

FROM THE PASTOR'S PRINTER

IT'S IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!

We will celebrate the long-awaited groundbreaking and blessing for our new church
on Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 PM at 10010 Carolina Trace.

We are honored to have Archbishop Schnurr with us, and he is very happy to preside since he has been very encouraging and helpful throughout this process. Parking with shuttle transportation will be available at Minges Funeral Home, Mercy Health Complex, Harrison Building & Loan, Crossroad Health Center, and the Harrison Public Library. You may want to arrive earlier than usual so that the shuttle service can get everyone to the property by 3 PM. If you are trying to figure out your schedule for that day, the service should take less than 30 minutes. There will be a reception afterwards on the grounds.

FROM A DAUGHTER OF ST. JOHN'S TO A SISTER OF ST. FRANCIS

Today a daughter of this parish is entering the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration of Mishawaka. Jessica Ruschke, the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Ruschke, has discerned a call to religious life in this community. Last Saturday at 4 PM Mass – the Mass she and her family have participated in since before I was pastor – we sent her off with a blessing and gratitude for responding to the call of the Lord. We are also very grateful because Jessica, since she was in grade school, has helped in numerous ministries. There are flyers about the Sisters of Saint Francis at the doors of church. Let us continue to keep her in our prayers as she begins this new vocation.

LABOR DAY: MORE THAN JUST A PICNIC

Just as Memorial Day culturally marks the beginning of summer, so Labor Day does the same for the end of summer. Schedules change, pools close, and sales for winter clothes begin. But the purpose of Labor Day, like Memorial Day, has a deeper meaning than just being a seasonal bookend. It exists as an opportunity to thank God for the ability to work, to create and change the world around us; that we have work that provides for our human needs and contributes to our happiness, and for the protection of unfair treatment of workers (both employers and employees), since the purpose of human labor, according to the will of God, is not the

amassing of personal wealth, but the good of all of society.

Economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power; it is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community. Economic activity, conducted according to its own proper methods, is to be exercised within the limits of the moral order, in keeping with ... God's plan for man. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2428.

For this reason, it has long been the teaching of the Church that every worker has obligation to do a just day's labor, but in return has the right to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be paid a just salary.

On this Labor Day, let us remember to thank God for our ability to labor, be it in our home or at work, and to remember that the purpose of our work is for the good of society as well as our own good. Let us examine if we are just in our own work as well as being just to our fellow workers. Let us also do what we can to protect the rights of both owners and workers. These rights did not fall from heaven, but have been built on the efforts of generations of people engaged in the commerce of the world.

*May God bless all our work in life
 rooted in charity and justice!*