

Ascension of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Monday, 18th, Easter Weekday

No Mass

Tuesday, 19th, Easter Weekday

8 a.m.: Kelly Chambers, by Scott

Wednesday, 20th, Easter Weekday

8 a.m.: Don Robert, by Joe & Linda Robert

Thursday, 21st, Easter Weekday

8 a.m.: Mary Anne Wittenauer, by Don & Kathy Braun

Friday, 22nd, Easter Weekday

8 a.m.: Irene Bathon, by Hal & Kathy Mueth

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Rosemarie Trost, by Ben & Elsie Flerlage

Saturday, 23rd, Easter Weekday

4 p.m.: For the Parish

Sunday, 24th, Pentecost Sunday

10 a.m.: Melva Jean Deterding, by Gladys Wittenauer-Thiele

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 23rd, 4 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Berg, J. Walker, J. Gorman, M. & P. Martin

Gift Bearers: K. & P. Kertz

Lectors: S. Heine, R. Heizer

Servers: M. Cowell, W. Mudd

Ushers: J. Meyer, R. Draves

Sunday, May 24th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Chausse, M. Poirrier, S. Vogt, D. Hahn, M. Scheffert

Gift Bearers: A. Gilpin Family

Lectors: L. Billingsley, P. Masterson

Servers: G. Bievenue, N. Gilpin, M. Chausse

Ushers: M. Bievenue, M. Haas

Thought for the Week

Let's allow our enjoyment of God to spill over into every aspect of our lives.

On the Lighter Side

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously has a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: do not step in the exhaust."

Please Pray For ...

Steve Ruhmann, Joyce Blakeslee, Debby Heine, Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
(Names remain on for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.)

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,882.00
Loose.....	\$564.00
Total (Goal: \$4,272.00).....	\$5,446.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$25.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$115.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$10.00

Jubilee Meeting/Set-Up

The next Jubilee planning meeting/setting up the parish center will be on Thurs., June 4th at 6 p.m.

Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1 - 11

The apostles witness Jesus' ascension into heaven.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17 - 23

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.

Gospel: Mark 16:15 - 20

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this day when we celebrate with joy the Ascension of the Lord, the readings present the mission that Jesus left to us. To be sure, the first reading and the Gospel tell the story of Jesus' Ascension. But the emphasis for us is clearly on what we who are still here have yet to do. Perhaps then our prayer today needs to be that we have ears to hear, and the grace to take on whatever it is that God is asking us to do.

Congratulations to St. John's School 8th grade students who will graduate this Tuesday at 7 p.m. Know you are welcome to join us for the Mass. Our graduates are: Maveric Ehlers, Mandy Gantner, Nathaniel Gilpin, Joseph Goeddel, Maria Mueller, Emma Siegfried, Abigail Steibel, and Aaron Stern.

As we celebrate next weekend the Feast of Pentecost, the "birthday of the Church", I encourage all of you to WEAR SOMETHING RED when you come to Mass. May the Holy Spirit grace each of us with his seven fold gifts. Come Holy Spirit!

Thank you for your gracious response to the second collection for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. We collected \$1,326.80. We will be sending this to Catholic Relief Services. If you missed out and want to send a donation, you can send it directly to: Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

Don't forget to go down and support St. Patrick's Strawberry Festival. They always do such a terrific job!

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

~ Fr. Dennis

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Strawberry Festival at St. Patrick's; Feast of the Ascension

Mon.: Gibault Graduation, 7 p.m.

Tues.: St. John's 8th grade graduation, 7 p.m., all are welcome!

Wed.: Fr. Dennis visits Sisters on Third Floor, Ruma Convent; End of the Year Sports Awards, 6 p.m., Social Center

Thurs.: Fun Day Events at school; 3 year old graduation in cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.; Kindergarten graduation in church, 6:15 p.m.; 4 year old prekindergarten graduation in church, 7:15 p.m.

Fri.: Awards day for grades 1-8; Red Bud High school graduation

Sat.: Deaconate Ordination of Mr. Brett Judkins, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral in Belleville

Sun.: Feast of Pentecost; Baptism after the 10 a.m. Mass

First Communion Pictures

They are here! Please stop by the rectory to pick them up!

Don't Miss Out!

For decades our local diocesan newspaper, "The Messenger", has provided faith-filled news to our parishes and parishioners. It's bi-weekly publication shares news from Bishop Edward K. Braxton, provides information on parish and school functions, continuously teaches the Catholic faith, and much more. A subscription is only \$25. Pick up a subscription form at the church entrances.

2015 Picnic Quilts

It's time to kick-off our 2015 Picnic Quilt Drive! The Quilt & Cash Bingo is our biggest money-maker at our picnic, and it wouldn't be successful without your generosity! We need 150 quilts (75 per night). To donate:

- 1) Donate a completed quilt (handmade; no store-bought quilts, queen-size; not laundered)
- 2) Cash donation. Cash equivalent is \$180. Donate the full \$180, or donate \$60, \$90, or \$120; Rhonda will combine that with other donations to make a "full" Quilt

2015 Quilts:

27. Q. Roger & Linda Hanebutt
28. Q. LeRoy & Bernell Wiegard
29. C. Mark & Jeanette Pflueger

School Board Recommendations

You will be given the chance to recommend names for the School Board the weekend of May 30 & 31. Individuals must be registered parishioners of St. John's and not a parish/school employee.

Thank You! Thank You!

The Fish Fry & "LIVE" Horse Races on May 8th were a great success. The meal was terrific - our hats off to the fryers and all who helped with the meal. Thanks to all who were jockeys, to the race sponsors, and for the fun and laughter that every one enjoyed. We profited \$3,233.00 for the parish budget! Thanks again!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Our parish extends its best wishes to our PSR 8th grade graduates: Gabrielle Bievenue, Griffin Fahey, Trenton Fernandez, Caleb Langrehr, Devin Scheibe, Madison Supancic, and Allison Woosley.

