Mass Intentions

Monday, 4th, Weekday
No Mass
Tuesday, 5th, Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
8 a.m.: Pat Sutterer, by Leo & Marcella Deterding
Wednesday, 6th, Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Percy Scherle, by family
Thursday, 7th, Weekday
8 a.m.: David Koch, by family
Friday, 8th, Weekday
8 a.m.: Mary Blow, by family
Saturday, 9th, Weekday
4 p.m.: Thelma Romay, by Carol Thompson; For the Parish
Sunday, 10th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m.: Leona Ahring, by Ken & Pat

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 9th, 4 p.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Siegfried, A. Wiegard, G. Wiegard, J. Walker, P. Ramsey
Gift Bearers: B. Maes family
Lectors: L. Hohgrefe
Servers: G. Maes
Ushers: D. DuFrenne, R. Draves

Sunday, February 10th, 10 a.m.:
Eucharistic Ministers: E. Hess, C. Wilson, R. Juelfs, M. Scheffert, T. Seemann
Gift Bearers: J. Ohlau family
Lectors: A. Liefer
Servers: A. Ohlau, P. Steibel
Ushers: J. Becker family

On the Lighter Side

A bus driver was taking a mini-bus full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past them. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close, "No, they use the dog to find the fire hydrant."

Please Pray For ...

Jesse Kirkley, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday……$4,224.00
Loose……$536.00
Total (Goal: $5,866.00)……$4,760.00
Adopt-a-Parish……$30.00
Capital Campaign……$100.00
Initial Offering……$50.00
School Support……$180.00
Solemnity of Mary……$60.00
Ash Wednesday……$5.00
Black & Indian Missions……$5.00
Tuition Assistance……$500.00
Catholic Relief Services……$5.00

Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4 - 5, 17 - 19
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you….They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
"Love is patient, love is kind….Love never fails." In the end there are three things - faith, hope and love - "but the greatest of these is love."

Gospel: Luke 4:21 - 30
God sent Elijah to no other widow than the widow of Zarephath near Sidon. Elisha cured no other leper than Naaman the Syrian. The crowd grew angry. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time we see how expectations have a habit of tripping us up. We think we have it all figured out. We know what to expect. But then something happens to surprise us and we have to decide whether to believe it or not. Is this for real? The folks in Nazareth had expectations of their native son. This "son of Joseph" couldn't possibly be the Anointed One, could he? God has a habit of surprising us, of defying our expectations. How have you been surprised?

Have you made your reservations for the Dinner Auction on February 16th? I'd like to see you there! We now offer convenient and secure online ticket purchasing. Use link on Facebook – SJB Dinner Auction or go to https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=1107. Again thank you for your gracious support as St. John's School indeed makes a difference here in Red Bud. God Bless you!

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

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Youth Group Bake Sale; Liturgy committee mtg after 10 am Mass, sacristy
Tues.: Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Church; St. Anne's CCW Taste & Trade 6:30 p.m. cafeteria
Wed.: Care Center Mass, 11 a.m.; Bible Study 6:30 p.m., Church basement; PSR Classes 6:45 p.m.
Thurs: 6:30 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class in Church
Sun.: Koch baby baptism after 10 a.m. Mass

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

A Church without women is like the college of the Apostles without Mary. The role of women in the Church is not simply that of maternity, being mothers, but much greater: it is precisely to be the icon of the Virgin, of Our Lady; what helps make the Church grow!

2018 Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2018 Contribution Statement from St. John's Church, please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope and a copy will be mailed to you. You may drop your envelope in the collection, bring it by the rectory, etc. Statements will be generated on Fridays ONLY. Statements will not be printed upon walk-in request Monday through Thursday.

Bake Sale This Weekend!

The Youth Group Bake Sale is this weekend, before and after each mass! Stop by and purchase some home-made goodies!

CCW Taste & Trade

St. Anne's CCW will host its annual Taste & Trade on Tues., February 5th at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and sample favorite recipes. Members should bring something delicious, as well as a copy of the recipe printed on one side of a piece of paper. We hope you can join us!

Roof Replacement

Thanks to all who helped make this project happen! We still are in need of some donations to complete the payment. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation, we hope you will consider doing so. To date we have received $76,213.00. God bless you for your generous support.

The Messenger Renewal

It's time to renew your subscription to the Messenger! Please stay connected through a subscription to The Messenger. Payment can be made via your Messenger envelope or online at www.bellevillemessenger.org. Subscription cost: print - $25; electronic - $25; both - $30.

Auctionopoly

SJB's Annual Dinner Auction is coming up on Sat., February 16th! The theme this year is "Auctionopoly". You can be an Event Sponsor by making a monetary donation, you can run an ad in the auction program, or you can donate an item for the silent or live auction. For all information, please pick up a form at the entrances.

