

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Tues., Feb. 27th, 10 a.m.: Don DuFrenne, by Joe & Shirley Gorman

Wed., Feb. 28th, 8 a.m.: Salvatore DiCarlo, by family

Thurs., Feb. 29th, 6:30 p.m.: Fr. Dennis' Intentions, by Arlene & Glenda

Fri., Mar. 1st, 8 a.m.: Loretta Gross, by Tom & Diane Gross

Sat., Mar. 2nd, 4 p.m.: Bernard Imming, by family; Special Intention

Sun., Mar. 3rd, 10 a.m.: Everett DeRousse, by Bernell Wiegard; For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 2nd, 4 p.m.:

Lector - L. Walters

Ushers - M. & B. Doiron

Eucharistic Ministers - P. Ramsey, K. Fahey, B. Schrieber

Servers - Volunteers

Gift Bearers - D. Gross & Ushers

Sunday, March 3rd, 10 a.m.:

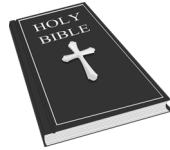
Lector - J. Farmer

Ushers - D. & B. Young

Eucharistic Ministers - E. Hess, C. Wilson, M. Poirrier

Servers - H. Hess, K. Juelfs

Gift Bearers - P. Kueker family



Readings

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Seeing Abraham's obedience, God relented. Because of Abraham's faith, God blessed him greatly.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31b-34
We have received the ultimate proof of God's love: Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
Jesus went up a mountain with his disciples and was transfigured before their eyes. A voice from a cloud proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

As we continue our Lenten journey on this 2nd Sunday of Lent, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted disciples.

I urge you to take time and join us for the prayer times we have listed in the bulletin this week. What are you doing to make this Lenten Season an opportunity to deepen your love for the Lord? Invite a friend to come and join you!

Have a blest 2nd week of Lent! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

Stewardship Thought

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

Respect Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

Please Pray For ...

Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners

Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.



Thought For The Week

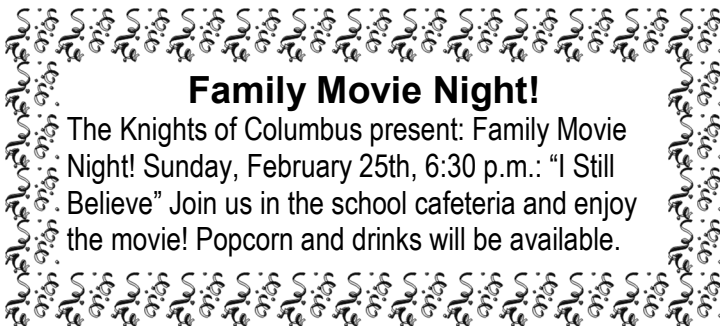
A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

On the Lighter Side

The religion teacher was helping her class prepare for the Lenten Penance Service. She asked the class if anyone knows what we mean by sins of omission. Sam responded, "Aren't those sins we should have committed but didn't?"

Family Movie Night!

The Knights of Columbus present: Family Movie Night! Sunday, February 25th, 6:30 p.m.: "I Still Believe" Join us in the school cafeteria and enjoy the movie! Popcorn and drinks will be available.



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Blood Pressure Screening: This Weekend!

Blood Pressure screening this weekend! Thank you to Janice Mergelkamp for volunteering for the 24th and to Kim Steibel for volunteering for the 25th!

The Cupboards Are Bare...

UPDATE: We have a parishioner who will be delivering items to SVDP!

If anyone wishes to make a donation, you may drop off in the bin marked "SVDP" in the main entrance of church. White work socks (all sizes) and men's briefs (white/all sizes) are in high demand. Also, donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup).

