

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 27th, Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday, 28th, Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday, 29th, Saint Martha

8 a.m.: Fitzpatrick family, by Welda & Carol DeRousse

Thursday, 30th, Weekday

8 a.m.: Bernice Wittenauer, by Clem Wittenauer

Friday, 31st, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8 a.m.: Alberta Snell, by Deb, Joe, and family

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Anna Pelate

Saturday, 1st, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4 p.m.: Roger Koester, by Barb

Sunday, 2nd, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m.: For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 1st, 4 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Ramsey, Don DuFrenne, J. Walker, J. Gorman, T. Jefferson

Gift Bearers: B. Candler family

Lectors: D. Gielow, W. Mitan

Servers: R. Candler, L. Myerscough

Ushers: K. Donjon, J. Meyer

Sunday, August 2nd, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Letcher, B. Cowell, T. Seemann, K. Chapman, K. Barbeau

Gift Bearers: S. Kueker family

Lectors: C. Crain, P. Masterson

Servers: A. Kueker, C. Crain, A. Steibel

Ushers: S. Vogt, D. & B. Young

Thought for the Week

Everyone thinks of changing the world,
but no one thinks of changing themselves.

On the Lighter Side

The psychology class teacher took his class to visit the psych floor at the local hospital. One of the students asked the director how they determine whether or not a patient should be admitted. "Well," the director said, "one of the tests we do is fill up a bathtub with water, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," the student said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or teacup." "No," said the director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Please Pray For ...

Joyce Blakeslee, Doris Kloeppe, Karie Kapise,
Nursing Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners
(Names remain on for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.)

Readings

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42 - 44

Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty of food left over.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1 - 6

Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and gentleness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit."

Gospel: John 6:1 - 15

Many people pressed around Jesus. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

Beginning today, and for the next four Sundays, we interrupt the Gospel reading of Mark to hear five passages from the Gospel according to St. John. All of these passages have to do with Jesus feeding a large crowd and the Bread of Life Discourse that follows. Let us prepare ourselves for this midsummer course on the meaning of the Eucharist. Let us be mindful of all the ways that the Lord feeds us especially through our brothers and sisters around us. As today's psalm refrain states so well: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

As the days of summer move on, so does planning for the new school year. Can you believe it? Where has the summer gone? **Final registration for St. John's pre-school through grade 8 will be on Wednesday, August 5th from noon to 8 p.m. The first day of school will be on Tuesday, August 18th.**

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

~ Fr. Dennis

Graduation & Confirmation Pictures

Graduation and Confirmation pictures are available for pick-up at the rectory!

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SJB school is searching for a janitor. Hours are Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the school (282-3215).

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Happenings This Week

Tues.: No morning Mass at St. John's; St. Patrick's Parish Council mtg., 7 p.m.
Wed.: New Eucharistic Minister training session, 6:30 p.m., in Church
Thurs.: Bank bus trip to the Muny in St. Louis
Sat.: Mike & Theresa Santel baby baptism after 4 p.m. Mass

Pope Francis Speaks to Families

(Fathers, Be Close to Your Children) I ask you (fathers) the grace to be ever closer to your children; allow them to grow, but be close, close! They need you, your presence, your closeness, your love. May you be for them as St. Joseph was: guardians of their growth in age, wisdom, and grace. May you guard them on their journey: be educators and walk with them. And by this closeness, you will be true educators. (General Audience - St. Peter's, March 19, 2014).

Mass at the Park

Find inserted in the bulletin a flyer inviting you to come to our Parish Feast Day Celebration at Ratz Park on Saturday, August 29th at 4 p.m. There will be a Bluegrass Mass followed by a potluck meal. The insert tells you what you are to bring. Don't forget to return the bottom part to let us know you will be coming! Hope you plan to join us!

Attention First-Time Parents!

All first-time parents wishing to have their baby baptized here at St. John's must attend our Baptismal Preparation Class. The next class will be on Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Please call the rectory and let us know if you will be attending.

It's Not Too Early to Ask!

Do you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and would like to become a member of our family of faith here at St. John's/St. Patrick's? In September we will begin the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Sessions. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please give the parish office a call or talk with Fr. Dennis.

