

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 1st:

No Mass; 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, July 4th:

Harold & Mary Crook, by Brian & Nancy Richards; Roy Candler, by family

Sunday, July 5th: Bonnie Lochhead, by Welda & Carol DeRousse; For the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' help is as close as a prayer.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joan told her friend Mary that her husband bought an exercise machine to help him shed a few pounds. He set it up in the basement but didn't use it much, so he moved it to the bedroom. It gathered dust there, too, so he put it in the living room. "I was right," Joan's husband said, "I do get more exercise now. Every time I close the drapes, I have to walk around the machine."

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS
TO OUR HEARTS**

(God Can Change Any Situation) Let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened, and sad? Do we feel weighted down by our sins? Do we think that we won't be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts; let us not lose confidence; let us never give up. There are no situations which God cannot change; there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our prayers and best wishes to Mike and Laverne Krebel as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 27th. God's Special blessings to you!

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to Josh & Kaitlyn Koch on the baptism of their son Lane Jonathon last Sunday. Welcome to our parish family!

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP -
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Our partnership has again collaborated on the Community Garden located on the Convent grounds in Ruma. I invite you to go to our website and find the weekly calendar and responsibilities that are being asked of our volunteers. The next week for which we are responsible is July 12th. Masks need to be worn. If you are interested in giving a hand, give Tom Beshoar a call 618-977-6232.

PSR REGISTRATION 2020-21

All PSR students are asked to register for the 2020-21 year. Go to our website www.sjbcatholicredbud.com and click on NEWS at the top of the screen. There you will find the PSR registration letter and form. Please print it out, complete it and send it to the parish office along with the fee. Forms can also be found in the church breezeway. Please spread the word! Thank You!

READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8 - 11, 14 - 16a

A woman of influence provided a room for Elisha. In gratitude, he promised the woman, who had no child, that within a year she would bear a baby boy.

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3 - 4, 8 - 11

As Jesus conquered sin through death and resurrection, so his faithful have died to sin and come alive in God through baptism.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37 - 42

Jesus told his apostles that people who seek only themselves come to ruin. Those who deny themselves for his sake discover themselves. Those who welcome prophets receive great rewards; those who welcome holy persons welcome the Lord.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

The Christian life is marked by paradox, the greatest of which is the God-man Jesus. But many more paradoxes abound: death leads to life, to give is to receive, and emptying oneself is the means to fulfillment. The gospel today reflects some of these fundamental Christian paradoxes as well: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." This kind of teaching is fairly common among religious wisdom figures, and we shouldn't be surprised to hear it on the lips of Jesus.

Those worthy of Jesus are the ones who take up their cross and follow him. This does not mean to seek out suffering and place oneself in harm's way merely for the sake of it. It certainly does not give license for Christians to act in obnoxious ways so they can consider the consequences of that behavior "suffering for Christ." Rather, taking up one's cross refers to managing any and all of the difficulties and challenges that come with following Jesus. The image of the cross calls to mind violent and public execution at the hands of the state. Moreover, it foreshadows Jesus' own end on a cross. His followers should not shy away from such duties that flow naturally from being a Christian. As Jesus did, to gain life we must give it away. This is the ultimate paradox.

As events begin to pick up here at Church, please continue working with us so that all continues to run smoothly as it has so far. Thank You!

Have a blest week! Have a safe 4th of July holiday! Remember, don't worry so much and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

BISHOP-ELECT

MICHAEL MCGOVERN

The Liturgy of Ordination and Installation will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 2 p.m. In order to provide for the health and safety of the community, the number of people present at the Cathedral must be limited. Everyone is invited to view the Mass which will be televised live on EWTN: [HTTPS://EWTN.COM](https://ewtn.com) Each Parish is asked to send ONE person to represent the Parish at the Ordination/Installation. **Bishop McGovern will be having one of his first Masses in our Vicariate. He will be coming to Chester for Mass on Saturday, July 25th at 5 p.m. Fr. Gene would like to have 2 representatives from each parish in the vicariate to attend.** If you are interested in attending either of these representing our parish, please give Fr. Dennis a call, or leave a message.

PRAYER CHAIN GROUP

Did you know we have a private Prayer Chain Group? You can call the rectory or email Rhonda to add yourself, a loved one, or any prayer intention to this list and our dedicated members will pray daily for these requests. Would you like to be a Prayer Chain member? Please notify Rhonda to be added to the list. Thank you!

ST. ANNE'S CCW QUILT RAFFLE

Drawing on August 15th

The ladies of St. Anne's CCW greatly appreciate your support of our annual Mother's Day Quilt Raffle. We have chosen **August 15th, the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption**, as the alternate date for this year's drawing. We are relying on sales through our parish mailing only and will not be selling chances before any of the masses. If you have misplaced your tickets or wish to purchase more there are some available in the breezeway. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You may also place your money, name & phone number in an envelope addressed to St. Anne's CCW and we will fill out the tickets for you. Thank you for your generosity and patience with us. We can't wait to give this lovely quilt away!

MASS INTENTIONS

With Masses beginning again at St. John's, we will start to reschedule the Mass Intentions that were set from mid-March on. Please understand this is a lot to reschedule, we only have three Masses a week to do so, and we also already have intentions scheduled on most of these dates. To help catch up we will pull missed intentions and add them to one of the three Masses; this will result in intentions being for more than one person. Thank you for your understanding!

