

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.
— *Psalm 145:15*

Readings

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

Mass Intentions**Saturday, July 24 Outside weather permitting**

5:00 PM (P) Shirley Smith's Family

Sunday, July 25

8:00 AM (J) Gene Clerc and all grandparent & elderly

11:00 AM (C) ASC Community

Monday, July 26

9:00 AM (C) Isabelle Deterding & Bill Roscow

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 AM (J) Pauline Schmitz

Wednesday, July 28

9:00AM (C) ASC Community

10:00 AM (P) Roger & Carol Hess Family

Thursday, July 29

8:00 AM (J) Welda DeRousse

9:00AM (C) ASC Community

Friday, July 30

No Mass celebrated

Saturday, July 31 Outside weather permitting

5:00 PM (P) Tom & Joyce Ellner's Family

Sunday, August 1

8:00 AM (J) Roger Fries

11:00 AM (C) Francis Gross Family

MASSES CELEBRATED AT THE RUMA CONVENT ARE NOT YET OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Pam Ozier, Regina, Mary Havel, Roger & Carol Hess, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Ray Hess, Steve Wallach, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Michael Brand, Armin Depper, Steve Deterding, Karen Whelan, Georgia Sirtak, Rhonda Schaefer, Kathy Ghahkenshah, Jeanelle Dinan, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Laura, Benjamin & Miles Marler,

CHURCH SUPPORT-July 16th & 17th

St. Patrick's: Envelopes \$1,502 Loose \$25

Retired Diocesan Priests \$100 COVID \$20

St. Joseph's: Envelopes \$ 1,765, Loose: \$85,

Weekly goal: **\$1,700.**

FR. SEBASTIAN'S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The first reading of today (2Kings 4:42-44) tells us the story of the Prophet Elisha who received a gift of 20 barley loaves from a man of Baal-Shalishah. These were not ordinary loaves but were the first fruits of his harvest. It was clearly insufficient to feed the crowd that was present. Elisha commanded that it was to be given to the people without doubt and it fed the crowd and even had some leftovers.

The Second reading (Ephesians 4:1-6) which Saint Paul wrote in captivity, reminds us that unity is key to our growth as God's children. There is One faith, One body, One spirit, One baptism, One God and father of all. This forms the bedrock of our belief and understanding as God's children.

The Gospel (John 6:1-15) gives us the beautiful "miracle of the loaves". The crowd had stuck with Jesus since he first sent his disciples out to preach. They had heard the word of God, been healed of their illnesses and sins. But they did not go home. They were looking for more. Jesus looked at the crowd, the five barley loaves with two fish and the difficult situation and rather than complain, or scold the Apostles, he did something strange: He gave thanks! His thanks were more fervent than the tough situation and the miracle came about. In this week, may our gratitude to God be more audacious than our petitions. Amen.

Rev Sebastian Ukoh CM

REST IN PEACE

The Parish community of Rocher and Ruma would like to offer their prayers of PEACE to the family and friends of Roger Fries and Cindy Wilhelm (Kim Zimmer's sister-in-law). May they share in the eternal joy of the risen Lord.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"*One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*" in the Second Reading, St. Paul calls us to live in unity with the body of Christ; moral lives as one body in Christ. He lists the virtues to extoll in carrying out our mission to make Christian Catholic living a reality: humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance (moderation.) The letter also reminds us of the union we share in our Catholic faith: one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God who is over all, through all and in all. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray**-This kind of community defines who we are as children of God. By living in Christ's peace, we are better able to demonstrate what it means to be a person for others. By lifting up our lives to Christ in humility, we are better able to discern how to help those in our midst. As Bishop-elect Iffert wrote, "I am inspired by Pope Francis' vision of a Church so deeply rooted in a relationship with Christ that we accompany the outcast, tend the wounded, mourn with the brokenhearted, rejoice and give thanks in every circumstance, and so carry out Jesus' mission of evangelization." In so doing, we promote a respect and love for the dignity of each person we encounter.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

On this weekend designated by Pope Francis as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we thank God for the wisdom and insight of our grandparents and the elderly in our community. May you know how valuable you are to us! Continue to challenge us to grow in the knowledge and love of God. I encourage you to go to our Diocesan Website www.diobelle.org to read Pope Francis' message entitled "I am with you always."