**PSR Registration:
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: Arron Martel, 515 Locust St., Red Bud, IL 62278. If you pay by check, please make it out to St. John the Baptist Church.

Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to Jacob & Shelby Ratz on the baptism of their daughter, Addison Shae, last Sunday. Welcome to our parish family.

St. John's School Will Be 150!

In 1866 Rev. J. Mohr established St. John's School. Since that time, the religious education of our children has been a key focus of our parish. We will be asking for ideas on how we can celebrate this special milestone. We have much to be proud of in the education that is provided for our students. We want you to be a part of this special year celebration.

Eucharistic Minister Training

A training session for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Call the parish office to let us know you are coming. Thank you!

In Sympathy

Our parish family extends its prayers and sympathy to the family of Ervin Kuehner. May he share in the joy of heaven!

Can We Help You?

Did you or someone you know recently have a baby, have surgery, or are just going through a difficult time? For those joyous and not so joyous events in our lives that leave us with very little time to do much of anything (especially cook!) call us and we'll deliver a ready-to-go meal as a sign of congrats or just to help out. Call Rhonda at the rectory, give her the name and telephone number of the person you are requesting the meal for, then the Parish Outreach Committee will contact them about delivering their meal. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Shirley Vogt at 282-6193.

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$4,276.00
Loose.....	\$377.50
Total (Goal: \$4,272.00).....	\$4,653.50
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$25.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$75.00

Respect Life Corner

There is Hope After Abortion - "There is no grief like the grief that does not speak." Henry Longfellow. The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Project Rachel and Project Joseph provide healing and hope to women and men wounded by abortion. To learn more, go to ProjectRachel@archstl.org or ProjectJoseph@archstl.org. All inquiries are kept confidential. Pray that all those wounded by abortion can begin the journey of healing and reconciliation.

Let's Start Planning Now!

We are very desperate for quilts, and parishioners need to begin planning a quilt now for the 2016 picnic bingo. We were extremely short on quilts this year. We only had a total of 71 to begin the 2015 picnic bingo. As a result, we have no quilts left over. For 2016 we need at least 70 quilts donated by the parish. The SJB quilters will try to complete more than 20 to help. This will make 90 quilts, and it still leaves us short of the 150 we advertise.

The cash that is donated by parishioners helps to buy fabric and supplies for the quilters. Once in a while we may find an individual who is willing to sell us a quilt. Other churches and individuals quilt for us, and the money is used to pay them.

Basically, we need quilts. If you have a grandmother, mother, aunt, sister, cousin, or a neighbor who makes quilts, ask them if they will make one for you to buy and donate. You may make quilts yourself and consider donating one.

The SJB quilters have a store that contains quilt tops, batting, and lining. We can sell these things to parishioners, and for \$35.00 we will quilt it for you. You can donate a quilt that way.

While the donated cash is wonderful, it is the quilts that draw the crowd to the bingo stand. It is the quilts that make the bingo a success.

If you have questions about how you can help, please contact Bernell Wiegard (282-4076), or nell@htc.net or Clela Waldron (282-3529) or cleta@htc.net.

Did You Know?

As a Knight of Columbus, you erected the Knight's Tower and carillon of bells at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and raised \$1 million memorial fund in honor of Past Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart to promote Marian devotion at the Shrine and to preserve the Shrine in perpetuity.

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Upcoming Events

Annual Chicken Dinner & Picnic, Aug. 1st, St. Anthony, Lively Grove. Polka Masses: 4 & 6 p.m.; quilt & cash bingo: 6:30 p.m.

Summer Festival, Aug. 1, St. James, Millstadt. Chicken dinner: 3-7 p.m.; Polka Mass: 4 p.m.; bingo: 5:30 p.m. Country store, raffles, games, attendance prizes, etc.

Healing Day of Reflection: Wounded Blessings, Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows. Finding hope and healing from life's losses. Cost: \$30 (lunch included). Info: 618-394-6270.

Chicken Dinner & Auction, Aug. 2, St. Patrick, Tipton. Mass: 10 a.m.; dinner: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; auction: noon. Silent auction, country store, quilt raffle.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells us to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, having humility, gentleness and patience and to bear with one another through love. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Aug. 7-9. Info: 314-649-7317.