

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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MAY 16, 2010 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Dear Friends,

I am seeking your wisdom about a matter that has come before our parish. Last month, the Sisters of St. Benedict informed me that they will no longer be renting the convent as a place for their sisters to live. They have no complaints about the living conditions, and Sr. Doris Marie and Sr. Mary Francis, who have been living there, are not asking to leave. But, the community, like all of us, needs to use its financial resources wisely, and this means consolidating some of the various convents in which members of the community are living here in Evansville.

Given the reality of smaller religious communities, it is not likely that we will ever have members of women's religious communities living in our convent. So what do we do with the convent? We do not have any pressing needs for space from the school or other parish groups. Renting the convent to the public, while it could be done, is not a very viable option. Problems with renters and the additional prob-



lem of having to pay taxes on any rent income are among the issues standing in the way.

Essentially we have two houses, the rectory and the convent, and we really only need one. The rectory, which is the oldest building, having been built in the late 1800's, is showing its age and is in need of some major repairs, if we are going to continue to maintain it. We already know that we have to put a new roof on the rectory. Beyond that we need more energy efficient windows, repair of the front steps, tuck pointing several areas of the exterior of the rectory and repairs to the window casings and indoor walls that have resulted from water leaks over the years. I have lived with these for the past years, but if we are going to keep the rectory we would need to make repairs to keep it in good shape. It could be done but it would take some money to do so, perhaps \$20,000—\$30,000.

The convent, built in the mid 1930's, could be adapted for use as a parish office and residence for the pastor without too much difficulty. The main floor could hold the parish offices and the pastor's office and a meeting room, much as the bottom floor of the rectory does now. The upstairs has many small rooms that were used as bedrooms. Each of these rooms, as was the custom when building convents, has a sink installed.



There was one common bathroom that was used by all the nuns. While the downstairs has central air, the upstairs is cooled by a series of window units. Moving into the convent would require making a living room, bedroom, bathroom apartment for the pastor. Other areas could be adapted as guest bedrooms (right now a place for my nephew, Ben, to live.) There would be some costs to this, but not nearly as much as it would take to fix up the rectory.

The idea that our Parish Council and Finance and Administration commission has been kicking around is to move the parish offices and my living space to the convent and then tearing down the rectory. Not having to maintain this building could realize some costs savings. We currently pay about \$8,000 a year in maintenance, utilities, insurance costs.) An additional thought we had is that if we tear down the rectory, we could convert this space into parking spaces. There would be some costs to tearing down the rectory and in converting this area into a parking area.

My question to you is "Do you think this is a good way to go? Is this a wise use of our buildings? The nuns will be moving out of the convent as of the end of June, so we will need to be making a decision about its future use in the next several weeks. Let me know what you think. You can contact me or share your wisdom with members of our parish council (Pat Freeman (963-5181), Mary Pat Unfried (402-0372), John Luigs (963-5065), Jim Scheller (963-3047), Shari Kempf (963-6395), or Jim Herman (480-5710). Thanks for sharing your wisdom with us. I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Fr. Gene Schroeder



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

MAY 16, 2010

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY, MAY 15

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM Raymond & Ann Straub, Lee Werner, Helen & Edward Loehr, Marty & Buddy Kissinger, Drexel, Sr. & Jerry Brothers, Kaysie McGehee, Makenzi Mossberger, Infant Wersdorfer (1862),

Michael Wolf (1871), Catharine Effinger (1908), Thomas Will (1951), John Steckler (1970), Roysie Kroeger (1987), Patrick Hillenbrand (1989)

SUNDAY, MAY 16

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Special intention in Thanksgiving for Clarence & Mildred Rexing, Ervin Kuester, Alice Keil, Charlotte Huett, Jerome & Matilda Lutz, Al & Catherine Schmitt, Sr. Jean Wolf, O.S.F., Elvis Fishburn

10:30 AM Juanita Pieklik, Ronnie Powers, Vickie Brenner, Maria Hoster (1864), Louisa Wiesendauger (1890), Magdalen Hillenbrand (1930), Peter Urich (1940), Robert Woodward (2001)

MONDAY, MAY 17

EASTER WEEKDAY

6:30 PM Helen Waters, Anna Lensing (1889), Adolf Effinger (1935)

TUESDAY, MAY 18

EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Mayme Kovacevich, Infant Spitzer (1862), Ephrosina Schenk (1900), Margaret Cox (1955), Dorothy Vollman (2005)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

