

### MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs., Oct. 1st, 6:30 p.m.: Margaret AuBuchon, by Mitch AuBuchon; Catherine Fahey  
Fri., Oct. 2nd, 8 a.m.: Dorothy Simpson; Gladys Carr  
Sat., Oct. 3rd, 4 p.m.: Geneva Braun, by Gary Braun; Ervin Kuehner, by Norman Bievenue  
Sun., Oct. 4th, 10 a.m.: Ella Pautler, by Robert & Martha Schaefer; For the Parish

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How reassuring to know that we don't need to ask God to be with us ---He is already there.

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Bill and John were discussing computers and their own failing memory. Bill said, "I finally found the perfect password: incorrect." "Every time I type in what I think is my password, the computer informs me, Your password is incorrect."

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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

### 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!

### IN SYMPATHY

Our parish extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Welda DeRousse upon his sudden death. May he share in the joy and peace of heaven.

### GIBAULT NEWS

**You're Invited to Learn a "Latte" About Gibault:** Sept. 29th, 9 -11 a.m., Bean Tree Café; Oct. 1st, 9 -11 a.m., Café on the Abbey. Meet Gibault Catholic High School Principal, Steve Kidd, and Director of Enrollment, Kelly Day. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/GCHSCoffee>.

**Oktoberfest 2020:** Our Roaring 2020's Virtual Oktoberfest is October 24th! Event information available at [www.GCHSOktobersfest.givesmart.com](http://www.GCHSOktobersfest.givesmart.com). Donations are currently being accepted at Gibault's front office. We appreciate your support and hope you will be part of our virtual event!

**Open House:** Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, 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 have created a tour schedule. Please contact Director of Enrollment Kelly Day at 618-939-3883 or [kday@gibalthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibalthawks.com) to schedule your tour or visit <http://bit.ly/GCHSOpenHouse>.

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### READINGS

#### 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25 - 28

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, house of Israel: ...If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

#### 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1 - 11

Paul quoted an ancient hymn: "Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name."

#### Gospel: Matthew 21:28 - 32

Jesus said that outcast enter God's reign because of faith but not the righteous who lace repentance: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

With today's gospel we enter the last week of Jesus' earthly life as he speaks with his disciples, preaches to the crowds, and spars with the chief priests and elders. These events take place in Jerusalem and the surrounding area just before and during the feast of Passover. Today Jesus confronts the chief priests and elders about their inability to change their position even after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist. By remaining entrenched in their own way of doing things, they are missing the work of God in their midst. It seems there is good news in today's parable as well, however: even if one originally refused the request of God, there is still time to turn to him and do what is just.

This weekend throughout the Church Priesthood Sunday is celebrated. Did you see the beautiful tribute the Messenger had this past week for the priests of the Diocese? Thank you for your support and all you do for me as your pastor and priest. There is one thing all of you can do for the Church: pray for vocations, encourage more young men to answer the call to a priestly vocation. Invite them to attend one of the "St. Andrew Dinners" our vocation office is sponsoring with Bishop McGovern.

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

### THEMES FROM

#### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

With the Presidential election coming soon, how informed are we on the candidates positions on various Social Teachings? Inserted in the bulletin is a listing of the themes from Catholic Social Teachings.

### 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!

**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!

**REFLECTION**

**I Don't Want To!** Sometimes we bristle at being told what to do. We may say a yes or a no, then do something else. The demands of Christian living are not easy. But we look to Jesus for guidance, for encouragement, for example. Reread Philippians all week. It is a longer version of what we heard on Palm Sunday. It urges us to be like Christ. What attitude-adjustment do I need to be more like Christ? What will I do to be more compassionate and merciful? What interest of another will be important to me this week?

