard on Capitol Hill. For this reason, the Justice for Immigrants Campaign has initiated a postcard campaign to urge Congress to pass reform legislation. Here's a simple and easy way to urge Senators Lugar and Bayh and Congressman Ellsworth to pass reform legislation. Go to the website www.justiceforimmigrants.org. Click on the link "send a postcard to Congress." and follow the simple directions.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Once again this year we are inviting you to remember your loved ones at Easter time by contributing toward our Easter Flower Memorial Fund. Please send your contribution along with the names you want to remember to the parish office (through the collection or through the mail) by March 29th. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.

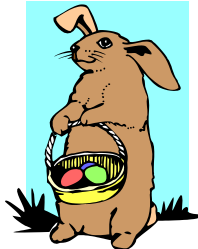
IT'S LAWN MOWING TIME!



Our crews normally mow grass on Thursdays. We provide all the mowing equipment. All we need from you is the willingness to offer a few hours of your time. Our goal is to get six mowing crews so that each crew will be mowing every sixth week. Call the parish office (963-3273) to offer your help.

HELP US OUT AS WELL BY REMOVING ALL THE CHRISTMAS FLORAL (AND OTHER) ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE IN THE CEMETERY. We need to remove anything that would get in the way of mowing. Flowers can only be put in the containers that are attached to the tombstone. Thanks for your help with this!

EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY APRIL 3
PRIZES, CANDY AND LOTS OF FUN. SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE EASTER BUNNY



CAN YOU HELP? Donations of bags of candy to fill the Easter Eggs are needed. Candy donations can be brought to the school office or parish office. For more information please call Laura Gries 963-8040.



YOUR'RE INVITED TO THESE FRIDAY FISH FRY'S



FRIDAYS IN LENT: Nativity & St. Benedict,
St. John Newburgh, St. Clement, Boonville
MAR. 12: Holy Redeemer, St. James, Resurrection
MAR. 19: St. Wendel Knights of St. John
MAR. 26: St. Philip

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING CAMPUS CLEANUP DAY--SATUDAY, MARCH 27

Come help us spruce up our parish campus at our spring clean-up day, Saturday, March 27. We need the leaves from last fall removed. We can use help from all ages of people, the more the better. We'll start early, (7:30 am) **THINGS TO BRING:** LEAF RAKE SHOVEL LEAF BLOWER Questions? Call Peter Fehrenbacher at 624-0094 .

LOOK FOR YOUR CPC PLEDGE CARD IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK