



**St. Celestine Church**  
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## *St. Isidore Catholic Parish*

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## **Notes From Our Pastor**

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

I pray that you are all doing well this Advent season, which came pretty early this year. Advent is a time of preparation; we are preparing to meet The Christ Child on Christmas morning. Certainly, the Eucharist and our prayer help build up our own spirituality, and our witness has a great impact on the people around us. Just as we work to build up our own spirituality, we are also working to build and strengthen our parish. There is always a lot happening in any parish this time of the year, and ours is no exception — from our building project at St. Raphael to working with new ministers for the Mass. When many things are happening in the parish and projects are developing, the demand to communicate it all very well increases too. This, I know, is something I can improve on. All the activities we have in the parish must contribute to strengthening the church and thus God's kingdom. We must put Christ and His presence at the center of our lives and at the center of our church activity. We strengthen the parish and the church as a whole by making the decision to say yes to God, and by receiving His sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist. It's our repentance and presence at Mass that prepare us to meet The Christ Child on Christmas Morning and every day of our lives.

In Christ, Fr. Jeff

### **Why Do We Use Latin During Mass?**

The Latin language has undoubtedly had the most longevity in the Roman Liturgy. It has been in use for over 16 centuries since the language of the Church went from Greek to Latin in the 4th Century under Pope Damasus.

The sacredness of the Latin language stems from not just its historical use in the liturgy but also in its use of expressing Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, that which we enter into at every Mass. The statement on the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews," was written in three languages Hebrew, Greek and Latin. The singular language of the Church represents its unity, particularly its "oneness." One of the marks of the Church is "One." Jesus prayed that we would all be one. Using this language in the liturgy not only expresses Jesus' sacrifice and kingship but also our Catholicity, namely our unity, the fact we are all one people, carrying our cross, walking into eternity.

It is good to pray the liturgy in the vernacular language, that is, the local language of the people. Our familiar language is able to affect our mind and soul while being able to express and communicate our own condition and needs. Latin, however, especially when sung, elevates our mind and heart to the mystery of God. In the liturgy it's the vocal expression that there is more to God and the liturgy than what I can see and hear. So, it's certainly important to preserve Latin in the liturgy which the Second Vatican Council calls for. The Council

states in its document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy) that “the use of the Latin Language is to be preserved in the Latin Rites.” Presently we use Latin in the Mass only minimally for both the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy) and the *Angus Dei* (Lamb of God) on the fourth weekend of the month. We may use it a little more during Advent and Christmas. It may be challenging at first, but please follow along with us. The *Sanctus* is song number 859, and the *Angus Dei* is number 863.

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## 2021 Simon Brute Award Recipients

**Congratulations** to Robert Rasche and Steve and Marla Sander from St. Isidore Parish. Father Jeff Read joined them at Saint Benedict Cathedral in Evansville on Sunday, November 7, 2021, for the Solemn Induction Ceremony into the Brute Society. The Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, Bishop of Evansville.



Robert has been a member of St. Celestine his entire life. He was a member of Parish Council from 1982 to 1988, serving as usher and counting collection. He joined St. Vincent de Paul in 1993, and served three terms as president from 1999 to 2008. From then on he has continued to serve as treasurer. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1974, beginning as a member of Council 1584 and transferring to Council 13623 (Good Shepherd of the Hills) in 2007. Since then he has served one year as Deputy Grand Knight and then as Grand Knight. He is currently a first-year trustee and participates in most of the activities the group sponsors. He has also been a Eucharistic Minister and Rosary Leader at church. He also leads the Rosary at the funeral home when requested.

Steve and Marla are also faithful Catholics and good role models. In younger days, Steve had the honor of being a Mass server, and he has served on the Parish Council. Both Steve and Marla are ushers. Steve serves on the Building and Grounds Committee at St. Raphael. He built and installed handrails for the front entrance, and he worked on the new sidewalks and plaza. He also helped with church lighting inside and outside. Over the years he has donated his time and the use of his equipment for plowing snow, hauling mulch for the Rosary Trail, and removing debris. He helped move church pews when the new carpet was installed and configured the arrangement for new pews upon the merge to St. Isidore. He also donates many hours to help the youth group cut and distribute firewood, and he and Marla work annually at the parish social. This couple works quietly and humbly to the benefit of all parishioners.

## In the News at St. Isidore Parish

### Meet Our St. Meinrad Seminarians



We are happy to welcome Deacon Greg Caldwell (left) and Seminarian Steve Ditzel (right) as interns assigned to St. Isidore. Their term from September through November, 2021, is completed, but they will join us again from February through April, 2022.

On Wednesday evenings they were available for youth group meetings, religion classes, and other duties “where they could be useful.” In

addition, once a month they assisted Father Jeff with weekend Masses. Steve acted as a server, and Greg said, “Father let me preach.” They both wear the white Roman collar, which seminarians are allowed to do after they declare candidacy during First Theology at St. Meinrad. Two years of philosophy and four years of theology are required before ordination to the priesthood. Both look forward to ordinations next year. Deacon Greg will be ordained a priest, and Steve will be ordained a deacon.

Deacon Greg is studying for the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont. He enrolled at St. Meinrad in the fall of 2016 and is a fourth-year theology student. He admits that he had never heard of St. Meinrad — the seminary or the town — until his bishop said to him in April 2016, “You’re going to St. Meinrad.” First Greg asked the Bishop if Meinrad was a saint, and then he asked, “Where is St. Meinrad?” He first saw the campus upon his arrival for studies.

