

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord
No Mass
Tuesday, 7th, Weekday
No Mass
Wednesday, 8th, St. Dominic, Priest
No Mass
Thursday, 9th, Weekday
No Mass
Friday, 10th, Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
No Mass
Saturday, 11th, Saint Clare, Virgin
4 p.m.: Dick Wiegard, by Lou Cowell
Sunday, 12th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m.: Rita Poston, by friends; For the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 11th, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Meyer, J. Keith,
H. Siegfried, P. Ramsey, A. Wiegard
Gift Bearers: B. Maes family
Lectors: D. Trost
Servers: G. Maes
Ushers: B. Koester, D. DeMond

Sunday, August 12th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Poirrier, R. Juelfs,
M. Scheffert, D. Hahn, G. Ratz
Gift Bearers: C. Cowell family
Lectors: J. Hooten
Servers: T. & A. Fabie
Ushers: E. & A. Stadter

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Charlie was an avid hockey fan. Every chance he could get he would attend the home games of the local professional team. Over time, he became close friends with the team's goalie. One day the goalie invited Charlie to dinner. Charlie was overwhelmed with the invitation. "Can I bring my father?" he asked. "He's you're number one fan." "Of course," the goalie answered. When the evening came, they had a wonderful time - the father, the son, and the goalie host.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$4,395.22
Loose.....	\$508.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$4,903.22
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$70.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$190.00
School Support.....	\$80.00
Retired Diocesan Priests.....	\$25.00
Assumption.....	\$5.00

READINGS

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In the desert the Israelites grumbled against Moses because they were hungry. The Lord sent down quail and bread for them to eat. By this, Israel came to know the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul told the Ephesians they could not continue to live as pagans and "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

Gospel: John 6:24 - 35

The crowd followed Jesus to Capernaum because he had given them bread to eat. Jesus told them instead to seek the food of eternal life. He said that he is "the bread of life".

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

"The Lord gave them bread from heaven." This response summarizes the two examples we hear of in the readings of God's generosity. In Exodus, the Lord provided manna to the Chosen People when they were famished in the desert. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that God gives them the true bread from heaven: Jesus, the Bread of Life. As St. Paul writes to the Ephesians, nourished by Jesus, we can now "put on the new self".

Remember, prayer is an important STEP in our call to be disciples. The point of prayer is not about getting what we want, or manipulating God to give us what we want. The point of prayer is drawing closer to God so we can hear his voice and follow him. Go to God with a humble heart. Pray in a manner in which you confess that God is God and you're not...and he will exalt you. It is a lifestyle choice to keep meeting God in prayer. As St. Paul said, nourished by Jesus through our prayer and faithfulness, we can put on the new self. Isn't that wonderful? Great things happen when God mixes with us!

I will be gone for some vacation days this week before the rush of school and everything else begins. Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Kyle Doiron and Maranda Ford who were married on Saturday (today) here at St. John's. God's special blessings as you begin your married life.

A CHANGE IN YOUR ENVELOPE PACKET

Starting with your August/September collection envelopes you will find an envelope for School Support in your packet. This replaces the monthly School Endowment envelope that will now be in your packet quarterly. Thank you for your faithful support!

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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 August 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

WE NEED TO KNOW NOW!

August has begun and we need to know if there are any individuals interested in learning about or wanting to join the church. Please let us know by Monday, August 20th so we can order the materials needed, and the RCIA TEAM can meet to plan the session that will begin on Sept. 17th. Please call Fr. Dennis and leave him a message. Thank you!

ROOF REPLACEMENT

Have you been able to make your pledge or give a donation for our Roof Project? **we count on you for your support to make this project happen? To date we have received \$40,425.00 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!

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of my picnic kitchen workers and buffet runners this year. I appreciate all you do!
~ Debbie Hahn

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Pre-School-8th grade registration: Monday, August 6th from noon to 7 p.m. in the school gym.

UPCOMING MEETING

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!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Mon.-Fri.: No Mass this week; Fr. Dennis is gone on vacation

Mon.: Registration for pre-school through 8th grade from noon to 7 p.m. in the gym; sports meeting for all parents with athletes in sports this year, 7 p.m., gym

Wed.: No Mass at the Nursing Home

PARENT SPORTS MEETING

There is a meeting on August 6th at 7 p.m. in the school gym for all parents with athletes playing sports this year.

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 flyer at the entrances 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.

**NOVENA FOR THE
LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE**

The U.S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, Aug. 3 - Sept. 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at www.usccb.org/pray.

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS
TO OUR HEARTS**

(Tenderness and Mercy) Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy" (Evangelii Gaudium, 24).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CUP

Due to an ever-increasing number of clients to be served, Catholic Urban Programs is seeking volunteers to work as a receptionist at the front desk in their East St. Louis Office. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed for half-days (approximately four hours) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday. Duties would include: answering phones; greeting people; assisting people with applications and directing people to proper staff. Must enjoy working with the public and have good people skills; basic computer skills are helpful. Gerry: 618-398-5616 ext. 203.

VOCATION CORNER

"As a second grader, I began to consider a call to the priesthood by "marrying" my friends on the playground and hearing "confessions" in the bushes. But in high school my faith began to wane. While in college, I became so tired of being a lukewarm Catholic that I needed something to change....The Lord led me to a classmate who was on fire with her faith and I asked about spiritual practices. She recommended...four things: daily Mass, frequent confession, adoration and serving the poor. I came up with a timeframe for God to change my heart: three months. He did it in one." *Fr. Scott Grafton, Diocese of Burlington Columbia Magazine May 2018*

ROTARY CLUB OF RED BUD YOUTH FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Would you be interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for 3 or 4 months during the 2018-2019 school year? The Red Bud Rotary Club is seeking 2 families who reside in the Red Bud school district to host a high school student for the upcoming school year. We are in need of host families for January through mid-April and mid-April through mid-July. Please contact Dian Kiel at 618-604-2284 or dian1212@live.com for more information.

"IT'S FALL YA'LL!"

Our June Picnic generated about \$20,000 LESS this year than in previous years. To meet budget needs it's necessary to hold an event to make up this loss. Plans are underway for a fundraising event coming up on Sunday, September 30th. Ideas planned, but not confirmed: Quilt/Cash Bingo; Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner; Bags Tournament; Basket Raffle. Here are ways you can help:

1. Sponsor a Bingo Game for \$40
2. Sponsor a Quilt for the Bingo for \$150
3. Donate a Handmade Quilt for the Bingo
4. Donate \$20 for us to fill baskets for the Basket Raffle
5. Donate pies and cakes for dessert for our dinner
6. Volunteer to work in the kitchen, dining room, or at bingo or bags tournament

Sponsors, quilts, basket money must be turned in to the rectory no later than Monday, August 27th.

We appreciate all you do
and couldn't do it without you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alzheimer's Support Group, Aug. 9th, 6:30 p.m., Red Bud Regional Hospital auditorium. Free event; everyone welcome; light refreshments served. Info: Julie, 282-5456.

Kirchenfest, Aug. 18th, St. Augustine, Hecker. Mass: 4 p.m.; fried chicken & pork sausage dinner: 3 p.m.; quilt bingo: 6:30 p.m.; music, silent auction, many stands. Tiki Trot (email tikitrot@yahoo.com).