

Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Tues., Apr. 16th: No morning Mass; Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 17th, 8 a.m.: Joyce Kalmer, by family

Fri., Apr. 19th: No Mass

Sat., Apr. 20th, 4 p.m.: Alberta Snell, by Diane, Brad, & family; Charles Mertens, by family

Sun., Apr. 21st, 10 a.m.: Larry & Mary Blow, by Dave & Bridgie Young; For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 20th, 4 p.m.:

Lector - J. Mergelkamp

Ushers - M. & B. Doiron

Eucharistic Ministers - K. Fahey, 2 Volunteers

Servers - Volunteers

Gift Bearers - D. Gross & Ushers

Sunday, April 21st, 10 a.m.:

Lector - J. Farmer

Ushers - D. & B. Young

Eucharistic Ministers - D. Hahn, K. Chapman, G. Ratz

Servers - E. & E. Hahn

Gift Bearers - M. Mehring & Ushers

Please Pray For ...

Rev. Mark Stec; Nursing Home Residents;
Homebound Parishioners

Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Thought For The Week

Worry has the capability of ruining a perfectly good day.

On the Lighter Side

Little Jimmy was all dressed up as his family went to church for Easter Sunday. After the pastor's message, as the ushers were gathering the offering, little Jimmy began to take off his tie and was ready to put it in the offering plate. His mother said, "Jimmy, what are you doing?" He said, "The pastor told us, now is the time to give our ties and offerings!"



Our Confirmation Candidates

Please keep our young people who are going to be confirmed this Tuesday in your prayers. They are: Isabel Billingsley, Kailey Cathcart, Ejmi Cavalier, Lane Diewald, Ethan Deterding, Katie Deterding, Kaysie Deterding, Emily Farmer,

Ellie Hahn, Sophia Kueker, Corbyn Legendre, Luke McClellan, Elizabeth McGough, Hudson Mergelkamp, Ryan Murphy, Nora Pickering, Jalen Roberts, Evan Schulein, Brayden Setzer, Emma Stork, Stella Walter.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people, "The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead." God brought to fulfillment what the prophets announced long ago: that the Messiah would suffer.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

John told believers that Christ Jesus is a just intercessor who offers sacrifice for the sin of the whole world and that a person cannot know Jesus without keeping his commands.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

The risen Christ appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The Lord ate cooked fish in their presence and discussed the law, prophets and psalms with them, opening their minds to understand the Scriptures.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst. Assured of his continuing presence, we too are able to sing, "Lord, let your face shine on us."

On Tuesday, we welcome Bishop McGovern to our parish as he confers the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 15 Confirmandi. Also joining us will be 6 students from Our Lady of Lourdes in Sparta. Come Holy Spirit, fill them with your seven fold gifts. Know that you are welcome to come and join us for this special celebration.

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

BBQ at SJB Today!

Let SJB make lunch for you on Sunday, April 14th! Head over to the cafeteria for a BBQ meal available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (carry-out only). Enjoy BBQ pork steaks, brats, hot dogs, mac & cheese, potato salad, baked beans, slaw, chips. Also having a Bake Sale and 50/50!



Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Number of households that have pledged: 81
Amount pledged to date: \$19,615.00
Our parish goal: \$15,731.00. Thank you!

Respect Life

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).” ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Pregnancy Resource Highlight: Pregnancy Care Center, Belleville. Phone: 618-233-2273. pregnancycarecenter.org, open Mon., Tues., Wed. from 10 am-2 pm. Provide referrals for pregnancy care, clothing, diapers, and other assistance to mothers and families free of charge.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,055.00
Loose.....	\$1,111.60
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,166.60
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$127.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$127.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....	\$30.00
School Endowment.....	\$87.00
School Support.....	\$477.00

Illinois March for Life

Illinois March for Life, April 17th, Capitol Building, Springfield, IL. Schedule: Rally at 12 p.m.; March at 1 p.m. For more information, visit il.marchforlife.org

Gibault News

5th & 6th Grade Future Hawk Hangout: Shoot hoops, bump volleyballs, play bags, and MORE. Drinks and Snacks included. Come HANGOUT and HAVE FUN! RSVP: <https://bit.ly/hawkhangout>

7th Grade Shadow Program: There are only a few weeks left for your student to visit Gibault! Your 7th grader can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! 7th grade shadows are welcome to come back as 8th graders for another Shadow Visit, too!

Happenings This Week

- Sun.: Confirmation Practice after the 10 am Mass; SJB BBQ in cafeteria (carry-out only)
- Mon.: Knights of Columbus meeting 7 pm cafeteria
- Tues.: 8:30 am Bible Study in Church; No 10 am Mass; 7 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGovern followed by reception in the gym
- Wed.: 8 am Mass at St. John's; 6:45 pm PSR Session in school
- Thurs.: 10 am Mass at St. Patrick's; Arts Night/Open House 5 – 7 pm school, talent show at 6 pm
- Fri.: No 8 am Mass at St. John's; Clergy Day 9 am – 3 pm at St. Mary's, Mt. Vernon
- Sun.: Baptism after the 10 am Mass

Stewardship Thought

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Spring Rummage Sale

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be: Friday, April 26th (4-9 p.m.; everything priced); Saturday, April 27th (8 a.m.- 6 p.m.; \$5/bag; we have bags); Sunday, April 28th (8 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$4/bag). Cash or local check with ID only.



Item Drop-Off: Saturday, April 20th (8 a.m.-3 p.m.); Sunday, April 21st (11 a.m.-4 p.m.); Monday-Thursday (8 a.m.-7 p.m.) We do not accept TVs, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, used mattresses, non-working items, or heavily soiled items. Before dropping off large items, please call the school first (618-282-3215).

You Can Help!