Steve is studying for the Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was accepted on Holy Thursday in 2017 and is a fifth-year theology student. He spent two years of study in St. Louis. Steve said he didn’t know about St. Meinrad until he found out he was assigned there. After he knew he had been accepted, he stopped in at St. Meinrad during a cross-country road trip.

Life will be exciting for both men as one semester ends and the next begins. During the interim, Greg will go to London and Canterbury, England, and then to Rome for ten days with his deacon class. They will visit St. Peter’s and “every other church in sight.” They will also attend a preparatory priesthood ordination retreat at the Benedictine **Einsiedeln** Abbey, St. Meinrad’s mother abbey, in Switzerland. Steve will make his second pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For him and his classmates, Scripture will come alive as they pray at certain places where Jesus walked and taught. Both Greg and Steve will help with Christmas Masses in their own dioceses.

Greg grew up in Vermont and has one brother who lives in Florida. He was raised Evangelical and converted to Catholicism around age 22. After studying at the University of Michigan for a degree in computer science, he decided to study for the priesthood. With a sense of humor, he said that in his free time he enjoys “swinging a golf club at golf balls. I don’t know that you would call it playing golf.” He also plays the violin. His travels have included visiting Australia and New Zealand while he was a high school student.

Steve grew up in New Jersey. His father is a retired high school math teacher, his mother is a parish secretary, and he has a younger sister. He graduated from Elmira College and then worked about ten years, first teaching and then working in restaurants and retail management. Around age 30 he discerned the calling to the priesthood. He did ministry work in Belize when an opportunity presented itself through seminarians from there. He enjoys traveling and has been to nearly all the continental states. He also enjoys hiking, attending comic conventions, and listening to live music concerts.

St. Isidore Parish is blessed to have help from both Greg and Steve as they learn about parish life. Asked if they had ever heard of Celestine before they were assigned here, they agreed, "Yes, it's that place Caleb [Scherzinger] is from."

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### **Greetings from Caleb Scherzinger**

For those of you who do not know me, I am Caleb Scherzinger, a son of the parish who is studying to be a priest. I am writing to give a brief update about my journey towards the priesthood. This year I am in Second Theology. This is typically considered the hardest year of seminary at St. Meinrad because the class load is typically more rigorous than in previous years. I am currently studying Christology, Moral Theology, Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), and Modern Church History. My favorite is Synoptic Gospels. This class is the most interesting because it teaches different themes that run through each Gospel.

On Wednesdays this year I volunteer at Heart-to-Heart Hospice in Evansville. I find this to be a challenging yet rewarding opportunity. Many of the patients I have visited have helped me better understand how to minister to those at the end of their lives and to better understand who I am as a person. Overall, school has been

challenging this year, but I have found it rewarding. Between my studies, I have found time to go deer hunting. This year I shot a nice nine-pointer. If you would like to see a picture, there is one on my mother's Facebook page.

In the upcoming year, I will have several new opportunities. This January I will be heading to San Antonio for two weeks for Immigration and Hispanic Ministry classes. I will also visit the border wall. This upcoming summer, I will be working in an accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) hospital, where I will be a chaplain for ten weeks. As of now, I will be ordained a deacon in the spring/summer of 2023. I will be ordained a priest in two and a half years, the summer of 2024. If you would like to reach out to me, my mailing address is below. Thanks again for your continued prayers and support. I could not do this without you.

Peace,  
Caleb Scherzinger  
200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577

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### **Hello from Chase Riecker**

I am Chase Riecker, a seminarian for the Diocese of Evansville, and my home parish is St. Isidore. I am currently a junior at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary studying philosophy. Before entering seminary, I lived one year at the House of Discernment in Evansville. While there, I lived with Fr. Tyler Tenbarge and two others who were discerning priesthood. After receiving good counsel from Fr. Jeff and Fr. Tyler, I finally came to the decision to enter seminary. Here I enjoy the fraternity which fosters constant commitment to prayer and the sacraments. In my free time I enjoy playing basketball, reading, and going on hikes.

My vocation story did not begin until I was 19. I had just broken up with my girlfriend of three years and was not considering priesthood as a legitimate vocation for me. I was marginally Catholic, doing the bare minimum my faith required. I soon started a spiritual exercise for men called Exodus

90. During this time I practiced acts of penance, prayer, and fraternity with a group of 5 other guys. After about a month, I felt called to the priesthood. Every day I prayed the Rosary and grew much closer to our Blessed Mother. I credit the Blessed Virgin Mary with my reversion to the faith and discerning my call to the priesthood. In the past couple of years, it is impossible to calculate the amount of help I have been given from my family, especially my mom and dad. It is also hard to put into words the many graces I have received from the prayers and generosity of others. For this I am truly grateful and owe a great debt to the men and women who have sacrificed so much for me.

If you would care to write to me, my address is 2500 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222.



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY: The New Ministry at St. Isidore**

### **What is a Stephen Minister?**

Stephen Ministers are lay persons who are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing difficulties such as grief, divorce, medical challenges, job loss, etc. These ministers come from a variety of backgrounds, but they all share the desire to bring Christ's love to people in times of crises. Since 1975, over 600,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have trained as Stephen Ministers.

### **The Journey**

After many discussions over a six month period regarding the potential benefits of having a Stephen Ministry program for our parish and community, our parish took the first step by becoming officially enrolled as a Stephen Ministry parish in the Spring of 2021. Carla Buechler and Brenda Ferguson, who both already had knowledge of the Stephen Ministry program, embarked on an intensive virtual training program involving ten interactive study sessions with other trainees from all over the United States and Canada. They were then commissioned as Stephen Leaders at Mass on October 5, 2021. Talks at Mass, bulletin blurbs and inserts, and informational sessions allowed parishioners ample opportunity to learn more about this ministry and to consider applying to become a Stephen Minister to help serve our fellow parishioners and community members. Interested candidates then filled out applications, were interviewed, and will begin training as Stephen Ministers from January to June, 2022. Upon completion of training, our Stephen Ministers will be commissioned and ready to minister to care receivers within our parish and community.

