

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Thurs., Sept. 10th, 6:30 p.m.:** Stanford Kipping Jr., by family & friends; Jane Haas, by Henry & Donna and Bob Haas  
**Fri., Sept. 11th, 8 a.m.:** John & Barb Kane; Vera Birke, by Linda S. Rickenberg  
**Sat., Sept. 12th, 4 p.m.:** Alberta Snell, by Joe & Deb, Brad & Diane and families; Austin Wittenauer, by Gladys  
**Sun., Sept. 13th, 10 a.m.:** Kelly Chambers, by Scott; For the Parish

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How sad it would be if our lives were so full we never felt the need for God.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

School had been in session for about two weeks. One of the teachers decided to send a note to the parents of her students. It said, "If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens in class, I'll promise not to believe everything your child says happens at home."

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Bill & Kathy Chartrand, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners

*Names remains for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.*

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT STEWARDSHIP?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes from the book of Genesis saying that in God's plan man and woman have the vocation of "subduing" the earth as stewards of God (Gen 1:28). This does not mean an arbitrary or destructive domination. God calls man and woman, made in his image, to share in his providence toward other creatures.

They are, therefore, responsible for the world God has entrusted to them (CCC 373). God gave clear directions to the Israelites: "Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field...so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work that you undertake." (Dt. 14:22-29). St. Paul speaks directly to this issue "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

## CENSUS 2020

Have you completed your 2020 census information? Doing so will be helpful for our Community, County and State. Step up and be counted! Everyone of us is important! If you didn't receive a letter or paper questionnaire, simply go on line to [My2020Census.gov](http://My2020Census.gov), click on start questionnaire, then select the link that says "If you do not have a Census ID, click here".

## MUMS FOR SALE

Pick up a form from the table in the entrance as you leave church and return it with your money. The cost per pot of mums is \$7.50. Order forms must be at school by Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date for the mums is the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support of this great school fundraiser.

## READINGS

### 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7 - 9

God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God's behalf, they are saved.

### 2nd Reading: Romans 13:8 - 10

All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

### Gospel: Matthew 18:15 - 20

Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

While Jesus' teaching in today's gospel makes sense, it's also really difficult! When someone hurts us, it's so much easier to fume to others about what this person has done than to go and talk to the one who has wronged us. Often when our egos or feelings have been bruised, there is a deep desire to get others on our side. Their support makes us feel better about ourselves and justified in our grievance. Though this may seem easier and safer than going to the one who has hurt us directly, it's no way to build a community. As Jesus recounts the process, if meeting one-on-one doesn't work, only then should other members of the community be brought in. This first step of direct communication is the foundation for living in the world as a reconciling community, intent on building peace.

This Labor Day weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things that contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God. Let us also pray for all who are without a job because of the pandemic, may they soon find work so they can provide for their families. St. Joseph, patron of workers, pray for us.

**I have been hoping that more of you would make an attempt at coming back to Church on the weekends for Mass. We have been averaging about 50-60 a Mass. Our week day evening Mass now on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. is much smaller. Maybe you would feel more comfortable with a smaller group of around 20. We are still recording the Mass for you to watch on YouTube. A sincere thanks to Matt Cowell for providing this for our parish, and for whoever tunes in. Tell him thanks when you see him!**

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

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, *The Messenger* invites parishioners to submit a comment on how priests affect their spiritual & personal lives or the parish community; to be published in the Sept 17<sup>th</sup> issue. Please send comments to: [messenger@diobelle.org](mailto:messenger@diobelle.org). These comments are no charge. **Deadline 5pm Tue, Sept. 8.** For **Priest Appreciation PAID** advertisements contact Eric at *The Messenger*, 722-5047 or [advertising@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:advertising@bellevillemessenger.org).

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH**

Sunday.....	\$4,562.00
Loose.....	\$48.00
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$4,610.00</b>
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$70.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$45.00
Assumption.....	\$60.00
School Support.....	\$10.00
Retired Diocesan Priests.....	\$10.00

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS  
TO OUR HEARTS**

(Ask for the Grace of Unity) Conflicts, if not properly resolved, divide us from each other, separate us from God. Conflict can help us to grow, but it can also divide us. Let us not go down the path of division, of fighting among ourselves! All united, all united in our differences, but united, always: this is the way of Jesus. Unity is superior to conflict. Unity is a grace for which we must ask the Lord, that he may liberate us from the temptation of division, of conflict between us, of selfishness, of gossip. How much evil gossip does, how much evil! Never gossip about others, never!

**ST. ANNE’S CCW**

**Ladies of St. John’s**, thanks again for your support during our annual quilt raffle and the quick response that many of you have made in sending in your dues for the 2020-2021 year in **CCW**. However, we did fall short of our anticipated goal from the quilt raffle which is our largest income. Your \$10 dues payment would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue supporting our parish, school, and diocesan endeavors. Please place your payment in the collection or feel free to mail it directly to our treasurer, Peg Masterson at 434 Willow Run Drive, Red Bud. May God bless you during these uncertain times!

