

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 28th, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday, 29th, Weekday

8 a.m.: Charles Fadler, by family & friends

Wednesday, 30th, Weekday

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Mary Anne Wittenauer, by Clem Wittenauer

Thursday, 31st, Saint John Basco, Priest

8 a.m.: Ervin Kuehner, by Barb Koester

Friday, 1st, Weekday

8 a.m.: James Jefferson, by family

Saturday, 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

4 p.m.: Harold Crook, by Brian & Nancy Richards

Sunday, 3rd, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m.: Pauline Schmitz, by Donna Moeller; For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 2nd, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Keith, J. Meyer, M. & P. Martin, M. Berg

Gift Bearers: B. Candler family

Lectors: S. Heine

Servers: N. & N. Gantner

Ushers: K. Donjon, C. Schaefer

Sunday, February 3rd, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Poirrier, S. Vogt, P. Mudd, J. Cowell, P. Harbaugh

Gift Bearers: SJB Basketball "A" Team

Lectors: D. Letcher

Servers: C. Crain

Ushers: C. Crain family

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God never intended for His children to complain and be sad - He encourages us to be joyful.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

As dinner began, Joan explained to her family the health benefits of a colorful meal to her family. "The more colors, the more variety of nutrients," she told them. Pointing to the various foods on the table, she asked, "How many different colors do you see?" "Six," her little daughter responded. "Seven if you count the burnt parts."

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Jesse Kirkley, Morlene Butera,
Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$2,843.00
Loose.....	\$284.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$3,127.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$45.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$100.00
Initial Offering.....	\$10.00
School Support.....	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
Candles.....	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00

READINGS

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest stood before the people and proclaimed the book of the law. Then he "interpreted it so that all could understand." He declared the day holy and urged the people to rejoice.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 30

The body is one and has many members, but all members, though many, are one body. Further, each part is indispensable. So it is with Christ's body: we, though many, are one.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Returning to Nazareth, Jesus entered the synagogue and read from the prophet Isaiah. After reading, Jesus proclaimed "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

Last week Jesus began his ministry in John's Gospel by changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Today he begins his ministry in Luke's Gospel by preaching at the synagogue in Nazareth. Ironically, the passage he was to read summed up his mission: "Today," Jesus said, "this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Today, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to continue to fulfill Christ's mission. We are called to be Christ in the world through our words and actions. St. Paul teaches us that we are called to be parts of Christ's body. Individually we are many parts, but together we are one.

This also describes who we are as our parish partnership, three parishes and the convent, called to be one as the Body of Christ in this part of the West Vicariate, in this part of Randolph County. Unique as we are, together we must support and encourage each other. Thank you for continuing to work together as we are called to holiness. As Matthew Kelly challenged us in his book, "Can you go out tomorrow, collaborate with God, and create one holy moment? A holy moment is a moment when you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to him. You set aside what you feel like doing in that moment, and you set aside self-interest, and for one moment you simply do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do in that moment. This is a holy moment." Find out more in Kelly's book, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity." Make time to read it this week!

Don't forget, Friday is the first Friday of February. **Adoration will be held at St. John's from 1-4 p.m.** Stop in and pray for the needs of our troubled world! Stay as long as you want.

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

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to Ryan and Kelli Glasscock on the baptism of their son, Griffin James, last Sunday. Welcome to our parish family!

BABY BOTTLES: SPARE CHANGE

We are once again participating in Life Network's Baby Bottle Spare Change Drive! Please stop by the entrances, pick up one of the bottles, fill it with spare change, and return it to the entrances next week! Bottles must be returned by Sun., February 10th. Thank you!

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The theme for the 2019 celebration is: Catholic Schools - Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed. Many special things will be happening this week. Follow us on Facebook: hashtag #sjbpride. Spread the word about the wonderful things that continue to happen in our school, showing that we at St. John the Baptist School indeed make a difference here in Red Bud. Your support and help to make our school happen is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

BEING PRO-ACTIVE

Each year there are mandatory drills that must be completed with our school students, such as bus, fire, etc. Right now we are also doing some lockdowns as a part of the intruder drills. We have decided that when the students come to Mass we will lock the church at 8:05 when they are in there. So, don't be late in coming to Mass on the weekdays. Thank you for working with us!

AUCTIONOPOLY

SJB's Annual Dinner Auction is coming up on Sat., February 16th! The theme this year is "Auctionopoly". We would appreciate your support! You can be an Event Sponsor by making a monetary donation, you can run an ad in the auction program, or you can donate an item for the silent or live auction. For all information, please pick up a form at the entrances. If you have any questions, please call the school office.

PARTNERSHIP BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

All first time parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. The next class for our partnership will be Thurs., Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. Please call the rectory to let us know you are coming! Thank you!