### **Training to Become a Stephen Minister**

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide high quality care to people who are hurting. They complete 50 hours of training to understand how to listen to, care for, and walk with those going through challenging times in life. Stephen Ministers are trained by their congregation's Stephen Leaders using resources from Stephen Ministries in St. Louis.

## **What Stephen Ministers Do**

Stephen Ministers meet with their care receivers for about an hour on a weekly basis. Their role is to be a caring Christian friend who listens and cares while providing encouragement and emotional and spiritual support for as long as needed by their care receivers.

“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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## **ST. RAPHAEL CENTER Project Update**

The St Raphael Center construction progress has the building under roof, and windows and doors have been installed. Framing of the interior walls is almost complete. Subcontractors have started on roughing in electric, heating and air, and plumbing. Installation of storm piping and structures outside will take place as weather allows. Ceiling insulation and exterior stone are next to complete.

Pay application #4 was turned in by Jasper Lumber. This brings the bill to date just a little over \$350,000 or roughly 35% complete. They are still on track with their schedule for completion in April.

The sale of the wooded acreage in September brought in an additional \$200,000 more than originally anticipated. However, the costs of materials and labor went from \$820,435 in 2020 to \$989,306 in 2021. Kitchen cabinets and appliances were deleted to help minimize the financial impact and make the project feasible. \$100,000 was anticipated to be needed from the rainy day savings fund to help cover the additional costs in the building alone. In the end, the additional money from the sale was almost all taken up by the increase in materials and labor. This development was not yet reflected in the brochure which was mailed home.

Letters and flyers have been sent out to all parishioners giving you the opportunity to participate in this project. The goal is to raise another \$150,000 to help cover the costs of finishing the kitchen and possibly not having to dip into the rainy day savings fund as much. Please give generously if you can and continue praying for the success of this project.

## **ST. CELESTINE RENOVATION: “To Renew All Things in Christ”**

As mentioned before, we have been working with a company called Studio IO Design to give us some plans on a sanctuary update. Instaurare Omnia (IO) is a Latin phrase meaning “to renew all things.” It is taken from the papal motto of Pope St. Pius X (Instaurare Omnia in Christo), who paved the way for a great deal of liturgical renewal. This phrase acknowledges the original beauty, order, dignity, and purpose of all creation to participate fully in the divine life and love of the Trinity. This is reflected in a physical way through the beauty of a church, which becomes a permanent source of evangelization and catechesis to all who enter the church.

Studio IO specializes in church architecture, most especially interior sanctuary designs. As of recently we are also working with a company called Conrad Schmitt Studios to give us a paint pattern or design for the walls, especially above the sanctuary. We realize it has taken a while to get the plans together in order to present them to our parishioners. We want to make sure we go through the process the best way we can.

## 2022 PARISH DIRECTORY

Exciting news! We will be taking photographs next summer for a new parish directory. Mark your calendars now! Photography sessions will be June 16th - 21st at St. Celestine and June 23rd - 28th at St. Raphael. There will be evening and weekend times available. Online sign-up for appointment times will begin in April. Please watch the bulletin for details and more information. Each participating family/couple/individual will receive a free 8x10 photo and a directory! We hope to see all of your smiling faces in our new directory!

We will need some volunteers to make the directory a success. Please consider helping with sign-ups after Mass or being a greeter on picture day. Official call for volunteers will be next spring.

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We now have Sunday School at the 8 am and 10 am Masses. There will be no classes held on the first Sunday of the month. The last class will be May 22, 2022.

Our new St. Raphael Center is scheduled to be completed this spring, dependent upon weather and building supplies. The students and catechists are so excited about the new building and so ready to have ample room.

### DECEMBER

- 8 Holy Day Mass at 6:00 pm @ St. Celestine Church. Grades 7 through 12 will have class after Mass.
- 12 Christmas Play Practice for Grade 2 class at 8:45 am after the 8:00 am Mass at St. Celestine.
- 15 Confirmation Program (Grade 10) 6:30 pm Pizza / 7:00 pm until 8:15 pm Program /  
Parent Meeting 7:45 pm in St. Celestine Church (Return paperwork needed.)
- 24 Christmas Play with First Communion students at 5 pm before the 5:30 pm Mass
- 26 Preschool classes will be held.

December 22 through January 2 — NO RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES

### JANUARY

- 5 Youth gathering 5:30 pm for Grades 7 and 8 students.
- 12 Confirmation sponsor & student information forms due. Youth gathering for high school students.
- 26 Night for Life Event 7:00 pm until 8:15 pm. All are welcome to attend beginning in church.  
Youth gathering 6 pm until 8:30 pm for Grades 5 and 6 students at St. Celestine Campus

### FEBRUARY

- 2 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 6:30 pm until 8:15 pm (students and sponsors)

Youth Gathering 5:30 pm for high school students

- 9 Youth Gathering 5:30 pm for high school students.
- 12 Diocese Confirmation Spectacular 10 am until 2 pm at Holy Family, Jasper .
- 23 High School Senior Dinner – St. Joseph Parish Gym, Jasper, at 6:30 pm

