

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20

Readings

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Mass Intentions**Saturday, Aug. 6**

4:00 PM (C) Patrick Kickham

Picnic Mass

4:00 PM (J) Rosie Mudd

Wayne Klein

Sunday, Aug. 7

8:00AM (EG) Pat Haberberger

10:00AM (C) Ruth Petrowske

Monday, Aug. 8

(Chester) Glenda Close

Tuesday, Aug. 9

8:00AM (J) Greg Harbaugh

Wednesday, Aug. 10

(Chester) Barbara Hanger

Thursday, Aug. 11

8:00AM (J) Homebound & Nursing home residents

Friday, Aug. 12

No Mass

Saturday, Aug. 13

4:00PM (C) Reuel & Ruby Allison

6:00PM (J) Anna Mollet

Sunday, Aug. 14

8:00AM (EG) Barb Brown

10:00AM (C) Rosemary Grosvenor

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Our Military & their families, Neil Mudd, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Ashley & John Turner, Tom Candelario, Kenny Pelate, Tony Melliere, Jim & JoAnn Cowell, Randy Braun, Steve Deterding, Jared Martin

CHURCH SUPPORT-July 31st

St. Joseph's: Envelopes: \$1,066 Loose: \$105
Picnic donations: \$1,500, Raffle: \$200
Quilts: 4, Completed Baskets: *I lost count!*

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Fern Deterding 8/6, Tony Steibel 8/8, Robert Heller 8/10, Marlene Lux 8/11, Lynne Gonzalez 8/13, Thomas Bievenue 8/14, Tom Steibel 8/14, Kim Deterding 8/14
Steve & Paulette 8/9

**By Fr. Sebastian**

The first reading takes us to the book of (Wisdom 18:6-9) where we are reminded of the saving event of the Passover when the angel of death passed over the home of the Israelites and moved to the home of the Egyptians to slay their firstborn sons. The sacrifice of the Israelites to God was very pleasing.

The second reading (Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12) tells us the story of faith by taking us through the "fathers of faith" Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and how through their trials and tribulations, they were able to surmount all of them.

In the Gospel (Luke 12: 32-48) our Lord Jesus Christ reminds us to be vigilant. On the day of the Lord's return, we are to be found at our duty post, eagerly awaiting the return. If only we knew what lies ahead, maybe we would be more appreciative, caring, charitable, prayerful, and kind to those around us. The key action term there is "Be prepared".

This weekend is our parish picnic at St Joseph's Rocher. It's an opportunity to thank God for his blessings so far and ensure that all the booths feel our presence. Come with your family and friends, and spend some time and resources to support our church and faith journey. Do stay blessed.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Saturday 6pm: St. Joseph

Sunday 8am: St. Mary Divine Maternity (Ellis Grove)

ST. JOSEPH 300TH MEMORABILIA

Ornaments and Candles are here and will be available during office hours. Mon, Tues. Thurs. & Friday and after Mass.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL

Will be meeting Tuesday Aug. 9th at 7pm Parish Hall

**COMMUNION**

If you are not able to attend Mass, whether homebound/hospital/assistance living, etc. and would like to receive communion, please call **Diane Mudd** at **618-284-7150** or **Leonard DeRousse 618-284-2200**

CARE MINISTRY-

Care Ministry is a ministry of compassion provided by volunteers who deliver meal care packages to those in need and may bring communion if they're homebound or just a friendly face to talk with, you are not alone. God is with you. If you or a fellow parishioner have lost a loved one, are ill, or are recovering from surgery, please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 618-284-7702. If you are interested in joining our Care Ministry please contact Lynne.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE A PERMANENT DEACON?

The Office of Diaconate Formation is beginning a new cycle of recruitment and preparation of men for the Permanent Diaconate. Formation of the new class for ordination in 2028 will begin with a retreat in August of 2023. The initial selection process will begin with a series of "Come and See" events at various parishes around the diocese August through

November 2022. You need only to attend one of these gatherings. The location and dates are: St. Joseph, Olney , Sun. August 7, at 2 pm; St. Francis Xavier, Carbondale, Tues. Sept. 13 at 7 pm; Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville, Sat. Oct. 15 at 10 am; St. Mary, Mt. Vernon , Wed. Nov. 16 at 7 pm. This will give you the opportunity to learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program.

Applicants must be baptized Catholic men between the ages of thirty and sixty (at the time the formation program begins), active in the parish and recommended by their pastors. Beginning in January 2023, the formal application process will begin.



1st PSR class @7:15am will be Aug. 30th with a Mass to kick off the year!

PSR REGISTRATION: is now on the website if you need to fill one out. You can drop it in collection, mail or email to sjospdr@htc.net.

SAVE THE DATE**PICTURE DIRECTORY**

So I know this is a ways off but as fast as time is moving I needed to put this date out there: Oct. 10-12 we will be taking pictures for a new church directory. The last one was

in 2009, I know right! Universal church directory is company we will be using. Please watch Facebook, the bulletin and mail for further updates as the date gets closer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick—Tipton: Aug. 7th Dinner: 11am-4pm

Auction: 12 noon

St. Augustine—Hecker: Saturday, August 20th, 2022

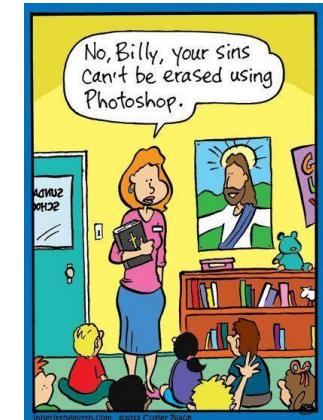
See flyer in church foyer

KUDOS

- To all our visitors for coming to spend the evening with us.
- To our all those who helped to make this picnic a success
- To Donny Godier for the behind the scenes maintenance he does for us.
- To James Popejoy who has volunteered to teach PSR this Fall

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE....**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

When you pray...God listens
When you listen...God speaks
When you believe... God works
Amen!