

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs., May 6th, 8 a.m.: Murray Center (Darryl Mavers) Workers/Residents, by Mavers family

Fri., May 7th, 8 a.m.: Ella Pautler, by Barb Koester

Sat., May 8th, 4 p.m.: Clarissa Imming, by family; Stanford Kipping, Sr., by his daughter Grace

Sun., May 9th, 10 a.m.: Rita Deterding, by family; For the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Arline Wittenauer, Nursing Home Residents,
Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We will never outgrow our need for Jesus.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Little Joey's Sunday School class was learning to recite Psalm 23. As he went fishing with his dad one Saturday, he asked his dad if he could recite it for him while they were fishing. When Joey got to the fourth verse he said: "Thy rod and Thy reel, they comfort me."

PSR CLASS REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL

Registration forms were handed out to all present PSR students to begin the registration for the Fall Season of Religion Classes. Copies also can be found on the bulletin table in the front entrance of Church. If your son/daughter will be in first grade this fall, you need to pick up a registration form NOW. Help us get ready for the fall sessions. Thanks so much for all your patience and understanding as we made it through the pandemic year. If you have questions, call Amy Deterding at 618-410-1630 or Fr. Dennis at 282-3222.

DAILY CONSECRATION TO MARY

O Mary, my Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole body without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession. Amen.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As you make plans for summer vacation, remember your marriage NEVER takes a vacation. Help your marriage sacrament stay refreshed and full of energy by getting it recharged at a [virtual](http://www.wmme.org) Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Upcoming Experiences: May 6-June 17, 2021 (one evening per week- Thursdays). Info: Jim & Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778, or to apply go to www.wmme.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported our "Show Some Love for SJB" Giving Campaign. Even though we were not able to hold our traditional auction this year, our community still united to show its support of our school. Our giving campaign raised over \$57,000 for SJB! We are blessed to be part of such a generous community. We pray that we will be able to gather together in person for our 19th annual event in February 2022.



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A&W Insurance ~ Cathy Wiegard

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sat., Apr. 24th: 86 people. Sun., Apr. 25th: 113 people. We have room - join us!

READINGS

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26 - 31

Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18 - 24

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." If our hearts do not condemn us, we can have confidence that God will grant our requests.

Gospel: John 15:1 - 8

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Everyone else "will be thrown out like a branch and wither."

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

Last week we reflected on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for his sheep. This week we are given a new image in order to explore our relationship with the Lord, that of a vine and branches. Unlike a shepherd and his sheep, a vine and its branches cleave to each other in such a way that it is impossible to say where one ends and the other begins. This is the closeness Jesus desires to have with each of us— that his life-giving Spirit might flow from him to us as effortlessly as the sap of a healthy vine plant flows through the veins of the branch, allowing it to produce fruit. May the sustenance we receive from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

As we begin the month of May dedicated to Mary, let us pray that she guide us ever closer to the love of her Son. I urge you to make time and pray at least a decade of the Rosary with your family. You can do that as you drive them to or home from school, or before they go to bed, or on your drive to work. Mary is our special Mother too, let us seek her intercession.

Have a blest 5th week of Easter. Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved. ~ Fr. Dennis



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Mon.: Fr. Dennis has blood screening for his annual check up.

Tues.: SJB students retreat Day! No CCW Ladies meeting this month.

Get your raffle tickets in and your registration for the June banquet.
Wed.: Parish Finance Mtg. at 1 p.m. in Church; Last PSR session for the year beginning at 6:45 p.m. in school

Thurs.: Mass at 8 a.m.; 8th grade luncheon at 12:20 in the gym.

Fri.: First Friday of May: Mass at 8 a.m. followed by rosary and Adoration in Church till 9:30 a.m.

Sat./Sun.: Mother's Day Roses sold at both Masses; CCW Quilt drawing at the end of the 10 a.m. Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

At the April Council meeting the following were selected as officers for the coming year: Tom Beshoar -President; Gerald Ratz – Vice-President; Jim Hohgreffe – Secretary. Thank you to all our Council Members for their service!

"I WANT ONE OF THOSE!"

SJB school is hosting a new raffle! We hope you will take a chance on the "I Want One of Those!" Raffle. You could win 1 of our 10 amazing prizes. There's something for everyone: a Nintendo Switch, a Roomba, an RTIC cooler, gift cards, & more! Tickets are available by calling the school office at 282-3215.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR THE SPIRIT OF WORK

God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY QUILT RAFFLE

St. Anne's CCW Mother's Day Quilt Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection basket, taken to the rectory, or mailed to St. Anne's CCW, 515 Locust St., Red Bud. Thank you to those who have already sold tickets. Your support is so appreciated! If you need **extra tickets**, they can be found in the breezeway and in the vestibule at church. 1st Prize is a beautiful hand stitched queen size quilt, 2nd prize is an adorable hand stitched baby quilt, and 3rd and 4th prizes are \$50 each.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

SJB School Rummage Sale: Thurs., May 27th, 3-8 p.m., all items priced; Fri., May 28th, 3-8 p.m., \$4/bag; Sat., May 29th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., \$3/bag. Masks and social distancing required. Everything sold as is; no smoking/food/drinks/pets in gym. Item drop off: Sat.-Sun., May 22nd-23rd, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Mon.-Wed. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. (We will not accept computers, TVs, stuffed animals, or non-working items.)

