

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 25th, Weekday
No Mass
Tuesday, 26th, Weekday
8 a.m.: Emily Kueker, by Jim & Diane Buch
Wednesday, 27th, Weekday
11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Ken & Patsy Kertz, 50th
Wedding Anniversary
7 p.m. (Thanksgiving Vigil, SJB): Bernard Imming Sr.,
by family
Thursday, 28th, Thanksgiving Day
No Mass
Friday, 29th, Weekday
No Mass
Saturday, 30th, Saint Andrew, Apostle
4 p.m.: De Luca Family, by Barb; For the Parish
Sunday, 1st, First Sunday of Advent
10 a.m.: Virginia Evans, by Leo & family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Wed., Nov. 27th, Thanksgiving Vigil, 7 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Cowell, D. Letcher,
M. Scheffert, M. Doiron, D. Gross
Gift Bearers: J. Deterding family
Lectors: S. Heine
Servers: A. & J. Ohlau
Ushers: K. Kertz, M. Poletti

Saturday, November 30th, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Ramsey, D. DuFrenne,
D. Emge, 2 Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers: Volunteer Needed
Lectors: L. Hohgreffe
Servers: H. Siegfried
Ushers: J. Meyer, B. Koester

Sunday, December 1st, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Hess, G. Ratz, C. Wilson,
J. Hohgreffe, Volunteer Needed
Gift Bearers: R. Chausse family
Lectors: J. Hooten
Servers: H. Hess, P. Kreher
Ushers: J. Hewitt, P. Mudd

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Fr. Pat loved to play golf. On vacation he had the opportunity to play at a course Tiger Woods often played. At one of the more challenging holes, Father's caddie told him, "When Tiger plays this hole he uses a two-iron and always says a prayer." "That's good advice," Father said as he pulled out a two-iron. He said a prayer, but nevertheless his shot hooked into the rough. "I guess the Lord didn't hear my prayer," Father said dejectedly. "Oh, he probably heard you," said the caddie. "But when Tiger prays, he keeps his head down."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We ought to do more with life than increase its speed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1 - 3

Because David was so loved as a leader, the elders of all the tribes anointed him king of Israel at Hebron. King David shepherded the people from then on.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12 - 20

God's Son brought the people into the reign of forgiveness and love. He heads the body, the church, and has primacy in all things, making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 23:35 - 43

The soldiers made fun of Jesus on the cross, offered him bitter wine, told him to save himself if he was the Christ, and told him to put an inscription over his head: "This is the King of the Jews."

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

On this final Sunday of our liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ, the King of the Universe. How is someone recognized as a king? David had been called by God and had led his people to victory in battle, so the elders of Israel's tribes anointed him king. St. Paul recognizes Jesus as king, for he is head of the Church. In the Gospel, his fellow prisoner recognizes Jesus as innocent victim and king. As we enter into a new year of living and growing in faith, may we keep this paradox of kingship always ahead of us, for at the very beginning of our Christian lives we, too, were anointed priest, prophet, and king. May we come to embrace the kingship of Jesus, a kingship completely poured out for others, transforming death into life, violence into love.

On this week of Thanksgiving I encourage you and your family to join us on Monday for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service here at St. John's at 7 p.m. Invite a neighbor or friend to join you. On Wednesday evening we will have our Thanksgiving Mass here at St. John's at 7 p.m., and St. Joseph's is at 7 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's and 11 a.m. at the Convent.

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

IN SYMPATHY

Our parish family extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Cletus Buehler whose funeral was last Saturday. May he share in the joy of heaven.

"CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES"

Come out for an evening of fun and laughter, and support The Messenger! The Church Basement Ladies in *Away in the Basement*, presented by Clinton County Showcase at the Avon Theater in Breese on Dec. 12th at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) Tickets: \$15; RSVP to The Messenger at 618-233-8670 or email messenger@diobelle.org; pay at the door by cash or check.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$4,670.00
Loose.....	\$631.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,301.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$30.00
School Support.....	\$20.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$60.00
All Saints.....	\$50.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$30.00

MATTRESS SALE: TODAY!!

The Mattress Sale Fundraiser to support SJB Athletic Dept. is TODAY, 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 bring a flyer (available at the rectory) to the Red Bud Mattress Company from now till Dec. 1st and receive the same promotion.

KC NEWS

Last weekend the Knights of Columbus listed deceased members and regrettably forgot to include the following name: Richard Steingrubey.

DID YOU TURN IN YOUR STEWARDSHIP SHEET?

Thanks to all who took time to pray over and turn in the Ministry in our Parish Sheet! If you were gone or misplaced your copy, please stop at the bulletin table and pick one up. Remember each and every person plays an important part and is needed to help out in our parish. 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!

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Inserted in our bulletin next Sunday you will find our Advent/Christmas Calendar giving you a daily scripture passage to reflect on along with an intention for each day. Make this a more prayerful time for yourself. ALSO there are other Advent reading materials on the tables in back of Church. They are free for the taking.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE & CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Holiday Raffle tickets and Christmas Angels have been mailed! Please purchase/sell those raffle tickets - the drawing will be here before you know it! Turn in your Christmas Angels any time - mail in the form, drop in the collection basket, stop by the rectory. Thank you!

ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Let the St. Anne's Christmas Party be the start of your holiday festivities! Join us on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019, at Lisa's in Prairie du Rocher at 6:30 p.m. This year's party will include a Christmas cookie exchange. We would like as many ladies as possible to bake two dozen holiday cookies. The evening's cost is \$14.00 paid in advance. Checks payable to St. Anne's CCW. RSVP by Nov. 25th to Jan at 282-6962. Carpool from SJB Church lot leaving at 5:45 p.m.

"SWINGIN' INTO CHRISTMAS!"

Mark your calendars now for "Swingin' Into Christmas!" a free concert featuring the Freeburg Big Band here in our parish center on Monday, December 2nd! Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and music will be from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Family and friends are invited. Light refreshments served. Info: Dave Hollinshead at 618-977-3333.

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Feast of Christ the King - Fr. Clyde having the 10 a.m. Mass; Fr. Dennis attending the rededication of St. Mary's in Chester
Mon.: No RCIA session; Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m. at St. John's; 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church
Tues.: No Bible Study this morning
Wed.: 11 a.m. Mass at the Care Center; 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Mass at St. John's; No PSR classes; No evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Mass St. Joseph's
Thurs.: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's and 11 a.m. Mass at the Convent; Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri.: No Mass; Parish Office closed; 1 p.m. take away fall decorations and set up for Advent
Sat.: Schmitz baby baptism after 4 p.m. Mass
Sun.: First Sunday of Advent; Confirmation Commitment Sunday at 10 a.m. Mass; First Reconciliation with 2nd grade at 1:30 p.m.

BEING PROACTIVE AS A PARISH

As we have had in the bulletin the past weeks, last weekend we began locking the doors of Church after Mass begins. **People will always be able to go out the doors once they are locked, but you won't be able to get back in unless you knock. Stop and tell the ushers so they can let you in again if you are returning.** We want to be sure that everyone is safe. I know you will be understanding as we begin taking these safety measures. Thank you for working with us!

GIBAULT NEWS

Gibault is accepting applications for the class of 2024! Applications are accessible online at <https://gibaulthawks.com/apply/>; contact Kara at khoke@gibaulthawks.com for paper applications. Placement exam for current 8th grade students: Sat., Dec. 7th, 8:30 a.m. RSVP: Susan Mackin at smackin@gibaulthawks.com.

UPCOMING QUEST

Quest: Dec. 7-8, Holy Childhood, Mascoutah. Quest is for high school freshmen and sophomores to experience being together so they can find out more about God, themselves, and their relationships with family and friends. Quest is conducted by lay adults, priests, sisters and teens. It begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and ends at 7 p.m. Sunday. Applications: church entrances or www.belleilletec.org. SJB parish pays half of any parishioner attending. Info: Lea Ann Becker: 618-830-2414.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Mercy That Never Gives Up) Jesus reveals the nature of God as that of a Father who never gives up until he has forgiven the wrong and overcome rejection with compassion and mercy. We know these parables well, three in particular: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the father with two sons (cf. Luke 15:1-32). In these parables, God is always presented as full of joy, especially when he pardons. In them we find the core of the Gospel and of our faith, because mercy is presented as a force that overcomes everything, filling the heart with love and bringing consolation through pardon. (Misericordiae Vultus, 9)

**PARTNERSHIP MASS
SCHEDULE: DECEMBER**

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

DROP-IN CENTER

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council will host open houses for its new Dawn-to-Dusk Drop-In Center on: Nov. 25th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ribbon Cutting and Open House); Nov. 26th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Open House) and 7 p.m. (Dedication & Blessing); Nov. 27th (Open House); Dec. 2nd 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Open House) and 7 p.m. (Opening of Center for the Homeless). Light refreshments served; tours available of Outreach/Help Center and Drop-In Center. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

Christmas Adult Choir practice will be Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

We have an amazing God and we have an amazing congregation. I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Out of 109 tags that we displayed this weekend, they are all gone. I've been doing this about fifteen years, and this is the first time that has ever happened. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I'm still accepting cash donations; we always like to have a reserve in our fund for emergency Outreach situations. You all have a very, very happy and thankful Thanksgiving. Remember, there's always something that we can be thankful for. God's blessings to each of you. *All gifts must be returned no later than Dec. 8th. ~ Adele Cowell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Euchre, Nov. 24th, American Legion, Rocher. Sign up: 1 p.m.; play begins at 2 p.m. Info: Ray Wiegard at 284-7704.

Basket Bingo, Nov. 24th, St. Agatha, New Athens. Doors open: 12; bingo begins: 1 p.m. Food/drinks available; 25 games/25 baskets (valued at \$50). Bring a can of food and get one free bingo card per person.

Quilt/Cash Bingo, Nov. 24th, St. Boniface, Evansville. Lunch: 11 a.m.; bingo: 1 p.m. Play 24 games; 50/50 game; attendance prizes; Pot of Gold.

Evansville KC Fish Buffet, Dec. 6th, 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 outs by the plate, sandwich or pound.

