December 2019

Living In Faith Everyday

From the Staff

As you all know, our parish staff has undergone several changes in the past few months. We would like to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone for your very welcoming words and kind gestures as Fr. Jeff, Ashley Gessner, and Brenda Ferguson all acclimate to new positions on staff. We are very grateful for past secretaries and current fellow staff members who have been phenomenal in helping us make this transition as smooth as possible for our parish. We appreciate your patience and offers of help. It is our pleasure to serve your families in a timely manner. We try our best to help with your needs and concerns. We work together as a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) to accomplish this goal. May God bless each of our parishioners as we give thanks at this time of year and remember the true meaning of Christmas. We wish your family a joyous and blessed Holiday Season.



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Love In Christ,

Fr. Jeff Read, Deacon Mike, Glenda Reckelhoff, Cheryl Seger, Connie Matheis, Kristy Buechler, Lisa Wagner, Clarence Reckelhoff, Danny Kluesner, Brenda Ferguson, and Ashley Gessner



Top from left to right: Brenda Ferguson, Lisa Wagner, Fr. Jeff Read, Clarence Reckelhoff, Kristy Buechler

Bottom from left to right: Glenda Reckelhoff, Cheryl Seger, Connie Matheis, Ashley Gessner

Advent Confessions

Deanery Opportunities

Sunday, December 15 ~ 4pm St. Ferdinand Church Tuesday, December 17 ~ 6:30pm St. Joseph, Jasper Wednesday, December 18 ~ 12Noon St. Joseph, Jasper

Parish Opportunities

Thursday, December 19 ~ 6:30-8pm St. Raphael Church Saturday, December 21 ~ 7:30-9am St. Celestine Church

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

St. Celestine Church 4:00pm 5:30pm St. Raphael Church 10:00pm St. Celestine Church

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

St. Raphael Church 9:00am

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother Of God

Dec. 31 5:30pm St. Celestine Church 9:00am Jan. 1 St. Raphael Church



Friday, February 21 6:30-10pm St. Celestine Dining Hall

Join us for a night of adult fun and fellowship. Invite your friends. All are welcome.

There will be a blessing and scripture reading at 6:30pm, and then the games will begin.

There is no fee for the game night.

The Knights of Columbus will provide snacks and drinks. There will be card games and board games of your choice.







- Bella Grace Hall, daughter of Brent & Mallory (Eisenhut) Hall, September 7, 2019
- Henry Charles Betz, son of Jason & Tara (Beyke) Betz, September 14, 2019
- Oliver Hayes Lueken, son of Brent & Megan (Stemle) Lueken, October 12, 2019
- Colton Matthew Allen, son of Matthew & Erin (Wineinger) Allen, October 26, 2019
- Tayla Mae Schroering, daughter of Brad & Kristina (Gogel) Schroering, November 3, 2019



- Brittany Seger & Wade Friedman, August 10, 2019
- Amanda Gress & Jessie Schepers, August 24, 2019
- Leigh-Ann Kluesner & Nick Brosmer, September 21, 2019
- Emily Lueken & Reid Thayer, October 19, 2019
- Saxxon Winkel & Ben Knies, November 9, 2019
- Taylor Hasenour & Galen Starrs, November 23, 2019
- Kendra Schroering & Chad Honeycutt, November 23, 2019



- ♦ Hilmar Denu, 91, July 31, 2019
- Ernest "Ernie" Betz, 75, August 19, 2019
- ♦ Bernita Metz, 77, August 30, 2019
- ♦ Lawrence Metz, 92, October 21, 2019
- Richard "Dick" Seng, 84, November 17, 2019
- William "Bill" Kleinhelter, 77, November 28, 2019
- ♦ Kevin Schepers, 53, December 2, 2019

Pray For Our Military

We pray for our parishioners currently serving our country. Contact the parish office if you would like your loved one added to the list, or if you would like the address of anyone listed.

- Anthony Blickensderfer
 (Grandson of Alvin & Carol Lampert)
- Kohl Cannon (Grandson of Mary Ann Rasche)
- John-Anthony (Tony) Campbell
- Calvin Sander
- Dylan Wineinger



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Due to the Parish Office by Monday, December 16



If school is delayed or cancelled due to weather:

- Morning Mass will be cancelled.
- Wednesday adoration will be cancelled.
- ◆ Tuesday evening Mass will be held unless otherwise announced that day.

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome Bernie and Lisa Merkel to St. Isidore.

Bernie grew up in the St. Celestine parish and moved away when he went to college.

He has returned after being away for 40 years. He coached women's college basketball for 20 years at IU Southeast in New Albany. He works for SmartPlan Equipment Planning, a business which does medical equipment planning for hospital New Members Are Joining construction. He enjoys watching IU basketball and playing golf in his free time.

