

Fifteenth & Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., July 13th, 8 a.m.: Clem Wittenauer, by Adele & Ellery Hawkins

Wed., July 14th, 10:30 a.m., Care Center: Frances Birk, by Teletha Pautler

Thurs., July 15th, 8 a.m.: Jim Metzler, by Tom & Joyce Laird

Fri., July 16th, 8 a.m.: Betty Schaefer, by Iona Heidel

Sat., July 17th, 4 p.m.: For the Parish

Sun., July 18th, 10 a.m.: Mary Ann Groom, by St. Anne CCW

Tues., July 20th, 8 a.m.: Marlene Cowell, by Walter Gregson, Jr.

Wed., July 21st, 10:30 a.m., Care Center: Rev. Joseph Trapp

Thurs., July 22nd, 8 a.m.: Walter Deterding, by Les & Rita Deterding

Fri., July 23rd, 8 a.m.: Welda DeRousse, by Carol & family

Sat., July 24th, 4 p.m.: Bill Heidel, by Iona & family

Sun., July 25th, 10 a.m.: Deceased members of St. Anne's CCW;
For the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Robert Schaefer, Deacon Don Sparling, Nursing Home Residents,
Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You cannot become more like Jesus
and at the same time stay as you are!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Jane and her young son Tyler came home from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. Tyler opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. "What are you doing?" his mother asked. "The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," Tyler explained. "I'm looking for the seal."

NO JUNE PICNIC

Have you responded to our picnic appeal? In the letter that we sent to you we indicated the need to make up our \$40,000.00 deficit in our budget. Last year you were so supportive. Can we count on you again? To date we have received \$38,218.00. Thank You! God bless you for all you do to make St. John the Baptist a great parish family!



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.

WORDS TO REFLECT ON

Stewardship: My Church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.



READINGS

July 11th, 2021

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores when the Lord took him from following the flock and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose us in Christ to be blameless and full of love. In him we were chosen to "exist for the praise of his glory."

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach the good news. They took nothing with them. In Christ's power they expelled demons and healed the sick.

July 18th, 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord was angry and promised to punish the shepherds who misled and scattered the flock. The Lord God would gather the flock and appoint new shepherds to care for it.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ, we are reconciled and united with each other and with God. Christ Jesus came to announce the good news. Through him we come in one Spirit to the Father.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The disciples returned from work and went with Jesus to a quiet place to rest. Crowds followed. Jesus took pity on them, "for they were like sheep without a shepherd."

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

From Amos to the twelve Apostles, God calls people of faith to serve others. Amos, a shepherd and horticulturist, was called to prophesy to Israel instead. St. Paul was called to bring Christ's message to Gentiles all around the world. The twelve apostles were sent by Jesus in pairs to heal the sick and drive out demons. In Baptism we have been empowered by Christ to carry on his mission as well. As you read this, consider how you are called by God to give witness to the gospel. May our gathering for the Eucharist inspire all of us to renew our commitment to be proclaimers of Christ's life and love.

(Since this bulletin is for two weeks, let me share these thoughts for the 16th Sunday readings.) People from towns all over Galilee hurried to see and hear Jesus. His heart was moved, for they appeared to be "sheep without a shepherd." Jesus is that shepherd. Jesus is our shepherd. He has drawn us here from different families, and even from different towns. We come to celebrate the Eucharist, this wonderful sacrament that Jesus established to be celebrated in his name until the end of time, this sacrament in which we receive our Lord, our redeemer, and our shepherd.

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

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know of someone who has expressed interest in joining the Catholic Church? As a Partnership we will again be offering weekly sessions at St. Patrick's Brick School beginning in September. If you are interested give Fr. Dennis a call at 282-3222 or Fr. Sebastian at 284-3314. It is not too early to let us know, please spread the word!



REPLACEMENT COLLECTION COUNTER

We need one individual to volunteer as a Collection Counter for the weekend collection. You will be paired with a minimum of 2 other individuals and you will count the collection once a month at most (we are currently on a 5-week rotation.) If interested, please call the rectory or email Rhonda at rhondaj@htc.net.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Mon.: Partnership High School Youth Gathering
 Tues.: No Parish Council Meeting
 Wed. 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Care Center
 Fri.: Adoration after the 8 a.m. Mass til 9:30 a.m. Come and join us!!!

SUMMER BLESSING FOR FAMILIES

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summer.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has declared July 25th as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. I encourage you to go to our Diocesan Website www.diobelle.org to read his message entitled "I am with you always."

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

MASS FOR MAINTENANCE/ CUSTODIAL WORKERS

Bishop Michael McGovern is inviting paid and volunteer maintenance and custodial personnel to attend a special Mass in to mark the Year of St. Joseph. Two Masses will be celebrated-Sunday, August 8, 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church in Belleville and Sunday, August 29, 5 p.m. at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church in Mt. Vernon. A reception will follow each Mass. We honor the Patron Saint of Workers by recognizing the paid and volunteer men and women behind-the-scenes in our diocesan parishes, schools, offices and cemeteries. If you are able to attend please contact the parish office **as soon as possible** to make reservations for you and your family or contact directly the diocesan Office of Worship at (618) 722-5040 or email: dclark@diobelle.org.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$5,279.00
Loose.....	\$3,315.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$8,594.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$257.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$100.00
School Support.....	\$380.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$70.00
School Endowment.....	\$60.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 116; Sunday 120; Remember we can have full capacity. Encourage someone to come back to Church with You!!!

CHOIR NEWS

All choirs are able to begin singing at Masses: 1st Sunday of the month - K of C choir; 2nd Sunday - Adult Choir. Other choirs will begin in September. Thank you! Welcome



BE A BLESSING COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you are interested in helping out in the garden, please contact Robin Steinmann for St. Patrick's at 618-340-2912 and Tom Beshoar for St. John's at 618-977-6232. Scheduling: Week of July 11th: St. Pat's.....Week of July 18th: St. John's

TEC ABLAZE

Teens Encounter Christ is back with a whole new retreat, TEC Ablaze! Abalze is a one day retreat open to families and individuals of all ages! Join us for a fun day of food, games, prayer, friendship and memories. Set your heart Ablaze! Weather permitting, most activities will be held outdoors. July 31st, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights. Info: Belleville.TEC@gmail.com

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(On Mercy – from "The Joy of Love"- Amoris Laetitia) "The Church's way...has always been the way of Jesus, the way of mercy and reinstatement...The way of the Church is not to condemn anyone forever; it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy on all those who ask for it with a sincere heart...For true charity is always unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous." Consequently, there is a need "to avoid judgment which do not take into account the complexity of various situations" and "to be attentive, by necessity, to how people experience distress because of their condition." (AL 296). I understand those who prefer a more rigorous pastoral care which leave no room for confusion. But I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness....The Church's pastors, in proposing to the faithful the full ideal of the Gospel and Church's teaching, must also help them to treat the weak with compassion, avoiding aggravation and unduly harsh or hasty judgments (AL 308).

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 held on Thursday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Please let the rectory know if you plan to attend.

AUCTION & CHICKEN DINNER

Auction & Chicken Dinner, Aug. 1st, St. Patrick, Tipton. Mass: 10 a.m.; Dinner: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Auction: 12 noon; Silent Auction; Country Store; Quilt Raffle. Rummage Sale: July 23/24, 7 a.m.-12 noon, Church Hall. Items half price on Auction day.