Mass Intentions

Monday, 20th, Weekday
No Mass
Tuesday, 21st, Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8 a.m.: Claradel Donjon, by Pauline Bietsch
Wednesday, 22nd, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
11 a.m. (Nursing Home): John Delassus, by Welda & Carol DeRousse
Thursday, 23rd, Weekday
8 a.m.: Cletus Buehler, by Arlene & Glenda
Friday, 24th, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8 a.m.: Alice Mueller, by Tom & Joyce Laird
Saturday, 25th, Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
4 p.m.: Lee & Barbara Aubuchon, by Audrey Kieffer
Sunday, 26th, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m.: Bill Moeller, by family; For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 25th, 4 p.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Ramsey, J. Keith, H. Siegfried, J. Gorman, Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers: B. Maes family
Lectors: L. Hohgrefe
Servers: G. Maes
Ushers: S. Cowell, B. Koester

Sunday, January 26th, 10 a.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA by SJB School
Gift Bearers: TBA by SJB School
Lectors: TBA by SJB School
Servers: TBA by SJB School
Ushers: A. Deterding family

Thought For The Week

Jesus never changes.
Yet knowing Him changes everything.

On the Lighter Side

Little Johnny, who was three years old, said to his mom as they came home from the Children's Christmas Mass, that he wanted to join the children's choir. In fact, he told her that he already knew the words to one of the songs they had sung that morning. "That's great," his mom said. "What song do you know?" Still grinning, little Johnnie replied, "Lasagna in the highest."

Please Pray For ...

Marlene Engler, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

2020 Calendars

Stop by the church entrances and pick up a free 2020 calendar!

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5 - 6

The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory….I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1 - 3

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ Jesus."

Gospel: John 1:29 - 34

John exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He continued, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove….I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, along with proclaiming Jesus as the Lamb of God, John the Baptist also tells us what this Lamb has come to the earth to do: "Baptize with the Holy Spirit". The first and second readings show us what this baptism will enable and call us to do. Through the prophet Isaiah, God tells the people of Israel, "I will make you a light to the nations." Speaking to the Corinthians, St. Paul proclaims "you...have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy." To be holy, to be a light, are not things that people can cause by the force of their own will. Only through the power of the Holy Spirit can our intentions to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be fulfilled.

This weekend at the 10 a.m. Mass we will celebrate "The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome" for our RCIA Candidate, Bryan Andrew Crain. Let us remember him in our prayers as he continues to prepare to make his Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil.

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

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Rite of Acceptance & Welcome at 10 a.m. Mass; Liturgy Committee mtg. after the 10 a.m. Mass in the sacristy
Mon.: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school/parish office closed; RCIA session at 7 p.m. at the Red Brick School at St. Patrick's; KC mtg. at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria
Tues.: Bible Study at 8:50 a.m. in Church; Parish Council mtg. at 7 p.m. in the library; Get your Pulled Pork order in today (forms inserted in bulletin)
Wed.: 11 a.m. Mass at the Care Center; Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement; PSR classes at 6:45 p.m. in school
Sun.: Opening Mass at 10 a.m. for Catholic Schools Week; Pick up Pulled Pork orders between 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

New Eucharistic Ministers

New Eucharistic Minister training: Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in church. Please plan to attend.

2019 Statements

To receive a copy of your 2019 Contribution Statement please provide the rectory with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail one to you. Statements will be prepared on Friday mornings ONLY. (This includes walk-in requests.)

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(What Does the Spirit Tell You?) The Holy Spirit teaches us to see with the eyes of Christ, to live life as Christ lived, to understand life as Christ understood it. That is why the living water, who is the Holy Spirit, quenches our lives, why he tells us that we are loved by God as children, that we can love God as his children, and that by his grace, we can live as children of God, like Jesus. And we, do we listen to the Holy Spirit? What does the Holy Spirit tell us? He says: God loves you. He tells us this: God loves you, God likes you.

Look At What's Coming January 28th!

Our fourth Tuesday evening formation program returns after the holiday break with a DVD presentation called "Bella". The date: Jan. 28th; the time: 7 p.m. in Church. This award-winning account tells the moving and life-affirming story about a waitress in a New York City restaurant facing crisis pregnancy and unemployment, and the loving support she receives from a kind man with a mysterious past seeking to heal deep wounds of his own. Filled with many touching moments of human insight, family love, and humor, along with a wonderful music score, "Bella" is an inspiring film with an uplifting message that leaves a deep impact on its viewers.

Your Prayers are Needed!

January 18-25 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2020 is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2). Please join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that of the Lord Jesus Christ. **This Wednesday, January 22nd** is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" (respectlife.org/january-22). As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

Picnic Meeting: Date Change!

2020 Picnic meeting: Feb. 3rd, 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please plan to attend! *Please note date change!