Lisa grew up in the St. Polycarp Parish in Louisville. She worked for the West Clark Schools at Borden H.S. as a teachers' assistant. She retired after moving to Celestine. She (along with Aileen Lueken) enjoys playing bingo on Tuesdays at the Habig Senior Center. She and Bernie enjoy watching their grandsons play in various sporting and musical events.

The couple is raising their grandson Trevor, who is in the 7th grade at Dubois Middle School. Trevor plays basketball and baseball and enjoys hanging out with friends and boating on the Patoka Lake with the Friedmans.

The family joined the St. Isidore Parish because they now live in Woodland Hills and because Bernie was raised in this church.

We also welcome Kimberly (Schnell) and Nicholas Hustedde. They were married by Father Eugene Schmitt in October 2013 at St. Celestine and express excitement about being back in Celestine and part of the community and St. Isidore Parish.

Nick is originally from Carlyle, Illinois. He works as a Technical Service Manager for a chemical company called FMC. Kimberly works at Tenth Street Elementary School in Jasper.

Their children are Hunter, a seventh grader who currently lives in Missouri; Ellyse, a preschooler with Mrs. Lori Schepers; and Ella, 2 years old. The babysitter for the girls is Martha Goepfrich.

The family lives along North Celestine Road North and enjoys playing outside as well as visiting with family and friends. We are happy to have them as new parishioners.

St. Anne Sodality Update

St. Anne's purchased (2) pressure cookers that can be used at the parish shoot and social! If you would like to volunteer to be an officer, please contact Amanda Steckler.

See below for St. Anne's 2020 Calendar of Events and Information:

January

SC Church Cleaning / Patty Burke 812-634-1251

March or April

SC Church Cleaning / Martha Goepfrich 812-634-1463

May 17

Graduation Breakfast (8th-H.S- College) 8:45am SC Hall

June 10

Senior Citizens' Dinner at Celestine Community Club

July 26 8am Mass to honor all St. Anne's members

August 1-2-3 Quilt show after 4:30pm & 8am Masses/ Mon. 4pm-6:30pm

September SC Church Cleaning / Lisa Schroering 812-631-1718

October 3 Confirmation / Reception in SC Dining Hall

October 9 Harvest Festival / SC Campus. Help with dinner & cleaning up

December 7 St. Anne's Christmas Party at Celestine Community Club

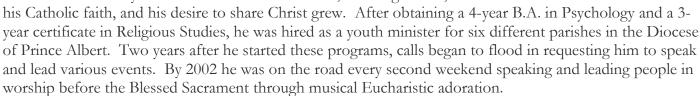
December SC Church Cleaning / Laura Betz 812-309-2312



Parish Mission: Ken Yasinski, Catholic Speaker

Ken Yasinski has been speaking full time for 20 years within the Catholic Church. He is the founder of Face to Face Ministries, a Lighthouse Catholic Media Speaker, author, and songwriter. At the core of every message, he challenges people to realize their full potential in life – to be a saint.

Ken grew up in a strong Catholic home in St. Walburg, SK, and then moved to Saskatoon to attend the University of Saskatchewan. It was there, at the age of 19, that he had a renewal of



Our mission with Ken will take place on Sunday, January 26, and Monday, January 27, at 6:30pm. Leading up to Lent, this a perfect opportunity to get yourself on track for an amazing Lenten experience. It will be only two nights, lasting about 1 ½ hours each. Heartfelt experiences are sure to arise from the mission. Each evening will conclude with musical adoration that lasts 30 minutes. This will give each of us time to reflect on what we have on our heart and in our mind as well as an opportunity to ponder Ken's message a little longer to realize how it relates to us personally and how it can change our lives.

In addition to the mission, Ken has developed a 6 week follow up presentation which will be held once a week for 6 weeks. Presenters from our parish will help lead these sessions. If anyone has any interest in volunteering for this, please reach out to Ben Gessner. We are very excited to bring Ken to our parish. He has a real genuine love for the faith that we are eager to share with all of you. Please clear your calendars for January 26-27 and make time for yourself and your journey towards eternity.

Mission Dates: Please join us Sunday, January 26th, 6:30pm @ St. Raphael and Monday, January 27th, 6:30pm @ St. Celestine.

St. Isidore Youth Fellowship Breakfast

February 2, 2020

8:00-11:30 am

Come and join us for our annual Youth Fellowship Breakfast which will be held in the St. Raphael Church basement! Come and enjoy fellowship with one another while enjoying a delicious meal and supporting our youth by helping them go to events such as Catholic Heart Workcamp, National Youth Conference, and so much more. A free will offering will be appreciated.





Saturday, January 18, 2020

Celestine Community Club Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia begins at 7pm Call Connie Matheis (812-634-1875) to register your team of 8. Cost is \$15 per person. All proceeds benefit the Youth Appeal.