Set up for the Rummage Sale is Friday, April 19 at 4 pm. The tables will already be up. Meet in the gym and we will bring in supplies from the shed, set up racks and shelves, and organize for the upcoming week. Everyone can help; there are a variety of jobs. We're usually done in about an hour.

There are several ways everyone can help with the rummage sale. You can donate items, help price and set out items, help unload vehicles as items are dropped off, help with set up and clean up, or make a monetary donation to help defray the costs of advertising and signs.

Thank you for supporting SJB!

Dementia & Medications: The Good, Bad, & Ugly

In-Person CE You Presentation - Dementia & Medications: The Good, Bad, & Ugly. Speaker: Dr. Amy Rohlfing, MD, Geriatric Medicine Specialist. Red Bud Regional Hospital, April 17th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: \$5; dinner included; 1 CE Credit for IL nurses & social workers. Sign up: www.hospice.org/events. Questions: Lisa at 618-310-7020 or lpPhillipson@hospice.org.



Spring Farm Blessing

All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Spring Farm Blessing, which will be held on Friday, April 26, at 1 pm at Braeutigam Orchards located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL. "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching

A Small Group Interactive Program on Zoom; 10 Consecutive Thursdays; April 25-June 27, 6-8 p.m.; Facilitators: Beth Gutzler and Cheryl Sommer. Grounded in Catholic social teaching, this program guides participants in exploring the Gospel's call to respond to poverty in our communities, nation and world, and equips participants with practical tools to take action in effective and sustainable ways. The program contains extensive resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is encouraged for use in Catholic parishes. For more information, go to justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/JustFaith-Catholic-Program-1-Program-Booklet.pdf

Register at <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-st-louis-spring-2024-small-group/>



God is Great!

God is Great! Concert by Christian recording artist, Jennie Williamson, April 28th, St. John's Lutheran School, Red Bud. Free-will offering dinner at 5 p.m.; concert at 6:30 p.m.

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(Welcome Jesus as a Friend) Let the Risen Jesus enter your life; welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life! If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk; you won't be disappointed. If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid; trust him, be confident that he is close to you. He is with you, and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do.

Quilt & Cash Bingo

Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale is holding a Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, May 5th in our Parish Center. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and raffle prizes!



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North County News

St. Anne's: Cookies for Confirmation

CCW is helping with the Confirmation reception April 16. Store bought cookies (to keep with school rules) are requested. You can drop them off at the school cafeteria the morning of April 15th or 16th. You may also place them in the boxes in the vestibule of the church starting April 13th so as not to get them confused with SVDP donations.

Also, volunteers to help put the cookies on trays and set up will be welcome at 3:00 on April 16th. We also need volunteers in the gym to help serve drinks, clean up, and package leftover cookies beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Questions, call Mary 618-443-8264.

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale: Friday, April 26th, 7 am-2 pm and Saturday, April 27th, 7-11 am, inside St. Mary's Church Hall, Ellis Grove. 30 tables of miscellaneous items. (No clothing).

American Legion Fish Fry

Fish Fry, Prairie du Rocher American Legion, April 19th, 4:30-8 p.m. Serving three kinds of fish, chicken strips, French fries, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes. Info: 284-9509.



The National Eucharistic Revival

Bishop McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to EMMAUS DAYS July 7 & 8. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. Sunday, July 7 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows & Monday, July 8 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Watch the Messenger for times and additional information or go to the Diocesan website: www.diobelle.org

Liturgical Roles

The next set of schedules will cover June 1st-September 29th. Please notify Rhonda of conflicts by May 3rd.

St. Anne's CCW

Our **Spring Banquet** will be on May 7th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12 and is due by April 30th. Money can be placed in the collection in an envelope marked "Spring Banquet".

Quilt Raffle money can also be returned in the collection! Mark "Quilt Raffle" on the envelope.

Return plastic eggs to church bins - thank you!

St. Joseph BBQ

St. Joseph, Rocher, BBQ on Sunday, April 21st at Red Bud IGA beginning at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy pork steaks & brats sandwiches or plates. Plates come with choice of 2 sides: Sweet & smoky baked beans, homemade potato salad, picnic-recipe slaw.

Baptism Preparation Class

All first-time parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. John's must attend our Baptism Preparation Class. The next class will be Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Please notify the church if you plan to attend.



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure screening on April 27 (4 p.m. Mass) and April 28th (10 a.m. Mass) here at SJB. Thank you to our volunteers, Jill Valleroy and Michelle Mehring!

Faith Flash!

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It takes a village!

I heard a phrase today that has been stuck in my head. I was on a call today with churches from all over the nation. We were talking about the youth in our parishes. The presider said, "If you are not growing your church younger, then you are growing older." We all know lifetimes are limited and our children will be the church of tomorrow. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to dive into this topic. We are so fortunate at St. John's to have our youth. They are our most precious gifts. It does not take much time being around them to realize the joy, talent, energy, and love of Christ they have. The session I am attending indicates our children should be the biggest investment we make in our church since they are our future church. The question they pose is what kind of church and faith do we want to hand off to this future church? We are blessed to have an amazing parochial school and Parish School of Religion. I am looking to also add back our Children's Liturgy during Mass on Sundays and would also like to try and have a Vacation Bible School this summer. Our Junior Youth Group and Youth Group are small but mighty. We hope to continue to grow this participation. If the Lord has been tugging at your heartstrings to minister to our youth, please let me know. We will need a team to make the Children's Liturgy and VBS a reality. We will need support as we move forward focusing on our youth and family. It does take a village! But what better village than our parish family.

Youth Group!

Our next Youth Group gathering is Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 pm. All highschoolers are invited to attend. We will meet in the Church basement. Use the breezeway doors of the church to enter. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend!

Dave Hollinshead, Director of Faith Formation