

WORDS FOR THOUGHT

What can we do as Christians to make peace when we find ourselves trapped in division and turmoil? In his priceless wisdom, Jesus gives his love freely and encourages us to invite his Spirit of love to dwell in our hearts. If we live in that love, we will be transformed into the peace Christ promises.

What might that look like for you? It could mean looking directly at a cashier and smiling; accepting that there is often more than one right answer, or even conceding your preferred answer. It could mean patiently listening to Grandma repeating the same stories in an endless loop; anonymously, mowing your overwhelmed neighbor's yard; or sacrificing what is best for you in the interest of the greatest common good. Whenever we share love, it is multiplied in our hearts, our lives and the world. We create the atmosphere for enduring peace to thrive.

In their pastoral letter, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops clarify, "peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus". There is both blessing and responsibility in Christ's love. Jesus unconditionally gives us his love, so we can know and grow in love. The gift we have been given is meant to be shared so that others can know and grow in peace. Where and how are you as a Christian being called to share your love and promote the peace of Christ in our world today?



**I give you a new
commandment:
Love one another as
I have loved you.**

John 13

2022 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The CSMA. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." - Bishop Michael McGovern
So far \$2,165 has been pledged by St. Patrick's parish members... parish goal \$3,615 and \$ 2,052 from St. Joseph's... parish goal 5,641. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

GIBAULT NEWS!

Summer Camps-Keep your kids busy at our 2022 Summer Camps! Download registration forms at:

<https://gibalthawks.com/summer-camps-2022/>

Summer Classic-Be part of our 2022 Summer Classic on June 17. Register your team and learn about

sponsorship opportunities online at

www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic. or contact Desiree at 939-3883 or dfrasure@gibalthawks.com.

Whole Hog Raffle-Fill your freezer just in time for summer grilling! This prize package includes a whole hog and processing. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.bidpal.net/gibaultgolfclassic or by contacting Desiree at 939-3883 or

dfrasure@gibalthawks.com. Drawing will be held on June 17; winner need not be present to win.

Trivia Night-Future Hawks! You're invited to a Junior High Trivia Night – June 3, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Gibault. All incoming 6-8 graders are invited. You can

bring a team of up to 6 students or we will combine students to make a team. Snacks and drinks provided! RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/gchstrivia>

Host Families - Gibault is seeking host families for our international students for the 2022-2023 school year. Current Gibault families receive a \$1,000 discount off their tuition for hosting. For more information on how you can help a student experience Gibault, contact Patty at plderousse.educatius@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN'S NEWS!

NEW PRINCIPAL-Mrs. Rhonda Niemeier will be St. John's School new principal. We ask that you give her your support as she transitions into this new position. We say thank you to Ms. Hill for her 18 years of service and dedication to our students and faculty. May her future endeavors bring her continued happiness and joy.

EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AT SJB SCHOOL

For the 2022-2023 School year we are looking for a Full Time Preschool Teacher; A Full Time Kindergarten Teacher and a Part Time Preschool Aide. If you know of anyone searching for a job in the classroom, please call the school office for more information (282-3215).

Rummage Sale Save the dates! Our upcoming Rummage Sale will be Thurs., May 26th (4-8 p.m.; all items priced), Fri., May 27th (4-8 p.m.; \$4/bag), and Sat., May 28th (8 a.m.-1 p.m.; \$3/bag). Donation drop-off: Sat., May 21st, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sun., May 22nd, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mon., May 23rd-Wed., May 25th, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. We do not accept computers, TVs, stuffed animals, non-working or heavily soiled items.

Picnic- Style Quilt Bingo-Join us on Sunday, June 12th for Picnic-Style Quilt Bingo! Doors open at 11 a.m. and bingo begins at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available at 11 a.m. and includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken salad, sides, and desserts. Cash bar available. Be sure to take a chance on our 50/50 and Quilt-at-the-Door Raffle! Call the rectory for more info.

COSGROVE'S KITCHEN
NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves hundreds of hungry people each week. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent de Paul staff and clients and, if you are able, to help us provide any of these much-needed items: Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup and bottled water. In addition, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are always in short supply. Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at: St. Vincent de Paul Office, 8800 West Main St., Belleville, (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the poorest among us.



PSR!

We are finished!
Congratulations on a wonderful year!

If you haven't turned in your registration for the 2022-2023 school year please do so as soon as possible. PSR will continue on Tuesdays at 7:15am

P.S. If you would like to share your faith to the future of our church we are needing three PSR teachers for next year. 2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th combined, and 5th & 6th combined. **No experience necessary.** Please let Jill or Fr. Sebastian know.



Paulette A. Deterding, Paulette R. Deterding, Sr. Barbara Franklin ASC, Marilyn Pelate for all their many years of service and dedication while teaching the PSR students of our partnerships. Thank you also Briahna Whelan for stepping up and in this year and taking grades 5&6. Good luck with your new adventures. You all are and will be missed. God's blessings to all of you.

RETREAT

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

TURN TO MARY

During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, too). Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her Son. One question frequently asked of Catholics is, "Why do you worship Mary?" In fact, we don't worship Mary. Worship is the adoration we give to God where we acknowledge him as Creator, Savior, and Lord. Mary is a creature like us. She is not divine, so we can't worship her. However, we can honor her. She is the Mother of God, since Jesus is God. Secondly, on the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and entrusted us to her care. Thirdly, we honor her for the good she did and still does for us, and for her holiness. Mary's role (and ours) is to help get us to Heaven, which is exactly what God wants, too. Be rest assured, Mary always leads us to her Son.

GRADUATES



St. Patrick's would like to recognize our graduates from high school and 8th grade: Kayla Netemeyer, Sarah Steibel, Ryan Steinmann (high school), Hope Chambers, Samuel Gillison, Jake Liefer, Claire Simpson and Austin Stern (8th grade).
TAKE PRIDE IN HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME AND HAVE FAITH IN HOW FAR YOU CAN GO!!

THOSE WONDERFUL CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS!

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.



The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Reverend and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

The Evansville Knights of Columbus are looking for new members. If interested contact Larry Mudd @ 618-713-2005.