**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. St. John’s is responsible for this week of Sept. 13th. Masks need to be worn. If you are interested in giving a hand, give Tom Beshoar a call 618-977-6232.

**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 \$55,741.00. 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!!

**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!

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

Mon.: Labor Day; Parish Office Closed; No School; Pray for all looking for a job!  
 Tues.: 7 p.m. School Board Mtg. in the cafeteria  
 Wed.: Bishop will be here for Mass with the School Students; OPENING OF PSR CLASSES 6:45 p.m. in School  
 Thurs.: 6:30 p.m. Mass – Invite a friend to come with you.  
 Fri.: 8 a.m. Mass – Use the breeze way entrance – sign in, sanitize your hands  
 Sun.: Liturgy Committee Mtg. after the 10 a.m. Mass in Church

**PSR CLASSES BEGIN  
THIS WEDNESDAY**

Classes will begin this Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Students will be checked in when they come by having their temperature taken, sanitizing their hands and then proceeding to their classroom. No parents, grandparents etc. will be allowed to come into the school. Dismissal is at 8 p.m. It will be done by class, beginning with the first grade. Brothers and sisters will come out together.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese reports directly to the Bishop. (“It is for the finance officer to administer the goods of the Diocese under the authority of the Bishop...” Cf. CCL, Canon 494, #3.) The CFO has the primary responsibility for the work of the Diocesan Finance Council. He or she provides accurate, meaningful financial statements and information to the Bishop, who is the administrator of the temporal goods of the Diocese, and to the various boards which assist the Bishop in the operation of the Diocese. The CFO, who monitors investments while assembling and monitoring the budgets of various departments and agencies throughout the Diocese, also meets with outside vendors and consultants on a wide range of issues. The CFO serves as Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation for the Catholic Diocese of Belleville and oversees facility and property management as well as real-estate acquisition. In addition, the CFO meets regularly with the Bishop and Vicar General and with Directors of Diocesan Departments as a planning body.

The successful candidate will hold a Bachelor’s Degree and have 7-10 years of directly related experience in finance, accounting, management, administration and investment analysis. A current license as a Certified Public Accountant is desirable, but not required. The candidate is required to be a faithful, committed Catholic who understands and accepts the teachings and disciplines of the Catholic Church.

**TO APPLY:** Resume, cover letter, preferred salary range, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org). **Application Deadline:** September 30, 2020.

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## 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!

## GIBAULT NEWS

**Open House:** Mark your calendars for our annual open house on Sunday, November 1, 2020, from 12 – 4 p.m. We can't wait to show you our school and share how great it is to be a Hawk! We will have an attendance prize for one lucky family – a one-time **\$500 discount** off a new student's tuition for the 2021-2022 school year! We are committed to keeping visiting families safe and healthy. To practice social distancing, we have created a tour schedule. Please contact Director of Enrollment Kelly Day at 618-939-3883 or [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com) to schedule your tour.

**Top Golf Outing:** Enjoy an afternoon of golf while supporting Gibault! On Sunday, September 20, we're hosting a new fundraiser at Topgolf in Chesterfield! Bring your family and friends, fill a bay, and have fun! Bays hold up to 6 people, and each ticket includes 3 hours of unlimited Topgolf, a fantastic BBQ lunch with fried chicken, brisket, and more, plus bottomless non-alcoholic drinks.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at [www.GibaultTopgolf.givesmart.com](http://www.GibaultTopgolf.givesmart.com).

**Oktoberfest 2020:** Save the date for our Roaring 2020's Virtual Oktoberfest on October 24th! Details coming soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**QPR Suicide Prevention Training**, Wed., Sept. 9th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Shrine's Guild Center (near Shrine Church). Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to "question, persuade, and refer" someone to help. Registration is required due to space limitations.

**Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide**, Wed., Sept. 9th, 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Shrine's Lourdes Grotto.

**Registration:** QPR training/Candlelight Vigil at [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil2020](http://SNOWS.ORG/Vigil2020) or call 618-394-6281. COVID Guidelines in place: Masks and social distancing are required for both events.

**Day of Spiritual Reflection**, offered by Project Rachel for any woman wounded by abortion, Sept. 12th, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Info: 314-792-7565; [stlprojectrachel@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectrachel@archstl.org)

**Marriage on Tap** virtual session September 15, 2020, 7 - 8 p.m. An evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith; open to all married couples. No cost; RSVP's are required: [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).

**Chicken Dinner**, Sept. 20th, noon-4 p.m., St. Michael, Paderborn. Carry-out/drive-thru only.