

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Tues., Oct. 4th, 10 a.m.: No Mass
Wed., Oct. 5th, 10:30 a.m., Care Center: No Mass
Fri., Oct. 7th, 8 a.m.: No Mass
Sat., Oct. 8th, 4 p.m.: Alberta Snell, by Debbie, Diane,
& family
Sun., Oct. 9th, 10 a.m.: Alfrieda & Leslie Cowell, by Dave &
Bridgie Young; For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, October 8th, 4 p.m.:

Lector - D. Gielow
Ushers - M. & B. Doiron
Eucharistic Minister - D. Gross
Servers - O. Cowell, K. Juelfs
Gift Bearers - D. Gross & Ushers



Sunday, October 9th, 10 a.m.:

Lector - Volunteer Needed
Ushers - T. & M. Esker
Eucharistic Minister - E. Ohlau
Servers - L. Ohlau, Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers - L. & M. Mehring

Please Pray For ...

Meilyn Schneider, Carol Hess, Jim & Joanne Cowell,
Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Thought For The Week

Jesus actions spoke louder than words. Ours should, too.

On the Lighter Side

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking. I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What did he do wrong?"

St. Francis Pet Blessing

Our Pet Blessing will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 9 am in the south parking lot of the school. Bring your pets, or a picture of them for this special blessing. Our regular school Mass will follow at 10 am. Everyone is welcome!



Readings

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:6-8, 13-14

Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving, and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians and enables them to guard the rich deposit of faith.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a giant sycamore tree and transplant it in the sea with a single word.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

Often we feel that our faith is weak, unable to overcome all our doubts or give us the confidence to face our trials. Habakkuk in our first reading, living in a time of strife and violence in his nation, cries out to God, "I cry for help but you do not listen!" How many of us have felt the same way? God appeals to Habakkuk to have faith, assuring him that faith gives hope and life to the just one. Paul tells Timothy that faith and love can be found in Christ Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples how even a little faith can enable them to work wonders. May God's word strengthen our faith and give us the courage to trust in the Lord.

The priests of the Diocese will be meeting at the Drury Plaza in St. Louis for our Annual Convocation. The theme is "Our Priestly Spirituality in Times of Change." Please pray for us and for vocations to the Priesthood for our Diocese.

Thank you to all for your expressions of support and gratitude as we celebrated Priesthood Sunday last weekend. I am truly grateful!

Remember that the month of October is dedicated to Mary and especially to the Respect for all of Life. Watch the bulletin for special activities and pro life themes throughout the month!

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

Boxes of Joy

CCW filled Boxes of Joy should be brought to the rectory by Tuesday, Oct. 11, so they may be taken to the CCW convention on Wednesday Oct. 12.



KC BBQ Today!

Knights of Columbus BBQ is today, Sunday, October 2nd! BBQ will be at the IGA parking lot and food is available starting at 10 a.m. They're serving pork steaks, brats, and sides. Purchase by the plate or sandwich. Now serving larger sides!

Covenant Network Catholic Radio

Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airwaves with inspirational and educational programming that will fill your heart and mind with the things that matter most. In addition to the Holy Mass and Rosary, you can pray along with the Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and many other prayers. You can hear faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the lives of the saints, and current events through a Catholic lens. Listen to Catholic radio on WMSH 90.3 FM. You can also on our app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

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| Sunday..... | \$3,012.00 |
| Loose..... | \$342.10 |
| Total (Goal: \$5,866.00) | \$3,354.10 |
| Adopt-a-Parish..... | \$60.00 |
| Diocesan Retired Priests..... | \$55.00 |
| School Support..... | \$130.00 |
| School Endowment..... | \$25.00 |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$120.00 |
| World Mission Sunday..... | \$70.00 |
| Thanksgiving..... | \$20.00 |



Evening Bible Study

The evening Bible Study group will be back in session beginning Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. Call Barb Ratz at 282-6365 for info.

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(Make Known God's Plan for the Family) Today the family is looked down upon and mistreated. We are called to acknowledge how beautiful, true, and good it is to start a family, to be a family today, and how indispensable the family is for the life of the world and for the future of humanity. We are called to make known God's magnificent plan for the family and to help spouses joyfully experience this plan in their lives, as we accompany them amidst so many difficulties with a pastoral care that is sound, courageous, and full of love.