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH**

Sunday.....	\$2,981.00
Loose.....	\$1,240.00
<b>Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....</b>	<b>\$4,221.00</b>
Capital Campaign.....	\$35.00
Retired Diocesan Priests.....	\$75.00
Picnic.....	\$300.00
Assumption.....	\$5.00

**WHAT DOES TITHING MEAN ANYWAY?**

Does it mean I have to give ten percent of my earnings to the weekly collection? I just can't swing that. I have a mortgage on my house and a car loan, not to mention the expenses of raising a family. One of the most visible signs of how seriously we take our commitment as a disciple of Jesus is our stewardship of our financial treasure. Such a commitment requires both faith and heroic sacrifice, given today's economic and social pressures and lifestyle. The Christian tenet that a tithe is ten percent of all that God gives us come from the Book of Genesis(28:22). In our contemporary world, this is interpreted as ten percent of gross earnings, what we earn before taxes. Catholic stewardship and development professionals suggest the following formula for the distribution of the ten percent tithe: Five percent to the local parish; four percent to other charities; one percent to the diocese. If this plan still seems overwhelming, consider making a conscious, calculated, and prayerful decision to return to God a predetermined percentage of your annual income based on the realities of your situation. Then after a period of time, say six months, assess the result. Chances are, you will find that while your family needs have been met, your sense of gratitude will have grown as your priorities have shifted. Then consider increasing the percentage by one or two percent each year until the full ten percent tithe has been reached. Regardless of how you decide to handle your stewardship of treasure, you must always be grateful for the many blessings God has showered on us.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

Today is the day! Priesthood Sunday!  
Thank you, Fr. Dennis, for everything you do for our SJB family! Know YOU are loved!

**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 21<sup>st</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 [srbsa@htc.net](mailto:srbsa@htc.net).

**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!

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(Jesus Wants Us Free) Jesus does not want selfish Christians who follow their own ego, who do not talk to God. Nor does he want weak Christians, Christians who have no will of their own, "remote-controlled" Christians incapable of creativity, who always seek to connect with the will of someone else and are not free. Jesus wants us free. And where is this freedom created? It is created in dialogue with God in the person's own conscience. If a Christian is unable to speak with God, if he cannot hear God in his own conscience, he is not free; he is not free.

## VOCATIONS CORNER

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be conferred, for a single day out of the 365 days of the year during which they tirelessly serve their parishes.

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Tues.: All School Mass for just the school students  
Wed.: Cemetery Committee mtg. at 1 p.m. in Church;  
PSR Classes at 6:45 p.m. school  
Thurs.: 6:30 p.m. evening Mass. You're welcome to come!  
Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Adoration till 9:30 a.m.  
Sun.: Confirmation Parent meeting after the 10 a.m. Mass in Church

## RESPECT LIFE

In Matthew's Gospel 21:28-32, Jesus uses a parable of the two sons who are asked to work in the vineyard. As you recall, the first son flatly says he will not go, but later changes his mind and works. The second son tells his father that he will go, but never does. This Gospel challenges us to look at our relationship with God and the integrity of our words and actions in our "vineyard". We are called to love and care for those in our midst, as each one of us is made in the image of God and require care and nurturing. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** In the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, we learn more about honoring the life and dignity of the human person. It is important that in examining these teachings that we look at how the poor and vulnerable are treated in our community. We are reminded that we are to embrace a call for solidarity as we are all one human family, brothers and sisters in Our Lord's kingdom.

## ROSARY FOR LIFE

October 7 is the Feast of the Holy Rosary, and October is Pro-Life month. Bishop McGovern will pray the Rosary on Wednesday, October 7, at 3:00 PM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter. It will be live-streamed. Please join and pray at: [www.cathedralbelle.org](http://www.cathedralbelle.org)

## ITEMS WE COLLECT

Various items we collect to benefit our school:

**Paper recycling** (no cardboard). Please use recycling dumpsters on the north end of school.

**Empty toner cartridges**. Please bring to the school or rectory.

**Coke Reward Points**. Send your bottle caps or product codes from Coke products to the rectory or school. You can also go onto <https://us.coca-cola.com/offers/> and enter your rewards.

**Prairie Farms milk caps** for their "Our Caps Your Cause Program". Send them into school or the rectory.  
Thank you!