Tickets to attend the Auction are ON SALE NOW! We now offer convenient and secure online ticket purchasing. Use link on Facebook – SJB Dinner Auction or go to https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=1107

Partnership Mass Schedule for February

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

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KC News

Congratulations to Council 12152 on earning Star Council for the 2017-2018 year. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported our BBQ last weekend. Be sure to stay informed; we have many events in the planning stages. Don't miss out!

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997 Pope St. John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This weekend parishes throughout the country are celebrating this day. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on this special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Volunteer Needed

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is a wonderful weekly addition that so many of our littlest members look forward to on Sunday mornings! If you would be able to lend a hand and help our coordinators, Vicky Cowell and Brooke Cowell, please notify them or the rectory.

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 February 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS!

At the Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week last Sunday, Mark Cowell was presented with the 2019 St. John the Baptist Distinguished Graduate Award. Thank You Mark for your witness and support! God's Blessings!

Baby Bottles: Spare Change

We are once again participating in Life Network's Baby Bottle Spare Change Drive! Please stop by the entrances, pick up one of the bottles, fill it with spare change, and return it to the entrances next week! Bottles must be returned by Sun., February 10th. Thank you!

Teens Encounter Christ

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat: February 16-18, 2019, Sacred Heart, DuQuoin. TEC is a three-day experience in Christian living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Parents, those who work or volunteer with youth, and interested adults are also encouraged to participate in this renewal weekend; however, adults must be child protected through the Diocese before participating. TEC takes place from 10 a.m. Saturday to Monday at 5 p.m. Applications can be found in the back of church or online at www.bellevilletec.org. SJB parish will pay half of any parishioners attending. Questions: Lea Ann Becker at 618-830-2414.

Partnership Baptism Preparation Class

All first time parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. The next class for our partnership will be Thurs., Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. Please call the rectory to let us know you are coming! Thank you!

Position Available

Part-time custodian needed at St. John's School. For info, call the school at 282-3215.

Sister Parish

Donations to our sister parish in Guatemala ("Adopt-a-Parish") from July through December 2018 is $1,003.00. This has helped our sister parish support their diocese, pay for gas in their vehicles, training lay ministers, repairs to their Chapel, formation retreats, food, utilities, youth education, and vehicle repairs.

Vocation Corner

We should consider this as a day to say "thank you" to those who serve us in our daily living which certainly includes our religious life. World Day for Consecrated Life, Feb. 2nd, Candlemas Day. Let us make it a point to begin saying "thank you" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your Church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord.

Gibault Scholarships

Scholarship application packages and variable tuition instructions for incoming freshmen have been mailed to those who have completed applications on file. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing at pherzing@gibaulthawks.com.

Thought For The Week

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. (Winston Churchill)

Job Opportunities

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time (12 hours per week) Web Content Specialist.

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for The Messenger Newspaper.

For all details, job requirements, etc., please see the information for both job openings posted at the main entrance.

Upcoming Events

Buffet Style Breakfast, Feb. 3rd, 8:30-11 a.m., St. Joseph Parish Hall, Prairie du Rocher. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits & gravy, American fries, pancakes, mixed fruit, juice/coffee. Adults: $7; kids 4-8: $4; kids 3 & under: free. Carry-outs available.

Buffet Style Fish Fry and Meat Raffle, Feb. 8th, 4:30-8:30 p.m., KC Hall, Evansville. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish, chicken strips, and seven sides. Carry-outs and desserts available. Meat Raffle: 25 Rounds. Also a 50/50. Benefits St. Boniface.

Fish Fry, Feb. 15th, 4:30-8 p.m., American Legion, Prairie du Rocher. Enjoy 3 kinds of fish. Dine-in/carry-out. Info: 284-9509.

Euchre Tournament, Feb. 17th, American Legion, Prairie du Rocher. Sign up after 12 noon; play at 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Info: 284-9509 or 284-7704.

Chicken & Beer Dance, Feb. 16th, 7-11 p.m., St. Joseph, Freeburg. Doors open: 6:30 p.m.; chicken served: 8 p.m. Cost: $20/person; $35/couple. Must be 21; ID required; reservations encouraged. Music by Boulderdash. Info: 618-539-3209.

Trivia Night, Feb. 16th, Catholic Pastoral Center, Belleville. Doors open: 5 p.m.; trivia: 6 p.m. Cost: $15/person (table of 8); limited seating. Bring your own food/drinks. Silent Auction, raffles, points for best decorated table. Info: 618-398-5616. Benefits Catholic Urban Programs.

Euchre Tournament, Feb. 16th, St. Michael's, Paderborn. Doors open: 6 p.m.; play starts: 7 p.m. To RSVP: Rich at 618-830-6086; slark4@yahoo.com.