

# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**October 20, 2019**

*"To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me, hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me".*

Cf. Psalm 17 (16):6,8

Pray for the sick of our parish & community..  
Oremos por los enfermos de nuestra parroquia & comunidad ..

Jack Seurnck  
Terry Tatman  
Cecile Wilimitis  
Juan Ovalle  
Madison Riley  
Patty Rogers  
Geoff Keyes  
Judy Mang  
Dan Houston  
Glady Murphy  
Heather Jones Reynolds  
Willard Merkel  
Denise Lamb

Cindy Haan  
Janet Hathaway  
Peter Kerkove  
Betty Kremer  
Linda Martin  
Carol Musser  
Sean Mylet  
Sue Nipple  
Joyce Sullivan  
Vicki Hartman  
Reynalda Martinez  
Gina Hemersbach

Barbara Bess  
Pauline Buchholz  
John Eberle  
Lorane Eberle  
Marie Butcher  
Laura Yoder  
Rodger James  
Stephanie Willy  
David Alvarez  
Matt Weber

\*\*\*To be added or removed from the prayer list please contact the parish office at :

765-564-2407 or

office@tjosephdelphi.org



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Monday October 21**

8:30 a.m.—NO MASS

**Tuesday October 22**

5:30 p.m.— NO MASS

**Wednesday October 23**

NO MASS

**Thursday October 24**

8:30 a.m. —NO MASS

**Friday October 25**

6:45 a.m.— NO MASS

**Saturday October 26**

5:00 p.m.—Int. Jim & Jill O'Leary

**Sunday October 27**

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Parish

11:30 a.m. - † Angel Cecilio Vazquez

## Schedule of Events

**Monday October 21**

10:30 a.m. - Mass at St. E. Healthcare

**Tuesday October 22**

6:30 a.m. - Mass at St. E. Healthcare

**6:30 p.m.-Bible Study:**

**The Eucharist in Scripture**

**Wednesday October 23**

10:30 a.m.— Mass at St. E Healthcare

**7:00 p.m.- KofC Social Meeting**

**Thursday October 24**

10:30 a.m. - Mass at St. E Healthcare

**6:30 p.m.- Faith Formation Movie:**

**Marian Apparitions of the 20th Century**

**Friday October 25**

10:30 a.m. - Mass at St. E. Healthcare

**Saturday October 26**

10:30 a.m. - Mass at St E Healthcare

3:00 p.m.— Choir Practice at Church

**6:00 p.m.- Usher Training**

**Sunday October 27**

10:30 a.m. - Mass at St E. Healthcare

**10:00 a.m.- Usher Training**

**Comité Parroquial de Vida Hispana**

*(Despues de Misa)*

# St. Joseph Community News

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH: AN EYE ON EUTHANASIA AND PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

Very often, the Church tends to be reactive to changes in society instead of proactive. A reactive approach waits until a cultural shift has already happened before responding to it and presenting the teaching of Christ on that issue; a proactive approach to culture, on the other hand, looks forward and tries to read the signs of the times in order to preempt cultural changes that are about to happen, especially those which would create a cultural environment that is contrary to the truth of Christ.

Here in the Midwest, we still have time to be proactive about a topic on the horizon. Among the inhuman trends growing rapidly in our culture is the push (especially on the coasts of our nation) to legalize euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. By way of definition, “*euthanasia* is an act or omission that of itself or by intention causes death to alleviate suffering.”<sup>1</sup> Euthanasia is often called “mercy killing” – an attempt to end someone’s suffering by ending his or her life. Those who advocate or perform euthanasia consider it to be an act of compassion.

A connected, but distinct, practice is that of *physician-assisted suicide*, in which an individual (for any number of reasons) chooses to end his or her life by having a medical doctor administer a pharmaceutical drug that causes death. Often, this is chosen by those who are diagnosed with advanced terminal illnesses in order to “skip” the painful deterioration of the disease and cause the death that is inevitable. Most often, a psychological examination is required before approval of this decision is given, in order to assure that mental illness is not the driving factor.

While these are clearly two separate issues, we will treat them together here for the sake of space. Ultimately, the Church is strongly opposed to both of these practices because they violate the Fifth Commandment: “Thou shalt not kill.” The practice of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide reject the inherent sacredness of every human life, whether that of another or one’s own life.

More importantly, on a societal level, wide acceptance of these practices poses a significant threat to a truly human culture. Specifically, they both take as a premise the notion that suffering is meaningless and that *terminal* suffering empties a human life of its value. Jesus’s own example shows us that a person who leads a fully human life *embraces* suffering when it must come (that is not to say that we intentionally cause it or that we don’t alleviate suffering if possible). Why embrace it? Because growth, transformation, true life, and holiness are often achieved only through suffering, only through “the cross,” in the language of faith. As a priest, I have seen people’s suffering transform them, purify their souls, and teach them to love authentically; moreover, I have seen suffering transform families that care for a terminally-ill member. Suffering has immense meaning and value – this is a truth that our culture cannot lose.