**MARCH**

- 2 ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 6:00 pm – Class after Mass
- 9 Lent Reconciliation Grades 7 through 12  
(6:30 pm until 7 pm Grades 11 and 12)  
Youth Gathering 5:30 pm for Grades 7 and 8 students
- 11 Religious Ed. Fish Fry - 4:30 pm (Drive-thru only)  
Celestine Community Club
- 16 Last Wednesday night class.  
Youth Gathering 5:30 pm for high school students.
- 17 First Reconciliation 6:30 pm St. Raphael Church
- 21 -25 SPRING BREAK WEEK
- 30 Confirmation Program 6:30 pm until 8:30 p.m

**FISH FRY**  
**Benefits Rel. Ed. Program**  
 Friday, March 11  
 Drive thru only. 4:30 pm till  
 fish plates are gone.  
**Celestine Community Club**

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**Baptisms — January - November, 2021**

Jacob Othmar Betz	son of Jason & Laura (Vaughn) Betz	January 24, 2021
Greyson Steven Goepfrich	son of Todd & Kelly (Kress) Goepfrich	February 7, 2021
Grady James Massey	son of Lance & Madelaine (Scherle) Massey	February 14, 2021
Jada Kay Massey	daughter of Lance & Madelaine (Scherle) Massey	February 14, 2021
Knox Joseph Singleton	son of Ryan & Erica (Parsons) Singleton	March 6, 2021
Odillo Pete Witte	son of Cole & Samantha (Baglan) Witte	March 14, 2021
Avalyn Sue James	daughter of Matthew & Breya (Matheis) James	April 11, 2021
Hayes Leonard Terwiske	son of Kale & Natasha (Schepers) Terwiske	April 17, 2021
Everett Stephen Krampe	son of Chad & Jill (Reckelhoff) Krampe	April 25, 2021
Aiden Gilbert Hochgesang	son of Gibson & Kelly (Baer) Hochgesang	May 15, 2021
Beck Leo Knieriem	son of Kendrick & Leann (Dodd) Knieriem	May 16, 2021
Smith Edward Knies	son of Caleb & Savannah (Grandey) Knies	June 5, 2021
Sylas James Summers	son of James & Ashley (Weidenbenner) Summers	July 18, 2021
Henry Robert Isaac Lueken	son of Alex & Abigail (Meadows) Lueken	July 20, 2021
Nora Ann Jacob	daughter of Luke Jacob & Mariah Fischer	July 25, 2021
Eleanor Clara Jones	daughter of Derek & Alex (Denu) Jones	August 1, 2021
Ella Bryn Matheis	daughter of Seth & Brooke (Hopf) Matheis	August 7, 2021
Nolan Timothy Busick	son of Parker & Laine (Friedman) Busick	August 15, 2021

Abe Timothy Rasche	son of Ben & Stephany (Neukam) Rasche	September 25, 2021
Easton Victor Hustedde	son of Nick & Kim (Schnell) Hustedde	September 26, 2021
Finn Elliot Norgaard	son of Peter & Erica (Welp) Norgaard	October 9, 2021
Layken Mae Dosch	daughter of Phillip Dosch & Jodi Hellums	October 9, 2021
Olivia Mae Hasenour	daughter of Nick & Rachele (Spayd) Hasenour	November 7, 2021

## First Communion -- May 2, 2021

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Libby Beck	Adam & Sarah Beck
Addison Beckman	Laura Mattingly & Kurt Beckman
Madison Beckman	Laura Mattingly & Kurt Beckman
Amelia Bieker	Chris & Kelly Bieker
Cooper Coultas	Danny & Dana Coultas
Grant Danhafer	Tony & Sarah Danhafer
Greyson Eckerle	Jared & Jillian Eckerle
Henry Fischer	Brady & Lacey Fischer
Alaina Frank	†Isaac & Rachele Frank
Brantley Fromme	Kenneth & Keasha Fromme
Alexis Hackney	Glenn & Katie Hackney
Chance Hall	Brent & Mallory Hall
Elliott Hasenour	Chris Hasenour & Andrea Rickelman
Adalyn Helming	Joseph & Stacy Helming
Allie Hopf	Jeremy & Joni Hopf
Sophie Humbert	Cody & Holly Humbert
Isaac Jeffries	Greg & Wendy Jeffries
Jack Lampert	Tracy & Rachel Lampert
Abraham Meyer	Tony & Ashley Meyer
Cora Miley	Pat & Kim Miley
Mason Palmer	Mark & Denise Palmer
Elijah Pankey	Jacob & Sandra Pankey
Augustus Poppe	Brian & Sue Jane Poppe
Lexi Reckelhoff	Aaron & Rachel Reckelhoff
Avery Schmitt	Derek & Valerie Schmitt
Freddy Schroering	Andrew & Lisa Schroering
Carter Seger	Joe & Alyssa Seger
Leo Seger	Gary & Ashley Seger
Liam Terwiske	Joel & Heather Terwiske
Noah Thackrey	Shana Burger & Ian & Kayla Thackrey
Gwendolyn Wilhelmi	Michael & Carol Wilhelmi

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) April 3, 2021

Jaxon Denu, Kyle Aldridge, Ashley (Humbert) Merkel, Randy Neukam

## Marriages — January - November, 2021

Jace Terwiske & Dani Lynch	January 2, 2021
Ross Kluesner & Serena McCammon	April 24, 2021
Tyler Edele & Erica Marks	May 1, 2021
Jalen Seger & Elizabeth Ketzner	May 22, 2021
Collin Kissel & Sara Mehringer	August 28, 2021
Chance Tretter & Kaytlyn Dodd	November 13, 2021

