

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Jan. 18th, 10 a.m. (SJB Students ONLY): Glenn Horrell
 Wed. Jan. 19th, 10:30 a.m., Care Center: Walter Deterding, by David & Debbie Hahn
 Fri., Jan. 21st, 8 a.m.: Betty Schaefer, by Betty Otten
 Sat. Jan. 22nd, 4 p.m.: Bill Moeller, by Donna & family; For the Parish
 Sun., Jan. 23rd, 10 a.m.: Bob Mertens, by friends

LITURGICAL ROLES

Sat., Jan. 22nd, 4 p.m.: Lector - L. Walters; Usher - T. & M. Esker; Eucharistic Minister - P. Martin
 Sun., Jan. 23rd, 10 a.m.: Lector - S. Chambers; Usher - M. Scheffert & H. Siegfried; Eucharistic Minister - J. Walker

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Frank DiCarlo, M. Dawes, Tom Lewis, Beulah Robert, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. (Mother Teresa)



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A keynote speaker at a convention of priests came to the podium, shuffled his notes, scanned his audience, and said thoughtfully, "Where to begin? Where to begin?" A voice in the crowd yelled, "As close to the end as possible!"

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$4,929.00
Loose.....	\$201.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,130.00
Christmas.....	\$40.00
School Endowment.....	\$22.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$2.00
School Support.....	\$27.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$57.00
Initial Offering.....	\$80.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$15.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
<u>Online Donations for the Month of December</u>	
Sunday.....	\$4,438.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$10.00
Screens.....	\$400.00
School Support.....	\$180.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Initial Offering.....	\$150.00
Christmas.....	\$80.00
Christmas for the Needy.....	\$10.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$25.00



BABY BOTTLE SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

During the month of February, we will be collecting money to benefit Life Network of Southern Illinois. Please stop by the entrances, pick up a baby bottle, fill it with spare change, and return no later than February 27th. Thank you!

READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

As a young man marries a virgin, so the Lord will marry Israel. No longer will she be called "Forsaken," for she is now the precious one of God and will be called "My Delight."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is one Spirit from whom come many gifts. Each person is given a different gift to use for the common good. We are all united in the one Spirit through our individual gifts.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus and his mother were invited to a wedding feast at Cana. There he performed the first of his great signs, changing water into wine. Thus he revealed his glory to all.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

January is not a common month for the celebration of weddings in this country. Nevertheless, a wedding is at the center of today's Gospel. It is at this wedding feast that



Jesus performs his first miracle, changing water into wine. Though we are not in Church today to celebrate a wedding, today's celebration includes both feast and miracle, ones we often take for granted. Let us consider the miracle that takes place in our presence today – the bread and wine becoming Christ's Body and Blood – and give thanks for the invitation we have been given to this Eucharistic feast.

January 18 - 25th is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for this year's celebration is "We Saw the Star in the East and We Came to Worship Him." Let us take time this week to pray for unity among all Christians especially that we be a light for unity within ourselves and a beacon of hope for all humanity.

Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Saturday, Jan. 22nd is the anniversary of the 1973 decision of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton. Over 56 million abortions have happened since that decision. Come and pray the Rosary with the Knights of Columbus at 9 a.m. here at St. John's. (See the other article in this bulletin.) Pray for the Supreme Court in the decision they will make in regard to the Mississippi case presented to them in December. Let us pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

GIBAULT NEWS

Winter Play: Failure: A Love Story, Jan. 27, 28, 29 at 7:00 p.m.; matinee Jan. 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Placement Test Make-Up Date: Your 8th grader can still test on Jan. 28 beginning at noon. Contact Kelly Day at kday@gibaulthawks.com to RSVP or to get more information.

Raffle-Mania! With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for: \$30 Daily Drawings on Mon.-Fri. from Jan. 1 - May 31; \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (Jan. - Apr.); GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250! If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again! Tickets can be purchased online at: www.bidpal.net/rafflemania, by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Liturgy Committee mtg. after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Sacristy
 Mon.: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Rectory office closed;
 Knights of Columbus mtg. 7 p.m.
 Tues.: Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. in Church; 10 a.m. Mass with school
 students only; 7 p.m. Parish Council mtg. in Church
 Wed.: 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Care Center; PSR Classes 6:45 p.m.
 school; PSR Classes 6 p.m. in Sparta; 6:45 p.m. Bible Study
 in the Church Basement
 Thurs.: 8:30 a.m. Mass Sparta; Noon Luncheon and mtg. for West
 Vicariate at Newman Center at Carbondale; 7 p.m. Parish
 Council mtg. at Sparta
 Sat.: K of C March for Life Rolling Rosary at 9 a.m. here at St. John's
 Sun.: 1:30 p.m. First Reconciliation here at St. John's

LITURGICAL ROLES

The next round of schedules will cover Sat., Feb. 5th through Sun., May
 29th. Please have conflicts for these dates to Rhonda
 (rhondaj@htc.net) by Mon., Jan. 17th. Thank you!