THE MESSENGER RENEWAL

It's time to renew your subscription to the Messenger! Please stay connected through a subscription to The Messenger. Payment can be made via your Messenger envelope or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org. Subscription cost: print - \$25; electronic - \$25; both - \$30.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2018 Contribution Statement from St. John's Church, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope and a copy will be mailed to you. You may drop your envelope in the collection, bring it by the rectory, etc. Statements will be generated on Fridays ONLY. Statements will not be printed upon walk-in request Monday through Thursday.

IN SYMPATHY

Our parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Charlie Vogt whose funeral was Friday. May he share in the joy of heaven.

Our parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Elmer Mudd whose Memorial Mass was on Saturday. May he share in the joy of heaven.

WINTER BBQ TODAY!

The KC Winter BBQ is today (Sunday)! Serving begins at 10 a.m. in the school cafeteria. To celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week, they are showing "God's Not Dead II" in the gym at 12:30. See what happens when a teacher has to defend herself in court for talking about Jesus in the classroom. Also, a portion of the proceeds will be donated directly to the school. Come hungry, enjoy some BBQ, support our school, watch an inspiring movie, and head home feeling great.

PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

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

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat: February 16-18, 2019, Sacred Heart, DuQuoin. TEC is a three-day experience in Christian living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Parents, those who work or volunteer with youth, and interested adults are also encouraged to participate in this renewal weekend; however, adults must be child protected through the Diocese before participating. TEC takes place from 10 a.m. Saturday to Monday at 5 p.m. Applications can be found in the back of church or online at www.bellevilletec.org. SJB parish will pay half of any parishioners attending. Questions: Lea Ann Becker at 618-830-2414.

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Opening of Catholic Schools Week, 10 a.m. Mass, Children's Choir; KC Winter BBQ from 10 a.m. on in the cafeteria; 12:30 p.m. movie in the gym, "God's Not Dead II"
Mon.: Red Bud Dairy Queen is sponsoring SJB Night, 4-8 p.m.
Tues.: Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Church; Finance mtg., 7 p.m., St. Joseph's
Wed.: Nursing Home Mass, 11 a.m.; Bring a friend to lunch day; PSR classes, 6:45 p.m.; Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Church basement
Thurs.: Appreciation supper for families, school board and other guests, 5-6:30 p.m.; Science Fair, 5-7 p.m.
Fri.: Closing Liturgy for Catholic Schools Week; Adoration, 1-4 p.m., Church
Sat.: Confirmation Candidates Retreat at the Shrine, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Liefer baby baptism after 4 p.m. Mass; Youth Group Bake Sale
Sun.: Youth Group Bake Sale; Liturgy Committee mtg., after 10 a.m. Mass, sacristy

ROOF REPLACEMENT

Thanks to all who helped make this project happen! If you haven't had a chance to make a donation, we hope you will consider doing so. To date we have received \$75,013.00. God bless you for your gracious support!

MEMORIAL DONATION

A donation in the amount of \$370 was made in memory of Doris Nurnberger.

BAKE SALE

The Youth Group will once again sponsor their bake sale the weekend of the Super Bowl. They will be selling baked goods before and after each mass on both Sat., Feb. 2 and Sun., Feb. 3. Thank you in advance for your support.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is a wonderful weekly addition that so many of our littlest members look forward to on Sunday mornings! If you would be able to lend a hand and help our coordinators, Vicky Cowell and Brooke Cowell, please notify them or the rectory.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Youth Group meeting: Sun., January 27th, 7 p.m., 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.

CCW TASTE & TRADE

St. Anne's CCW will host its annual Taste & Trade on Tues., February 5th at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and sample favorite recipes. Members should bring something delicious, as well as a copy of the recipe printed on one side of a piece of paper. We hope you can join us!

PRAYER GROUP

Have you ever wanted to thank the Lord for all His gifts, graces and love He has given you? Need to pray for a special request? Come pray the rosary and the prayers on the 7th of each month in the Church at 1 p.m. Bring a friend February 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Into the Woods", Gibault Musical, Jan.31st-Feb. 2nd, 7 p.m.; Feb. 3rd, 2 p.m.

Evansville KC Fish Buffet, Feb. 1st, 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish, chicken strips, 7 sides. Adults: \$12; kids 5-12: \$5. Buffet is dine-in only; carry-outs by the plate, sandwich or pound.

Bowling Tournament, Feb. 1st & 2nd, Blossom City Bowl. Teams of 2; \$40/team (includes 3 games and shoe rental). Raffles and 50/50. To enter: Brad at 618-612-7746.

Taste of the Region, Feb. 2nd, 5-9 p.m., Gibault. Tickets: \$25; call 939-3883 to purchase.

Super Bowl Sunday Quilt/Cash Bingo, Feb. 3rd, St. Augustine, Hecker (held at Hecker Community Center). Fried chicken & pork sausage plates, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; bingo, 1:30 p.m. Lightning Round prior to bingo, attendance prizes, raffle, Pot of Gold.