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Richmond, IN



I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

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Upcoming Events

**RCIA Classes— September 7, 2021 at
Holy Family Church Campus at 7:00pm**

**Communion Service—September 13,
2021 at St. Andrew Church at 8:15am**

**Bible Study—September 13, 2021 at
Holy Family Church at 7:00pm**



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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

This Week's Liturgy: September 6 - September 11

Saturday, 9/4	SM	5:00 pm	Marilyn & Richard Shoemaker
Sunday, 9/5	HF	8:00 am	Dorothy & Jim Stevenson
Sunday, 9/5	SA	10:00 am	Ernie Frady
Sunday, 9/5	SM	1:30 pm	For the people of S.E.A.S.
Monday, 9/6	SM	Noon	Private
Tuesday, 9/7	SA	8:15 am	Marie & Harold Dalton
Wednesday, 9/8	SM	8:15 am	Deborah Isley
Thursday, 9/9	HF	8:15 am	Gnanaraj Moses
Friday, 9/10	HF	7:00 pm	Mary Coddington
Saturday, 9/11	SM	5:00 pm	For the people of S.E.A.S.
Sunday, 9/12	HF	8:00 am	Lois Jurgens
Sunday, 9/12	SA	10:00 am	Michael Silva
Sunday, 9/12	SM	1:30 pm	Luetta J. Rice

MON	6	Ordinary Time [23]
TUE	7	Ordinary Time [23], SA
WED	8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, SM
THU	9	St. Peter Claver, Priest, HF
FRI	10	Ordinary Time [23], HF
SAT	11	Ordinary Time [23], SM

Stewardship Report: August 29, 2021

Sunday/Holy Day	August 29	9,083.00
Online Giving	August 23-27	6,666.82
Spanish	August 29	268.00
Total		16,017.82
Budget Weekly		19,012.48
Haiti Support	August 29	2,544.25
Parish Needs	August 29	410.00

Our Mission Statement

As committed Christians of the Roman Catholic Church in Richmond, Indiana, we are a community, centered in Christ, rooted in the Eucharistic communion, journeying together in our call to be holy, constantly discerning the charisms of the Spirit, making one another disciples of Christ and seeking God's kingdom in service, stewardship and charity.

Pray for our Military

U.S. ARMY Matthew Rohe, Christopher Rohe, Ryan Wolf, Craig Heyob, Ryan Fernandez, COL Anna Iola Corulli, Justin Foust, Strathan Hall, Caleb Wolfal, Austin Hinnens, James A. Miller. **U.S. NAVY** Lt. Com. Eric Turner, Nick Coleman, Les Huffman, Jacob Widau, Alex Mekkelson, Chris Yevcak, Thomas Martus, Brandon Wetherell, Nicholas Trybus, Ben Chaney, Josh Bennett, Nathan Bane **U.S. MARINE CORPS** Daniel Rheinhardt, Mathieu Blakely, Santiago Velandia, Aaron Mathews. **U.S. AIR FORCE** Matthew Darnell, Ryan Murphy, Kyle Murphy, Joseph Rygelski, Nicholas Kay. **U.S. NATIONAL GUARD** Julie Holthouse, Michael Huth, Shelley Huth. **U.S. COAST GUARD** Tom Chronert, Brandon Olsen

Weekend Mass attendance	August 28 - August 29	703
Weekly Confessions	Tuesday & Friday	10



Getting vaccinated is morally acceptable;
an “act of love.”

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson



A Message from Pope Francis: Words of Challenge and Hope.

In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together.

Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act to love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity of transforming and improving societies (cf. *Laudato si'*, no. 231, cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 184).

Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future.

In recent weeks, because of the resurgence of COVID-19 and variants of this disease, certain government agencies and other institutions and employers are requiring vaccination for their workers, but allowing for a “religious exemption” in certain circumstances, for those who choose not to receive it.

This has created confusion and concern among religious people, including some Catholics, who wonder whether there is a valid religious or moral argument against being vaccinated. Some Catholics in different parts of our country have asked about obtaining a letter from their pastor that would somehow serve in granting this exemption when needed. Because of this confusion, it is important to make some appropriate clarifications.

Late last year, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a “Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-COVID-19 Vaccines” (December 21, 2020), which effectively articulates the position of the Catholic Church on the morality of vaccinations in the current global crisis.

The Vatican document makes the Catholic Church's position clear. Because of the gravity of the threat posed by COVID-19, and the absence of alternative means of prevention, vaccines designed to protect us from this deadly disease are not only morally acceptable, they are strongly encouraged.