Stewards of God's Grace and Church projects by Father Jeff

I wanted to take the time to thank you for your generosity in giving to the Stewards of God's Grace Capital Campaign and to give an update of our progress with the campaign projects both at St. Raphael and St. Celestine.

We are moving forward with the projects, but the complete scope of both projects is still to be determined. Our Liturgical Space project in Celestine is one that includes replacing the carpet, refinishing the pews, new paint, and a redesign of the altar area and wall space surrounding the crucifix. The Church has often described the importance of having a sacred look through architecture and design. All our senses are used in helping us grow closer to God. The church document, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, reminds us, our sanctification is "signified by signs perceptible to the senses." A beautiful church aides in our worship and draws us close to God.

Our project at St. Raphael Campus is to build a Religious Ed Center which would not only provide a place for our children to learn, but would also double as a gathering area. We are blessed to be able to teach our children the Faith during school hours. The magnitude of this will increase at St. Raphael because of the school consolidation. We must continue to grow and get better at communicating our Catholic Faith to our young people, especially in a culture saturated with relativism and materialism which lures many people away from God and his Church. Conversations about sizing and budget are currently underway. This project, like the St. Celes-

tine project, is of immense importance.

Soon we will have more updates including visuals of what our projects will look like. This is obviously important, especially in terms of your giving. We want you to know what your money is going towards. As you may know much funding is needed up front to get started. Please continue to give and fulfill your pledges. Ideally, we need about 80 percent of the pledges received before we can begin. Initially our total parish portion was around \$700,000, with \$525,000 needed for the St. Raphael project and \$175,000 needed for St. Celestine. It's important to know that the costs at each location will be higher. The initial plan at St. Raphael was to renovate the basement of the church. That's no longer a feasible option. We will be building an external building with access from the nave of the church. As of now the cash distributed to us from the campaign is \$215,771. With your continued generosity, this number will begin to grow much more quickly because the parish is now receiving 100% of every dollar received through pledges, whereas before we were first receiving 50% and then 80% of every dollar. As money is received, it is deposited into a savings account which is drawing 3.5% interest. More information will be coming soon to help everyone see an overall plan.



Feast of the Holy Family Celebration
Nativity Displays
Sunday, December 29
After 8am Mass
St. Celestine Dining Hall



Everyone is invited for donuts, coffee, and fellowship while viewing different nativity scenes. If you have a nativity scene to share in the display, please contact Connie Matheis or have scene to her by December 20.

Youth Group News by Connie Matheis

The youth had a busy month in November! The 5th and 6th grade Youth Group led a service for All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Wednesday night religion classes attended, and the community was invited to attend. We have received wonderful feedback and are eager to do it again next year.

Adrienne Betz participated in the November **TEC**. We are super proud of her. The next TEC is coming up in February. Please let me know if you or someone you know would be interested. I would love to talk to them.

We attended our first "Faith and Football" experience. We had a fun day of Colts football. Special thanks to our own Vic Betz for getting all 51 of us there and back safely. After the game we were invited onto the field for inspiring talks from coaches, a cheerleader, and two players: Kenny Moore and Anthony Walker. It was empowering to hear their stories. They also each shared their favorite Bible verse with us which was especially heartwarming to hear.

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) 13 of

our teenagers attended, and again, I cannot say enough

about how amazing our youth are. To watch and hear them participate and sing in this faith filled weekend is indescribable. The days were packed with Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, personal witnesses, breakout sessions and so much more! Special thanks to the two parishioners whovolunteered their time to chaperone.



Some of our people shared their stories:

Trevor Buechler- "NCYC was an outstanding experience that I am truly blessed to attend. I would not have been able to attend without the help of the Youth Appeal. At this event I was able to meet many different people my age practicing their faith, and got to experience my faith in a whole new way. One very amazing thing that happened was having Eucharistic Adoration in Lucas Oil Stadium. While the Blessed Sacrament was on display, hundreds of kids, including myself, ran to the stage to be closer to our Lord. It was also amazing having Mass in Lucas Oil Stadium. It was very cool seeing hundreds of priests distribute Communion to 27,000 youth and adults. I am truly blessed to be able to attend this event, and I hope more youth will attend in 2021."

Adelle Fravell- My NCYC experience was amazing. It was my second time going, and it opened my eyes further

if that's even possible. The deep dive sessions made me realize how amazing and important my faith is. I was also stunned by the actions of our parish, how we got deeper in our faith. I would suggest NCYC to anyone who wants to learn more about their faith and experience God in a new way."

Jim Merkley- "It is truly amazing how the Holy Spirit works through our youth. There is very little in this world that can compare with Eucharistic Adoration with 20,000 young adults!"

