

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 20th, Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 21st, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, 22nd, Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Dave DuFrenne, by Vera Birke

Thursday, 23rd, Thanksgiving

9 a.m. at [Ruma Convent](#)

Friday, 24th, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

No Mass

Saturday, 25th, Weekday

4 p.m.: Paul Meyer, by Glenda & family; For the Parish

Sunday, 26th, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10 a.m.: Eddie Young, by Dave & Bridgie Young

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 25th, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Meyer, H. Siegfried, B. Schrieber, J. Gorman, B. Zipfel

Gift Bearers: K. Kertz, Volunteer needed

Lectors: D. Trost

Servers: R. & J. Candler

Ushers: D. DuFrenne, M. Poletti

Sunday, November 26th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: N. Cowell, J. Hohgreffe, L. Billingsley, S. Vogt, M. Scheffert

Gift Bearers: A. Gilpin family

Lectors: C. Crain

Servers: M. Cowell, C. Crain

Ushers: P. Mudd, T. Seemann

Thought for the Week

It's good to be a Christian and know it,
but it's better to be a Christian and show it!

On the Lighter Side

Jimmy and Sam kept bothering their mom as she was preparing Thanksgiving dinner. "Can we ask you some Thanksgiving questions, mom?" "Okay," she said. "Why did the turkey cross the road?" "I don't know," she answered. "It was the chicken's day off! What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy, I'm stuffed!" "Okay, boys, if you have any more questions, go and ask your dad if he knows the answers!"

Please Pray For ...

Beulah Robert, Carol Thompson, Glenda Wiegard,
Jane Lucht, Derrick DeWilde, Nursing Home Residents,
Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Vocations Corner

Each one of us must look at the talents God has given us and ask ourselves how we have created more from them. Our life won't be measured so much by what we've done, but by what we've done in comparison to what we've been given. Therefore, a vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

Readings

1st Reading:

Proverbs 31:10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31

A worthy wife has value far beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: "Let her works praise her at the city gates."

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 6

According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober, and alert.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14 - 30

Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. On his return, he said to the one who made the greatest profit. "Well done...I will give you great responsibilities"

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this thirty-third Sunday as the Church year draws to a close we are given the opportunity for some serious reflection. We hear advice about paying attention and planning for what will inevitably come in each of our lives. Our readings speak of wisdom, courage and using the strengths and gifts we have been given. As the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons seem to collide in the coming weeks, this may be a good time to take a break, step back, and think about what really matters.

I encourage you to come and join us this evening (Sunday) for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. here at St. John's. Let us gather and give thanks for our blessings, praying as well for peace throughout the world. You are also invited to join us on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. for our Parish Partnership Mass which will be held at St. Joseph's in Prairie du Rocher. "Let us give thanks to the Lord, for His love is everlasting!"

In the mail, after Thanksgiving, you will receive a letter from our Parish Partnership listing the Mass times for the coming Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception, along with the Advent Penance Services, and the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please note the changes and place for the Masses!

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

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SJB Cash Raffle!

Don't miss your chance at SJB's Cash Raffle! Grand prize is \$5,000 and 9 other cash prizes! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100! Tickets on sale from now until 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 12th; drawing held at 8 p.m. on Dec. 12th at SJB School. Winners need not be present. If all 600 tickets are not sold, it converts to a "50/50 after expenses raffle". Purchase online: <http://supportsjb.weebly.com/cash-raffle.html>....OR....pick up a form at the entrances.

Food Challenge Round 2!

St. Mary's School in Chester has asked for a rematch. Remember, SJB soundly beat them in the Food Challenge so we are out to defend our title! Our school will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of November. We are asking for everyone's help. Please bring all food items to the back of church or to school by November 30th. Thanks! ~ SJB students & staff

Happenings This Week

Sun.: PSR Children's Mass & Children's Choir at 10 a.m.; Liturgy Committee mtg. after Mass, Sacristy; Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., St. John's
Mon.: No RCIA session; KC mtg., 7 p.m., cafeteria
Tues.: Parish Council mtg., 7 p.m., library
Wed.: Parish Partnership Thanksgiving Mass, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's, Rocher
Thurs.: Thanksgiving Day - Mass, 9 a.m., Ruma Convent
Sun.: Feast of Christ the King; Ken & Pat Harbaugh's 50th Wedding Anniversary - 10 a.m. Mass

NEW Picnic Dates!

We are moving our Parish Picnic! From now on, the picnic will be the third full weekend of June. Mark your calendar now for next year's date: **June 15th & 16th, 2018!**

'Tis (Almost) the Season

In three weeks we will begin a new Church year! I'd like to invite you to join me and your fellow parishioners for the **Best Advent Ever**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with Best Advent Ever. Each day you will receive an email with short inspirational videos from leading Catholic voices, Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt, practical tips for your every day life, and real-life stories of hope. All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com. Get ready for the best Christmas of your life!

Upcoming Quest

There is a Quest coming up the weekend of Dec. 2-3 at Holy Childhood in Mascoutah. Quest is a 33-hour program of sharing for high school freshman and sophomores. It is an experience of being together with other teens so the participants can find out more about God, themselves, and their relationships with family and friends. Quests are conducted by a team of lay adults, priests, sisters, and teens. Quest begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday and concludes at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Applications can be found in the back of church or online at www.bellevilletec.org. SJB parish will pay half of any parishioner attending. Questions: Lea Ann Becker at 618-830-2414.

Church A/C & Heating Fund Drive

We are still waiting to complete the final work on the AC unit for the balcony and several other minor projects. Thank you for your continued support for this project. To date we have collected \$65,799.20. You're wonderful!