EASTER WEEKDAY

7:30 AM Richard Jarboe, George Lang (1865), Helen Lambers (1888), Margaret Goebel (1918), Beverly Barrett (1955), Joseph Clary (1969)

THURSDAY, MAY 20

BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

NO MASS Reinhold Loessing (1891), Henry Seiler (1892), Catharine Will (1936), Kenneth Hipp (1993)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM Andreas Weigand (1862), Infant Effinger (1866)

SATURDAY, MAY 22

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00 PM Bob Happe, Paul E. Horak, Dennis Dossett, Dolores Niemeier, Henry Schrand (1874)

SUNDAY, MAY 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM Herb Langner, George Mesker, Victoria Brenner, Mildred Walker, Stella Ubelhor, Sr. Jean Wolf, Catherine Miller, Mildred Rexing

10:30 AM Sean Witsoe, Simon Paul, Lawrence Luigs, Al and Kate Schmitt, Alberta and Gilbert Fehrenbacher, Jim Fehrenbacher, Ray Fehrenbacher, Henry Niemeier (1963)



Please remember in your prayers **Ronnie Powers**, the brother of Cheryl Barnett, **George Mesker**, the father of Joyce Koch, **Vicki Brenner**, the mother of Cindy Schmitt, and **Mildred Walker**, the sister of Cyrilla Goedde and aunt of Donna Niemeier and Tom Goedde who died last week. May they know the fullness of eternal life with God and may his peace be with all the members of his families.

STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!



MAY 9, 2010	\$ 16,021.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,500.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 583,450.94
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 630,000.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 402.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 15.41

YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK: Melissa & Matt Blythe, Trevor & Joshua Clem, Kurt, Trent & Paige Denning, Abby & Adam Elpers, Marcus Elpers, Austin Jones, Jessica Kelley, Hannah Kissel, Haileigh McClure, Dillon & Madison Mossberger, Maisy Seib, Brandon & Nathan Werner

RAISING THE ROOF FUND

MAY 9, 2010	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 284,386.56

MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 1,234.79
HAITI	\$ 42.00
VLADIVOSTOK MISSION	\$ 100.00

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

SELECT SPECIALTY *Edwin Englert*

DEACONESS *Clarence Rexing*

DEACONESS GATEWAY: *Susan Helmer*

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: *Avila Fehrenbacher, Joan Roberts*

CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*

May 16: Chuck Brown, Danny Kares, Tom Savage, Craig Witsoe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 17: Christopher Emmert, Stephanye Givens, Dave Schlichting, Sarah Schneider, Nolan Weidner



May 18: Kim Kinnaman, Bryan McGehee

May 19: Tom Blythe, Ryan Kassenbrock

May 20: Mac Glaser

May 22: Jason Coughlin, Claire Mattes, Phill Raben, Gavin Schu

May 16: Herman & Cindy Schmitt, Mark & Charlotte Schmitt, Matt & Kitty Deig, Max & Cindy Williams

May 17: David & Betty Fehrenbacher, Bud & Sis Jarboe, Steve & Sharon Willis, Chris & Rhonda Fehrenbacher, Rick & Kathy Henderson

May 18: Bernie & Darla Gries, Don & Lynn Kissel, Nick & Evelyn Pope, Chris & Patti Will,

Bob & Paula Gibson, Paul & Karla Murray

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 19: Lee & Toni Askins

May 20: Leonard & Susann Angermeier, Paul & Joan Hillenbrand



May 21: Brian & Tiffany Schu, Neal & Peggy Dossett

May 22: Jim & Dorothy Happe, Matt & Jenny Bishop

MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR THE BARBECUED RIBS & BOSTON BUTTS \$20 PICK UP DAY IS NEXT SATURDAY AFTER MASS

MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration
7 pm Men's Club Meeting

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: 7 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY: 7 pm Marian Prayer Group

THURSDAY: 6:30 pm Religious Education Commission Meeting

7 pm Outreach Commission Meeting

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Collection

SUNDAY: VAST VOYAGE Hands of J.O.Y. Performance 9:15 am

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 22 & 23

5:00 PM Ron & Margaret Angermeier, Butch & Linda Feulner, Sarah Fehrenbacher (EM), Evan McDonald, Nathan Egler (S), Missy Singer (L), Rich Scheller Family (GB), Fred & Judy Gries (G)

