

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Wednesday, July 8th:**

Francis Birk, by St. Anne's CCW;  
Joyce DuFrenne, by Jim & Diane Buch

**Saturday, July 11th:**

Denny Robert, by Beulah Robert; For the Parish

**Sunday, July 12th:**

Kelly Chambers, by Scott, Holden, Lydia &  
family; Melba Jean Happel, by Donna Moeller

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ...**

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

You are one of God's favorites.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Little Judy walked up to the pianist after the recital. "May I have your autograph?" she asked. "No dear," he said rather distantly. "My hands are extremely tired from playing." "My hands are tired too," she beamed, "from applauding!" She got her autograph.

**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 \$51,488.00. 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!!

**PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS**

The Parish Re-opening committee thanks all for their cooperation as we work to get back to Church for Mass. We are now able to have 100 people. Don't be hesitant to come. 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.

**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.

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**READINGS**

**1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9 - 10**

The prophet foretold the coming of the savior and king who would proclaim peace to all the nations of the earth.

**2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11 - 13**

Paul wrote that the Spirit of God lives in all who are Christ's. They should live not according to the flesh but in God's Spirit.

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25 - 30**

Jesus invited the people, saying "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS**

Jesus addresses us with comforting words today: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Let those words wash over us and all the responsibilities we have, all the stresses we're under, and all the failures that haunt us. "My yoke is easy," Jesus assures us, "my burden light." Yes, the demands of discipleship are great, but with God's grace they do not become burdensome. After all, Jesus, our role model is himself meek and humble of heart. As we gather together on this holiday weekend, let us rejoice in the freedom Jesus offers us from our heavy burdens. **Let this be our prayer: God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

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

**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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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!

**WORD AMONG US**

Have you missed your monthly copy for reflecting on God's Word? You can find the copies at the Locust Street Entrance of the Church. Pick one up as you leave on Saturday or Sunday.

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

Mon.: 9 a.m. Re-open Committee mtg. in Church  
 Tues.: 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation in Church  
 Wed.: 6:30 p.m. Mass  
 Thurs: 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal  
 Sat.: 1 p.m. Wedding of Monica Kunkel & Josh Snyder

**PRIEST JUBILARIANS FOR 2020**

Celebrating 10 years: Rev. Abraham O. Adejoh, Rev. Dale Maxfield, Rev. Joseph O. Oganda; 25 years: Rev. Christopher O. Anyanwu, Rev. Augustine Ibezimako, Rev. David M. Wilke; 40 years: Rev. Raul Salas OMI; 50 years: Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Rev. William Morrell; 60 years: Rev. Michael Hussey OMI; 65 years: Rev. Paul Wightman OMI. God's blessings for their faithful service to the Church.

**WEDDING BELLS**

Congratulations and best wishes to Josh Snyder and Monica Kunkel who will be married next Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> here at St. John's. God's Blessings on your married life!

**AS BISHOP BRAXTON RETIRES**

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!!!!

**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!

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(God is Patient with Us) God is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once, even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up, they do not burn bridges, they are able to forgive. Let us remember this in our lives as Christians: God always waits for us, even when we have left him behind! He is never far from us, and if we return to him, he is ready to embrace us.

**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 TWO people 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH**

Sunday.....	\$3,970.00
Loose.....	\$1,546.10
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$5,516.10</b>
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$20.00
School Support.....	\$10.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$20.00
School Endowment.....	\$10.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$380.00

God Bless you for your support in this difficult time!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

Fort Kaskaskia Assembly 1287 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate our 7 new members that joined in a virtual exemplification on June 27, 2020. Those joining from the St. John the Baptist Council in Red Bud are Steve Martin, Scott Parrott, Cris Fabie, and Scott Sauer. Joining from the New Athens Council are Ray Gregowicz and Bryan White. Msgr Dennis Schaefer was 1 of 2 priests also joining. Over 50 members advanced to the Fourth Degree during the exemplification. Faithful Navigator Tim Buehler was present to Knight the new members. Anyone interested in joining the K of C are invited to inquire with any current member, or visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and join online.

**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!

## **VOCATION CORNER**

This week we pray for our Deacons who are being ordained this coming Saturday, July 11th. We thank God for the calls to priesthood of Deacon Nicholas Fleming, Deacon Joel Seipp, and Deacon Carl Schrage. We pray the Lord be with them in their ministry and bless them for answering the call. Their photos are available on the home page of the Diocesan website - [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org).

## **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!

## **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!

## **REFLECTION**

Once again: "Come to Me". The gospel today is the same one heard on June 19th for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus never tires of inviting. We should never tire of hearing the invitation. ~ Asked again: How will I go to Christ? ~ What rest do I need? ~ Whom will I bring with me?

## **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](http://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](http://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.