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

Mass schedules beginning Aug 7&8 weekend are: 5pm Saturday at St. Joseph's and 8am Sunday morning at St. Patrick's.

Masses at St. Patrick's will be held outside...weather permitting. Inclement weather Mass will be in the parish hall.

PSR REGISTRATION

Registrations forms will be in the back of church, at the rectory or on our website:

**BE A BLESSING
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

If you are interested in helping out in the garden, please contact Robin Steinmann contact for St. Patrick's at 618-340-2912 and Tom Beshoar contact for St. John's at 618-977-6232.

Like us on Facebook at Be a Blessing Garden.

Scheduling: Week of July 25th...St. Patrick's

Week of August 1st...St. John's

Week of August 8th...St. Patrick's

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY. WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE A BLESSING IN EACH OTHER'S LIVES

PARISH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS FOR ST. JOSEPH

Volunteers are still in need of two volunteers to fill open vacancies on our parish council. If interested please contact James Popejoy 284-1747, Sarah Pollard 618-521-3331, Lisa Mueller 618-521-0266 or Fr. Sebastian 618-284-2404. **Next Parish Council meeting is Aug. 16 @ 7pm in the hall**

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 26 @ 7PM in the Red Brick School.

Parish council elections will take place in August.

Nominations for Parish council will take place on August 8th, elections August 22nd. Those presently serving as elected members on the council are: Tom Lucash (Pres), Dan Neptune (V-Pres.), Chris Krebel...those elected members serving whose terms will be up are: John Schaefer, Nancy Rahn and Bob Watkins.

ST. JOSEPH PICNIC DONATIONS

Donations have been coming in nicely for the basket stand and the game stand. Startup donations have also been coming nicely, **thank you.** All of the above can be dropped off at the rectory. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection or in the drop box between the doors at the rectory any time. If you haven't received your raffle tickets let us know. **Buy them or sell them up to you! Thanks for your support!** Donations of vegetables will be accepted the week of the picnic. If our bakers out there are going to donate a few pies remember they can only fruit pies, no cream pies (sorry). Cakes, brownies, cookies, etc. can be dropped off as well beginning on Thursday Aug. 5th. If you would like to donate baked items to the country store those can be brought Thursday-Saturday but must be labeled country store.

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. July's collection?? Any suggestions?? Call Sandy. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

KUDOS

- To those that helped celebrate the resurrection of Tom Ellner.
- To those that brought food for the luncheon.
- To Mudd Construction, Inc., our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Rachel Conway 7/24, Carol Durbin 7/25,

Allison Popejoy 7/25, Aaron Stern 7/26, Max Simpson 7/27,

Raymond Reinhold 7/29, Langston Deterding 7/30,

Carl Papenberg 7/30, Wilma Candler 7/31,

Meredith Hooten 7/31, Greg Reinhold 7/31, Marvin Roy 8/1

Randy & Peggy Horrell 7/27, Kathy & David Goetting 7/30

MASS FOR MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL WORKERS

Bishop McGovern is inviting paid and volunteer maintenance and custodial personnel to attend a special Mass to mark the Year of St. Joseph. Masses will be celebrated-Aug. 8, 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church in Belleville and Aug. 29, 5 p.m. at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church in Mt. Vernon. Reception will follow. We recognize the paid and volunteer men and women behind-the-scenes in our parishes, schools, offices and cemeteries. If you are able to attend please contact your parish office **as soon as possible** to make reservations for you and your family or contact directly the diocesan Office of Worship at (618) 722-5040 or email: dclark@diobelle.org.

APPOINTMENT BY BISHOP MCGOVERN

The Bishop has appointed Fr. Dennis as Temporary Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Sparta. (For One Year) This appointment is in addition to his current appointment as Pastor of St. John's in Red Bud. Pray for more Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

ACTS RETREAT-Men over the age of 18 are invited to the Aug.5-8 ACTS retreat weekend. This parish based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community. Retreat begins on Thurs evening, Aug. 5th check in at 6:30pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Retreat concludes at the 10am Sunday Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. A lunch reception will follow with your loved ones invited. More Information, cost and registration forms are on the bulletin table.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday, August 7th. Chicken Dinners served from 3-7:30pm. Cash/Quilt Bingo 5-11PM. Bishop McGovern will be celebrating Mass at 4PM. Lots of fun for everyone!! **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH CELEBRATING 300 YEARS OF FAITH!!**