

MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs., Sept. 24th, 6:30 p.m.: Barb Kane; Paul Meyer, by Glenda Meyer
Fri., Sept. 25th, 8 a.m.: Leroy Wiegard, by Tom & Joyce Laird; Margaret Carr
Sat., Sept. 26th, 4 p.m.: Glenn Horrell, by Kevin Horrell; For the Parish
Sun., Sept. 27th, 10 a.m.: Jane Haas, by Henry & Donna & Bob Haas; Thomas Cowell, by Dave & Bridgie Young

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is nothing we can do to make God love us more (or less) than He already does!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe asked his wife if she knew who was the greatest female financier in the Bible. "I have no idea," she said. "It was Pharaoh's daughter," Joe answered. "She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet!"

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Vic Mohr Jr., Eleanor Krebel, Bill & Kathy Chartrand, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD?

Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr. Nick Junker, Diocesan Vocation Director, are inviting young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood to participate in a St. Andrew Dinner. Young men, ages 14 thru 25, are invited to attend; parents are also welcome. The first St. Andrew Dinner will be Sunday, September 27th, at Gibault Catholic High School beginning at 4:00 PM. The afternoon includes supper and input from a recently ordained priest, Fr. Nick Fleming, followed by Q&A about the life of a Catholic Priest. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Nick Junker at (618) 722-5035 or e-mail njunker@diobelle.org Additional St. Andrew dinners will be offered in October and November. Please pray for vocations.

BREAKING BREAD BOOKS

We are blest to have the screens in church for our Mass songs and readings. Would you want to use one of the Breaking Bread books during Mass? If so, you can pick one up in the entrance as you come into Church, BUT YOU MUST TAKE IT HOME AND BRING IT BACK TO USE THE NEXT WEEK, you cannot put it back in the container in the entrance way. For those seniors among us, this might remind you of when you would bring along your Sunday Missal to church each week. Most of you are too young to remember that!

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READINGS

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6 - 9

Isaiah prophesied, "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near....For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c - 24, 27a

Paul wrote, "Life is Christ, and death is gain....I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

Gospel: Matthew 20:1 - 16a

Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Jesus added, "The last will be first, and the first will be last."

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

On this Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. We come together as both a parish and church community to acknowledge the dedications of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. This year's theme stems from St. Paul's words in his first letter to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. Today we also hear the parable of the landowner who hires workers for his vineyard throughout the day, some at sunrise, some just before evening. We are those workers. We are called to follow Christ into the fields and make disciples of all nations. We may have been called at an early age, in middle age, or when we are old. But as Christians we are all called to this mission. To use the words of Paul and Isaiah, may we magnify Christ in our bodies as we call upon the Lord in our midst.

I want to personally say thank you to our teachers and catechists in our school and PSR program, and for our high school youth moderators for their service and dedication in being witnesses of the Lord's love to our young people. God bless you!

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

IN SYMPATHY

Our parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of C.J. "Mac" McCarty who died on Sept. 9th. May he share in the joy of the Risen Lord.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thanks to all who came and worked on our assigned weeks in the garden at the Ruma Convent. That produce that was raised was indeed welcome by the folks at the Catholic Urban Program. What a wonderful Partnership effort! God bless you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Pro-life Rosary on Sept. 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the monument on the south side of Church.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Preach With Your Life) Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that St. Francis of Assisi gave to his brothers: preach the gospel and if necessary, use words. Preach with your life, with your witness.

RECONCILIATION

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call to make an appointment with Fr. Dennis. In order to keep social distancing the sacrament will be celebrated in the sacristy, there we will have a chair properly distanced, as well as the screen should you prefer this way. You must also wear a mask and after you have celebrated the sacrament, you must leave the Church in order to pray your penance. Remember, we are following these directives so we are all safe. Thank You!

4 PERSON GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. John's School Annual 4 Person Golf Tournament: Monday, Oct. 12th, North County Country Club, Red Bud. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; entry fee of \$250 per team (includes golf, cart, meal & drink tickets, optional skin game). Hole sponsorship: \$50. All proceeds benefit SJB school. Registration forms are at the entrances. Please complete and return by October 5th to info provided on sheet. Questions: Chris Schield at 618-317-5397.

KC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Do you need to pick up candy for Halloween? The Knights of Columbus have Tootsie Rolls. You can get a box or boxes of 50 Tootsie Rolls for a donation. Please contact Scott Chambers at 282-2873 or email at srcbsa@htc.net.

ST. ANNE CCW BABY SHOWER

St. Anne's CCW is throwing a **Baby Shower for Life Network of Southern Illinois**, and the whole parish is invited! We will be collecting items to be donated to both the Red Bud and Waterloo facilities from September 21st through October 4th. Please choose from the items listed below and drop off at church; either at the main entrance in the wooden bins, or at the Rectory entrance where there will be a box for donations. Life Network distributes these items to parents who have attended classes in parenting and childcare through their "Learn and Earn" program. They are in need for the following items: Most Needed: Juice, Toddler and Infant spoons and forks, Toddler Yogurt Melts and Breakfast Bars. Other items: Boys Pull-ups 2T-3T, Flushable wipes (for potty training), Wipes, Aveeno Lotion, Medicine Droppers, Comb/Brush sets, Sleepers (size NB-6 months), Digital Thermometer, Rattles, Car Seat Covers, Bottle Brushes, socks (infant-3), Fluoride Free Toothpaste. Please **NO** baby powder or Q-tips. They are not allowed to distribute these.