8:00 AM Michael Elpers, Kathy Fehrenbacher, Denise & Greg Lehman, John Manger (EM), Abby Elpers (S), Tom Blythe (L) Dan Lasher Family (GB), John & Ruby Manger (G)

10:30 AM Jane Scheller, Joe Crowdus, Paul Hillenbrand, Dan & Kathy Schenk, (EM), Drew Wiley (S), Michelle Schmitt (L), Mike & Jenna Johnson Family (GB), John & Diane Bassemier (G)

BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS
Sat., May 22—5 pm: *Sharon Hollingsworth
Sun., May 23—8 am: *Amy Elpers
Sun., May 23—10:30 am: *Mandy Elpers & Tracy Adler



**GET ON BOARD THE
DIAPER BAG EXPRESS**

Get on board and help unwed mothers and fathers by filling a diaper bag. We have 50 diaper bags which can be filled with powder, lotion, ointment, bottles, wipes, etc. Packages of diapers can also be donated and put in the box provided. You can also make a cash donation to "Birthright." Put your contribution in an envelope marked "Birthright" and put it in the collection. If you have questions please contact Mary Pat Unfried at 402-0372.



**Mark your calendar for our next
Blood Drive June 6 8 am-Noon
SIGN UP TO DONATE AT THE CHURCH DOORS**



**It's time to start planning for our
Summer Social--July 25**

Here are some ways you can help us prepare:

- WE NEED QUILTS** (3-4 quilts would be great) and **CRAFT ITEMS** for our Country Craft Booth. Thanks to our quilt angels, we have two quilts so far!
- CRAFT ITEMS:** Our country Craft Booth is looking for some nice hand made craft items. Could you help us with this?
- GLASSWARE:** Our Coin Toss Booth is looking for glassware items. Any glassware will be accepted, glasses, cups, mugs, wine glasses & beer mugs work especially well. If you have items to donate call Michelle Peterlin at 760-6352.

Contact the Parish Office (963-3273), Brian and Melanie Denning (963-6579) or Matt and Missy Singer (624-0170)

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN

PARISH GOAL: \$98,500.00

PLEGDED TO DATE: \$96,919.00

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER!

NUMBER OF PLEDGES: 411

AVERAGE PLEDGE \$235.81

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

Thanks to the following people who have returned their pledge cards:



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| Debbie Dewitt | Tim & Cassie Mayer |
| Eric & Lisa Douglas | Norb & Madonna Niemeier |
| Sam & Lana Ellison | Bill & Diane Layman |
| Tony & Kathy Weis | Carl & Lisa Fenwick |
| Virgil Spaetti | Ryan & Kara Dewig |
| Doug & Jennie Daza | Rex & Amy Baumgart |
| Terry & Julie Fehrenbacher | Alvin & Mary McIntosh |
| Mike & Jossie Burk | Ted & Janet Zirkelbach |
| Craig & Katie Witsoe | |

**Coming June 14-18
Vacation Bible School
8:30-Noon at St. Joe**



Registrations open for children age 4 (by June 1, 2010) through 4th grade. Cost \$20/child. To register and/or for more information contact Sharon Vogler (963-3273) or email svogler@evdio.org

Join us for our Memorial Day Services

8:15 am Wadesville
VFW Veterans Tribute
at our Parish Cemetery
8:30 am Mass
10:00 am Memorial Day Prayer
Service at St. Joe Cemetery in the City



SOUP KITCHEN SUNDAY: SUNDAY, MAY 30

Sunday, May 30, is our day to help serve the meal at the Soup Kitchen at St. John's Church on Bellemeade Avenue. Help is needed to prepare the meal (10:30-12:30 am) and serve the meal (1:30-3:30 pm). If you can help, contact Brad Ruminer 963-6987.



COME JOIN US AT THE TRI-COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

TASC IS ONE YEAR OLD! We would like to invite all seniors who have never come to TASC on Wednesday to join us. See what we do from 9 to 2. Play cards, clabber, or exercise in a chair. Please come join us for a SWIRCA lunch or salad bar and soup. Just call 457-1648 so we can add you for our meals.



COME ENJOY THE FUN AT THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

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|  | <p>May 14 & 15 St. Benedict
May 27- 29 Holy Rosary
June 3-5 Holy Redeemer
June 5 & 6 St. Agnes
June 4-6 Catholic Community of Washington
June 6 Sacred Heart Vincennes
June 6 St. Joe Jasper</p> |  |
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