

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, 10th, Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
NO MASS

Tuesday, 11th, Saint Clare, Virgin
8 a.m.: Don Robert, by Yvonne Shepherd

Wednesday, 12th, Weekday
8 a.m.: Jess & Elvira Hahn, by Deb

Thursday, 13th, Weekday
8 a.m.: Irene Bathon, by David Brightwell

Friday, 14th, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
8 a.m.: Bonnie Lochhead, by Welda & Carol DeRousse
11 a.m. (Nursing Home): Wilhelmina Kettmann,
by Jane (Schmidt) Haas

Saturday, 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4 p.m.: For the Parish

Sunday, 16th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 a.m.: Melva Jean Deterding, by Gladys Wittenauer-Thiele

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 15th, 4 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Wiegard, G. Wiegard, J. Meyer,
B. Schrieber, P. Ramsey

Gift Bearers: L. Billingsley family

Lectors: J. DeMond, L. Hanebutt

Servers: R. & I. Bollinger

Ushers: D. DeMond, D. DuFrenne

Sunday, August 16th, 10 a.m.:

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Harbaugh, J. Rahn,
M. Scheffert, D. Hahn, T. Seemann

Gift Bearers: E. Brewer family

Lectors: S. Chambers, B. Cowell

Servers: H. Chambers, E. Roscow, M. Hahn

Ushers: A. & P. Masterson

Thought for the Week

Always remember that you are unique...
just like everybody else!

On the Lighter Side

On the first day of school, a second grader handed the teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents".

Job Opportunities at SJB

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

Please Pray For ...

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

Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4 - 8

Elijah grew tired as he walked in the desert. An angel appeared to him and gave him food and drink. After that Elijah walked forty more days to the mountain of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Paul encouraged the Ephesians to replace harsh words with kindness for each other. He wrote, "Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us."

Gospel: John 6:41 - 51

Jesus claimed to be the bread from heaven. No one can go to the Father except through the Son. Anyone who believes and eats Jesus' bread will have everlasting life.

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this 19th Sunday, St. Paul has an important message for us. "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting and reviling must be removed from you." While Paul could not have known about our talk radio or some of our television programming or even the state of politics in our country today, it is clear that he is not mincing words. Perhaps our prayer today can be to heed Paul's words and strive for more civil dialogue in our country, our community, amongst ourselves, and even in our Church. As we hear Jesus tell us in the gospel, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." If we believe this, shouldn't it show in our words and actions? Sad to say much of Jesus' teaching seems to just go in one ear and out the other. We can all do better!!

Next Saturday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Since it falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is dropped. The Mass next Saturday evening at 4 p.m. will be for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

Study Day on Diversity and Racism

You are invited to attend a study day on diversity on September 12th, 9:30-3:00, with registration beginning at 9 a.m. "Coming From Where I'm From - RACE, SPACE, & IDENTITY" is the topic. Presenters: Dr. Jonathan Smith of St. Louis University, African-American studies and assistant to the President on Diversity; and Nichele Moore, ESG., Neighborhood Law Office, CUP, E. St. Louis. Cost: \$10, includes lunch. To register, contact the Ruma Center at 282-3848 or Sheri at nuns@adorers.org by August 31st.

Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to Michael & Theresa Santel on the baptism of their daughter, Eve Kathlene, last Saturday. Welcome to our parish family of faith!

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.

Happenings This Week

Sun.: Planning mtg., 2 p.m., Ruma Convent, for celebration of Consecrated Life by the West Vicariate in Sept.
Tues.: School Board mtg., 7 p.m., library
Wed.: Serra Club Dinner for Priests of the Diocese at St. Michael's, Paderborn
Thurs.: Baptism Preparation Class, 6:30 p.m., Church
Sun.: Mehring Baby baptism, after the 10 a.m. Mass

Pope Francis Speaks to our Hearts

(Give Your Children the Word of God) God, like a good father and mother wants to give good things to his children. And what is this nourishing food that God gives us? It is **his word**: his word makes us grow; it enables us to bear good fruit in life, just as the rain and snow imbue the earth, making it fruitful (cf. Isaiah 55:10-11). Likewise you, parents and you too, godmothers and godfathers, aunts and uncles, will help these children grow if you give them the word of God, the Gospel of Jesus. And give it also by your example! Every day, make it a habit to read a passage of the Gospel, a small one, and always carry a little Gospel with you in your pocket, in your purse, so you can read it. And this will set the example for your children, seeing dad, mom, their godparents, grandpa, grandma, aunts and uncles reading the word of God. (Homily at Baptism Mass, Jan. 11, 2015)

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!!

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.

School News

August 17: Back to school night, meet the teachers (6-7 p.m.); August 18: First day for three year old preschool (7:45-11 a.m.); August 18: First day for K-8 with dismissal at 1:50 p.m.; August 19: First day for four year old prekindergarten (7:45-11 a.m.); August 20: Full day for three year old preschool (7:45 a.m.-2:40 p.m.); August 21: Full day for 4 year old prekindergarten (7:45-2:40 p.m.); August 25: Child Protection Initial Training (**mandatory for all adults going on field trips, attending parties and school hour activities, volunteering in cafeteria, etc.**). Time to be announced.

World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis will make his first visit to the United States by presiding at the World Meeting of Families, September 22-25. The meeting, to be held in Philadelphia, will gather some 10,000 delegates from 150 countries to celebrate family life and to discuss the challenges facing modern families in the Church and the world. While in the U.S. he will address a joint session of Congress, address the United Nations General Assembly and have a Mass of Canonization of Junipera Serra at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on this historic visit, and upon the message and witness of faith that Pope Francis will share!

Graduation & Confirmation Pictures

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

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Assumption.....	\$55.00

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

Grade Your Marriage: Marriage is not a test that you either pass or fail. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both of you can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: Marriage is not a competition in which one person wins at the expense of the other. Go to www.foryourmarriage.org to assess where you are in your marriage. This assessment can add up to a blueprint for deepening your marriage and helping you reach your full marriage potential. Give thanks to God our Father for the gift of marriage: the bond of life and love.

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Christianity in the 3rd Century, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-noon, Our Lady of the Snows. Cost: \$5. Info: 618-397-6700 ext. 6270.

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.