We are hosting our 2nd annual Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. We are hoping to gather as many nativity displays as possible to share with the public. We had a great variety last year, and we are hoping to display all of those again along with many more! I have always enjoyed looking at and admiring the great variety of nativity scenes, truly one of the highlights of the season. If you (or anyone you know) has a display you would be willing to share with our church community, please let me know by December 20, 2019, so I will be able to set up tables and prepare. The public open house will be at St. Celestine Dining Hall after 8:00 Mass on December 29, 2019, with donuts and coffee being served. Free will donations to the Youth Group will be accepted. Please invite your family and friends to gather with us.

In order to find Jesus, every one of us needs direction. God gives it. (*Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado) We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him(v.2 NKJV)

Wishing you all a very Blessed Christmas season, Connie

Important dates:

- * January 8—High School Youth Group
- * January 15—Junior High Youth Group
- * January 18—Trivia Night
- * January 26-27—St. Isidore Parish Mission: Ken Yasinski
- * January 29—5th and 6th grade youth gathering
- * February 2—Youth Ministry Breakfast at St. Raphael's
- * February 8-9—Youth Appeal Weekend
- * February 15-17—Teens Encounter Christ Weekend
- * April 17-19—Source and Summit
- * June 21-26—Catholic Heart Work Camp-Nashville
- * January 2021—Pilgrimage for Life



Religious Education News

Join our Remind system for text updates, reminders, and cancellations.

Religious Education: Enter To: 81010 Message: @kc79 Parishioners: Enter To: 81010 Message: @69dc23

Mark your calendars

December 18 – Advent Reconciliation 7th -12th February 19 – Deanery Senior Graduate Dinner

Seniors & Parents at St. Joseph Kundeck Hall RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 5

March 4- Lent Reconciliaiton 7th -12th

March 13- Reconciliation 5th & 6th

March 18 Classes end for Wed. evening

May 17 - Parish Graduate Mass & Breakfast

8th grade, high school, college & family RSVP by May 11

Breakfast & March 29 St. Celestine

after 8am Mass



Egg Hunt April 5 St. Raphael after 10am Mass

Confirmation October 3, 2020

Feb. 1 Diocese Confirmation Spectacular

Feb. 23 Confirmation Program w/sponsors

Apr. 1 Confirmation Program



Religious Education Quilt Sweepstakes

December 29- Cash Prize

March 6-Religious Ed. Fish Fry

Dine-in and drive thru avaiable

4:30-6:30pm

St. Celestine Hall

January 26- Quilt

February 23- Quilt

Tickets available at the church entrances

First Communion

May 2 @ St. Celestine Church 4:30pm

May 3 @ St. Raphael Church 10:00am

Mar. 19 First Reconciliation – St. Raphael Church

Apr. 22 Retreat/Practice – St. Raphael Church

Apr. 29 Retreat/Practice- St. Celestine Church



	Unscramble The Words:		
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Jephos		Savior	
		sheep	
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Mrya		traveled	
Siorav		baby	
		listed	
enagedg		Mary	
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traledve			

St. Isidore Task Force Implementation Committee: St. Raphael Campus

October 8, 2019 Meeting

Present: Nick Hasenour, Phyllis Pieper, Sara Danhafer, Glenda Reckelhoff, Cassie Beyke, Chad Mundy, Joe Dekemper, Norma Hall, Fr. Jeff Read, Connie Matheis

Opening prayer led by Glenda Reckelhoff. Sara made a motion to approve the minutes, and Joe seconded.

Update of Dubois School Corporation meetings

- Father Jeff, Glenda, Clarence Reckelhoff, and Doug Merkel met with Bill Hochgesang last Friday, October 4.
- The school corporation has made the decision that moving forward, Dubois Elementary will be grades preK-2nd, Dubois Middle School will be grades 3rd-6th, and Dubois High School will be grades 7th-12th.
- Bill informed them that they recently discovered that the Diocese actually owns the Dubois Elementary school building. It was originally leased to the school corporation on Feb. 10th, 1981.
- Bill Hochgesang provided them with a copy of the deeds for Celestine Elementary and Dubois Elementary. This upcoming Friday, Oct. 11th, Glenda and Fr. Jeff, and Donni Warren (with Kids of the Kingdom) will be meeting with Ryan Case and Tara Rasche to discuss the release-time religious ed. class dynamics.

Thoughts from the Committee

- For religious education, Glenda can't fit more than 3 time slots into a day. Only 2 classes can come at a time due to limited teachers available.
- Currently, all religious education at Dubois is on Wednesday for grades K-4. For the 5th and 6th grade, they currently have religious ed. on Friday.
- Now that we have a definite decision from the school corporation, we need to move forward with deciding on religious education.
- The school corporation will be closing Celestine Elementary this upcoming May. In August, we will have to have a plan for religious education in 2020.

<u>Updating Father Jeff on the status of this Committee</u>

- Glenda provided Fr. Jeff with a binder including all of our previous notes
- Questions/Comments from Fr. Jeff:
- What's an estimated price for a building blueprint? \$20,000-\$30,000
- For the diocese: can we use brick and siding, or will we need to use all brick/brick and stone?
- Fr. Jeff suggested a couple of possible architects that have done other diocese projects.
- Have we made a decision about what we need from this building? We are still in the process of deciding on this.