CCW SPRING BANQUET

CCW Ladies are invited to join us for our annual Spring Banquet on June 1st at St. John's School Cafeteria starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be catered by SLAM Catering. Cost per individual is \$10.00, payable to hold your reservation. Reservations need to be in by Sat., May 15th by calling either Carol Schaefer (618-504-9101) or Donna Scheffert (618-282-3200). Please make checks payable to St. Anne's CCW: you may drop this off at the rectory, or in the collection basket. Money can also be mailed to St. Anne's CCW, 515 Locust Street, Red Bud, IL 62278. We hope to see you there!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$2,335.00
Loose.....	\$435.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$2,770.00
Home Missions Appeal.....	\$180.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$80.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$20.00
Easter.....	\$60.00
School Support.....	\$90.00
Seminarian Education.....	\$5.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$5.00

DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER

St. Patrick's, Ruma, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner, May 16th, 11 a.m. on. All dinners include 1/2 fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll with strawberry jam. (No special orders or substitutes.) Drive-thru is one-way only; enter at 2 Pioneer Ln. (Adorers of the Blood of Christ entrance) and exit at 1 Pioneer Ln.

RALLY ON THE RIVER

Knights of Columbus Council 1952, Evansville, invites you to Rally on the River, May 29th. Registration: 10 a.m.; Veteran Recognition Ceremony: 12 noon (Lieutenant Colonel Rev. James Thomas, Chaplain USAF, Retired, keynote speaker). Info/to register: www.evansvillekc.org. Proceeds to Cardinal Glennon.



POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(The Church's Witness of Brotherly Love) When a person truly knows Jesus Christ and believes in him, that person experiences his presence in life as well as the power of his resurrection, cannot but communicate this experience. And if this person meets with misunderstanding or adversity, he behaves like Jesus in his passion: he answers with love and with the power of the truth.....Let us ask for the help of Mary Most Holy so that the Church throughout the world may proclaim the resurrection of the Lord with candor and courage and give credible witness to it with signs of brotherly love. Brotherly love is the closest testimony we can give that Jesus is alive with us, that Jesus is risen.

AGING GRACE-FULLY

"Aging Grace-fully", will be a VIRTUAL event on **Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. – noon**. The presenter is Gary Behrman, PhD. Explore/discuss approaches on integrating grace into our lives in order to live to our fullest potential. Resources will be provided for ongoing support for a healthy life. This will be a holistic approach to aging to inspire us to be connected to God, others and self. **Cost is \$20**. Register online at snows.org/reflection21, visit snows.org for a printable registration form or call 618-394-6281.

GIBAULT NEWS

Yard Signs: Our yard sign web store is open now through May 2. Lots of designs available; view all the designs and place your order at <https://gyss2021.wswebstore.com/store>.

We're still enrolling the Class of 2025 and are accepting transfer students for the fall! For more information, contact Kelly Day at 939-3883 or kday@gibaulthawks.com.

2021 Gibault Summer Golf Classic: Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. For sponsorship information or player registration, visit www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and we at the Messenger hope to do a story related to this holiday. If anyone in has a story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who died during a war, please let us know. Send any information to us at editor@bellevillemessenger.org. We also print the names of service members who were killed in action (WWII onward) in The Messenger. We have a list from years past, but if we have missed anyone, please send that person's name, rank if it is known, and the war in which they served and died. In addition, we would like to include a list of service people who are presently serving in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home. If your parishioners or loved ones served in Iraq or Afghanistan or Syria and have returned home, we would be happy to list their names among those who receive our prayerful support. **Please submit the information to The Messenger by May 3.** Thank you for your support of The Messenger.

VOCATION CORNER

"As a teenager, I struggled to find my identity and purpose. I had a loving family and great friends, and I was a motivated student, yet I felt lost and empty. I had this gnawing desire to be whole. Everything changed when I encountered the Lord at a confirmation retreat. He spoke to my deepest desires, and for the first time, I felt at home with myself and the world. At the foot of the cross, I discovered that I am loved and known from all eternity. That same gaze of Christ crucified now calls me to respond to his love with love through the path of the holy cross." Sr. Viet Oanh Nguyen; Lovers of the Holy Cross; [Columbia Magazine](http://ColumbiaMagazine), December 2020