

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 4th, Labor Day

No Mass

Tuesday, 5th, Weekday

8 a.m.: "Boots" Berg by Kurt & Mary Brand

Wednesday, 6th, Weekday

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Eddie Birke, by Vera

6:45 p.m. (PSR Opening Mass): Glenn Horrell, by Andrea Jenkins

Thursday, 7th, Weekday

No Mass at SJB; 8:15 at Convent

Friday, 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8 a.m.: Rev. Gerald Miriani

Saturday, 9th, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

4 p.m.: For the Parish

Sunday, 10th, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m.: Kelly Chambers, by Red Bud Knights of Columbus

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, September 9th, 4 p.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Gorman, P. Ramsey, R. Juelfs, M. Doiron, H. Siegfried

Gift Bearers: B. Candler family

Lectors: W. Mitan

Servers: R. & J. Candler

Ushers: J. Keith, B. Koester

Sunday, September 10th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hahn, N. Cowell, P. Mudd, J. Hohgreffe, M. Scheffert

Gift Bearers: P. & S. Mehring

Lectors: K. Fahey

Servers: M. & E. Hahn

Ushers: D. & B. Young

Thought for the Week

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU.

On the Lighter Side

Little Johnny was nervous as the school day began. He asked his teacher, "Mrs. Roberts, can I be punished for something I haven't done?" Wondering why he was asking this question, Mrs. Roberts said, "Of course not, Johnny, that would be very unfair!" Letting out a deep sigh of relief, he said, "Ok, Mrs. Roberts, I'm sorry. I haven't done my homework!"

Please Pray For ...

Judy Weber, Linda Burnett, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners

Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Vocation Corner

Today we are called to deny ourselves and follow after Jesus. We're told that the measure of obtaining the entire world is nothing compared to our immortal soul. That's exactly where vocation comes in because a vocation is always drawing us to the service of others and isn't looking for our own reward. It's through our vocation that we deny ourselves and at the same time find our deepest fulfillment and identity in Christ.

Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7 - 9

The name of the Lord has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1 - 2

Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21 - 27

Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

Today's readings for the 22nd Sunday are for those who may have assumed that responding to God's call would be easy. The prophets, Jesus, the early Christians - none were spared from negative consequences or pain in responding to God's call. Is this a warning of what is to come if we follow Christ, or merely a tip-off that commitment always contains the unknown? However we view it, we can take comfort in knowing that we are in very good company. And we know that God is with us.

On this Labor Day weekend, amidst all that we will do, let us lift our minds and hearts in prayer asking the strength and guidance we need to use well the gifts we have. "Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor - in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name. We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Collection for Hurricane Harvey

Many of you have been following in the news the catastrophic impacts of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. There is need for food, clothing, basic personal essentials, as well as emergency housing for the countless thousands rendered homeless. A special collection will be conducted Sept. 9 & 10 to support the relief efforts underway in areas devastated by the impacts of this storm and subsequent catastrophic flooding.

Mums for Sale

It's time for St. John School's annual Mum Sale! Mums are \$7.50 each and available in red, yellow, bronze, and purple. Mums must be ordered by Sept. 12th and will be delivered Sept. 19th. Order forms are available at the church entrances OR speak with a SJB student!

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.

Comparing High Schools?

Gibault's innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7th or 8th grader excited about high school! Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaulthawks.com). Gibault is looking forward to meeting your child!

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.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Matthew White & Megan Steibel who will be married next Saturday here at St. John's. May the Lord richly bless you with many happy years!

Church A/C & Heating Fund Drive

Work continued this past week on completing the full installation of the heating and AC systems for Church. To date we have collected \$62,074.20. 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.

Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to Todd & Catherine Wilson on the baptism of their daughter Ava Deeann last Sunday. We welcome her to our parish family.

RCIA Sessions

Our RCIA sessions will begin on Monday evening, Sept. 18th at 7 p.m. We will be meeting this year at the Red Brick School Building at St. Patrick's in Ruma. A letter will be sent to those who have called us, along with their sponsor. We have 4 inquirers!

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Fr. Dennis' 50th High School Anniversary at the Shrine, 4 p.m.
Mon.: Labor Day! No school; Parish office closed
Tues.: Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Church; St. Anne CCW Ladies mtg., 7 p.m., cafeteria
Wed.: 11 a.m. Mass, Nursing Home; Opening of PSR classes, 6:45 p.m. with Mass & welcome in Church
Thurs.: No Mass in Church; Fr. Dennis has Mass at 8:15 a.m., Convent; Wedding rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Sat.: 1 p.m. Wedding, Matt White & Megan Steibel; No Confessions at 3 p.m.
Sun.: Fr. Dennis has Mass at 8:30 a.m., St. Joseph's; Fr. Clyde will have 8 a.m. at St. Patrick's and 10 a.m. at St. John's; Fr. Dennis will have 11 a.m. at the Convent; Fr. Dennis leaves for Priests' Convocation in the afternoon

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North County News

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!

Retired Diocesan Priests Collection

On the weekend of Sept. 16-17 you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests. Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Thank You, Thank You!

A big thank you to all who helped with the Mass and Potluck at the Park last Saturday. It was a beautiful afternoon. There was a big crowd of 198 attending the Mass. This was our 5th year in celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist at the Park with a Mass and potluck meal.

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!

In Sympathy

Our parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Joseph Schlotmann whose funeral was this past Tuesday. May he share in the joy and peace of heaven.

PSR Begins This Wednesday!!

The opening session for the new year of PSR Classes will begin this Wednesday, Sept. 6th with a **Mass at 6:45 p.m. 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, along with expectations for the year. **Everyone is asked when they come to Church to stop in the front entrance to check in. Thank you!**

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

(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.

Veteran's Day Eve Bingo

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 10th for our Veteran's Day Eve Cash Bingo! Doors open at 6 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20 per guest (half off for all Veterans and Active Duty); includes 12 bingo games, 2 specialty drinks, 1 dauber. Additional raffles and games offered; basket raffles. Bring your own snacks. Max of 12 people per table; limited seating (reservations encouraged; walk-ins welcome). Call 282-3222 for reservations. If you can't make it to the bingo but would like to show your support of SJB Athletics, you can sponsor a game and be recognized that evening for \$40! Please contact Kelly for more information.

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.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$3,591.00
Loose.....	\$403.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$3,994.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$20.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$50.00
Assumption.....	\$25.00
School Endowment.....	\$25.00

Reports Available

The Picnic Report and Annual Parish & School Financial Report is available at the entrances. **Picnic Report Addendum: Bingo expenses do not reflect the \$1,200.00 that is estimated to be paid for the Bingo Taxes. It is reflected in the Net number.

Pencils Needed

Our PSR program is in need of pencils. If you have any extra pencils with erasers, please put them in the white container in the vestibule. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

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.

Friends of the Poor Walk, Sept. 16, Our Lady of the Snows. Benefits St. Vincent de Paul. Info: 618-394-0126.

Fall Church Picnic, Sept. 17th, 11a.m.-6 p.m., Valmeyer (St. John UCC and St. Mary's). Silent auction, raffles, attendance prizes, fried chicken dinner (other food available; dine-in/carry-out); games, country store, music.

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.