New Building

 Chad Mundy can make a rough draft of what we are requesting. He will have this finished for our next meeting.

- Gathering Hall seating for 150 people.
- 4 classrooms
- Work room and Office Storage.
- Kitchen with a large serving area.
- Bathrooms

Action Items - Where do we go from here

Our recommendation is to move forward with a new building design, blueprint, and building estimate for religious education and fellowship hall.

- 1. Ask approval from the Parish Council (meeting Thursday, Oct. 10th) and the Finance Committee to move forward with a new building design. Joe Dekemper will be talking to the Parish Council at the meeting.
- **2.** Upon approval from the Parish Council, Fr. Jeff will write a letter to the bishop asking for his permission to move forward on a new building.
- **3.** We have to interview at least 3 architects before hiring one for designs. The architects have to be on the Diocese approved lists.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 7:00pm - St. Celestine Hall

5 ways to enrich your season

Many of us look forward to Christmas all year, but we let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Yet Advent is a beautiful season in itself.



Consider these 5 ways to enjoy Advent as the season of hope...

- 1. **Come into the silence.** Over the next few weeks, take lots of deep breaths and treat yourself to some silent time in prayer each day.
- 2. **Mark your progress.** Buy or make an Advent wreath with four candles and light a new candle each Sunday. Say the traditional prayers or write your own.
- 3. **Share the joy.** Make peace with anyone who wronged you—or was wronged by you. Put resentment out of your heart to make more room for joy.
- 4. **Comfort the lonely.** Compile a list of people who live alone, are new to your area, or who have lost a loved one this year. Include them in your holiday gatherings.
- 5. **Start a new tradition.** Sing a special song each night during Advent. Reserve a favorite food just for this time. Go out for a special meal after Mass. Whatever you do, make it joyful and celebratory.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

COMING THIS JANUARY - FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

FPU will be held at St. Isidore Parish (St. Celestine Hall, Celestine) on Monday evenings from January 6 through March 9 (No class Jan 27) from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. RSVP for the class by calling the parish of-fice 812-634-1875. The cost of your kit will be \$100.00 and allows everyone in your household to attend. Additionally, you can register online at https://www.fpu.com/1099529

Lesson Title - Date & Time

- 1. Baby Step 1 & Budgeting Jan 06, 2020 6:30 PM
- 2. Baby Step 2 Jan 13, 2020 6:30 PM
- 3. Baby Step 3 Jan 20, 2020 6:30 PM
- 4. Baby Steps 4, 5, 6, & 7 Feb 03, 2020 6:30 PM
- 5. Buyer Beware Feb 10, 2020 6:30 PM
- 6. The Role of Insurance Feb 17, 2020 6:30 PM
- 7. Retirement Planning Feb 24, 2020 6:30 PM
- 8. Real Estate & Mortgages Mar 02, 2020 6:30 PM
- 9. Outrageous Generosity Mar 09, 2020 6:30 PM



Our 2020 class offering will be the first time we will be using the recently updated FPU lessons. There are new filmed segments for all of the baby steps, new topics covered, and a new order to the lessons. The \$100 class membership is now a 1-year subscription that now includes:

- One-year Financial Peace Membership: It's the one-stop resource center that helps you apply all the knowledge the plan teaches you. You can go back and rewatch or listen to all of the FPU lessons
- Interactive Workbook: More than 160 pages that teach you how to take control of your money
- EveryDollar Plus—the world's best budgeting app (\$99 value)
- Ask a coach feature for your tough questions
- Exclusive livestreams to watch from home
- Accountability, encouragement, and celebration in our online community
- Additional Course: Teach your kids to make wise financial decisions (6 lessons)
- Additional Course: Truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come (6 lessons)

Start the New Year with Financial Peace!

We want to thank Danny Kluesner for his many years of dedication to our parish. Whether he was mowing the grounds, maintaining the property and cemetery, preparing the sidewalks for our safe walks into St. Raphael on icy mornings, or doing general repairs, his work did not go unnoticed. Danny ran frequent errands for our parish organizations. His willingness to help set up for events and simply to be our go-to guy was much appreciated. We also want to thank Susie for all of the ways she supported and helped from behind the scenes. We pray for them as Danny retires from his official duties in our parish.



Beyond the Calendar Celestine 175 - Photo & History Books

Picture Book will be reduced to \$5.00 for the holidays.

You can purchase these books at the parish office and Dubois County Museum.

This book contains more than 100 pictures of Celestine and Dubois area.

A Perpetual Calendar to write your yearly birthday and anniversary dates.

Over 20 fantastic and unique recipes that have come from the community. We have some treasured recipes from the community that just can not be found in many cookbooks.