More heartbreakingly, the Church proclaims loudly that, when faced with inevitable suffering, the proper response is not for the individual to escape it, but for the community to embrace that individual. Often, choosing euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide is motivated by fear: fear of the pain and suffering, clearly; but also, by the fear of being an inconvenience, of being abandoned by loved ones for inconveniencing them too long, and of dying alone. Alongside a strong voice that decries the evil of these two practices, we always must advocate a deep compassion for those who are suffering, and in our own lives be willing to accompany the sick and the dying. In that way, we build the fully human culture that, by its love of those who suffer and who consider themselves “inconvenient,” eliminates the fear that motivates such practices to begin with.

~Fr. Clayton

<sup>1</sup>National Catholic Bioethics Center, “End-of-Life Care,” February 2013.

# St. Joseph Community News

## **What is the Diocesan Transition Team? Who is on it?**

The Diocesan Transition Team will be made up of members of diocesan staff and management leaders from around the diocese who are appointed by the Bishop. This group will work with and assist the Pastorate Transition Team to prepare for the initiation of the new pastorate by providing them with assessment tools to review and understand their current reality. These assessments include: Evangelization, Stewardship, Financial, Human Resources, Schools, Technology, Safe and Sacred, Safe Facility, Facilities Condition, and an Inventory of Sacred and Secular Goods.

## **What is the Pastorate Transition Team?**

The Pastorate Transition Team will be made up of 2-3 members of each parish that are part of the pastorate. This group will work with the Diocesan Transition Team using the assessments mentioned above, as well as consultation with the people of the Pastorate to prepare a transition document that contains recommendations for the new Pastor and his Pastorate Leadership Team, and Pastoral Council.



## **¿Cuál es el Equipo Diocesano de Transición? ¿Quién está en el equipo?**

El Equipo Diocesano de Transición está compuesto de miembros de personal diocesano y de líderes directivos de toda la diócesis quienes han sido asignados por el Obispo. Este grupo apoya y trabaja con el Equipo Pastoral de Transición en la preparación de la iniciación del nuevo Pastorado y provee las herramientas para poder hacer una evaluación que pueda analizar y comprender su realidad actual. Esta evaluación incluye las siguientes áreas: Evangelización, Administración, Finanzas, Recursos Humanos, Escuelas, Tecnología, Seguro y a Salvo, Instalaciones Seguras, Condición de las Instalaciones y con el Inventario de Cosas Sagradas y Seculares.

## **¿Cuál es el Equipo Pastoral de Transición?**

El Equipo Pastoral de Transición consiste en 2 – 3 miembros de cada parroquia que son parte del Pastorado. Este grupo trabaja en conjunto y con el apoyo del Equipo Diocesano de Transición utilizando como recurso las evaluaciones mencionadas arriba. Este Equipo Pastoral de Transición trabaja también con la gente de su Pastorado. Juntos preparan un documento de transición que contenga recomendaciones para el nuevo Pastor y para su Equipo de Liderazgo, así como también para su Junta de Consejo Parroquial.



# St. Joseph Community News

The collection total for October 13, 2019

**\$3,752.53**

El total de la colecta para el 13 de octubre del 2019

Thank you!

!Gracias!

There is no religious education this Sunday, Oct. 20 and next, Oct. 27, due to fall break.

There is also no class November 3 due to the turkey dinner.

Classes will resume on November 10.

The Lafayette Deanery is hosting a fall retreat for middle school youth, grades 6,7, and 8.

The retreat will be at St. Lawrence Church in Lafayette, In., on Nov. 23 and 24.

Cost is \$35 per youth.

Money and registration is due Nov. 4.

For more information contact Ryan Hillman at 765-423-2396 or

visit [saintlawrencechurch.net](http://saintlawrencechurch.net) for more information

Thank you to all parents who donated food for the youth bonfire last Saturday night.

We had a great turn out.

Lots of food was eaten; many marshmallows were burned, and several ghost stories were told

**The Knights of Columbus** would like to thank our Parishioners for their support of our October breakfast.

We were able to donate \$100.00 to the Carroll County Food Pantry.

Unfortunately, there will be no breakfast in November due to Honan Hall renovations.



No hay educación religiosa este domingo 20 de octubre y el próximo 27 de octubre, debido a las vacaciones de otoño.

Tampoco hay clases el 3 de noviembre debido a la cena de pavo.

Las clases empiezan de Nuevo el 10 de noviembre.

## Turkey Dinner



Sun., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
serving from  
11AM– 2 PM

Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church this weekend.

Any donations to help with the cost of the turkeys and processing can be put in an envelope in the regular collection.

We will need pie bakers and dressing bakers as well.

In addition to shifts from 9a-3p on Sunday, 11/3. We will need help with prep on:

Friday 11/1: 9a – noon

Saturday 11/2: 8am – noon (dressing prep & dining room set-up)

**"Marian Apparitions of the 20th Century"** will be shown in Honan Hall on Oct. 24th. The hour long movie will start at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will follow. We'll save a seat for you!

## Mobile Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed for the  
Mobile Food Pantry being held on Nov. 11 .  
10:30AM-12:00PM.

For more information see the back bulletin board.

Si usted necesita el sacramento de Bautizo y/o Matrimonio porfavor llame a la oficina para mas informacion.

Officina de Nuestra Parroquia: [765.564.2407](tel:765.564.2407)  
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## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
325 E. North A St., Gas City, IN  
Saturday, November 9, at 7 PM  
Celebrant: Father Christopher Roberts  
Latin Chant sung by Saint Dunstan  
Schola Cantorum