## Confirmation -- October 23, 2021

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Saint</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Brayden Beck	Michael	Jarrold & Kelly Beck
Baron Betz	Peter	Daryl & Sabrina Betz
Noah Betz	Sebastian	Mark & Laura Betz
Peyton Betz	Thomas	Jeremy & Teresa Betz
Owen Bieker	Christopher	Jeff & Jennifer Bieker
Sam Bowles	Hubertus	Curt & Jayme Bowles
Kendall Buechler	Bernadette	Tony & Denise Buechler
Grace Danhafer	Anne	Tony & Sarah Danhafer
Kyla Dickens	Dymphna	Cheryl Merkel & Mark Dickens
Wyatt Freyberger	Joseph	Keith & Kathy Freyberger
Corbin Hurt	Maximillian	Steve & Kaiva Hurt
Gavin Knies	Daniel	Jared & Brianne Knies
Reagan Knies	Ruth	Kelly & Jody Knies
Gavin Leinenbach	Andrew	Brandon & Kim Leinenbach
Colby Lockard	Peter	Michael & Melanie Lockard
Grace Lueken	Maria	Tim & Melinda Lueken
Evan Mehringer	Joseph	Ed & Cheryl Mehringer
Elizabeth Schepers	Maria	Glen & Charlotte Schepers
Brandon Schnell	Isidore	Roy & Debbie Schnell
Clayton Stemle	Luke	Ryan Stemle & Dawn Schnell
Ty Verkamp	Andrew	Jason & Shawna Verkamp
Gianna Wagner	Gianna	Matt & Lisa Wagner
Brock Werner	Hubertus	Shane & Janel Werner
Paige Wildman	Anne	Brian & Brenda Wildman

## Deaths — December 2020 - November 2021

Paul Witmeier	December 8, 2020
Charlie Glendening	December 31, 2020
Linus Metz	January 22, 2021
Bryan Bledsoe	March 5, 2021
Jim Kluesner	March 30, 2021
Celine Schott	April 17, 2021
Leroy Schepers	June 12, 2021
Ronald Kluesner	June 29, 2021
Loretta Humbert	July 28, 2021
Linda Schroering	July 29, 2021
Joan Reckelhoff	August 18, 2021
Leonard Heeke	August 22, 2021
Tom Foster	September 5, 2021
Marian Zehr	September 21, 2021
Leon Recker	November 16, 2021

## St. Isidore Youth News

If you are not involved yet, you are missing out! We are always looking for youth participants, young adult leaders, and adult volunteers. Please come and join us for food, fellowship, and fun! We learn and make new friends every time we get together. We cannot wait to get to know more about YOU!

1. National Catholic Youth Conference (**NCYC**) is a biannual event held in Indianapolis, and eight of our parish youth signed up to participate.
2. We are taking a group of 12 youth and leaders to a **For King and Country Christmas Concert** in Louisville.
3. Join us on a Wednesday evening for **Youth Group**. Watch for dates on the bulletin.
4. Due to the Pilgrimage for Life diocesan trip being cancelled, we will be hosting **Night for Life**, an event at the parish to pray for all life. This is open to the entire parish and will be January 26, 2022. Parents, come with your children and pray for society's most vulnerable.
5. **Source and Summit** will be held April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Evansville again this year. Please consider joining us.
6. We have dates for **Catholic Heart Workcamp** in Louisville, June 12-18. Sign up soon to reserve your spot!
7. **Week of Work and Worship** has a new website and an online form to sign up! Please check it out. Dates for this will be July 26-28.

How can you become more involved so you do not miss any of these great events? Call me, text me, or email me. I am always happy to talk about opportunities for anyone of any age to get more involved with the youth of the parish.

Connie Matheis 812-639-955 [csmatheis@evdio.org](mailto:csmatheis@evdio.org)



### **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 18 - 20 at Indianapolis**

Selfie Gianna Wagner  
1st row sitting Kailyn Knies, Emily Recker,  
Evie Rasche, Gavin Wagner  
2nd row sitting Jalen & Elizabeth Seger, Connie  
Matheis, Emma Mitchell  
3rd row Jade Mundy, Ben Schepers, Tanner  
Blackgrove

## A Bonus for Us at NCYC!



The selfie photographer was Jade Mundy for the this snapshot of Lee Roessler and Joe Heim. We first met these two musicians at Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC) 2019. When CHWC was canceled in 2020 due to COVID, I decided to put together a similar version at St. Isidore. We came up with Week of Work and Worship (WWW). I figured it was a long shot to have Lee and Joe come here, but I wanted to try at least. They said YES!, and they fit our budget! It was such an amazing three days that we did a repeat in 2021.

Now we are planning 2022, and once again Lee and Joe will be joining us! We ran into them at NCYC. It is always so good to see them. I feel like we know them on a personal level at this

point. I believe they have taken to our community as well as our youth. They left WWW 2021 with a Sander's cooler full of meat. For anyone interested, the WWW website and forms are linked on the parish website. We would love to see more participation this year. Everyone high school age and up is welcome to attend. We need youth participants, young adult leaders, and adult volunteers.

## News from Deacon Mike

### Youth Group Has Firewood for Sale



Every summer, dozens of parishioners and youth invest several days and lots of sweat to cut, split, haul, and stack firewood.

We worked so hard these past two summers that we have a LARGE surplus and need to move some of the inventory.

If you would like to purchase seasoned firewood for campfires or your home, please contact Steve Sander at 812-631-2771. Cost is \$25 per loader bucket and ALL PROCEEDS will benefit the St. Isidore Youth Group! Thanks for your support!

### Small Group Study: *The Chosen*

Whether you've watched *The Chosen* already or don't have a clue what it is, please join us **starting in January** for a study of the first season. Several groups will meet at different times, so you can choose what fits your schedule.