We will share one from the book for the holiday season since we all love pies for the holidays. The recipe is in memory of Rose Marie Wehr the mother of Ann Hassfurther, Kaddy Merkel, and Leon Wehr.

Beyond the Calendar Celestine 175

PIE CRUST

1 cup lard or shortening 3 cups flour

Pinch of Salt 1/2 cup water & 2 Tablespoons

1 egg 1 tsp vinegar

Cut lard or shortening in flour and salt until it resembles very coarse corn meal. Mix a cup of water, egg and vinegar together. Mix into flour mixture using a fork. Knead a few times on a floured surface. This usually makes 2-3 pie shells.

The History Books are still available for purchase at the office and museum

2018 Book\$25 1993 Book\$15 Bundle (2018 & 1993) \$35





A Sequel to
Celestine, Indiana: A Sesquicentennial History

Mom says miracle in Sheen cause that saved her son a gift to whole church

Jennifer Willems, July 7, 2019, Catholic News Service

PEORIA, Illinois - As Bonnie Engstrom watched lifesaving measures being taken for her son, who had been born just moments before without a pulse or drawing breath, she asked for help from the person whose prayerful support she had sought throughout her pregnancy: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

After 61 minutes, just as emergency room personnel were about to pronounce him dead, James Fulton Engstrom began to breathe and his heart rate shot up to a normal level for a newborn. Despite dire prognoses for his future, the child has thrived and is now a healthy 8-year-old who likes chicken nuggets, "Star Wars" and riding his bicycle.

Those who have heard the story of the Washington, Illinois, boy call it a miracle, and Pope Francis has made it official. At a July 5 audience with Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the pope formally approved the miracle attributed to the intercession of Sheen, moving him one step closer to beatification.

"It is truly amazing how God continues to work miracles," Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky said July 6 in announcing the pope's approval of the miracle. "I am so grateful that the Vatican acted so quickly after last week's transfer of Sheen's remains from New York to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria."

Sheen had been placed in a crypt below the main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York after his death Dec. 9, 1979. After protracted legal proceedings, his remains were brought to Peoria June 27 at the request of his niece, Joan Sheen Cunningham, and now rest in a new marble tomb in the Peoria cathedral

With the miracle confirmed, the Diocese of Peoria can formally begin planning for the beatification of Sheen, according to the statement. It added that while the date for that is unknown, Jenky "hopes and prays" that it will be announced soon.

House of Discernment Fall Update

August opened the Father Deydier House of Discernment in its second year. Three residents moved in and have begun their discernment: Craig Wilmes from Holy Redeemer who currently works in Evansville as a tax accountant; Michael Mosbey from Good Shepherd who is currently employed by St. Boniface Parish assisting with maintenance; and Chase Riecker from St. Isidore in Celestine who works part-time at Sherwin Williams while also pursing a degree online. Clint Johnson from Holy Cross who was in residence last year, departed the House in August to begin his first year at Saint Meinrad Seminary for our Diocese.

The House residents and director recently held a "Day of Recollection" at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Vincennes. There, they visited the grave of Fr. Anthony Deydier, after whom the House of Discernment is named, and prayed at the tomb of Bishop Simon Bruté whose cause for canonization is underway in Rome.

Two "Savio Nights" have been held at the House this fall for middle school and high school boys and their dads. Games, dinner, and faith formation precede praying together in the Church. This fall, 68 young men along with 18 of their dads have attended from 17 different parishes. The next Savio Night will be October 26 at 6:30pm for 6th-12th grade guys. Dads are welcome to stay, as well.

Monday Nights are still going strong with more than 125 people regularly attending the Holy Hour & Mass for Vocations at Sacred Heart Church. Many vocational seeds are being planted and tilled there.

If you know of a young man (18-30) who might benefit from a Catholic community of prayer and fraternity while continuing his career or college, please have him contact Fr. Tyler (trenbarge@evdio.org).

If you would like to support the House by your prayers, please join House residents on Monday Nights at Sacred Heart Church. Adoration is at 6:30pm, and Mass is at 7:30pm. If you would like to support the work of the House financially, please contact Fr. Tyler, as well.

Photo captions: House Residents & Director visit the grave of Fr. Deydier in Vincennes; Savio Night attendees enjoy dinner, sports, prayer and faith formation at the House of Discernment at Sacred Heart Church; Clint Johnson completed



building a book-House's chapel to seminary this



case for the before moving fall







St. Isidore Catholic Parish - Parish Council Minutes August 8, 2019

Members Present: Father Jeff Read, Deacon Mike, Whitley Kluesner, Stacy Brosmer, Glenda Reckelhoff, Joe Dekemper, Leah Beckman, Kurt Hassfurther, Randy Stemle, Jeff Betz, Clarence Reckelhoff, Kelly Friedman

Absent: Joyce Hulsman, Kathy Hopf, Ian Denu, Wade Friedman

Opening Prayer: Deacon Mike

July 11th, 2019 meeting minutes approved by Joe Dekemper and seconded by Kurt Hassfurther

Buildings and Grounds Updates:

Clarence reported that the St Celestine campus parking lot has been striped and the concrete has been repaired. Work continues on getting cables run to the rectory for internet and for future use (cameras) if ever needed. K of C members to pressure wash grotto and garage on 8/13/19.

