

WORDS FOR THOUGHT

In the context of our world today, where certain leaders are amassing more and more power as people suffer under oppressive regimes, and where corrupt religious, political, economic and social institutions are failing and crumbling, we who hear today's readings are challenged to live lives of active love and to shore up that which is supposed to work for the common good such as democracy as a model of government.

Like Luke's Parousia image of Christ, we are called to usher in the new day. Redemption from oppression starts now, and we Christians, baptized into Christ, are called to embody Christ and move the apostolic mission forward in our world. The reign of God is at hand now, and we have no other choice but to hasten its coming by working for justice throughout our world. Carol Dempsey

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

The Lord looks at us. My experience is what I feel in front of the tabernacle, when I go to pray before the Lord. Sometimes I nod off for a while; this is true, for the strain of the day more or less makes you fall asleep, but he understands. I feel great comfort when I think of the Lord looking at me. We think we have to pray and talk, talk, talk...No! Let the Lord look at you. When he looks at us, he gives us strength.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION POSITION

The Partnership Parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Patrick and St. Joseph are seeking to hire a full time Director of Faith Formation. The position entails evening/weekend work. This director will be responsible to design, direct, communicate and evaluate all areas of religious education directly or indirectly, provide spiritual formation and build up a solid foundation of catechesis. Applicants must have the energy, vision and professional abilities to effectively carry out the Catholic Church's mission. The applicant must have knowledge of Catholic theology and religious education. Applicants should hold an equivalent to a Bachelor or Master's Degree in theology, religious studies or related field preferred; and knowledge needed for leadership and creative development in various fields. He or she is required to be a faithful, committed Catholic who understands and accepts the teachings and disciplines of the Catholic Church. TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church c/o Msgr. Dennis Schaefer, 515 Locust St. Red Bud, IL 62278 or email drschaef49@hotmail.com. Application Deadline: December 15, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

You are invited to join family and friends to honor Ollie Kueker on Saturday, December 11 at the Evansville KC Hall. Doors open at 3pm with a brief Memorial service. Dinner, dessert, fellowship and drinks will follow. Feel free to stop by anytime throughout the evening.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is selling \$25 tickets for a chance to win a Grand Prize of \$5,000 or 9 other cash prizes. Help our school and possibly earn some extra money for yourself. It's a Win-Win!! Tickets are \$25 each or buy 4 and receive 1 ticket FREE. Grand Prize is \$5,000, 2nd Prize is \$1,000, 3rd Prize is \$500, 4th Prize is \$250, 5th through 10th Prizes are \$100 each.

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Raffle-Mania!

Help Gibault and possibly win some money for yourself! Talk about a win-win! With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for: • \$100 Early Bird Christmas Drawing (ticket must be purchased by December 15 to qualify) • \$30 Daily Drawings on Monday-Friday from January 1 - May 31 • \$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April) • GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250! If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in, so you have the chance to win again! Tickets can be purchased online at: www.bidpal.net/rafflemania, by contacting any Gibault student, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on December 10th at 6:30 p.m. for Christmas with "The Chosen". You will see the Birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. This is the perfect opportunity to bring friends and family, including those who haven't seen The Chosen, for a unique Christmas experience. Tickets \$11 for adults, \$9 for children. You can purchase tickets at <https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/thechosen/521540>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**ONE DAY WE WILL EACH MEET THE LORD.
WHAT WILL WE TELL HIM ABOUT THE LIFE
WE LIVED...ABOUT HOW WE TREATED HIS
OTHER CHILDREN?** Mother Teresa