

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 23rd, Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 24th, Weekday

No Mass

Wednesday, 25th, Saint James, Apostle

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Stanford Kipping Jr.,
by family and friends

**Thursday, 26th, Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

No Mass

Friday, 27th, Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, 28th, Weekday

4 p.m.: Shirley "Norma" McCarthy, by Imogene Toal;
For the Parish

**Sunday, 29th, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

10 a.m.: Don Thompson, by SJB Choir

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 28th, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Martin, M. Martin,
D. Emge, D. DuFrenne, M. Berg

Gift Bearers: M. Wallach, J. Howe

Lectors: R. Heizer

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Ushers: M. Poletti, J. Keith

Sunday, July 29th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Letcher, K. Barbeau,
P. Harbaugh, L. Krebel, J. Rahn

Gift Bearers: TBA by KC

Lectors: TBA by KC

Servers: TBA by KC

Ushers: TBA by KC

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Real generosity is doing something nice
for someone who will never find it out.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Tom, the oldest parishioner of the parish, was attending a wake at the local funeral home. As Joe walked in to the funeral chapel he greeted Tom and said, "It's so good to see you Tom. How have you been?" Tom replied, "Being seen, is better than being viewed."

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Donald Buch, Betty Mudd, Nursing Home Residents,
Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

Were you a true disciple of the Lord this past week? All of us I'm sure tried to draw closer to the Lord and his love in many ways. Our readings today reveal and confirm God's desire to shepherd us, to care for, protect, and comfort us. Psalm 23 described what the Lord does for us. The Lord refreshes our souls, guides us on the right way, furnishes comfort and safety in difficult times, gives us sustenance to overflowing, and promises a dwelling place forever. Truly the Lord provides all that we need.

Last week in the bulletin I asked to you consider what STEPS the Lord is calling you to take to continue to grow in your relationship with him. They are called STEPS because they are meant to be taken one at a time as God calls us to take them.

S stands for serve. To grow as a disciple of Jesus it is vitally important that you learn to serve, generously and freely. In your heart you want to be someone who makes a difference in the lives of others.

T is about tithing and giving. Nothing grows your faith and trust in God as much as giving. Jesus said that our money and possessions represent the greatest competitor God has for our hearts. God is generous, God is a giver, and we can use what we have to become more like him.

E is engage. We all need friends in faith who strengthen and support us in our relationship with Jesus. We need people around us who can encourage us.

P is the practice of prayer and the sacraments. To grow as a follower we need to talk to him. We need to learn to hear his voice, to recognize it. This happens in daily quiet time, along with our weekly worship at Church in which we celebrate the Eucharist. This time is going to be richer and rewarding if it is matched with daily quiet time.

S is sharing our faith. We have the most incredible message there is. God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. In fact, our faith actually grows as we share this message with others.

We all are working on our relationship with the Lord. Don't become discouraged along the way, for "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

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

~ Fr. Dennis

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SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for St. John's Pre-School through 8th grade will take place on Monday, August 6th from noon to 7 p.m. in the school gym.

READINGS

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."

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(God's Mercy Never Runs Dry) From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.

KC FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Fellowship Dinner is July 29th at 11:30, after the 10 a.m. Mass. We will be honoring Charter Members, Years of Service, and the Knight of the Year. Cost is \$10 per person, with a \$40 family max. Please RSVP today to Scott Chambers at 282-2873 so we can get enough food ordered. Please plan to attend to help us celebrate 20 years of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

Have you been able to make your pledge or give a donation for our Roof Project? Stop in the front entrance of Church and look at the materials on display showing the type of roof we will be putting on the Church and Rectory. **Can we count on you for your support to make this project happen? To date we have received \$38,305.00 in donations. Our goal as was indicated in the letter sent to you is \$107,000.00.** Place your envelope in the collection or mail it to the Parish Office. Thanking you in advance for your caring support. Together the job is much easier!