Joe reported that he is still awaiting a quote from Hedinger roofing to replace copper gutter hangers at St Raphael campus.

Implementation Task Force:

Next meeting set for October 17th, 2019

New Business:

- 1. Glenda discussed Religious Ed set up. Asked council for approval to knock down a wall in one of the classrooms in St Celestine Parish Center, all approved and Clarence will continue to evaluate this. Heavy tables in the basement of St Raphael campus need to be removed and sold at the social. All agreed to price each table for \$20. There are approximately 20 tables.
- 2. August 17th, 2019 will be Fr Jeff's installation Mass with the Bishop. Parish Council members encouraged to be present. Council members unable to attend are Stacy Brosmer, Leah Beckman, and Whitley Kluesner. Father gave council members information on the Mass and what is expected of us.

- 3. Welcomed new parish council members Leah Beckman, Kelly Friedman, Randy Stemle and informed them of their duties as ushers. Wade Friedman was unable to attend this meeting.
- 4. Council reviewed the meeting minutes from St Isidore Parish St Celestine Church Liturgical Space that was held on 7/31/19.
- 5. Welcomed Whitley Kluesner as parish council president and Jeff Betz as vice-president. Stacy Brosmer to remain as secretary.

Finance Report:

lan Denu will represent Parish Council within the Finance Committee. The finance report was made available to council as of 8/1/19 to review.

Father Jeff:

Father reported that Janice Betz will be leaving the office, her last day is 8/30/19 and Denise Buechler will also be leaving the office, her last day is 8/16/19. Job opening has been posted in our bulletin as well as other area church bulletins. Plan to have a hiring committee to assist in hiring.

Youth Director:

Glenda reported that Connie is organizing National Catholic Youth Conference for November. 17 youth are signed up.

Religious Education:

See above in New Business. Glenda handed out the religious ed schedule.

Closing Prayer: Father Jeff

Next meeting is Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm @ St Raphael Campus

St. Isidore Catholic Parish - Parish Council Minutes September 12, 2019

Members Present: Father Jeff Read, Jeff Betz, Kathy Hopf, Glenda Reckelhoff, Leah Beckman, Clarence Reckelhoff, Randy Stemle, Wade Friedman, Ian Denu, Stacy Brosmer

Absent: Joyce Hulsman, Kelly Friedman, Whitley Kluesner, Kurt Hassfurther

Opening Prayer: Father Jeff Read

August 8th, 2019 meeting minutes approved by Clarence Reckelhoff and Randy Stemle

Buildings and Grounds Updates:

Clarence reported pressure washing on Celestine Campus continues along with trimming trees and internet to rectory.

Received quote from Englert's for baseboards and carpet for new expanded classroom at St Celestine Campus (St Michael/Elizabeth Ann Seton wall to be knocked down). Square tile ceiling work would cost \$825. Discussed looking into insulation quote for sound control in classrooms, Clarence to look into this. Ian Denu to take estimates to finance committee. Ian Denu made a motion to approve and Randy Stemle seconded with all council members present approving.

Implementation Task Force:

Next meeting set for October 17th, 2019

New Business:

Tony Buechler formally thanked the Parish for hosting the 2019 streetfest. A check of \$3,500 was presented to the Parish from the event profit, we are one of six organizations that share the profit of \$24,000. Tony then asked for permission to hold the June 27, 2020 streetfest on the Celestine Parish grounds and agreeing again to a token \$100 lease payment with a grant to follow the event and to follow the diocese rental process. Stacy Brosmer made a motion to approve and Ian Denu seconded with all council members present approving.

Tony asked council for permission to drill holes in the resurfaced blacktop next year for the tents and discussed possibly removing the pavement from a single parking spot in the middle of the back row nearest to the Fire Station next year so we can continue to use the OFS semi trailer stage. Discussion ensued and was decided by council to table this discussion.

Kathy Hopf asked if St Raphael campus bathrooms upstairs have a handicap bar. Wade Friedman will contact Joe Dekemper to find out.

K of C has purchased an industrial size fryer which will be available for use at the parish shoot and spring fish fry fundraiser.

Finance Report:

lan Denu was unable to attend finance committee meeting, will send financial report to secretary.

Father Jeff:

Doug Merkel from Finance Committee will be studying the Celestine Elementary building to see what future use this building could be for the parish.

The Parish Council by-laws were presented and reviewed by members.

