

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 14th, Weekday
No Mass
Tuesday, 15th, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
8 a.m.: Ethel Buehler, by family
Wednesday, 16th, Weekday
11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Rev. Stephen Humphrey
Thursday, 17th, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8 a.m.: Carl Hagene, by Welda & Carol DeRousse
Friday, 18th, Saint Luke, Evangelist
8 a.m.: Kathy Gariglietti, by Don Gariglietti
Saturday, 19th, Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs
4 p.m.: Alberta Snell, by Joe, Deb, Brad, Diane & families
Sunday, 20th, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m.: Joyce & Jeff DuFrenne, by Yvonne Shepherd;
For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 19th, 4 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Walker, J. Gorman, P. Ramsey, M. Doiron, Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers: B. Maes family
Lectors: S. Eckart
Servers: G. Maes
Ushers: D. DuFrenne, B. Koester

Sunday, October 20th, 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: D. & B. Young

THOUGH FOR THE WEEK

If we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings, how different things would be.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said. "No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven." "You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' up-side down from a telephone pole."

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$5,991.00
Loose.....	\$613.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$6,604.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$185.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$115.00
School Endowment.....	\$85.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$30.00

READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14 - 17

Through the word of Elisha, the prophet, God cured Naaman the leper. Naaman's gratitude changed his life, and he refused to offer worship to any other god except the Lord.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8 - 13

Paul told Timothy that the resurrection of Christ makes preaching the gospel worthwhile: "If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him."

Gospel: Luke 17:11 - 19

Jesus cured ten people, and one, a Samaritan, returned to give God thanks and praise. Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

In today's gospel one of the ten lepers returns to "give thanks to God" for being healed. How do you give thanks to God for blessings received? Saying thank you is much more than polite manners. When we express thanks we are forging and strengthening personal bonds. Whether it be a phone call, a handwritten note, or even a text, acknowledging an action or gift with a word of thanks does as much if not more for the receiver of the gift as the giver. There are so many occasions in our daily life to express gratitude that it can become something of a prayer, punctuating our day. Our ancestors in faith knew this quite well. The Psalms give voice to much of this attitude, as does the Eucharistic prayer itself, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God". This week, let's consider the opportunities we have to say thank you. In doing so, we echo our forebears in faith and our eternal Eucharist; and we likewise spread gratitude throughout the world.

Did you read through the insert in the bulletin last week called "MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY"? If not, we have included it again this week. Why? Because I am asking you to pray over how you can respond to the opportunities we have available for each of you to share your gifts and talents so our parish may continue to grow and ever continue to be a vibrant witness of Jesus' love in the community. WE NEED YOU! You are asked to **mark how you are already involved**, and be open to doing something new! Please complete this form and return it next week, or you will be given a chance to complete it next week in Church! Thank you for all you do for our parish family!

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

PARTNERSHIP MASS

SCHEDULE: OCTOBER

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

ATTENTION USHERS/GREETERS

AT ST. JOHN'S

If you didn't get to attend the session last Sunday after Mass, we will be meeting after Mass today (Saturday). Discussion will be had on safety measures we need to be aware of, highlighting as well other household responsibilities. Thank you!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Liturgy Committee mtg. after the 10 a.m. Mass in the sacristy
Mon.: No School - Columbus Day; RCIA session at 7 p.m. at the Red Brick School in Ruma
Tues.: Bible Study at 8:50 a.m. in Church; Parish Council at 7 p.m. in the library
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 (with the rosary to be prayed in Church at 7:30 p.m.; everyone is welcome to attend!)
Thurs.: 10:15 a.m. visit Sisters at Ruma on the 3rd floor
Sat.: 9 a.m. KC Work Day here at St. John's - come and join us!; Schneider & Deterding baptisms after the 4 p.m. Mass
Sun.: Children's Choir with the 5th & 8th grade doing the liturgy; Confirmation Parent mtg. with the Confirmandi after the 10 a.m. Mass

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY WITH US

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. the PSR students will come to church from their religion classes to pray the rosary. Grades 4-8 will each lead a decade of the rosary. Come and join us as we pray for our country, for peace in the world, and for a greater respect for all of life. (PARENTS NOTE: The children will be dismissed from church after the rosary.) Won't you come and join them in prayer?

KC PARISH WORK DAY

Come and join the Knights of Columbus for their work day next Saturday, October 19th, beginning at 9 a.m. Even if you are not a Knight, you are welcome to give a hand to several projects around the parish. Please join in for a couple hours to keep Church and the school looking good. This can count toward Confirmation Service Hours. Hope to see you!

SJB CA\$H RAFFLE

The SJB Ca\$h Raffle runs from now until November 15th! Tickets may be purchased online at <https://www.goraisedough.com/tickets.html?raforg=293>. Paper order forms are available at the church entrances if you wish to pay by check. Tickets will also be available for purchase before and after Mass on Oct. 26 & 27 and Nov. 2 & 3. SJB families can earn credit for these sales, so contact an SJB student for tickets if you'd like to show them your support.

CSMA

Your gift to the Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal helps Gerry Hasenstab and the staff of Catholic Urban Programs (CUP) provide food, clothing, shelter and assistance of every kind to people who lack the basic necessities of life to survive - 30,400 individuals and 4,213 families were served just last year! If you haven't yet done so, please consider making a gift today to The Appeal and enable Catholic Urban to continue their important work.