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Mason Cowell, Dakota Hohgreffe, Grant Maes, Nolan Mudd, Stella Murry, Emma Steibel, Jayna Bast, Mia Beshoar, Harlie Braun, Jack Candler, Tyrus Carter, Lydia Chambers, Kylie Deterding, Gracyn Fahey, Danielle Schmitz, Katie Ziebold. Come Holy Spirit, fill their hearts with the fire of your Love!!

PICNIC BUDGET NEWS

You stepped up in a big way to help us fill the hole in our budget because the picnic was cancelled. To date we have received \$48,538.00. That is wonderful! Don't think that because we made our goal there is not a need to give now to help with our budget. Our weekly collections have been good, but we need some help here too. So.....remember, no gift is too small or large. When we work together, the load is much easier. Thank You!!

OUR CAPS, YOUR CAUSE PROGRAM

Do you drink Prairie Farms milk? Please save the caps from the gallon or half gallon bottles for the school. To enter codes, head to our donation page for the Our Caps, Your Cause Program at <https://www.prairiefarms.com/ocyc-redeemcodes/> Choose our school from the drop-down menu. You can also put caps in a bag and bring them to the breezeway and we'll take care of them. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$2,975.00
Loose.....	\$1,170.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$4,145.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$50.00
School Endowment.....	\$5.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$60.00
School Support.....	\$80.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$17.00

God Bless you for your support in this difficult time!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we begin to gather as a parish community, our Re-opening Team is in need of volunteers. After every gathering, a simple disinfecting procedure must take place. Disposable gloves, hydrogen peroxide, and paper towels will be used to quickly clean the pews. We are looking for people (65 or younger with no underlying health risks) who are willing to stay an extra five to ten minutes after mass to insure that our building is Covid free. If you are interested in helping, please call Rosalie Heizer (282-6035). Thank you!

PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS

The Parish Re-opening committee thanks all for their co-operation as we work to get back to Church for Mass. Your patience and understanding is appreciated! **We remind you that you must wear a mask, sanitize your hands and follow social distancing when you come for Mass. Don't forget to call and make a reservation for Mass each week, 282-3222 extension 4.** We need volunteers to help as Greeters/Ushers or to help with the sanitizing and cleaning of Church which must be done after every service. Please call one of the committee members and tell them you will come to help. The members are Kelly Donjon, Mike Doiron, Dave Young, Peg Masterson, Rosalie Heizer, Robin Hentis, Harold Siegfried, Mark Scheffert and Fr. Dennis.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun.: Confirmation Practice after 10 a.m. Mass for PSR students
- Mon.: Awards Day for SJB School Students
- Tues.: 10a.m. practice for SJB Confirmation Students/ Graduation; 6p.m. Celebration of Confirmation & Graduation.
- Wed.: Celebration of Confirmation 6:30 p.m. for PSR students
- Sat.: 4th of July – Pray for our Country – Be grateful for the Freedoms we have!!!!

WEEKDAY GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER AT CHURCH

- 1) Use the breezeway entrance - Car port is closed
- 2) Wear a Mask
- 3) Use hand sanitizer and sign in, listing time
- 4) Sit in one of the first 5 pews on the Tabernacle Side
- 5) Please leave the same way you came in -mark the exit time.

AS BISHOP BRAXTON RETIRES

On July 22nd Bishop Braxton will become Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese. He has decided to live in the diocese, and according to Canon Law the Diocese must provide for him. He will reside in a house owned by the Diocese.

There is a need for furnishing as well as the many practical items required in setting up a new household. The items purchased will belong to the Diocese. **If you would like to make a donation to show your appreciation to the Bishop for his service to the people of the Diocese, send your donations to the Parish Office, designating it as a gift in honor of the Bishop.** At our June parish Council meeting it was decided to give \$1,000.00 in the name of St. John the Baptist Parish. Go to our parish website and find the letter from the Vicar General and the CFO of the Diocese explaining more about these designations. Thank You for your assistance and expressions of thanks!

PARISH DIRECTORY POSTPONED

The end of August and the first week of September were to have been the photo times for our parishioners as we planned a new directory. Life Touch had called and asked if we wanted to continue this project now. The Council decided that we postpone it until next July 2021. In the mean time, just keep smiling! Remember, that adds so much to your face value!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIFE NETWORK'S WALK/RUN/RIDE

Join Life Network in going virtual for their annual Walk - Run - Ride from now till July 18th! Walk, run or ride a bike in your space at your pace. Take a photo and tag their Facebook page: LifeNetworkofSOILL; watch their page for everyone's pictures. Challenge friends, share posts, get the whole family involved! Your contributions help support new parents and babies. Cost: \$25 per participant; call 939-4224 to register by phone; go to supportmylifenet.com/events/walk-run-ride to register online.

LITURGY OF ORDINATION

Bishop Edward K. Braxton invites you to view the Liturgy of Ordination of The Reverend Mr. Nicholas T. Fleming (St. Clare, O'Fallon), The Reverend Mr. Carl E. Schrage (St. Lawrence, Sandoval), The Reverend Mr. Joel L. Seipp (St. Clare, O'Fallon) to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, July 11th, at 10:30 a.m. via livestream at www.cathedralbelle.org. During this liturgy, Priest Jubilarians will be honored, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed, and the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. Join in praying for our candidates for Priesthood and our Jubilarians.