

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 3rd, Weekday

NO MASS

Tuesday, 4th, Saint John Vianney, Priest

NO MASS

Wednesday, 5th, Weekday

NO MASS

Thursday, 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord

NO MASS

Friday, 7th, Weekday

8 a.m.: Monte Waldron, by family

11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Rosemarie Trost, by Joan Heizer

Saturday, 8th, Saint Dominic, Priest

4 p.m.: For the Parish

Sunday, 9th, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m.: Frances Rahn, by family

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 8th, 4 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Mudd, R. Gielow, L. Berg,

A. Cowell, J. Keith

Gift Bearers: G. & J. Howe

Lectors: S. Heine, J. Mergelkamp

Servers: W. Mudd, B. Maes

Ushers: M. & P. Martin

Sunday, August 9th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Poirrier, K. Fahey, R. Chausse,

L. Krebel, J. Barbeau

Gift Bearers: C. Cowell family

Lectors: D. Letcher

Servers: L. Hohgreffe, N. Gilpin, A. Grohmann

Ushers: J. Becker family

Thought for the Week

If you want to feel rich...just count all of the things you have...that money can't buy.

On the Lighter Side

After the morning service the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer staring at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. As the pastor walked over and said good morning to Alex, Alex said, "Pastor, what is this plaque?" The pastor said, "It's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." For a long time they just stood there staring at the plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice hesitatingly said, "Pastor, which service - the 8:30 or the 10:30?"

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: Exodus 16:2 - 4, 12 - 15

In the desert the Israelites grumbled against Moses because they were hungry. The Lord sent down quail and bread for them to eat. By this, Israel came to know the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20 - 24

Paul told the Ephesians they could not continue to live as pagans did. As followers of Christ they were to lay aside their old selves and "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

Gospel: John 6:24 - 35

The crowd followed Jesus to Capernaum because he had given them bread to eat. Jesus told them instead to seek the food of eternal life. He said that he is "the bread of life."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

In the Gospel from John, Jesus converses with the crowd, which badgers him for signs that he is the One sent by God. In our own times, people still long for signs for certainty. We may not be able to give them signs, but we can pray for the grace to show them by our lives that God is indeed Lord of all. Let us also listen for clues about what it means for Jesus to be the Bread of Life.

I will be gone this week to St. Meinrad, Indiana, for our Annual Alumni Reunion. The Seminary holds this each year. In celebrating my 40th Jubilee, it will be good to get back to see classmates that I haven't seen in a long time.

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

~ Fr. Dennis

Prayer Group

Have you ever wanted to thank the Lord for all His gifts, graces and love He has given you? Need to pray for a special request? Come pray the rosary and the prayers on the 7th of each month in the Church at 1 p.m. Bring a friend August 7th. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and Mary in prayer.

Did You Know?

As a Knight of Columbus, you donated to the \$1 million Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund to provide financial aid to the families of the emergency personnel killed or disabled during the 9/11 attacks.

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Word of Life

It is the Lord who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed. ~ Deut. 31:8 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

Happenings This Week

Mon. - Thurs.: No Morning Mass - Fr. Dennis is gone to St. Meinrad for the annual Alumni Reunion
Wed.: Final registration for all students, noon - 8 p.m., gym
Sun.: Planning mtg., 2 p.m., Ruma Convent, for celebration of consecrated life by the Vicariate in Sept.

Pope Francis Speaks to our Hearts

Don't forget: the family that prays together stays together! This is important. There we come to know God, to grow into men and women of faith, to see ourselves as members of God's greater family, the Church. In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish. We learn to move beyond our own needs, to encounter others and share in our lives with them. That is why it is so important to pray as a family! So important! That is why families are so important in God's plan for the Church! (Mtg. with Families, Manila, Jan. 16, 2015)

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? On September 21st we will have our initial RCIA gathering at 7 p.m. in the library. We need to know if you are planning to attend so we can order the materials for our sessions. Please talk with Fr. Dennis or call the parish office by Wed., August 26th. Spread the word now!!

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

(Nov. 29, 2014 - Feb. 2, 2016) O God, throughout the ages you have called men and women to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience during this Year of Consecrated Life. We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holiness teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to You. Continue to enrich the Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

72nd Annual Healing & Hope Novena

You still have an opportunity to attend the Shrine's Annual Healing & Hope Novena. It continues August 1-5th each evening at 7:30 p.m. There is Mass celebrated, prayers for finding healing and hope within life's difficulties. A candlelight rosary procession closes each evening.

Mass at the Park

Did you return your reservation slip telling us you will be joining us for our Feast Day Mass Celebration on Saturday, August 29th? Mass will be at 4 p.m. followed by a potluck. BUT WE NEED to know if you are coming! If you didn't get a flyer last weekend, there are copies on the bulletin table. Please get them in to the office by Aug. 17.

Job Opportunities at SJB

SJB school is searching for a janitor. Hours are Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Also needed is a Music Teacher for grades K-8th on Tuesday afternoons.

For more information on these opportunities, please contact the school at 282-3215.

Graduation & Confirmation Pictures

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

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Capital Campaign.....	\$45.00
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Faith in the Marketplace

Each year the Messenger recognizes Catholic business leaders who live and share their faith in the marketplace.

We here at St. John's are honored to have Mark Cowell from our parish chosen for this recognition. Our congratulations to Mark and his family.

Mark and five other business leaders will be honored at a special reception and dinner on Sat., Sept. 19th at St. Nicholas Parish Center, O'Fallon.

The other recipients are: Terry Green - St. John the Baptist, West Frankfort; Bruce Holland - St. Nicholas, O'Fallon; Yolanda Mumford - St. George, New Baden; Larry Pfeffer, St. George, New Baden; Wayne Weber - Holy Cross, Wendelin.

Respect Life Corner

Environmental Refugees: "There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation...Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is now taking place throughout our world." - Papal Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, May 15, 2015. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Read Pope Francis' encyclical and learn more about this global crisis, at www.usccb.org. Pray that we learn how to protect the fragility and majesty of our common home and the dignity of our brothers and sisters who live in it.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

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.

Kirchenfest, Aug. 15th, St. Augustine, Hecker. Fried chicken/pork sausage buffet dinner, 3 p.m.; Mass, 4 p.m.; quilt bingo, 6:30 p.m.; music by Riverside, 7 p.m. Silent auction, Kid's Korner, Cake Stand, Baskets, Country Store & more. Tiki Trot, 5K Run and Fun Run/Walk (info: Susie at 618-978-1668).

Theology on Tap, presented by Rev. Ben Stern & Rev. Mr. Brett Judkins, Aug. 16th, 2-3:30 p.m., Liberty Courtyard, Evansville. Topic: Sacraments and Divinization.