

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., July 27th, 8 a.m.: Rita Deterding, by the DiCarlo family  
Wed., July 28th, 10:30 a.m., Care Center: Catherine Fahey  
Thurs., July 29th, 8 a.m.: Alex Mitan, by Beulah Robert  
Fri., July 30th, 8 a.m.: Arthur, Clara, & LeRoy Wiegard, by family  
Sat., July 31st, 4 p.m.: For the Parish  
Sun., Aug. 1st, 10 a.m.: Pat Sutterer, by Betty Otten

## 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

Jesus' actions spoke louder than words. Ours should, too.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe and Larry were talking one day about their grandchildren. Joe said, "My grandson asked me the other day how old I was. I teasingly replied, 'I'm not sure'." "Look in your underwear grandpa," he said. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly; Installation of the new officers of the Knights of Columbus after 10 a.m. Mass  
Mon.: Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne – Grandparents of Jesus  
Wed.: Parish Finance Meeting at 1 p.m., Rectory Dining Room  
Fri.: Adoration after the 8 a.m. Mass till 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to come.  
Sun.: Afternoon – Fr. Dennis leaves for Alumni Reunion at St. Meinrad till Wed.

## POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Let Us Salute Grandparents) How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have inter-generational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. "Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives." This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened! Grandparents: let us salute grandparents. Young people salute their grandparents with great affection, and they thank them for the ongoing witness of their wisdom.

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday 101; Sunday 101; Remember we can have full capacity.  
Encourage someone to come back to Church with You!!!

## 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.

## 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 26th: St. Pat's.....Week of August 2nd: St. John's

## READINGS

### 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty of food left over.

### 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and gentleness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit."

### Gospel: John 6:1-15

Many people pressed around Jesus. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

On this Seventeenth Sunday we hear two accounts of times when a seemingly inadequate number of loaves of bread, first from Elisha offering barley loaves and sharing it with many people and Jesus taking the five barley loaves and two fish to share them with over five thousand. We hope to exemplify the same when we join together as Church. Separately, we may feel inadequate to carry on the mission of Jesus. But together we form the body of Christ, capable of building the kingdom of God here on earth. Joining together today to be nourished in the Eucharist, let us dream of how together we can change the world.

On this weekend designated by Pope Francis as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we thank God for the wisdom and insight of our grandparents and the elderly in our community. May you know how valuable you are to us! Continue to challenge us to grow in the knowledge and love of God.

When grandparents need help in their labors of love, let them turn to Sts. Anne and Joachim, models for all those who love children. Let grandparents know that they are not alone, O God, Father and Mother and Creator of us all. Amen.

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



## APPOINTMENT BY BISHOP MCGOVERN

The Bishop has appointed Fr. Dennis as Temporary Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Sparta (for one year). This appointment is in addition to his current appointment as Pastor of St. John's in Red Bud. Pray for more Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

## WINE-O-BINGO

Head to DeVinos Winery on Wed., August 4th for Wine-O-Bingo benefiting SJB Hornets! Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Artistry on Cakes; Color Street; JBloom; The Winetique; Monroe Stil. To purchase tickets or for more info: <https://devinoswinery.com/events/>

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE BOOK OF RUTH

Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center, Sun., August 8th, 2-4 p.m. Presenters: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, Ph.D. Time and again in the Hebrew Scriptures the passing of God's covenant promises from one generation to the next appears to be in jeopardy, or to be carried on outside the accepted norms of the Chosen People. A similar crisis is the setting for the Book of Ruth. Cost: \$20. More info: 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/reflections-on-the-book-of-ruth/>

**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 \$39,313.00. 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.

**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!

**78<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NOVENA**

78th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows: Wed., July 28-Thurs., Aug. 5th. Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. "With Mary Giving Thanks to God" - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618-394-6276. [snows.org/novena](http://snows.org/novena)

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH**

July 11, 2021

Sunday.....	\$3,237.00
Loose.....	\$294.00
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$3,531.00</b>
Capital Campaign.....	\$90.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$60.00
School Endowment.....	\$15.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$70.00
School Support.....	\$170.00
Candles.....	\$20.00

July 18, 2021

Sunday.....	\$2,816.00
Loose.....	\$930.00
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$3,746.00</b>
Capital Campaign.....	\$90.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$100.00
School Support.....	\$70.00
Retired Priests.....	\$25.00

**TEC ABLAZE**

*You're Invited!* Teens Encounter Christ is back with a whole new retreat, TEC Ablaze! Ablaze 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](mailto:Belleville.TEC@gmail.com)

**NFP AWARENESS WEEK**

To Have To Hold To Honor is the theme of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – July 25-31st. These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of Mary. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week. For further info, contact [nfp@usccb.org](mailto:nfp@usccb.org) or go to the diocesan website at [diobelle.org](http://diobelle.org).

**PARISH PICNIC**

St. Joseph's, Rocher, Parish Picnic will be on Sat., August 7th! Bishop McGovern saying Mass at 4 p.m.; picnic grounds open at 4 p.m.; cash/quilt bingo 5-11 p.m.; chicken dinner from 3-7:30 p.m. (dine-in or carry-out); country store; raffles; laser tag; rides; snow cone stand and more!

**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](mailto:rhondaj@htc.net).

**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.

**➔ FINAL SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Final school registration will be Thurs., August 5 from 2-7 p.m. in the gym. If you are not able to come at that time stop in the office the following week. First day of school is Aug. 17th.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The KC will be meeting today, Sun., July 25 after Mass to present Years of Service Awards, Knight of the Year, and installation of officers.

**GIBAULT NEWS**

**Bus drivers needed.** Must have School Bus Permit; will be part of a pool of candidates who will drive the school's AM/PM routes, field trips, and sports-related trips. Email Jim Montgomery, Vice-Principal, at [jamontg@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:jamontg@gibaulthawks.com) for additional information.

**Enrolling for Fall 2021:** Incoming freshman and transfer students are being accepted. To learn more about Gibault, contact our Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com).

**CUP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

Catholic Urban Programs needs volunteers to serve as client-choice food pantry workers and front desk receptionists. To learn more: Jenn Lyke (618-398-5616, ext. 203; [jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org](mailto:jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org)). Info also available at [catholicurbanprograms.org/how-to-help](http://catholicurbanprograms.org/how-to-help).

**SVDP NEEDS PAPER GOODS**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a tremendous need for paper products: Styrofoam plates and soup bowls; Styrofoam or paper cups (8-ounce); paper napkins. Donations can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office, 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois, Mon., Tues., Thurs. or Fri., 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Info: 618-394-0126. Donations are tax deductible and will be a blessing in serving those most in need.