SCHOOL NEWS

We are taking applications for a PE teacher, four year old aide position, and latchkey (2 days a week). Each of these positions must meet child protection requirements and each position has necessary educational qualifications. For more information please email Ms. Hill at sjbhill@hotmail.com.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun.: Fr. Dennis leaves at 1 p.m. for Alumni Reunion at St. Meinrad
- Tues.: No Mass
- Wed.: Fr. Larry has 11 a.m. Mass at the Nursing Home
- Thurs. & Fri.: No Mass in Church
- Sat.: Fr. Clyde is having the 4 p.m. here at St. John's; Fr. Dennis has the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's for the Picnic
- Sun.: Knights of Columbus Fellowship Dinner, 11:30 a.m., Social Center

FEAST DAY MASS AT THE PARK

Mark your calendar to join us for our annual celebration of the Feast of John the Baptist with our Bluegrass Mass on Saturday, August 25th at 4 p.m. at Ratz Park. After the Mass we will have our potluck meal. Please return the bottom part of the insert in today's bulletin letting us know you will be coming. The flyer also tells what you are to bring. The meat dish and the drinks will be provided by the parish.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$3,503.00
Loose.....	\$502.05
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$4,005.05
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$25.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$245.00

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

Registration is now taking place for PSR Religion Classes for the 2018-19 school year. Please stop by the Church entrances and pick up the registration information. Return your completed form with payment to the Church office.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!

Has someone in your family or a friend said to you they were interested in learning about or joining the Catholic Church? Even though the summer has just begun, it's not too early to let us know that someone has expressed interest.

We will begin our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions in September. Please spread the word throughout our parish partnership! Give Fr. Dennis a call at St. John's: 282-3222. Thank you!

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PARTNERSHIP MASS SCHEDULE: AUG.

- Saturdays: 4 p.m. St. John's; 6 p.m. St. Patrick's
- Sundays: 8 a.m. St. Joseph's; 10 a.m. St. John's; 11 a.m. Ruma Convent

We will review the alternating monthly schedule later in the year.

VOCATION CORNER

“When I was in grade school, I used to help a priest prepare to celebrate Mass at a local hospital. I never could have imagined that my entry to the seminary would lead me from a remote town in the Philippines to Milwaukee. I came to learn the truth in the expression, “God does not call the qualified, but qualifies those whom he calls.” I now dedicate my life to God by professing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and embracing the special charism of my religious Order by serving the sick even with danger to my own life.” *Father Jojo Orosa, Order of St. Camillus, Milwaukee, WI, Columbia, “Keep the Faith Alive”, June 2016, pg. 34.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 30th, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria: a meeting to discuss plans and preparation for our parish Fall fundraiser.

Monday, August 13th, 6:30 p.m., Gym: a meeting to discuss plans for our 2019 parish picnic.

EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to attend! We look forward to new ideas and suggestions!

MEMORIAL

We extend our thanks and appreciation for a \$200 donation to our Roof Replacement fund from the Jack Poirrier Memorial.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rummage Sale, July 27 & 28, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rectory basement, St. Patrick, Tipton. Items half price on Auction Day (see below).

Annual Chicken Plate Dinner & Auction, Aug. 5th. Mass: 10 a.m.; dinner: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Auction: 12 noon. Silent Auction, Country Store, Quilt Raffle.

“Mary’s Journey of Faith - Where Am I on the Journey?” 75th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows, Sat., July 28th through Sun., Aug. 5th. Mass begins 7:30 p.m.. Info: 618-394-6276; snows.org/novena.

“Growing Old Gracefully: Learning to Understand”, presenter - Dr. Gary Behrman, PhD. Ruma Center Auditorium, Sat., July 28th, 1-3 p.m. No fee for the Conference but registration is required by calling Sr. Barb Biver (282-3848) by Thurs., July 19th.

Senior Health Fair (State Senator Paul Schimpf), Aug. 1st, 9-11 a.m., Red Bud High School Gym. Free admission, refreshments, and screenings. Variety of vendors on hand to discuss programs that benefit seniors.

Parish Picnic, Aug. 4th, St. James, Millstadt. Chicken Dinner: 3 p.m. on; Cash bingo: 5:30-6 p.m.; Quilt/Cash bingo: 6 p.m. (inclement weather, 6:30 start); Polka Mass: 4 p.m. Music, raffles, Country Store, booths, attendance prizes, kids’ corner, inflatables, games for all ages, food stand.