

WORDS FOR THOUGHT

Each of Today's readings for this Sixth Sunday of Easter looks toward the future while assuring us of God's continuing presence with us. The apostles rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them as to which Mosaic practices are necessary for all Christians. The author of Revelation envisions a new Jerusalem, radiant in the glory of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to teach them, to remind them of his words, and to advocate for them. Let us continue to rejoice this Easter season for God's abiding presence with us.



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.

GRADUATES

St. Patrick's would like to recognize our graduates from high school and 8th grade: Kayla Netemeyer, Sarah Steibel, Ryan Steinmann, Austin Umbdenstock (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!!**

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

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.

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. Call (314) 283-0044.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(We are the Simple Instruments of God.) It is urgently necessary to find new forms and new ways to ensure that God's grace may touch the heart of every man and of every woman and lead them to him. We are all simple but important instruments of his; we have not received the gift of faith to keep it hidden but rather to spread it so that it can illumine a great many of our brothers and sisters on their journey.

JOB OPPORTUNITY-Hincke Home for Retired Priest is looking for a part-time person to work 5-10pm to help cook, clean up after dinner; make rounds inside the building making sure all outside doors are locked; assist the Priests if needed. Hours include every other weekend. Please call Joline @ 618-234-5722

DID YOU KNOW

Mass is modeled after the book of Revelation



I think there is this stereotype that Mass is antiquated, or ritualistic. However, interestingly, much of the content of Mass is based on the book of Revelation, which is a book all about the future, and of that which is to come. For example, each Mass we sing the "Holy, Holy, Holy," which is straight out of Revelation 4:8. The idea is we are joining in with those in heaven in their unending hymn of praise. So that's a real profound moment, if you think about joining in singing the same song those in heaven are singing, and the connection between the physical and the spiritual that is occurring. And that's just one tiny example. You can do an entire study on Revelation at the Mass. The more you know, the more amazing Mass becomes.



Mass is offered every day.

Anyone looking to attend Mass can find one any day of the week, often offered at different times in different parishes. An interesting thing about this is if you think about time zones, and that daily Mass has been a global practice since the days of the Early Church, there is pretty much a Mass being offered somewhere continually on Earth at all times... and has been for... well a really long time!

