

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 28th, Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday, 29th, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8 a.m.: Roy Candler, by family

Wednesday, 30th, Weekday

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Marge Guenther, by Cahokia KC Council #4596

Thursday, 31st, Weekday

8 a.m.: Larry Berg, by Barb Koester

Friday, 1st, Weekday

8 a.m.: Elaine Marquardt, by Welda & Carol DeRousse

Saturday, 2nd, Weekday

4 p.m.: Bill Heidel, by Iona & family

Sunday, 3rd, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m.: For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 2nd, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Meyer, B. Zipfel, A. Wiegard, G. Wiegard, J. Walker

Gift Bearers: B. Maes family

Lectors: J. Mergelkamp

Servers: B. & G. Maes

Ushers: M. & P. Martin

Sunday, September 3rd, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Rahn, L. Krebel, J. Barbeau, M. Poirrier, J. Cowell

Gift Bearers: R. Chausse family

Lectors: L. Billingsley

Servers: A. Ohlau, T. Carter

Ushers: E. & A. Stadter

Thought for the Week

It's impossible to get lost while holding our Father's hand.

What are you holding on to?

On the Lighter Side

Little Josie had finished her first week of school. As her mom asked her how she liked school she said, "I'm just wasting time." "Why do you say that?" "Well," Josie said, "I can't read so good, I can only write my name, and most of all they won't let me talk!"

Liturgical Roles

The next round of schedules will cover Tues., Sept. 26th through Sun., Jan. 28th. Please notify Rhonda with any conflicts no later than Sept. 8th.

Please Pray For ...

Judy Weber, Nursing Home Residents,
Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Vocation Corner

Jesus asks His apostles today about what his vocation is, and they point to Him as Lord. His vocation isn't an occupation. It isn't what keeps him busy or what He does day-to-day but it's about who He is. In the same way we are called, not simply to have careers or to occupy our days, but to be saints in our vocations for others.

Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

The Lord's servant will receive the key of the House of David. What the servant does, God confirms.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33 - 36

The riches, wisdom, and knowledge of God are too deep for humans to fathom. God's judgments are inscrutable and unsearchable. All things come from God, through God, and for God.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13 - 20

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Then he gave to Peter the keys to heaven's reign. Finally, Jesus ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

We are called Christian because we choose to follow Jesus Christ. It might be good to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as he asks the question in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's reply brings a surprising response from Jesus. Because of his faith, Peter is given great responsibility. As we listen to the readings, perhaps we will hear God challenging us too with unexpected responsibility. What is God inviting you to do today?

Tuesday (29th) is the actual feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist. Even though we are gathering for a Mass on Saturday the 26th, let us give thanks to God for the witness and example of St. John, and like he, may we always lead others to Christ by our words and example. St. John the Baptist, pray for us!!

This first Friday, Sept. 1st, from 1-4 p.m. there will be **Eucharistic Adoration** at St. John's Church. Make the time to come by and pray for as long as you wish before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We need to pray for our troubled and hurting world. We need to pray for peace. Stop in for a little while. You will be glad that you did! ~ Fr. Dennis

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Wilson baby baptism, after 10 a.m. Mass

Tues.: Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Church

Wed.: 11 a.m. Mass, Nursing Home; RCIA Team mtg., 6:30 p.m., Ruma Convent

Thurs.: 10:40 a.m. Dermatologist appointment

Fri.: Eucharistic Adoration, 1-4 p.m., Church - everyone welcome to pray

Sun.: Fr. Dennis' 50th High School Anniversary at Shrine, 4 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday evening Bible Study, Sept. 6th, 6:45 p.m. in the church basement. Everyone is welcome!

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(We Can't Believe on Our Own) It is impossible to believe on our own. Faith is not simply an individual decision which takes place in the depths of the believer's heart, nor a completely private relationship between the "I" of the believer and the divine "Thou", between an autonomous subject and God. By its very nature, faith is open to the "We" of the Church; it always takes place within her communion.

Church A/C & Heating Fund Drive

Our drive continues. To date we have collected \$61,999.20. As we mentioned we encountered between \$8,000-\$10,000 in unexpected expenses. Thank you for helping us as we work to continue this project.

RCIA Sessions Beginning Soon

Last call for anyone wanting to join our RCIA Sessions which will begin on Monday, Sept. 18th. On Monday, August 28th, materials will be ordered.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$3,718.00
Loose.....	\$1,005.50
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$4,723.50
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$40.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$25.00
Assumption.....	\$485.00

Can We Get 1? Or 10? Or 20?

We could use more volunteers to help with our Liturgical roles. Please take some time to think of someone who you could ask to volunteer as a Server, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, and Gift Bearer. It can be your spouse, a friend, neighbor, son, daughter, grandparent, etc.! **Servers can be anyone, beginning in the 5th grade!** If your child already serves, have them ask their friends to participate/talk to the other parents - over the years, we've had to cut back from 3 servers per Mass to 2. **Lectors normally begin in high school** - maybe some of our "retiring" servers in the 8th grade would lector? Again, we've had to go from 2 lectors per Mass to 1. **Eucharistic Ministers must be 18 years old;** we really need more volunteers - we have resorted to listing "Volunteers Needed" on the schedules. **Ushers and Gift Bearers - any age, individual or family (individuals will be paired together).** Ushers were also cut - we schedule 2 instead of 3. PLEASE help us find some more volunteers...think of someone who doesn't already volunteer for one of these roles and ask them to consider. Tell them what your role is, answer their questions, and have them call Rhonda at the rectory office for more information (282-3222 ext. 2). **The more volunteers we have, the LESS number of times everyone will be scheduled!** Thank you!