REMINDER TO THE 2ND GRADE PARENTS

First Reconciliation for the 2nd grade will be held on Sunday, January
 23rd at 1:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to come as a
 family to celebrate this special sacrament of forgiveness and healing.



RUMMAGE SALE

As you're clearing out after the holidays, remember to save items for the next St. John's School
 Rummage Sale. It will be held after school is out
 for the year.

PRAYER GROUP

Did you know that our parish has a Prayer Group, linked by parishioners
 who pray daily for specific requested intentions? If you have a prayer
 intention you would like added to this Group, or if you would like to join
 the Prayer Group, please notify Rhonda at the rectory.

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is
 Feb. 5-6. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscrip-
 tion to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via
 your Messenger envelope or on-line at
www.bellevillemessenger.org Please make checks payable to the Mes-
 senger. The cost is still only \$25 for print or digital and \$30 for both!

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL

At Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School – the only remaining Catholic
 elementary school in East St. Louis – 100% of the students graduate
 from high school and 95% enroll in colleges and universities, trade
 schools and the military! Your support of The Catholic Service and
 Ministry Appeal helps to make this possible. If you have not already
 done so, please consider making a gift today. The youngsters at Sister
 Thea Bowman are counting on you.

PARISH CENTER CREW

We are in need of a set-up/tear-down crew for our parish center rentals.
 Duties include setting up the tables/chairs prior to an event, cleaning
 tables/chairs if necessary after an event and putting them away,
 cleaning the floor, and cleaning the restrooms. For more information,
 payment amount, etc., please contact the rectory.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(The Marital Bond is Preserved Through Prayer) There is a truly marvel-
 ous design inherent in the Sacrament of Matrimony! And it unfolds in
 the simplicity and frailty of the human condition. We are well aware of
 how many difficulties two spouses experience...The important thing is to
 keep alive their bond with God, who stands as the foundation of the
 marital bond. And the true bond is always the Lord. When the family
 prays, the bond is preserved. When the husband prays for his wife and
 the wife prays for her husband, that bond becomes strong; one praying
 for the other.

GIVE TO GROW: AN AUCTION TO GO

Join us for this year's hybrid Auction on Feb. 19th from 4-8 p.m. in
 the school gym. Pick up a catered meal and dessert to-go, preordered
 from two entrée choices. Walk through the gym to view the Auction
 items and bid online. Buy chances for our raffles and 50/50 drawing.
 Contribute to the "Make it Happen" campaign. Check out and pick up
 your won Auction items that night till 9 p.m.

Here are a few ways you can help make the Auction a success:
 1) Be an Event Sponsor at the Gold, Silver, Bronze or Friend of SJB
 level; 2) Purchase an ad at the Premier Post or Standard Post level;
 3) Donate an Auction item (items must be turned in by Jan. 21st.) As
 always, we appreciate your support!

For more information, please pick up flyers at the entrances of
 church or call the school at 282-3215.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat.: 96; Sun.: 73 ~ Encourage someone to come to Church with you!

ROLLING ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us on January 22, for a Roll-
 ing Rosary for March for Life. We will be saying a Rosary at Evansville
 KC Hall at 8 a.m., St. John the Baptist at 9 a.m., St Agatha's New Ath-
 ens at 10 a.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Sparta at 11 a.m., and Chester KC
 Hall at 12 p.m. Join us in Red Bud, or all of the stops.

FISH FRY

Fish Fry at the Prairie du Rocher American Legion on January 21st from
 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy three kinds of fish, chicken strips, and sides (fries,
 slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes.) Plates: \$11; kids
 6-11: \$5; sandwich: \$5; extra sides: \$2.50. Fish sold by the pound. Info:
 284-9509.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2021 Contribution Statement, please
 send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the rectory (you can drop
 off at the office, drop in the collection basket, mail in.) Contribution
 Statements will be processed on Friday mornings ONLY; please plan
 accordingly. Thank you!

YOU'RE INVITED!

You're invited to a Pampered Chef Quarter Auction on Sun., Jan. 30th
 from 1-4 p.m. at the Prairie du Rocher American Legion. Lunch stand
 opens at 11 a.m. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Church.

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