

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, 8 a.m.: Rev. Joseph Trapp;
Larry Soma, by Jo Ellen
Wed. Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Glenn Horrell, by Kevin
Horrell; Tommy Shields, by Tom & Joyce Laird
Thurs., Feb. 18th, Stations & Benediction, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 19th, 8 a.m.: Ella Pautler, by Frank & Theresa Kuca;
Clem Wittenauer, by Delbert Wittenauer
Sat., Feb. 20th, 4 p.m.: Bill Heidel, by Iona & family; Ethel Buehler,
by Dale & Judy Mueth
Sun., Feb. 21st, 10 a.m.: Sandy Arnold, by Glenda Wiegard;
For the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Gladys Thiele, Dennis Deterding, Matt Haas, Penny Dwyer,
Robert Otten, Susan Cowell, Nursing Home Residents,
Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What can you do to promote world peace?
Go home and love your family. (Mother Teresa)

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Little Larry was walking home with his teacher one day when they approached his house. "Where is your room?" the teacher asked. Pointing to a corner room Larry said, "That's my room." He then told her that the room next to it was his Mom & Daddy's room. He pointed again and said, "The room with the little window is God's room." "What do you mean?" the teacher asked. "Well," little Larry explained, "every morning daddy knocks on the door and says, 'My God, are you still in there?'"

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(God is Patient with Us) God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to him, he is ready to embrace us.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to Ryan & Kelli Glasscock on the baptism of their daughter Blakely Suzanne last Sunday. Welcome to our parish family of faith.



GIBAULT NEWS

Live-Streamed Sports: Be part of the Hawks' sports action with our live-streamed home games. Visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSYouTube> for live game feed and videos of past live-streams. Keep checking our website for updated schedules: <https://gibaulthawks.com/events/category/sports/>.

Applications: Applications for our Class of 2025 and transfer students are still being accepted. Visit <https://gibaulthawks.com/apply/>.

Class of 2020 Banners: Continue to celebrate your 2020 Gibault grad by purchasing their commemorative banner that hung along Market Street. Place your bids at www.GCHS2020Banners.givesmart.com. Silent auction ends Feb. 19 at 11:59 p.m.

READINGS

**1st Reading: Leviticus
13:1 - 2, 44 - 46**

According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God...Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

Gospel: Mark 1:40 - 45

A leper said to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus touched him: "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him, and he was healed."



FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

On this last Sunday before the Lenten Season begins on Wednesday, both the first reading and the Gospel deal with the illness of leprosy, not exactly the subject we hoped to hear about on this Valentine's weekend. In Moses' day, leprosy was a sign of sinfulness and separation from God. But in the Gospel, Jesus reaches out and touches the leper. The leper is literally not separated from God at all. Not even leprosy is a barrier to Jesus' healing touch. As members of the body of Christ, it is now up to us to break through those barriers. How will we do this as we journey through Lent? Let us begin now to listen to the word of God and take St. Paul's words as a true Lenten challenge: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

Inserted in the bulletin this week you will find The Lenten Regulations and the schedule for Masses, Stations of the Cross, Confessions, and other Lenten prayer opportunities. Also we have our regular Lenten prayer calendar with a daily intention plus a scripture passage. We also have various Lenten reading materials on the table in the entrance way. How will you make this the Best Lent Ever? It will only be what you make of it!!!

Have a blest week! Stay safe, stay healthy, and wear a mask! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

~ Fr. Dennis

FEED YOUR SOUL WITH PRAYER THIS LENT

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, **I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit**. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily e-mail with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an e-mail, a short video and an open heart. So this year, don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best Lent ever. Go to dynamicatholicbestlentever to sign up. (If you didn't get the book *I Heard God Laugh* which we gave out at Christmas, you will find copies in the Church entrance way.)

INTO THE BREACH

This Lent step Into the Breach with the Knights of Columbus. Every Monday of Lent, starting Monday, February 22, 6:30 PM, the Knights of Columbus will host a video series with discussion about the role of today's Catholic gentlemen. These sessions are open to all Catholic men. Contact Scott Chambers at 618-978-5457 for more info/to RSVP.

SJB DINNER AUCTION

The SJB Dinner Auction Committee presents the "Show Some Love for SJB" Giving Campaign. This campaign replaces our annual dinner auction this year. Please help us spread the word about the "Show Some Love for SJB" Giving Campaign. No donation is too small! Every bit helps us continue to provide a faith-filled education for our children. Visit sjbhor-nets.silentauctionpro.com for more information or contact the school office at 282-3215.



DID YOU KNOW...

Bishop McGovern, Bishop of Belleville is on Facebook, Youtube and Instagram?? On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BishopMichaelMcGovern> On Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXMqXBY1M4r0_AbDQH2_8A On Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/BishopMichaelMcGovern/> or you can write to the Bishop via e-mail at bmcgovern@diobelle.org.



FROM OUR SISTER PARISH

The total donations sent from July to December 2020 was \$1,154.00. Thank you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Spring 2021: 40 Days for Life, Feb. 17-Mar. 28. Vigil hours: every day, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil, community outreach. Location: Planned Parenthood, Fairview Heights. Info: coalitionforlifefestl.com.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat., Feb. 6th, 85 people attended the 4 p.m. Mass. Sun., Feb. 7th, 50 people attended the 10 a.m. Mass. We have plenty of room - join us!

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$8,987.00
Loose.....	\$355.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$9,342.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$150.00
School Support.....	\$390.00
Initial Offering.....	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$40.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$1,150.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$25.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$25.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$40.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$55.00



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun.: 2nd Grade Parent Mtg. for First Communion after the 10 a.m. Mass in Church
- Mon.: Liturgy mtg. at 9 a.m. in Church followed by setting up of Church for Lent; No School - Presidents Day
- Tues.: 7 p.m. Parish Council Mtg. in Church
- Wed.: Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. - call to make a reservation; enter as normal from the Locust street entrance of Church
- Thurs.: No 8 a.m. Mass; Stations and Benediction at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the breeze way entrance, sign in and sanitize your hands, go and be seated.
- Fri.: 8 a.m. Mass with Adoration till 9:30 a.m.
- Sun.: Confirmation Commitment Ceremony at the 10 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES



LENT

Again this year we will be alternating Thursday evenings with Stations and Benediction, and Mass. They will be held at 6:30 p.m. **When you come you should enter Church through the breeze way, sign in, sanitize your hands, go in and be seated. You don't have to call to make a reservation for these Thursday evening services.** Will you use these Lenten opportunities to pray with your family?

BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

This collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2020 contribution statements from SJB church will be prepared on **FRIDAYS ONLY**. Please plan accordingly. To request your statement: call Rhonda (282-3222 x 2), email rhondaj@htc.net, or drop a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection.

LAUNDRY DETERGENT FUNDRAISER

St. John's School is holding their annual Bulk Laundry Detergent Fundraiser now through March 1st. Order forms can be found in the back of church. Any questions please contact Jennifer Eckart 618-340-1987.

MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Don't forget to renew your subscription to The Messenger! Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or at www.bellevillemessenger.org Please make checks payable to the Messenger. The cost is still only \$25 for print or digital and \$30 for both! If you are a new print subscriber, you can also use one of the envelopes at the entrance!

VOCATIONS CORNER

On this 2nd Sunday in February, we celebrate the Vocation of Marriage with the observance of World Marriage Day. World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Today provides an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.