Items will be delivered Thursday of Holy Week, so please bring all donations no later than Sunday, March 24th. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Liturgy Committee mtg. after the 10 am Mass in the sacristy

Tues.: 8:30 am Bible Study in Church; 10 am Mass with school students

Wed.: 6:45 pm PSR Session in School

See the article "Lent in our Partnership" for other happenings

Sun.: Confirmation Retreat after the 10 am Mass in school

The National Eucharistic Revival

(Will you Join Us?) YOU KNOW Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, but many people haven't yet received this gift of faith. And even more don't realize how central this sacrament is to our salvation itself. So, let's show them! This summer, the Eucharist will take center stage at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. Catholics from all over the United States will gather at the feet of Jesus to worship him in a way this generation has never seen. It's time to remind the world Jesus is still with us –Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Your presence at the National Eucharistic Congress is a public witness that Jesus is powerfully present and active in our midst. Learn more at EucharisticCongress.org.

Parish Quilt Donation



We still accept quilt donations for SJB fundraisers. Donate a completed, hand-made, queen-size quilt OR the cash equivalent of \$210. Another option: donate \$70 or \$105 and we'll pair you with others to make a "full" quilt. Thank you for your support!

1. Q. Peg Masterson, Pat Gessley, Rosemary Draves

The Synod Process

The Synod of Bishops will resume meeting in Rome this October. Dioceses across the United States have been requested to offer the opportunity for the clergy and faithful to gather and comment on two questions provided by the Holy See and then submit the comments through the diocese.

We have set up an opportunity to gather on Sat., Mar. 16, 10 a.m., St. Boniface, Evansville. Invite a friend to join you. The two questions to be considered are: 1) Where have I seen or experienced success - and distress - within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission? 2) How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ? The format for the gathering will be simple. We plan on at least an hour for the process. Thank you!

Gibault Women's Club
presents:




Saturday, March 2nd
5:00 - 10:00 \$35/person
in advance or \$40 at the door.
Enjoy an evening of food sampling from local establishments & entertainment by Gibault Jazz Band and Miranda Bury. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets!

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(He Never Tires of Forgiving Us) Let us not forget this word: God never, ever tires of forgiving us!...The problem is that we ourselves tire; we do not want to ask; we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness. Let us never tire; let us never tire! He is the loving Father who always pardons, who has that heart of mercy for us all. And let us too learn to be merciful to everyone. Let us invoke the intercession of Our Lady who held in her arms the Mercy of God made man.

Rice Bowl

Stop by the entrances and pick up a Rice Bowl to support Lent for Life. Your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services' work around the world and helps fight hunger and poverty locally.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,417.00
Loose.....	\$583.77
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$5,000.77
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$90.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$32.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$230.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$85.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$35.00
Initial Offering.....	\$10.00
School Endowment.....	\$5.00
School Support.....	\$160.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00

Ash Wednesday Collection

Loose.....	\$482.66
Envelopes.....	\$617.00



Easter Egg Hunt

We're bringing back the egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday, March 31st! All are invited!

Bring your Easter baskets!

If you'd like to contribute plastic eggs and/or wrapped candy, please place in the boxes in the vestibule of church no later than March 3rd.

Thank you and have a beautiful Lent!

~ CCW & SJB Youth Groups

Meat Raffle

St. Patrick's, Ruma, invites you to a Meat Raffle held at The Bale Out in Baldwin on March 10th at 2 p.m.!



Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal



Thank you to the 58 households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister, and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$14,975.00 has been pledged by our parish members. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration and generosity! Our parish goal: \$15,731.00.

Spring Day of Recollection

The CCW West Vicariate Spring Day of Recollection will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at St. Andrew Church, Murphysboro. Registration begins at 9 am in the K of C Hall. The cost of the day is \$10.00 and includes lunch. The ladies of Red Bud will carpool. Stay tuned for more information. Questions? Call Mary 618-443-8264.

Messenger Subscription Renewal



Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or at www.bellevillemessage.org. A 1-year subscription is \$30 for printed, home-delivery, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. Make checks payable to The Messenger.