To our High School graduates: Savannah Burgdorf, Deanna Deterding, Zachary Dobbs, Brandyn Fadler, Cullen Hanger, Marcus Heinen, Trey Hentis, Daniel Johnson, Alexis Krebel, Monica Kunkel, Phillip Poston, Devin Roy, Dylan Roy, Madison Schmitz, Cameron Schulte, Zachary Seemann, Karlee Stellhorn, Tyler Thies, Claire Wiegard.

God's blessing on all your future endeavors!

Choir Practice

Choir practice for Fr. Dennis' Ordination Anniversary Mass will be held on June 1st and 3rd at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome - all members from every choir! If you can only make it to one practice, that's fine! Please join us!

Congratulations to our Winners!

Winners of the St. Anne's quilt raffle:

Quilt - Mike Doiron; \$75 - Sue Stefani; Spaghetti platter & bowl with goodies - Mary Wilson; \$50 - Kathy Fahey.

www.sjbredbud.parishesonline.com

Quilt Show

The SJB Quilters are planning a Quilt Show which will be held in our Parish Center on Sat., June 20th, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A delicious lunch will be available for purchase from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The cost of viewing the quilts will be \$3.00. Many of the beautiful quilts that will be played for at our church picnic in July will be showcased. We also hope to have a variety of older, unique quilts on exhibit. If you have a quilt you would like to display, please bring it to the rectory before June 7th. There are forms available in the back of church and at the rectory to tell us more information about your quilt. If you have any questions, please call Glenda Wiegard at 282-2113 or Bernell Wiegard at 282-4076.

Parish Picnic: July 10 & 11

Chairpersons

Are you finding your workers? If you're planning to retire as chairperson, you must find a replacement.

Raffle Tickets

Tickets will be mailed shortly. Please watch for them - there will be other important information enclosed, too.

Country Store Items

Remember that our Country Store accepts homegrown produce, homemade desserts, jams, crafts, and so much more!

Basket Stand

Two ways you can help: 1) Bring a basket filled with items valued at a minimum of \$10. Get creative!; 2) Monetary donations that the rectory staff will use to purchase items to create baskets.

Pie Orders

Along with the raffle ticket mailing, we will have a flyer explaining the procedure for ordering pies.

Mark Your Calendar: Time-Line!

- Mon., July 6th: Bread for dressing is set out
Wed., July 8th, evening: Inside/Outside set-up
Thurs., July 9th: Bread for dressing is broken;
Outside set-up continues in the evening
Fri., July 10th: PICNIC
Sat., July 11th: PICNIC
Sun., July 12th: Clean up bright & early!

PSR Registration for the 2015-16 School Year

Forms were sent home with the students on April 8th. Extras are at the bulletin tables in Church.

Tuition paid during May-Aug. 31st: Family with one child - \$110; Family with two children - \$160; Family with more than two children - \$185.

Tuition paid after Sept. 1st: Family with one child - \$125; Family with two children - \$175; Family with more than two children - \$200.

Tuition will be based on when you register AND make the payment. Each child will need an updated registration form on file.

Please send forms to: St. John Catholic Church, Attn: Darlene Letcher, 515 Locust St., Red Bud, IL 62278. If you pay by check, please make it out to St. John the Baptist Church.

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Dale L. Guebert, CPA

Rediscover Catholicism

Have you started reading this book? Extras are at the Church entrances. The next set of reflection questions are for Chapters 15-18, the Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality continued. 1) What did you learn about the seven pillars that you didn't know before? 2) The Bible: What is your favorite story from the Bible? Why? 3) Fasting: What would be the hardest thing for you to fast from for one day each week? Would you consider giving up that one thing for one day each week? 4) Spiritual Reading: What is the last really good Catholic book you read? If you read a great Catholic book for fifteen minutes every day for the rest of your life, how would your life and spirituality improve? 5) The Rosary: When was the last time you prayed the rosary? If it is not part of your spiritual routine, why don't you pray it more often?

Quilt & Cash Bingo

The Newman Auxiliary is having a Quilt & Cash Social Bingo on Sunday, May 31st, here at St. John's in our parish center. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and door prizes. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.

Knights of Columbus Family Mass

The Knights of Columbus Family Mass will be during the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 31st. Family members, please meet in the church basement prior to Mass. We will process in with Fr. Dennis and sit in the front pews of church.

Red Bud is Turning 150!

Red Bud is turning 150 in 2017! A logo contest is being held - anyone can submit a logo that symbolizes Red Bud. It will be used on all promotional material, letterheads, websites, etc. Info: please see www.redbud150.com.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Today we take up the CCC collection. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous.

Upcoming Events

Down & Back For Education, Trinity School (Prairie) 5K Trot Fun Run/Walk, May 17. Stay after the run for food, fun & fellowship at their Church picnic. Packet pick-up: 10:30 a.m.; 5K starts: 11:30 a.m.; Location: Church parking lot. Medals to top 3 male & female; info: 282-6426.

Strawberry Festival, May 17th, St. Patrick's, Ruma. Fried chicken dinners: 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with strawberries and ice cream; Quilt/Cash bingo: 12 noon. Large country store, homemade jams, baked goods, magic shows, music, balloon sculpting, silent auction, raffle and lunch stand. Mass: 10 a.m.

Rally on the River, May 23rd, Evansville Knights of Columbus. Veterans Salute: 12 p.m.; rally begins at 1 p.m. (for included stops, please see the flyer in the main entrance). Family painting party and scavenger hunt: 1:30 p.m. www.evansvillekc.org.