Example: One group will meet Sunday morning and end in time for folks to make it to 10 am Mass. Another group will meet after Mass on Tuesday nights. Other groups will form based on when YOU are available. Workbooks will cost \$15 or less.

Sign up by contacting Deacon Mike: [mseibert@evdio.org](mailto:mseibert@evdio.org) 812-631-9088

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### SEEK CONFERENCE

For all High School and College Students

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) is changing the world by reaching out on campuses across the country. Each year it brings together top-class Catholic speakers like Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam James, Jason Evert, and others to build a fire in Catholic college students.

This will be held virtually. Even though it misses "some" of the energy of being AT the conference with 17,000 students, the virtual option actually has several benefits and is still AMAZING....AND you don't have to stand in line.

Join us **Feb 4-6, 2022** – Friday evening through Sunday noon. Details are still being finalized, but it will be offered at St. Celestine or St. Mary, Huntingburg. Contact Deacon Mike with questions and/or to express your interest. I promise you won't regret it.

"Invite a friend!"

## PRAYER

Step away from the distractions with plenty of opportunities for time dedicated to prayer, adoration, Scripture and the sacraments.

## FELLOWSHIP

Whether you join SEEK on campus, present SEEK at your parish or build your own SEEK small group at home, spend time in fellowship and dive into topics that really matter alongside others walking the journey of faith beside you.

## INSPIRATION

Choose which speaker sessions appeal to you—and be inspired and encouraged to commit to a life of missionary discipleship by keynote speakers and special guests.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Exclusive events, contests, sponsor activities and more! Have fun as a group and enjoy local entertainment options.



### **Exodus 90 (for men) and Magnify 90 (for women)**

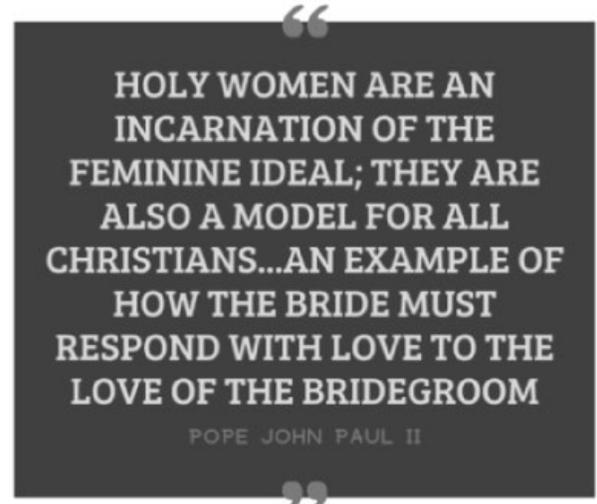
Will you be satisfied if life in 2022 is no different than 2021? Or do you find yourself restless and wanting MORE out of life: More freedom, More Joy, More time, More self-esteem, More LOVE.

Last year, more than 70 of our parishioners participated in EXODUS 90 (for men) and FIAT 90 or Magnify 90 (for women). For many of us, it was a life-changing experience. What is it? It's a 90-day spiritual exercise using prayer, asceticism, and fraternity/sorority to help us all live more intentionally.

What's that mean? By taking on some disciplines for 90 days, we build better habits and realize there are things in our life which we no longer need. This leads to more time for what's really important: our relationship with our family, our spouse, our friends, and most importantly, our relationship with God.

# HOW ARE THOSE BAD HABITS WORKING OUT FOR YOU?

*Men who take on the journey of Exodus 90 are all joining for nearly the exact same reason: they want to grow. Closer to God, closer to their spouse, and just grow into the better man they know they were called to be.*



The 90 day exercise ends on Easter, so the **start date year is January 17, 2022**. To join a group contact Alex Linne [alex.linne@yahoo.com](mailto:alex.linne@yahoo.com) 812-727-4675 or Kirby Knies [kirbyknies@yahoo.com](mailto:kirbyknies@yahoo.com) 812-639-7628 or Deacon Mike [mseibert@evdio.org](mailto:mseibert@evdio.org). | Adults, young adults, and teens are welcome. Anyone mature enough to act like an adult is free to join! (I know that probably excludes Deacon Mike!)

**Ananias Training**  
**(Evangelization Training)**  
 From Sienna Institute  
**January 28 – 30, 2022**  
**St. Mary Church, Huntingburg**  
**+++Limited to 26 participants +++**

**Ananias Training will help us:**

- \*recognize the stages of another's spiritual journey through compassionate listening.
- \*listen lovingly to their real questions and opinions about God in order to guide the discovery of how God is present and active in a person's life.
- \*talk about our relationship with God.
- \*share how we came to be a disciple.
- \*share Jesus' own story in response to the spiritual hunger of another.

Cost: **\$25 per person** – includes workbook. Pay on the day of the event, but Please RSVP by January 3, 2022, so we can order enough materials.

Bring: Bible, Notebook and Pen, a heart open to the Spirit  
Recommendation: **VERY helpful** to read *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell  
Registration or Questions for Deacon Mike Seibert. [mseibert@evdio.org](mailto:mseibert@evdio.org) 812-631-9088.  
On a recent “Every Knee Shall Bow” Catholic Evangelization podcast, host Dave VanVickle highly recommended Ananias Training (April 1, 2020, <https://everykneeshallbow.fireside.fm/68>). “There’s no magic bullet, but this is certainly a game changer for evangelization. I promise you, if you invest in it,

## First Friday Praise & Worship

**First Friday\* of each month**

**7 – 8 pm at St. Celestine Church**

**- Eucharistic Adoration**

**- Praise Music**

**- Prayer Teams often available**

**\* Watch the bulletin for exact dates.**

it will change the culture of your parish. It is the only thing I've seen so far that effectively makes someone comfortable with evangelizing in almost any setting."