Pope Francis has taken this a step further. In a recent statement, the Holy Father said: “Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies” (cf. *Laudato si'*, no. 231, cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 184).

Getting vaccinated is not only a morally acceptable option for Catholics, and all people who care about the common good, it is an act of love.

Most. Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Religious Exemption:

Msgr. William Stumpf
Vicar General of Archdiocese of Indianapolis

It has recently come to our attention that members of the clergy have been asked to sign a document providing an individual exemption based on a religious or moral objection to either receiving the Covid-19 vaccination or to wearing a mask in a parish setting. The Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have clearly articulated a position that upholds the moral imperative we

share as Christians to protect our own health and wellbeing, as well as that of our loved ones and members of our broader community. Pope Francis has stated the following: “I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others.” On behalf of Archbishop Thompson, we wish to clearly state that archdiocesan clergy are not permitted to sign any document that is in opposition to the clear teaching of the Pope and the United States Bishops on the matter of the Covid-19 vaccination.

Catholic University of America.

Next weekend, the arch/diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the current crisis in the Church, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

Vocations & Priesthood

If I were ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, where would I serve?

Most diocesan priests serve as parish priests. However, some do serve in other roles, such as high school chaplain, hospital chaplain, or in offices at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

How much does seminary cost and who is responsible for the expense?

For college seminarians, the Archdiocese works with the student and family to cover expenses. In addition, there are numerous financial aid packages available through the seminary and university. At the theology level, the Archdiocese covers all the basic expenses of room, board, tuition, books, and health insurance premiums. The theology students also receive a monthly allowance to help defer other personal expenses.

What is the role of parents in encouraging vocations?

The primary role is to provide an authentic witness to the importance of faith, prayer, and service to others. This includes teaching their children that we are all children of God, and that if we truly want to be happy, we will discover how God wants us to use the gifts we have received. Making their children aware of the nature of vocation, a "calling" from God, is a crucial first step. After that, it is a matter of inviting, raising the question with their children whether God might be calling them to be a priest, sister, or brother. Indirectly, attitudes and comments regarding the Church, priests, religious women and men, either foster or weaken the image of such a life of service. (to be continued).

Ordination update: Congratulations to Rev. Todd Riebe on 41 years to the Priesthood. September 6, 1980

Congratulations Raffle 360 Winners



1st place - Pat Lahmann
2nd place - Diane Houser
3rd place - Brent Hawkins
4th place - Vicki Elstro

2nd COLLECTIONS

9/5/2021 - Community Kitchen
9/12/2021 - Catholic University of America

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Are you interested in learning more about our new mission and helping serve others in need? We plan to use email newsletters and social media to keep you informed. If you would like to join our email newsletter list you can send your request to: svdp.tricountygoodsamaritans@gmail.com.

We are currently concentrating on getting our building ready at 1000 South E Street, Richmond. Our vision is to have classroom space for our Changing Lives Forever Program, a smaller space to showcase some furniture and household goods with an online inventory of available items stored off-site, and eventually having a commercial kitchen to help fund operations. If you have skills or desires to help in our mission, feel free to include them in your email.

Oldenburg Franciscan Associates

Standing with her contact person, Sister Janet Born, Jackie Schlichte signed a permanent commitment as an Associate of the Sisters of St. Francis, in Oldenburg, IN on August 22, 2021.
Congratulations!



Catholic Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Questions about Youth Ministry or Confirmation?

Contact Krista Falcone at
kfalcone@setoncatholics.org



*Back to Youth
Ministry Night
was a Success!*

Thank you to all who
were involved!
*Pope Saint John
Paul II...
Pray for Us.*

Confirmation Meeting:
Sept. 12th after 10:00 am Mass
REMEMBER!!!!

Bring your letter for the Archbishop!!!
Saint Reports due October 1st.

FAITH FORMATION

Questions about Sacraments or Faith Formation?

Contact Kyle King at 765-541-8420 or
kking@setoncatholics.org

Learn more about the Saints of September on the
Church Calendar through FORMED!



Join Kyle King for a presentation on the
basics of approaching and understanding
Sacred Scripture on September 20th at Holy
Family Campus beginning at 7pm during
Monday Night Bible Study. Please bring
actual printed Bible. If you do not have a
Bible or a Study Bible, we can take your
order that evening with payment to order
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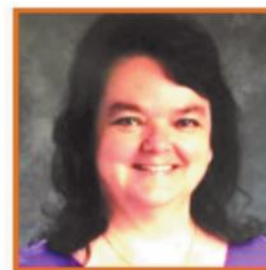
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