Fish Fry

St. Peter United Church of Christ, Red Bud, will have a Fish Fry on March 8, 4-7 p.m. Dine-in/curbside pick-up. Dinner includes cod, catfish, shrimp, and chicken strips. Available sides are homemade German potato salad, American potato salad, French fries, mac & cheese, slaw, stewed tomatoes, baked beans, and cucumber salad. Cash or check.

“Grace & Gratitude...

In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives”

King's House Retreat Center at Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center: “Grace & Gratitude...In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives”. Presenter: Madeleine Lane, SSND, MA, LMFT. Monday, March 18th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (lunch included). Join Sr. Madeleine Lane for a day of reflection to discuss how we live knowing that we and all that we love will one day die and in the presence of grief, how one lives in gratitude for all that has been given. When we open ourselves to the pain, we receive an invitation to deeper loving through grief. The day will include input, sharing, and quiet time for reflection. Cost: \$50. Info: 618-397-0584 or visit www.snows.org/grief.

Learn More About Becoming a Priest

Bishop McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10. The St. Andrew Dinner will be held at Gibault High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join. The event will begin at 4:30 pm with gathering and introductions and evening prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversion with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003 or email to jhoffmann@diobelle.org

Spring Rummage Sale

Save the date! Our Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 26th, Saturday, April 27th, and Sunday, April 28th. More info soon!

Lent In Our Partnership This Week

Sat/Sun: Sacrament of Anointing during the 4 pm & 10 am Masses at St. John's and at the 8 am Mass at St. Patrick's; 6:30 pm Sunday Night Family Movie sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the cafeteria

Tues: 10 am Mass with school students

Wed.: 8 am Mass at St. John's; 6:45 pm Stations with PSR Grs. 1-4

Thurs.: No morning Mass at St. Patrick's; 6:30 pm Mass at St. John's followed by program "An Encounter with Mercy"

Fri.: 8 am Mass at St. John's followed by Rosary and Adoration till 9:30 am; Stations with school students 2 pm, enter by the breeze way or the car port

Position Available

Church maintenance and cleaning position now available. Please call the rectory for more information.

Faith Flash!

Faith Flash! Get rid of those splinters!

Last week when the temperatures outside had dipped, we decided to start a fire in the fireplace. Later that night I realized I had a small splinter in my hand from handling the firewood. I was already in bed so decided I would remove it in the morning. What had been an almost unnoticeable millimeter of wood barely protruding from the palm of my hand was a sore red wound the next morning. After spending the few seconds to remove it, the pain lessened and eventually it went away. Sin is a lot like that little splinter. The longer you wait to remove it, the more it hurts. We sure would like for it to go away on its own. But it doesn't. Fortunately, the Lord gives us the ability to have our sins taken away. When we go to the Lord with a sincere heart, the sin can be removed and the wound can heal. Our FORMED series this Lent is called Forgiven and focuses on reconciliation. It focuses on the journey to reconcile with the Lord and start healing from what is hurting us. Join us to learn more about the practice of Reconciliation. For some of us, this might be a good time to get reacquainted with this wonderful and much needed Sacrament. Be sure to take advantage of the reconciliation services this Lent to get rid of those splinters!

Youth Group!

Our next Youth Group gathering is Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm. All highschoolers are invited to attend. Bring a friend! We will meet in the Church.

Quest Retreat

Quest retreat is March 16 and 17 at St. Dominic's Parish in Breese.

Quest is a fast-paced 33-hour Christian experience geared towards high school freshmen and sophomores. It is a time to come together to find out about God, friendships, and self in a fun-filled, thoughtful and carefree surrounding. Contact the Office of Faith Formation to find out more about the retreat or for an application. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/bellevillequest/> to learn more about Quest.

Steubenville Retreat

The Steubenville retreat for high school aged parishioners is July 12-14 in Springfield MO. This year's theme is "ILLUMINATE". I am trying to determine if we have enough interest in sending a group to this retreat. Email me if you are interested in going. DaveH@HTC.net

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