Want an experience of Catholic worship which incorporates contemporary Christian music? Join us for First Friday Praise & Worship (FFPW). Eucharistic Adoration takes place all afternoon and evening, but at 7 pm on the first Friday each month, St. Isidore's music group *Cadence* leads praise with many songs you hear on Christian radio. The aim is to present an experience of music that lifts our hearts to God. Hopefully, you'll

not only see His Presence in the Blessed Sacrament but FEEL His Presence in the community and in your heart.

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## Ten Years of Grace!

2021 marks the ten-year anniversary of St. Isidore Grace Co-op, a ministry comprised of volunteers who offer help in a wide variety of ways. When a request is made, the Grace Co-op gets the word out, and by God's Grace, things begin to happen.

God is always working in our lives, and cooperating with the Grace of God is our mission. We now define many of our experiences as "Grace

Moments." A "Grace Moment" is a time when someone recognizes how God is showing His Grace in big and small ways. This happens sometimes unknowingly; God puts people in the right place at the right time. God helps us have the courage to be the "yes" in answering His call. He gives us the humility to open our hearts to others and to allow them into our lives. Through God's Grace everyone is blessed.

Reflecting on God's Word, He tells us in Isaiah 58:10, "Feed the hungry and help those in trouble." According to Philippians 2:3-4, let us not be interested only in our own lives; we must care about the lives of others too. The message in John 3:17 is that if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

This makes us question how we as members of St. Isidore Parish reach those outside the walls of our church. The Grace Co-op offers all of us the opportunity to do just that, reach out to others or humbly accept help from others. In God's Grace we give, and in God's Grace we receive. Only by God's Grace can we lift up others in need and spend our time volunteering with God's love in our hearts. And it is only by God's Grace that we can open our hearts and allow others to enter our lives when we are most vulnerable.

Consider becoming a volunteer and getting involved in one of our on-going projects. 1) Prepare a meal for someone who is ill or for a family after a new baby is brought home. 2) Deliver a meal to the sick and / or elderly with Grace Grub, Sr. 3) Donate a meal or food card during Christmas and summer breaks to school children on the free or reduced lunch program with Grace Grub, Jr. 4) Prepare take-home snacks to add to school kids' backpacks in the Backpack Buddies program. 5) Offer food cards or gas cards to someone needing help through the Grace in Your Pocket program. 6) Cut and deliver firewood. 7) Participate in the "Make a Difference" program for youth during Lent and receive \$5.00 to use in any way to help others. 8) Keep our Little Grace Pantries clean and stocked. 9) Be a "Secret Santa" for selected families. 10) Help the elderly with home repairs, yard work, or preparation of a home for handicap accessibility.

11) Help with unmet medical needs or overdue utility bills. 12) Drive someone to doctor appointments. 13) Help with clothing drives or collect emergency needs following an accident, illness, or natural disaster. 14) Sit with or visit the sick and/or elderly.

If any of those projects speak to you, contact one of the following Grace Co-op members: Deacon Mike, Brenda Ferguson, Amy Schroering, Denise Hohler, Blakney Verkamp, Joan Melton, or Kim Seger. We can add your name to the volunteer list. Or, if you see someone in need and want to help, or if you wish to (anonymously or otherwise) donate to the

Grace Co-op, notify one of the Grace Co-op members. You can earmark your donation to a specific need if you wish. Donations can also be placed in the collection basket during Mass in an envelope marked "Grace Co-op."

For over ten years the St. Isidore Grace Co-op, through the efforts of volunteers and donors, and, most importantly, through the Grace of God, have made many "Grace Moments" happen!

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## News Around Our Towns

### Downtown Celestine Celebrates Christmas

#### With Letters to Santa.

— Don't Forget —

A "Letters to Santa" Collection Box is located downtown. Santa will pick them up to take back to the North Pole.



If you would like a reply from Santa, be sure to include your return address.

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### Celestine Park News

The mission of the Celestine Park is to continue the goal originated from the Celestine Jaycees by serving the community in service projects, providing an honorable example to young people of the community, and providing a place for the community to gather.

We are proud of what we have recently accomplished at the park with a new look to the clubhouse and addition of a shelter house with new picnic tables. The renovations have beautified the surrounding areas, and we have now set our sights on giving the inside of the clubhouse a much needed remodel. The community has been wonderful in supporting our efforts, and that has motivated us to finish our final phase.

We plan to build an addition for a larger, more functional kitchen to help in future fundraisers by providing a space to make our food for the Strassenfest BBQ booth, our soup, and our dinner drive-

thru fundraisers. We will also remodel the bathrooms and refresh the interior walls, flooring, lighting, and ceiling. It is estimated that our refurbishments will cost approximately \$140,000, and to date over \$80,000 of this amount has been raised.

We are currently fundraising with our Treasure Hunt Raffle ticket sales held every week at the park. Stop in any time on Wednesdays or Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1. It's easy to enter. All we need are your name, your phone number, and your selected number between 1 and 52.

One lucky ticket will be drawn each Friday at 7:45 p.m. on Facebook Live. If your ticket is drawn, the number you selected is the number that we open from the Treasure Hunt board. Under each number is a symbol, and each symbol represents a different dollar amount that you would win! There is one jackpot symbol; if that is revealed, you would win the jackpot amount! At the time of this writing, the jackpot is just over \$2,000!! You do not have to be present to win. We will call each week's winner. If you have questions, stop by, and we can explain further.