St. Anne's CCW

St. Anne's CCW will meet Tuesday, Sept. 5th in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. Please join us for fellowship. Invite a fellow parishioner to join you.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat - Sept. 2-4 at St. Mary's in Mt. Vernon. TEC is a three-day experience in Christian living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Parents, those who work or volunteer with youth, and interested adults are also encouraged to participate in this renewal weekend; however, adults must be child protected through the Diocese before participating. TEC takes place from 10 a.m. Saturday to Monday at 5 p.m. Applications can be found at the entrances or online at www.bellevilletec.org. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Lea Ann Becker at 618-830-2414.

PSR Classes Will Begin Soon!!

PSR is now registering students for the coming year. Registration can be found on the bulletin tables. The Opening Session for the year will be on Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 6:45 p.m. **There will be a Mass for ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS.** Following the Mass there will be a welcoming of new students, introduction of teachers, and a short meeting going through the handbook, with expectations for the year. Everyone is asked to stop in the front entrance to check in. Thank you!

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal

Have you returned your pledge card with your pledge or donation? To date we have received \$18,150.00 from 109 participants. We are \$1,250 short of our goal. Will you help us? If you misplaced your pledge envelope, you can find one on the bulletin table. Help us reach out to the needy in Southern Illinois.

Post Picnic Meeting

Our post picnic meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please plan to attend!

Youth Group News

Youth Group meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27th at 7 p.m. in the SJB cafeteria. All high school age are welcome to join us. Feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please contact Lea Ann Becker at 618-830-2414.

Dinner & a Movie: "God's Not Dead"

You're invited to enjoy dinner and a movie on Sept. 16th at the SJB Social Center hosted by St. John the Baptist KC Council. We are serving a delicious spaghetti dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a special viewing of the movie "God's Not Dead" at 7 p.m. Donations accepted for dinner; concession stand available during the movie. Proceeds benefit SJB AC Fund. Be sure to join us for a great family night for proof that God's Not Dead!

Online Giving

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. This service gives you the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. It is safe and secure. Sign up for Online Giving by going to our parish website: sjbcatholicredbud.com.

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KC News

We are in need of help for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Sept. 16th. We are also needing help at our Dinner and a Movie on Sept. 16th. This is a new idea for us, so we are in need of plenty of help and plenty of families to join us for a great meal and a powerfully good movie.

Prayer Group

Have you ever wanted to thank the Lord for all His gifts, graces and love He has given you? Need to pray for a special request? Come pray the rosary and the prayers on the 7th of each month in the Church at 1 p.m. Bring a friend September 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

Respect Life Corner

Our Prayers and Actions Matter: The brutal statistic of around 57million children being denied the right to life in the over 40 years since abortion was legalized in the U.S. is not only overwhelming, but there is the temptation to despair and wonder whether the struggle is winnable.

Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: The answer is a resounding "yes" providing we are prepared to make some sacrifice, commit ourselves and persevere. Young adults and high school students are increasingly more pro-life than ever before. Pray for all who do not embrace the rights of the unborn that they come to know and treasure the value of every person.

Upcoming Quest

Upcoming Quest - Dec. 3-4 in Mascoutah. Applications can be found at the entrances. More info soon.

Reflection

There is Gospel discussion today on who the Messiah is. Peter finally says: Jesus, it is you; "you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus responds: You are right. Now, don't tell! Really? Keep it quiet? It was true then because Jesus was still on route to his destiny in Jerusalem. But today we are post-death-and-resurrection people. We not only know who Jesus is. We can now tell others about him. ~ Who do I say Jesus is? ~ How is Jesus important for my life? ~ Who will I tell? How will I do it?

Upcoming Events

Fish Buffet, Evansville KC Hall, Sept. 1st, 4:30-8 p.m. Enjoy 4 kinds of fish, chicken strips, and 7 sides. Adults: \$12; kids 5-12: \$5. Buffet is dine-in only; carry-outs available by the plate, sandwich or pound.

Gibault celebrates their seniors and freshmen at a special Mass, Sept. 1st, 9:15 a.m. Seniors receive blessed class rings; freshmen are officially welcomed into the Gibault family. Refreshments and tours after. Info: Pat at pherzing@gibalthawks.com.

Quilt Bingo at the St. Libory Schlambachfest, Sept. 3rd, 6:30 p.m., Wennemann Park.

Parish Picnic, Sept. 8 & 9, St. Joseph's, Freeburg. Friday: fish, 4-7 p.m.; Saturday: Mass, 4 p.m.; chicken dinner, 4-7 p.m.; music, quilt & cash bingo, 6 p.m.; raffles, basket stand, country store.

Quilt & Cash Social, Sept. 10th, St. James, Millstadt. Doors open: 10:30 a.m.; bingo: 1 p.m.; basket boutique, bake sale, fried chicken dinners. Donate 1 canned good & receive 1 free card per tally; bring your own covers.

Help discover the keys to your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Sept. 22-24. To register/for more info: 314-649-7317. www.stl-wwme.org.

Sexual Abuse Hotline

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.