

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Here am I Lord; I come to do your will
— Psalm 40

Readings

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16

5:00 PM (J) Pauline Schmitz

Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM (P) Bill & Judy Foley Family

10:30 AM (J) Stan, Ruth & Frank Jurek

Monday, January 18-Friday January 22

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday, January 23

5:00 PM (J) Wayne Klein

Sunday, January 24

8:00 AM (P) Clarence & Joan Schaefer Family

Steve Chunn Family

10:00 AM (J) Welda DeRousse

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Tom Ellner, Roger & Carol Hess, Sandy Duvic, Pam Ozier, Lyle Matthews, Cindy Wilhelm, Regina, Nate, Molly & Eleanor Krebel, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Armin Depper, Steve Wallach, Vernon Henry, Jon Knop, Karen Whelan, Jeanelle Dinan, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Gene Clerc, Michael Brand, Claudene Chunn, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Kathy Ghahkeshah, Eleanor Grace Jurek, Tom Candelario, Zachary Glenn, Pat Deterding, Glen Steibel, Owen Gillison, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Richard Zeiger



CHURCH SUPPORT-

January 10th & 11th

St. Patrick's

Envelopes: \$1,215 Solemnity \$50

COVID \$110 Total COVID: \$14,310

St. Joseph's:

Envelopes: \$908 Loose: \$73 Christmas Make-up \$450

First Offering: \$65

Weekly goal: \$1,700.

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR PEACE, HARMONY AND RESPECT AS OUR COUNTRY COMES TO THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW PRESIDENT. WE PRAY THAT WE WORK TOGETHER FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL IN OUR COUNTRY.

WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(My Humble Little Witness Matters) The testimony of faith comes in very many forms: just as in a great fresco, there is a variety of colors and shades, yet they are all important, even those which do not stand out. In God's great plan, every detail is important, even yours, even my humble little witness, even the hidden witness of those who live their faith with simplicity in everyday family relationships, work relationships, friendships.

POPE PROCLAIMS YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis proclaimed that a Year of St. Joseph will be held from Dec. 8, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021 in honor of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being named patron of the universal Church. In an apostolic letter titled "Patris Cordet" (With a father's heart), Pope Francis shared some personal reflections on the spouse of Mary, writing, "Each of us can discover in Joseph-the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence-an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." He added that his desire to honor St. Joseph "increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." St. Joseph pray for us.

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Why do Catholics honor the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus? The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of Christ's love for us. It is often a heart surrounded by flame, pierced by a lance, topped by a cross and circled by a crown of thorns. Jesus' love for us burns bright and intense like a flame. His heart is pierced by the lance representing our sins and the crown of thorns and the cross remind us of the death he suffered to bring us life.



PARTNERSHIP CORNER

REOPENING OF PARISHES

Mass schedules are: 5pm Saturday and 10am Sunday at St. Joseph's, 8am at St. Patrick's. Mass at St. Patrick's will be celebrated at the parish hall, where we have more room to social distance.

If you are hesitant about coming back to Mass, come and see what we are doing so we can help ease your fears. We are wearing masks, sanitizing your hands, seating you safe distances apart and cleaning after each Mass.

If it is crowds you don't like, you can attend the weekday Masses at St. Pat's and St. Joseph's same guidelines apply! **DON'T FORGET THAT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL MASSES SO WE ARE ABLE TO GO BACK AND CONTACT TRACE IF NEEDED. 284-3314-St. Joseph's, 282-3176-St. Patrick's.**

HERE WE GO!

We are just *NINE* months away from the start of St. Joseph's 300th year as a parish. Pretty "rock solid" huh. Speaking of rock solid, that will be the theme for our anniversary. Rock solid faith, There will be a tentative schedule attached to the bulletin. Please note all dates/ideas depend on weather & virus interruptions. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

ST. JOSEPH'S PSR-St. Joseph PSR: Feb. will be bring your kids to church challenge. The class who has the greatest number in attendance will win a breakfast pizza party and recognition and a special blessing the first Sunday in March. If you attend another church fine, just need proof.

FINANCE COUNCIL-ST. JOSEPH

Meeting: 7pm Jan. 21st in the rectory

PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who is in need of emergency prayer, contact Fr. Sebastian at 284-2404, St. Joe's rectory at 284-3314, St. Pat's rectory at 282-3176 or Marie Henry at 618-559-6511. If you would like to be part of the chain, please call Marie to get set up.

RECONCILIATION

Times available on Jan 16 & 17 at St. Joseph. Please call to set up a time.

CARE MINISTRY

Do you know a fellow parishioner that's going through a rough time? Please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 284-7702, and she will reach out with a care package.

CONTRIBUTION SHEET

Please get your 2020 contributions turned into the parish offices. Call the rectory if you are wanting a contribution sheet for 2020. Information will be ready on January 31st

FR. SEBASTIAN'S SCHEDULE-UPDATE

Fr. Sebastian made it home and is enjoying 98*weather! Fr. Dan & Fr. Clyde will be helping out on the weekends. There will be NO weekday Masses but weekend Mass time will stay on the same schedule. Please pray for safe travels for all.

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. January's collection will go to Life Network of Southern Illinois. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

KUDOS

- Thank you for your continued financial support. Without you, what we do would not be possible!!
- To North County News, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Claire Ellner 1/16, Samuel Gillison 1/17, S. Olivia Woltering, ACS 1/18, Dustin Sauer 1/18, Michael Hatridge 1/18, Kira Walker 1/18, S. Martha Ann Lauber, ASC 1/22
Floyd & Linda Roy 1/17
George & Sandy Duvic 1/18

ST. PATRICK'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

1) Monthly \$100 is taken from our collection and donated to a family/organization in need, locally/globally. Additional monies are collected throughout the months from families. 2) Our parish has developed an assistance fund that is used to assist local families with food, gas, utilities, etc.3) Our third program is our donation to our Sister Parish in Guatemala. In 2020 St. Patrick's parish donated \$9,303 including the 2020 Baby bottle fundraiser. St. Patrick's parishioners also provided food to fill two Thanksgiving baskets. **THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO ESPECIALLY THROUGH THESE MOST DIFFICULT TIMES. THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY THESE FUNDS ARE POSSIBLE!!**

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER-St. Patrick's parish will be participating in Life Network's "Baby Bottle Fundraiser". Baby bottles are available as you enter the hall or ask one of the greeters. Each financial gift will be a way to help support Life Network and enable them to continue offering free-confidential services. Please return the bottle with your contribution and place it in the box in the hall or to the parish office by January 31st.

RIGHT TO LIFE-As we approach 48 years of legalized abortion claiming the lives of more than 60 million children in our country, we are reminded of our call to "protect life from natural conception to natural death." In St. Pope John Paul II's Evangelium vitae, we reflect on this paragraph from the 1995 Encyclical: Laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human being through abortion or euthanasia are incomplete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they deny equality of everyone before the law "Evangelium vitae (the Gospel of Life) no 72. Laws don't change hearts, but hearts change laws. We can be an effective change in pursuing a conversion of heart. We can do that with love, mercy, and compassion.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.