Youth Director:

Glenda reported National Catholic Youth Conference will be held November 21-23, 2019

Catholic Heart Workcamp will be held June 21-27, 2020 at Nashville, TN

Religious Education:

Glenda reported Religious Education and Youth Group gatherings have begun and things are going well. Kindergarten through 4th grade have 147 students, 5th through 6th grade have 54 students, with 143 students attending Wednesday evenings for a total of 344 students in 2019-2020 school year.

Closing Prayer: Father Jeff Read

Next meeting is Thursday, October 10th, 2019 @ St Celestine Campus

St. Isidore Catholic Parish - Parish Council Minutes October 11, 2019

Members Present: Father Jeff Read, Deacon Mike, Jeff Betz, Stacy Brosmer, Joyce Hulsman, Joe Dekemper, Kurt Hassfurther, Leah Beckman, Whitley Kluesner, Kathy Hopf, Glenda Reckelhoff, Randy Stemle

Absent: Ian Denu, Wade Friedman, Kelly Friedman

Opening Prayer: Deacon Mike

September 12th, 2019 meeting minutes approved by Leah Beckman and seconded by Jeff Betz

Buildings and Grounds Updates:

Joe Dekemper was present to speak on behalf of Implementation Task Force Committee which met on October 8th, 2019 and meeting minutes were reviewed by council members. The Committee would like approval to move forward with a parish building at St Raphael campus which would house things such as religious education, social, and bereavement meals. Parish Council members present all approved Implementation Task Force to move forward with discussing plans with 3 engineers approved by the Diocese. Father Jeff will get approval from the Bishop and the Diocese to build. Implementation Task Force Committee will then choose an engineer to draw plans which is estimated to cost \$20,000.

Joe is planning to install a handicap bar to upstairs bathrooms at St Raphael campus.

New Business:

Discussed the proposal from Tony Buechler on behalf of streetfest to remove a parking spot from St Celestine campus for the stage. Parish Council members all disapproved of this proposal. Father Jeff will contact Tony to let him know of our decision.

Whitley Kluesner spoke on behalf of her brother Parker Beckman on his Eagle Scout Project, updates were given to council members. Father Jeff would like to invite Parker to return to Parish Council to speak on his project.

Father Jeff updated Parish Council on Liturgical Space Committee and council reviewed meeting minutes from August 21st, 2019. Council members discussed the poor conditions of the stations of the cross and Kurt Hassfurther will contact Father John Boeglin to see who the contractor was 25 years ago that painted them.

Finance Report:

Finance report from September 1, 2019 was reviewed. Next Finance Committee meeting is November 19th, 2019. Ian to report back to council specifically on the approval of estimates presented for the new expanded classroom at St Celestine Campus.

Deacon Mike:

Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey) will be held January 2020

Natural Family Planning speaker will be held November 3, 2019 at 3 pm

Religious Education:

Glenda discussed the future of religious education for school year 2020-2021, handouts were given to council members regarding student numbers and predicted time slots. Glenda states she and other stakeholders will be meeting with Ryan Case and Tara Rasche on 10/11/19 to determine class dynamics.

Closing Prayer: Father Jeff

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14th, 2019-6:30 pm @ St Raphael Campus

Parish Handbook

We are preparing to update the St. Isidore Parish Handbook. If your telephone number, address or marital status has changed since the 2018 Parish Handbook, please do one of the following:

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EMAIL: agessner@evdio.org

CALL: the Parish Office at 812-634-1875

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Upcoming Events at St. Isidore

December

Thurs., Dec. 12 ... Parish Council 6:30pm @SC

Mon., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

4pm Mass @SC 5:30pm Mass @SR 10pm Mass @SC

Tues., Dec. 25 Christmas Day

9am Mass @SR

Sat., Dec. 28......Holy Innocents 8am Mass @SR

Tues., Dec. 31....Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30pm Mass @SC

January

Wed., Jan. 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass @SR

Thurs., Jan. 9......Parish Council 6:30pm @SR

Sat., Jan. 18...... Trivia Night @Celestine Community Club

Wed., Jan. 22.....Fr. Jeff Read's Birthday

Jan. 26/27 Parish Mission with Ken Yasinski

February

Sun. Feb. 2 Youth Group Fellowship Breakfast @SR

Thurs., Feb. 6 Parish Council 6:30pm @SC

Wed., Feb. 19 Senior Graduate Dinner @St. Joe Jasper

Fri., Feb 21.......Game Night @St. Celestine Dining Hall

Wed., Feb. 26.....Ash Wednesday

March

Fri., March 6......Religious Ed. Fish Fry

Sun., March 8 Daylight Savings Time- Spring Forward

Thurs., March 12. Parish Council 6:30pm @SR

March 23-27...... Spring Break

Sun. March 29.....Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt @SC

after 8am Mass

Mon., March 30... Deacon Mike's Birthday