KC News

Next meeting is January 20th, 7 p.m., at SJB cafeteria. Please try to attend. Changes in membership will be discussed. Lots of activities being planned. See you there.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday……$3,978.00
Loose……$641.26
Total (Goal: $5,866.00)……$4,619.26
Adopt-a-Parish……$90.00
School Support……$80.00
Capital Campaign……$170.00
Christmas……$5.00
School Endowment……$55.00
Initial Offering……$170.00
Solemnity of Mary……$45.00
Immaculate Conception……$5.00
Candles……$20.00

Parish Council Recommendations

The weekend of February 1st & 2nd, you will be given the opportunity to recommend parishioners for the upcoming Council Selection. To recommend a person, they must be a registered member of the parish, 18 years of age, and not a paid employee of the parish or school. You will be given a sheet that weekend when you come to church upon which you can make your recommendations. Baskets will be at the doors in which you can place your recommendations or you can drop them in the collection. Thank you.

Elvis Themed Bingo

Mark your calendars for Elvis Themed Bingo on Friday, March 6th in our parish center! Guest appearance and performance by Elvis! Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo begins at 7 p.m. Admission: $20 per person, payable at the door (includes 12 bingo games, dauber & 2 drinks from the bar). Additional raffles & games offered. Bring your own snacks. Max of 12 people per table; reservations encouraged; walk-ins welcome. Call 282-3222 to reserve your table! Benefits SJB School.

We would appreciate game sponsors - $40 per game. Baskets with a minimum value of $10 each also appreciated for our Basket Raffle. Thank you!

Coming Soon!

In the near future we will be replacing the existing church and school informational sign on the south parking lot with a new LED electronic screen. Funding for this project will be shared between the school and the church. The school will be using memorial contributions that have been received that have not been designated for any specific need to pay for their portion. If anyone has interest in contributing to this project, please indicate "Sign Project" and contributions can be put in the weekly collection or mailed to the rectory. Thank you! We want to keep you up to date on the latest happenings!

KC Free Throw Contest

January 26th at 1 p.m. is the annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 9-14 at SJB Gym.

Partnership Mass Schedule: Jan.

Sat.: 4 p.m. St. John's; 6 p.m. St. Joseph's
Sun.: 8 a.m. St. Patrick's; 10 a.m. St. John's;
11 a.m. Convent

The Messenger

The Messenger subscription renewal weekend is coming up on Feb. 1-2. Stay connected through a subscription to The Messenger. Payments can be made in The Messenger envelope or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org. Cost: $25 (print); $25 (electronic); $30 (both).

Homeless Needs

The homeless of the area are in need of new or gently used blankets. They are also in need of new or gently used jeans for both men and women. Any of these items you can donate is appreciated. I was serving the homeless Saturday and with the wind it was bitter cold. Please bring all donations to the main entrance of church no later than Sunday, February 2nd. Any questions, please contact me. Thank you and God bless you all. ~ Adele Cowell

Vocations Corner

"With the help of God, I received my vocation one Sunday when I was 7-years-old and a group of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters came to Mass at our parish. The moment I saw them, I was so happy that I could not control my joy. When...I told my mother she said, 'God has answered my prayers. I asked God on my wedding day to call one of my sons as a priest or daughter as a nun'. Glory be to his holy name; today I am a sister!" *Sr. Catherine Nonyelum Chukwuonwe; Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; Columbian, April 2018*

Baby Bottles

It's time for the annual Baby Bottle Spare Change Drive, benefiting Life Network! Stop by an entrance, grab a baby bottle, fill it with spare change, and return it to the church/ rectory by Feb. 9th!

Youth Group Meeting

Youth Group meeting - Sunday, January 26th at 7 p.m. at SJB cafeteria. All high school age are welcome. Feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share. Any questions, call Lea Ann Becker at 618-830-2414.

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Explore the Bible

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville will host a series of six presentations in February covering the Old and New Testaments. (Presentations are non-denominational). More details to follow.

Be a Hawk for a Day

Gibault Catholic welcomes 6-8 grade students to visit the campus and shadow one of the many GCHS students that make our school what it is! Contact Kara Hoke, Director of Enrollment (khoke@gibaulthawks.com) for more information and to arrange your student's shadow visit.

Upcoming Events

Euchre, Jan. 19th, American Legion, Rocher. Sign up: 1 p.m.; play begins: 2 p.m. Info: Ray Wiegard at 284-7704.

Taste of the Region, Feb. 1st, 5-9 p.m., Gibault gym. Features a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County businesses, restaurants, distributors and vendors. Tickets: https://gibaulthawks.com/donate/taste-of-the-region/

Super Bowl Sunday Quilt & Cash Bingo, Feb. 2nd, Hecker Community Center. Fried chicken & pork sausage plates from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. Attendance prizes, raffle, Pot of Gold.

Evansville KC Fish Buffet, Feb. 7th, 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish and 7 sides. Adults: $12.50; kids 5-12: $5. Buffet is dine in only; carry outs by the plate, sandwich, pound.