

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 21st, Weekday
 No Mass
Tuesday, 22nd, Weekday
 8 a.m.: Arthur & Clara Wiegard, by family
Wednesday, 23rd, Weekday
 11 a.m. (Nursing Home): LeRoy Duquette Jr., by Welda & Carol DeRousse
Thursday, 24th, Weekday
 8 a.m.: Evan Shields, by family
Friday, 25th, Weekday
 8 a.m.: Anna Pelate, by Joe & Shirley Gorman & family
Saturday, 26th, Weekday
 4 p.m.: Norman Rahn, by Arnold & Vivian Bossler
Sunday, 27th, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10 a.m.: Dave, Joyce, & Jeff DuFrenne, by Mickey;
 For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 26th, 4 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Gross, D. Emge, K. Fahey, G. Wiegard, Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers: B. Candler family
Lectors: B. Niermann
Servers: L. Eckart
Ushers: S. Cowell, K. Niermann

Sunday, October 27th, 10 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Ratz, J. Cowell, C. Wilson, 2 Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers: T. Grohmann family
Lectors: A. Liefer
Servers: C. Grohmann, A. Fabie
Ushers: C. Crain family

THOUGH FOR THE WEEK

Ninety-nine percent of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Sally's niece was going to be married and she decided to bring her little cousin Amy to the wedding ceremony. Amy leaned over and asked, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" Sally answered, "Because white is the color for happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." Little Amy thought about this for a moment and then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$4,234.00
Loose.....	\$930.21
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,164.21
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$40.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$95.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$1.00
School Support.....	\$10.00

READINGS

1st Reading: Exodus 17:8 - 13

When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. When they got tired, they used a rock to keep his arms up. By sunset, Israel won the fight.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ, helps people learn goodness and holiness.

Gospel: Luke 18:1 - 8

Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him in.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

On this twenty-ninth Sunday we hear Jesus telling his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. What does it mean to pray and particularly to "pray always"? The widow in today's gospel continues to bring her petition to the judge, even when she hasn't reason to believe he will hear and answer her. Jesus presupposes that his relationship in prayer will require effort and persistence when he warns the disciples against "becoming weary". As in all relationships, sometimes communication is easy and at other times it might seem nearly impossible. In our relationship with God we are called to persevere even when it seems like our prayers are not being heard, much less answered. Unlike the widow our God cares for us deeply and constantly works for our good. Let us be assured that we can continue to seek help from God today.

This weekend is Ministry in our Parish Community Sunday!! Have you prayed over how you can respond to the opportunities we have available? I challenge each of you to share your gifts and talents so our parish may continue to grow and be a vibrant witness of Jesus' love in this community. **WE NEED YOU!** If you completed the sheet that has been in the bulletin the last two weekends, I thank you for turning it in!

This weekend as part of the homily, I will ask you to fill out the sheets that are at the ends of the pews. I offer a special invite to those who have been sort of "sitting in the pew" to step forward and volunteer for at least one of our ministries. It is the best way to become engaged and get to know some of your fellow parishioners.

Let us praise God for the gifts he has given us...and may the Holy Spirit inspire us to share them generously! Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

IN SYMPATHY

We express our prayers and sympathy to the family of Patricia Korves and also to the family of Walter Deterding. May they share in the joy of heaven.

PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER

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

NEWMAN FALL GALA

The Annual Newman Fall Gala will be held on Saturday, November 9th 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 SIUC. For reservations or information call Susan at the Newman Center 618-529-3311 by November 4, 2019.

ANOTHER ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

This Tuesday is our second 4th Tuesday of the Month Adult Formation Opportunity beginning at 7 p.m. in church. We will be showing Bishop Robert Barron's "Eucharist - Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence". Invite a friend to join you for this wonderful opportunity.

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!

FREELANCE WRITER WANTED

The Messenger Catholic Newspaper is seeking a talented freelance reporter to contribute feature stories and photographs. Good writing ability is a must. The freelancer would be expected to contribute at least one feature story/ photograph per week. He or she can reside anywhere in the diocese. Interested persons should email their resume, three sample feature stories (or links) to editor@bellevillemessenger.org.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

In a parish of our size some people may feel sort of "lost in the crowd" or mistakenly think things are "running smoothly" without them. However, each and every person, like any family, plays an important part and is needed to help out. We need each person to realize how much their help is needed to keep St. John the Baptist parish a vibrant, prayerful place. We all 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 are already involved in a ministry, please mark the sheet you find at the end of your pew and be open also to doing something more. Time and talent are God's great gifts to you. What you do with them is your gift of gratitude to God! Thank you for all you do for our parish family!

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.

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.

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.

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?rafforg=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.

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.

THE MESSENGER

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Children's Choir with the 5th & 8th grade doing the liturgy; Confirmation Parent mtg. with the Confirmandi after the 10 a.m. Mass; Ministry in Our Parish Community sheets are completed
Mon.: RCIA session at 7 p.m. at the Red Brick School in Ruma
Tues.: Bible Study at 8:50 a.m. in Church; 4th Tuesday Adult Formation - "Eucharist" - by Bishop Robert Barron
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
Thurs.: 7 p.m. Partnership mtg. to set times for masses for the Christmas season
Fri.: No School
Sat.: Craft & Vendor Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Parish Center; Gregson Baptisms
Sun.: Parent mtg. after 10 a.m. Mass for First Reconciliation

VOCATIONS CORNER

"After graduating from college, I moved to Mississippi to begin a career as a sports journalist. I then got involved in my local parish where I was asked to join the Knights of Columbus. I was blown away by the dedication of these men to their faith and the Church, and it made me think about what really matters in life. One day at Mass, I felt...a powerful call to bring others to Christ and the Church. Nurtured by the encouragement of a good pastor and by the example of faithful parishioners, I entered the seminary. We are called to holiness, and when that holiness is lived out, vocations result." ~ Fr. Nicholas Adam, Diocese of Jackson *Columbia Magazine*, May 2019

ATTENTION USHERS/GREETERS AT ST. JOHN'S

An email was recently sent with two documents attached regarding the meetings held previously here in church. Those of you without an email address will receive a copy in the mail. If you did not receive these documents please notify the rectory.

CANDY MAKING AT NOVEMBER CCW MEETING

Ladies of the parish are invited to a candy making demonstration at the November meeting of St. Anne's CCW. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the school cafeteria. Plans for our annual Christmas Dinner will also be discussed. We look forward to seeing you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Grief Support Group, Oct. 23rd, 6:30 p.m., Red Bud Regional Hospital Auditorium. Open to everyone.

Glitz & Ghoulies! - 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.

Evansville KC Fish Buffet, Nov. 1st, 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish and 7 sides. Adults: \$12; kids 5-12: \$5. Buffet is dine in only. Carry out by the plate, sandwich, pound.

Father Freund Dinner Auction, Nov. 2nd, St. James Parish Center, Millstadt. Mass: 4 p.m.; doors open: 5 p.m.; dinner from 5-7 p.m. (auction to follow). Reservations: <https://STJ2019.givesmart.com>.

Wurstmart, Nov. 3rd, 11 a.m., St. Patrick, Ruma. Pork sausage dinner: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Homemade baked goods, apple butter, country store, raffle.