Thank you for your support! We truly appreciate all the help from the community!

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### **YOUTH BALL FIELD AT DUBOIS**

The Northeast Dubois Little League and Dubois Youth Softball organizations have leased a piece of land from St. Isidore Parish for the construction of a ball field. The field is being laid out on the St. Raphael campus south of the cemetery where a previous ball field once resided. Gene Eisenhut Excavating completed dirt work in early October, and grass seed was sown by a group of volunteers shortly thereafter. Grass is starting to poke through the straw now. We are hoping that the field will be ready for play in the coming spring.

Youth softball and baseball in the Northeast Dubois community has been limited to one softball field and one baseball field for quite some time. Both of the existing fields are used for games and practices for more than 20 youth teams. The boys' field, on the hill

east of the Northeast Dubois Intermediate School, is home to 14 teams across all age levels. Baseball teams have been spilling over to the Dubois Ruritan Park in order to have practice time. The girls' field, on East Vine Street, is shared between the youth program, junior high, and high school softball teams. This is why the new field on the St. Raphael campus is desperately needed by both leagues, and both leagues will be utilizing the field. Field length will be 180 feet with a dirt infield which makes it adaptable to whatever game or age group is playing at the time. It will not be large enough for adult softball. In the short term, a backstop is planned for the spring. In time, we would like to see fencing and dugouts added, but as of now, just the field and the backstop will get us playable by spring.

## **Mark Your Calendars: STREETFEST 2022 - SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022**

We are excited to announce that Celestine Streetfest returns in 2022! Please put Saturday, June 25, 2022, on your calendars now for a day of community fun, music, food, and cold drinks! The event will remain a one-day event held on the St. Celestine Church grounds. We anticipate the schedule will look similar to the 2021 event.

The 2021 profit was our biggest ever with right at \$30,000 since the closing of the books on Streetfest 2019. We roughly took in roughly \$70,000 in income and sponsorships for the 2021 event with about \$40,000 in expenses. Distribution checks in the amount of \$5,000 each have been presented to the following organizations: Celestine Community Club, Celestine Park, Good Shepherd of the Hills Knights of Columbus Council, Celestine Volunteer Fire Department, Northeast Dubois PTO, and St. Isidore Parish.

### **NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!**

Most importantly for the long-term success of the fest, Celestine Streetfest / Community of Celestine Inc. needs several new board members to join before the end of winter 2021/2022 to help the current board members steer the 2022 Streetfest. Anyone of any age is welcome to join the current leadership team of Tony Buechler, Glen Schepers, and Marc Lampert. Streetfest is blessed with an outstanding large pool of volunteers who make the fest happen, but all good events need group leaders to keep the momentum going.

Board members in general are not who make the event happen, but they do provide leadership and oversight. Tony Buechler will be stepping down from the chairperson role following the 2022 event after 3 years of service. He will still be involved in his roles in entertainment and marketing. Being a board member is not that time-consuming; it involves some meetings and communication each year, but Streetfest is a really well-planned and established event. The wheel is not being reinvented each year.

The fest is very healthy with area chairpersons taking the lead on food, beer garden, finance, sponsorships, entertainment, advertising, promotions, etc. Someone who joins the board should fit the following characteristics:

- Loves the Celestine Community and the Celestine Streetfest
- Desires to help the community through the fellowship, unity, and fundraising
- Enjoys satisfaction from the success of a well-planned event
- Wants to see the Streetfest continue for the community goodwill, pride, and donations to Celestine entities that it provides

The Streetfest Board does the following:

- Oversees the Streetfest to make sure it is a success
- Sets the event budget and the event schedule
- Keeps in communication with other board members and reviews and collaborates on major decisions with the area chairpersons (sponsorship, entertainment, advertising, kids activities, food menu, etc).
- Collectively leads the fest public meetings and attends private planning meetings
- Follows the already developed detailed planning schedule in months leading up to the fest
- Communicates with organizations and chairpersons to make sure their areas are prepared

If you are interested in learning more please contact Tony Buechler (812) 827-8430 -- Glen Schepers (812) 639-7427 -- Marc Lampert (812) 639-0428

## Advent and Christmas Calendar

### DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS

**Sunday, December 12:** 4:00 pm Christ the King Parish, Ferdinand

**Tuesday, December 14:** 6:30 pm St. Joseph Parish Center Church, Jasper

**Wednesday, December 15:** 12:00 noon Holy Family Church, Jasper

### PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS

**Thursday, December 16:** St. Raphael Church 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

**Saturday, December 18:** St. Celestine Church 8:00 am till 9:30 am

**CHRISTMAS ADORATION: Friday, December 17,** at St. Raphael Church — Members of the Louisville Orchestra will be playing in the choir loft during an evening of prayer from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve:** 4:00 pm St. Raphael Church; 5:30 pm St. Celestine Church; 10:00 pm St. Raphael Church

**Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day:** 9:00 am St. Celestine Church. *There will not be a 4:30 pm Mass this day. When Mass is held on the Saturday evening of Christmas, it is a Mass for Christmas Day rather than a vigil Mass for Sunday.*

**Sunday, December 26 — Regular Mass Schedule:** 8:00 am St. Celestine Church; 10:00 am St. Raphael Church

### ST. ISIDORE PARISH REMIND SYSTEM

To sign up for text reminders on your cell phone, enter the following: TO: **81010**

MESSAGE: Parishioners **@69dc23**. Religious Education Parents **@kc79**. Youth Ministry **@stisido**

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES— Lent begins on March 2, 2022

6:45 am— St. Raphael Church      12:00 noon— St. Celestine Church      6:00 pm— St. Celestine Church