PARENT & CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE MEETING

Sunday, October 4th: Parent & Confirmation Candidate Meeting following the 10 a.m. Mass in Church. At least one parent must attend with the Candidate. Don't forget to call and make a reservation for Mass!

HAVE YOU TAKEN AN INVENTORY OF YOUR TALENTS, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES? ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS

*What do you do (or what did you do) for a living? * What skills and abilities have you developed in your job or profession? *What are your hobbies? *What do you like to do in your spare time? *What skills or talents do you have because of your hobbies? *What kinds of talents and skills have family and friends noticed in you? No matter what your skills or inclinations, you can help your parish and the Church if you give it some thought and make time available. Ask God to help you recognize these gifts, to show you how to begin using them in His service. Ask for God's help in making time for your parish. And remember: Prayer is always something a good steward offers in service to God.

OUR CAPS, YOUR CAUSE PROGRAM

Save the caps from Prairie Farms milk for our school! To enter codes please go to: <https://www.prairiefarms.com/ocyc-redeemcodes/> and choose our school from the drop-down menu. You can also bring them to the breezeway and we'll take care of them. Thank you!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING: SEPT. 24TH

"This is not about politics or any particular social movement or even the November election," Fr. John Riccardo cautions. "This is about asking for God's mercy on our nation and for the healing of our hearts - all of our hearts." His hope is that the entire country, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and all people of good will, would set September 24 aside as a true holy day, forego food until dinner, and pray for the conversion of hearts. For more information on this day, visit www.ActsXXIX.org.

GIBAULT NEWS

Open House: Mark your calendars for our annual open house on Sunday, November 1, 2020, from 12 – 4 p.m. One lucky family who attends will win a one-time \$500 discount off a new student's tuition for the 2021-2022 school year! To practice social distancing, we've created a tour schedule. Please contact Director of Enrollment Kelly Day at 618-939-3883 or kday@gibaulthawks.com to schedule your tour or visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSOpenHouse>.
Oktoberfest 2020: Save the date for our Roaring 2020's Virtual Oktoberfest on October 24th! Event details coming soon! Donations are currently being accepted at Gibault's front office. We appreciate your support and hope you will be part of our virtual event!

ST. ANNE CCW MEETING

CCW Meeting: We had wonderful attendance at our first "In Church" meeting earlier this month. It was great to see so many of you again! Our October meeting will be on the 6th at 7:00 in the church. Our guest speaker will be Michelle Schweiger from Life Network of Southern Illinois. Remember to shop for those Baby Shower items (listed in this bulletin) so we can help this very worthy cause. Please bring your mask and enter through the west breezeway doors – feel free to invite a friend!

VOCATIONS CORNER

“As a young adult, I practiced mixed martial arts and worked in the film industry. I was a non-practicing Catholic, and after finding a rosary that I had carried around for a number of years, I began contemplating why I had always considered myself Catholic yet neglected my faith. When I decided, by the grace of God, to pray that rosary, I realized that my love of material comforts was rooted in my desire for the infinite and that I would never be fully satisfied without God. I began attending daily Massentered seminary..and now a happily ordained priest. To those discerning, I simply say, “Live every day as though you are being called for greatness.” Father Christopher Floersh; *Columbia Magazine* March 2018

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sun.: Catechetical Sunday - Commissioning of Teachers & Catechists at 10 a.m. Mass

Mon.: KC Pro-Life Rosary at 6:30 p.m. at the monument on south side of Church; KC mtg. to follow in church

Tues.: 10 a.m. dentist appointment; Parish Council mtg. at 7 p.m. in church

Wed.: PSR classes at 6:45 p.m. in school

Thurs.: National Day of Prayer & Fasting; 6:30 p.m. Mass—come and join us!!

Fri.: 8 a.m. Mass; Early school dismissal at 11:30 a.m. (no lunch)

Sat.: Seibold baby baptism after the 4 p.m. Mass

RESPECT LIFE

“Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ”—In the Second Reading from a Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (1:27a), Paul is writing from prison where the possibility of his death prompts these introspective writings. Paul’s trust in Christ is unshakeable, he is ready to live or die in His name. He realizes though, that it is better for those who live in the city of Philippi if he continues to live and preach the Gospel of Life as the example to follow. He is subtly reminding them not to only follow the laws of the Greek city, but to follow the laws of Christ that will lead to heaven. The Gospel is their standard of life. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-Just because something is legal, does not make it moral. Take for example abortion and how available on demand it is in our state. Connect with organizations, such as Coalition for Life in Fairview Heights, IL and other organizations to stand for life. Respect Life Month is coming up next month, watch for many ways to participate in supporting life in our diocese!

REFLECTION

How Things Work in the Kingdom of Heaven. This parable about kingdom living may rile us up. God is as generous to the late-comers to kingdom work as to those who labored longer and, perhaps, harder. Really? It is true. God is so generous, so loving, so good – with ways above our ways and thoughts above our thoughts (reread Isaiah). ~ What work will I do to help bring on the Kingdom of Heaven? How will I pour myself into Christian living without grumbling? How can I be generous to a fault like God this week?