Schedule for the Holy Day & Advent Penance Services

Immaculate Conception: Thurs., Dec. 7th: 7 p.m. St. Patrick's; 7 p.m. St. Joseph's. Fri., Dec. 8th: 8 a.m. St. John's; 11 a.m. Convent
Penance Services - Advent: Wed., Dec. 6th - 7 p.m. St. Boniface, Evansville; Sun., Dec. 10th - 2 p.m. Ruma Convent & St. Joseph's at the Convent; Mon., Dec. 11th - 7 p.m. St. John's & St. Patrick's at St. John's; Wed., Dec. 13th - 7 p.m. St. Mary's, Ellis Grove & St. Mary's Chester at Ellis Grove. You are welcome to come to any of these services! Prepare your heart for the Lord's coming!

Holden Chambers Toys for Tots

I am Holden Chambers and I am working on my Confirmation Service Project. I am collecting Toys for Tots. There will be a collection box in the back of church until Sunday, Nov. 26th. Toys need to be new and in the box for ages 0-12. Books for this age group are always welcome. Everything collected stays in the Randolph County area. Thank you.

Deacon Formation

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a deacon, you are invited to attend two upcoming information meetings in December and January. Formal classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018; however, other aspects of formation will begin well before that. The diocese will hold two informational meetings: the first is on Sat., Dec. 9th, 10 a.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Building 6, Belleville. The second is on Sat., Jan. 6th, 10 a.m. at the same location. You will need to attend both sessions. These meetings will provide a great deal of information regarding the requirements of the program and will explain the types of service fulfilled by deacons. Members of the Deacon Formation Committee will present the programs and will be available to answer questions. To assist in planning and to assure we have adequate program materials at the meetings, please contact Patti Warner at the Deacon Formation Office to let her know you plan to attend. You can reach Patti by email: pwarner@diobelle.org or phone 618-722-5043. Please continue to pray for all those in our diocese discerning a vocation to lay ministry, diaconate, priesthood or religious life.

Christmas Outreach Update

This year we will not be putting an insert in the bulletin because those who will be taking a tag will get a written slip with all pertinent information on what to do and when to return the gifts. We have 22 children this year and 132 tags. We are also accepting cash donations. Sign up will be this weekend and Nov. 25th & 26th. God bless you for your past generosity and I know it will continue. Any questions, please contact Adele Cowell at 618-444-4246.

Cops & Kids at Christmas

The Chester, Red Bud and Steeleville Police Departments and the Randolph County Sheriff's Office are accepting donations for their 1st annual Cops & Kids at Christmas Program. The program provides under privileged children the opportunity to go holiday shopping with a member of local law enforcement. Donations can be dropped off at one of the above mentioned departments. Make checks payable to one of the departments, c/o Cops & Kids at Christmas.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,727.00
Loose.....	\$656.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,383.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$107.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$110.00
School Endowment.....	\$30.00
CCHD.....	\$42.00
All Saints.....	\$55.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$160.00
Tuition Assistance.....	\$50.00

**Christmas Concert:
Swingin' Into Christmas!**

Holiday shopping and hectic schedules can make the Christmas season a little stressful. So how about taking a break and kicking back to the sounds of Christmas big band style? The Freeburg Big Band has graciously accepted our invitation to come to St. John's and perform at the Social Center on Monday, Dec. 18th, 7:30-9 p.m. The Freeburg Big Band is a volunteer group under the leadership of Jeff Peterson. The players donate their time and talent to perform in and around the Metro East. The group will perform for about an hour and then we will have about a half hour to socialize and enjoy some light refreshments. Take this opportunity to put a little "swing" into your Christmas. Please pass the word along to family and friends. All are welcome. This is a free event. For more information contact Dave Hollinshead at 282-2008.

Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to Michael & Theresa Santel on the baptism of their daughter, Whitney Rose, last Saturday. Welcome to our parish family!

Mattress Sale!

If you need a new mattress, now is the time to buy! SJB Athletic Department Mattress Sale is Sunday, November 26th at Red Bud Mattress Company (new location: 139 W. Market), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Huge savings - up to 70% off retail! New mattresses in all sizes (king, queen, full, twin); luxury top, memory foam, latex and more. Pick up, delivery and layaway available. Cash, check or credit cards accepted; credit/debit cards will incur a processing fee. If you are unable to attend the Nov. 26th event, bring a flyer to the Red Bud Mattress Company store from now until Dec. 16th at receive the same promotion. Store hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-noon.

Help Needed!

We are looking for a few people to help sell our Holiday Raffle Tickets at IGA on Saturday, December 16th! Please contact Kelly by November 30th if you can help out!

Upcoming Events

Taste of Red Bud/Candlelight Home Tour, Nov. 19th, 3-7 p.m. Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. Contact Kathy Valleroy: 618-791-8450.

Quilt/Cash Bingo, Nov. 26th, St. Boniface, Evansville. Lunch stand: 11 a.m.; bingo: 1:30 p.m. (24 games, 50/50 game; attendance prizes; Pot of Gold). Christmas Cash Raffle.

Ham & Meat Raffle, Nov. 26th, 1-6 p.m., Columbus Club, Millstadt. Free pork sausage and fried potatoes while you play. Sponsored by Millstadt KC; benefits local charities/non-profits.

"Jesus & His Strange Relatives" - Mathew Chapter 1, Thursdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & 14, 10 a.m. -12 noon, Our Lady of the Snows. Cost: \$10 per session or \$30 for the series. Must RSVP; info: 618-397-6700 ext. 6270.

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