COATS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. Gently used or new coats - toddlers, children, teens, adults (men & women) - are being requested. Drop off: St. Vincent de Paul office, East St. Louis. Info: Joe Hubbard at 618-394-0126.

POPE FRANCIS

SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(The Patience of Mercy) God knows how to wait. With patience and mercy he gazes into the "field" of life of every person; he sees much better than we do the filth and the evil, but he also sees the seeds of good and waits with trust for them to grow. God is patient; he knows how to wait. This is so beautiful: our God is a patient father, who always waits for us and waits with his heart in hand to welcome us, to forgive us. He always forgives us if we go to him.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

Our parish thrives because you as members understand that it takes many hours and many hands to build up and serve our faith community and the Body of Christ. No one person can or needs to "do it all". We all, however, need to do our part. The great news is that it's easy, rewarding, and even FUN to be a steward! Making a "time and talent commitment" simply means signing up for a parish ministry, **and making it a priority to be present and involved**. If you didn't get a chance last week to read through the insert in the bulletin, we have provided it again for you. Pray and be open to the Holy Spirit as you read through the sheet. **If you are already involved in a ministry**, please mark it and be open to doing something more. You can return the sheet next weekend via the collection or you can complete it in church. Time and talent are God's great gifts to you. What you do with them is your gift of gratitude to God!

HARVEST CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Don't miss SJB's Harvest Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 26th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the school gym. Start your holiday shopping early with unique gifts from our fabulous vendors!

ANOTHER ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to all who attended the first 4th Tuesday of the Month Adult Formation Opportunity. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, October 22nd. We will show Bishop Robert Barron's "Eucharist - Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence". Invite a friend to join you for this wonderful opportunity. You won't be disappointed!

ALL SOULS TRIBUTE

Honor your loved ones on All Souls Day with your personalized All Souls Tribute in The Messenger. Tributes will appear in the October 31st publication. Please send clearly printed name(s) of deceased loved one(s) with a \$10 donation for each name to The Messenger, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221. Deadline is Oct. 17th. Questions: 618-722-5047.

NEWMAN FALL GALA

The Annual Newman Fall Gala will be held on Saturday, November 19th at the Newman Center in Carbondale. Tickets are \$40 a person and include hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib dinner, silent auction, music and dancing. The Gala begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event are for the Catholic Student Center at SIU-C. For reservations or information call Susan at the Newman Center 618-529-3311 by November 4, 2019.

VOCATIONS CORNER

Thoughts from Fr. Robert Zwilling, Pastor, St. Mary, Mt. Carmel, IL and St. Sebastian, St. Sebastian, IL.

What/Whom inspired you in your vocation? "I did not start thinking about a vocation to Priesthood until my father asked me if I had ever thought about it in 8th grade. After that I started talking to priests and even our Bishop and going on a Quest and TEC, and I ultimately heard and found that it was God speaking through them all."

What advice would you give to a young man discerning the priesthood? "Pray and keep praying is the first. I would encourage this man to talk to Catholics, especially Priests, they feel are courageously joyful. I would encourage them to go on fruitful retreats where they hopefully hear more clearly the voice of God in their lives."

MATTRESS SALE!

Don't miss the Mattress Sale Fundraiser to support SJB Athletic Dept. on Sunday, November 24th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Red Bud Mattress. Take advantage of up to 70% off retail! New mattresses, all sizes; luxury top, memory foams, latex and more. Pick up, delivery and layaway available. Cash, check or credit accepted. If you are unable to attend the Nov. 24th event, bring a flyer (available at the rectory) to the Red Bud Mattress Company from Nov. 18-Dec. 1st and receive the same promotion.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Fry, Oct. 18th, 4:30-8 p.m., American Legion, Prairie du Rocher. Dine in/carry out; 3 kinds of fish. Info: 284-9509.

"Still Keeping the Faith", Fall Retreat sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries, Oct. 18-20, Shrine Visitor Center, Our Lady of the Snows. To register: vmusa.org or call 618-394-6281.

Fall Parish Social, Oct. 20th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Pius, Walsh. All you can eat chicken & pork sausage dinner, raffle, Country Store.

Wurstmarkt, Oct. 20th, American Legion Hall, Saint Libory. Dinners served 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meat Shoot, Oct. 20th, 12 noon, Hecker Community Center, by St. Augustine Holy Name Mens Society. Free Mulligan.

Living Rosary, Oct. 22nd, 7:15 a.m., St. Joseph Church, Prairie du Rocher. Hosted by St. Joseph PSR classes.

Glitz & Ghouls! - Gibault's Oktoberfest, Dinner & Auction, Oct. 26th. Mass: 4:15 p.m.; doors open: 5 p.m.; dinner: 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50/person; includes dinner & drinks. Info/tickets: Andrea at abiske@gibalthawks.com or 939-3883.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast, Oct. 27th, 7 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Mary's, Ellis Grove. Mass: 8 & 10 a.m.

Wurstmarkt, Country Store, Meat Shoot, Oct. 27th, St. Patrick's, Tipton. Dinner: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Mass: 10 a.m.; Meat Shoot: 12 noon. Bring your own gun; no swedge barrels, scopes or pulldowns.