Upcoming Events

Sacred Air: Climate & Energy, 8 consecutive Tuesdays starting October 4th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Columbia. Explore the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and God's people. Contact Carol Waide at carolwaide@gmail.com or call Carol (618-910-1648) or Briahna (618-340-6160).

Fish Fry Friday, October 7th, 4:30-8 p.m., American Legion, Prairie du Rocher. Enjoy three kinds of fish, chicken strips, and sides (French fries, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes.) Available by the plate, sandwich, and pound.

Old-Fashioned Quilting Bee, St. George, New Baden. October 10th, 1-9 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. October 11th, 6-9 p.m. with refreshments & dessert served.

5K Run/Fun Walk, Oct. 15th, St. Joseph, Freeburg. Held at Freeburg Park; 9 a.m. start; free kids Fun Run immediately following; 5K After Party. Info: Kim at 618-977-3923 or kimwyman81@gmail.com

Meat Shoot, October 16th, beginning at 12 noon, St. Augustine's, Hecker (held at Hecker Community Center.) Free Mulligan.

Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, October 16th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Pius, Walsh. Pork sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce & dessert; all you can eat! Dine-in/carry-out. Country Store, pumpkins/gourds, homemade pies/cakes, crafts. Quilt Raffle & Fall Basket Raffle.

Learn More About Becoming A Priest

Bishop Michael McGovern will host three St. Andrew Dinners this fall for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome.

Sunday, **November 6** at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Newman Center. (This event will begin with their regular Sunday evening Mass at 5:15 PM). Sunday, **November 20** at St. Mary Parish in Chester at 5:00 PM. Sunday, **December 4** at Holy Childhood Parish in Mascoutah at 5:00 PM.

These are terrific opportunities to hear some of our seminarians speak about preparing for the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Ms. Patti Warner in the Vocations Office at (618) 722-5043, or email to: pwarner@diobelle.org.

Mass with Bishop McGovern

Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, October 9, at 5:00 pm. Although it is a regularly scheduled Cathedral Mass, the Bishop encourages the Diocese's Young Adults to attend. Following this Mass, Young Adults (ages 18-29) are invited to the Undercroft for a social with the opportunity to engage in conversation with the Bishop.

Fish Fry & Meat Raffle

SJB Fish Fry & Meat Raffle will be held Friday, October 21st at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Evansville. All you can eat fish buffet from 4-8 p.m. Enjoy four types of fish, chicken strips, and seven sides! Carry-outs and desserts available. Meat Raffle (50 Rounds) begins at 5 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious meal while supporting SJB!



Life Network Baby Shower

The CCW Life Network baby shower will be held during our next meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Michelle Schweiger from our local Life Network office will be the guest speaker. If you can't attend, you may drop off items in boxes in church entrance by Oct. 3.

Items most needed at this time include Similac and Enfamil Baby formulas (all types), juice, toddler meals and snacks, nursing pads (both disposable and washable), Pampers sensitive wipes, sleep sacks, toothbrushes for babies, toothpaste (both non-fluoride and childrens fluoride), Walmart gift cards, and any other items parishioners may want to donate.

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Happenings This Week

- Sun.: K of C BBQ starting at 10:30 am at IGA parking lot; Confirmation Parent meeting after the 10 am Mass in Church
- Tues.: 8:30 am Morning Bible Study in Church; No morning Mass, Father is at the Priests Convocation in St. Louis.; 7 pm CCW Ladies meeting in the cafeteria
- Wed.: No Mass at the Care Center; 6:45 pm PSR Classes in school
- Thurs.: No Mass at St. Patrick's
- Fri.: No School - Diocesan Teachers Convention; No 8 am Mass or Adoration
- Sat./Sun: Rosary For Life before the weekend Masses

Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest

The Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest will be Friday, October 21st at 1 p.m. at the Roan Farm in Venedy, IL. (Head East out of St. Libory on IL-15 approximately 2.5 miles and turn right onto Primrose Rd.; go 2 miles; road turns left onto Sunflower Rd.; go 1/2 mile and farm will be on your right. "Farm Blessing" signs will lead you there.)

Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be in place. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

Red Bud Food Pantry

The next scheduled Red Bud Food Pantry will be open on October 8th. They are usually open two Saturdays a month,



two weeks apart. Some items that are always needed are peanut butter and jelly or jam, cereal, pop tarts, crackers, breakfast bars, etc. Also, paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, detergent and cleaning supplies. Non-perishables can left in the Rubber Maid Tub outside the middle overhang at the Red Bud Bible Church, at 1445 W. Market Street. If you have an abundance of fresh produce or eggs, please call Mary at 618-567-1652 (and leave a message, if no answer) and she will arrange a delivery time. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

Stewardship Thought

When will I have given enough – of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggest that only **total stewardship** will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

Rummage Sale

St. John School Rummage Sale held Sept. 23-25 made \$10,738.26! That's a new record! Combined with the May rummage sale that's a total of \$20,237.73!

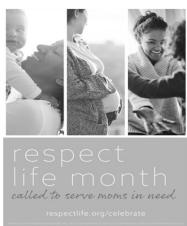
A huge thank you goes out to those who donated items, purchased items, and especially to those who worked many hours preparing and taking down! We had many who showed up every day! We couldn't be successful without all your efforts!

I sent a list of parents and grandparents who worked to Stacy Nottmeier to receive your credit for working fundraisers. We are working on a date for the spring sale.

Thank you! Diane Gross

Modified Protocols for Covid-19

The Bishop has announced that effective October 1, 2022 wearing masks will be optional for ordinary and extraordinary ministers of Communion. Hand sanitizing for these ministers before and after their ministry is still strongly encouraged. Considering matters of health and hygiene, the option for Communion from the Chalice in the Diocese will be reviewed in the Spring of 2023. Until that time, the chalice will not be offered to the faithful.



Respect Life

"The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities... Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how

to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Called to Serve Moms in Need"

Memorial

Donations in memory of Bill Cowell:
SJB Church: \$30.00; SJB School: \$175.00

Gibault News

"Deuces Wild" Oktoberfest is coming up on October 22! Donations of new items are being accepted at the Gibault office during school hours. Event tickets are still available. We hope you'll be part of this fun evening! For full event info, including dinner auction tickets, visit <http://www.bidpal.net/gibault2022>.

Bonfire Bash: All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders are invited to our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m. We'll have snacks, drinks, music, and a photo booth! Event will be held in the gym parking lot. RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/Bonfire22>

Pro-Life Information

At the October 1st/2nd Masses, after Holy Communion, we will be showing a video entitled "Olivia's Story".

During the month of October, we will have a Rosary for Life beginning 20 minutes prior to Mass.

A Rosary for Life poster will be available during October to write names of those who are expecting babies. These families will be prayed for during the month of October.

Faith Flash!

Faith Tip for the week: Prepare for Mass! Most all of us have played some type of sport where you were expected to know the playbook. Not only did you have to learn the play, you had to practice the play so you could execute with precision during the game. Can you imagine how lost you would be if the coach called the play and you were just hearing it for the first time. The team counts on you to be prepared. Picture the Mass as the big game, the bible readings as the playbook, Fr. Dennis as the head coach, everyone sitting next to you as your teammates, and Jesus as the team owner. You are going to need to execute with the precision the play that Fr. Dennis is calling out from the playbook (Bible). Here are some ideas on improving your game:

- 1) Understand the parts of the Mass. Learn the symbolism behind the words and gestures so that the Mass doesn't seem like random actions. (Understand the game!)
- 2) Read the readings prior to Mass. (Study the playbook!)
- 3) Come to Mass early and observe silence to disconnect from distractions. (Get mentally prepared!)
- 4) Pray to the Holy Spirit that you will stay attentive. (Stay focused on the game!)
- 5) Put what you heard in Mass into action (Execute the play!)

With a little practice we can all strive to be hall of famers (a/k/a Saints!). Go team St. John the Baptist!!!

Coming Soon

Next **Youth Group meeting** is October 19th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. If you are a high school youth attending St. John's or St. Pat's, please plan on attending. You are the current and future church. Christ is counting on you!

Oddwalk is coming to St. John's October 30th. This fun musical group is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The event will start with a pulled pork dinner after the 10:00 Mass at the cafeteria. The dinner is followed by music from your local church musicians and then the main event, Oddwalk! Please mark your calendar for this family faith event!

High School Retreats: Quest (Freshman and Sophomores) and TEC (Junior and Seniors) retreat dates:

Quest 146: Nov. 11-12, Holy Childhood, Mascoutah

TEC 269: Jan 14-16, Immaculate Conception, Columbia

Quest 147: March 11-12, St. Dominic's, Breeze

TEC 270: June 10-12, TBD

Contact me for applications or more information on these retreat opportunities.

Dave Hollinshead, Director of Faith Formation