

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Intentions

Monday, 27th, Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 28th, Weekday

8 a.m.: Emily Kueker, by Jim & Diane Buch

Wednesday, 29th, Weekday

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Claude Bagsby, Anniversary,
by family

Thursday, 30th, Saint Andrew, Apostle

8 a.m.: Thelma Romay, by Barb Koester

Friday, 1st, Weekday

8 a.m.: Don Thompson, by Welda & Carol DeRousse

Saturday, 2nd, Weekday

4 p.m.: Virginia Evans, by family; For the Parish

Sunday, 3rd, First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m.: Mary Helen Masterson, by Margaret Holtman

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 2nd, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Martin, P. Martin, G. Wiegard,
A. Wiegard, D. DuFrenne

Gift Bearers: B. Maes family

Lectors: W. Mitan

Servers: B. & G. Maes

Ushers: M. & P. Ramsey

Sunday, December 3rd, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Barbeau, K. Fahey,
P. Harbaugh, L. Krebel, J. Rahn

Gift Bearers: J. Hohgreffe family

Lectors: T. Blacharczyk

Servers: T. Fabie, J. Roscow

Ushers: M. & B. Cowell

Please Pray For ...

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

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

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T&M Lawn Services

Prayer Group

Have you ever wanted to thank the Lord for all His gifts, graces and love He has given you? Need to pray for a special request? Come pray the rosary and the prayers on the 7th of each month in the Church at 1 p.m. Bring a friend December 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

'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!

Readings

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17

The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy or dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

Gospel: Matthew 25:31 - 46

As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

Some of the most dramatic biblical imagery comes on this last Sunday of our liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ, the King of the Universe. The overall imagery on this feast is striking: Israel's rulers do not adequately care for their people. So, God will do it, as both shepherd and judge. But, the responsibility for the neediest shifts in the Gospel. When the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge us for our acts of mercy. We cannot look to God to care for those in need. The job is now ours, and the King now judges us.

In the mail this week 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!

A reminder that as you attend Mass at any of the places in our partnership, you can put your offering envelope in the basket and it will go to the parish to which it belongs!

Don't forget that this Friday, Dec. 1st, there will be **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** from 1-4 p.m. at St. John's. You are encouraged to stop by any time to pray for as long as you want. Let us come seeking the Lord's guidance as we pray for peace, healing, and an end to violence and the disrespect for life.

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

Choir Practice

Choir practice for Christmas at St. John's will be on Monday, Dec. 4th at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Know you are welcome to come and join us!

Tax Credit Scholarship Info Meeting

A reminder to all parents that a meeting is scheduled on Wed., Dec. 6th at 6:45 p.m. in the Social Center to inform you on the specifics of the Invest in Kids Act of 2017. The Act allows income tax credits to individuals and corporations that make authorized contributions to a Scholarship Grant Organization (SGO). The SGO's in turn, provide scholarships for eligible Illinois students to attend non-public schools in Illinois.

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.

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!

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.

Christmas Outreach Update

I want to thank you all for the tags you took this past weekend. We have 41 tags left and I have no doubt that we will distribute those this coming weekend. If you took one or two and you would like to take a couple more, please feel free to do so. Thank you again for all your help the last few years. It makes a better Christmas for these kids. We do accept cash for those of you who don't want to shop. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Feast of Christ the King; Ken & Pat Harbaugh's 50th Wedding Anniversary, 10 a.m. Mass
Mon.: RCIA Session, 7 p.m., Red Brick Center, Ruma
Tues.: Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Church; St. Patrick's Parish Council, 7 p.m.
Wed.: PSR Class/Advent Reconciliation, 6:45 p.m.; Bible Study, 6:45 p.m., Church basement
Fri.: Eucharistic Adoration, 1-4 p.m., St. John's
Sun.: First Sunday of Advent; Confirmation Commitment, 10 a.m. Mass; First Reconciliation, 1:30 p.m., St. John's

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

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.

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!

Thank You!

St. John's Welcoming Committee would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our new members - those who were able to attend the Welcome Weekend and those who couldn't make it. We are so happy to have you joining our parish family! We would also like to thank St. Anne's CCW for their generous cash donation which enabled us to purchase welcoming gifts for our new parishioners. God is good!

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!

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.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$2,465.00
Loose.....	\$677.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$3,142.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$10.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$75.00
School Endowment.....	\$10.00
CCHD.....	\$380.00
All Saints.....	\$40.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$160.00

Anniversary Blessings

Congratulations and God's blessings to Ken & Pat Harbaugh celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary!

Advent Reading Materials

You are encouraged to stop at the tables in back of Church and pick up some of the Advent reading material for your personal reflection and prayer time. Don't forget to sign up to receive a daily reflection from Dynamic Catholic at BestAdventEver.com.

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.

Schwan's Cares Campaign

SJB School is holding a Schwan's Cares Campaign. From Nov. 27-Jan.11, you can stock up for the holidays while helping the students of SJB. Visit www.schwans-cares.com and search for Campaign ID 35907 or SJB Curriculum Fund. Thanks for your support!

Attention Confirmation Candidates

Just a reminder that next Sunday (Dec. 3rd) at the 10 a.m. Mass, we will have the Commitment Ceremony with you, your parents, and your Confirmation Sponsor. There will be a section of pews reserved on the right side for you to be seated. After the homily you will be invited to come sign the book on the altar. Don't forget to bring along the Commitment forms you received at our meeting in October. AFTER THE MASS, there will be a meeting for the Sponsors in Church.

Upcoming Events

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.

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.