

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.— *Hebrews 4:12a*

Readings

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 9

5:00 PM (J) No Mass

Sunday, October 10

8:00 AM (P) Tom & Joyce Ellner Family

9:30AM (J) For those who have gone before us

11:00 AM (C) ASC Community

Monday, October 11

9:00 AM (C) ASC Community

Tuesday, October 12

8:30AM (J) Welda DeRousse

Wednesday, October 13

9:00AM (C) ASC Community

10:00 AM (P) Fr. Clyde's Family (ordination 53 yrs-10/12)

Thursday, October 14

8:00 AM (J) Deacon Doug Sparling

9:00AM (C) ASC Community

Friday, October 15

No Mass celebrated

Saturday, October 16

5:00 PM (J) Norman & Tim Melliere

Sunday, October 17

8:00AM (P) Joan Mudd

11:00 AM (C) S. Hedwig Neff Family (B-Day 10/15)

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, Ruth Henry, Roger & Carol Hess, Doris Wilson, Wanda Honer, Ray Hess, Steve Wallach, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Michael Brand, Armin & Lola Depper, Steve Deterding, Karen Whelan, Rhonda Schaefer, Samuel Despain, Kathy Ghahkenshah, Eileen Heinen, Jeanelle Dinan, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Diane Corzine, Fred Deterding, Kenny & Wanda Connors, Laura, Benjamin & Miles Marler, Betty Deterding, Mike Junker, Our military & their families,

CHURCH SUPPORT-October 2nd & 3rd

St. Patrick's: Envelopes \$4,334 Loose \$125 Haiti \$70 Monthly Charity \$70 COVID \$110 World Missions \$50

St. Joseph's: Envelopes \$1,355 Loose: \$ 350 Candles (Sept) \$54 Capt. Improvement \$ 95 Weekly **goal: \$1,700.**

FR. SEBASTIAN'S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The first reading of today from the Book of wisdom (7:7-11) talks about something so priceless and valuable that it was prayed for, sought after and earnestly longed for. It was preferred to the most precious of elements and riches. Before this, every other thing pales into insignificance. This priceless thing is WISDOM. Not just earthly smartness, but a divine wisdom that enables us to get into the mind of God and do his will.

The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-13) gives us a clue as to where we can get this divine wisdom. It lies in the word of God which is alive and active, cutting sharper than a double-edged sword, penetrating the midpoint between the soul and spirit, discerning hidden thoughts and rips apart all our defenses, making us vulnerable, yet healing us.

The Gospel (Mark 10:17-30) gives us a setting that is very teachable. A man met Jesus and wanted to have a deeper relationship with him. He ticked "good" in all the commandments but fell short in the most primary one, charity. He left the presence of Jesus sad because he could not meet up to the discipline, kindness and love that discipleship entails. May we never leave the presence of Jesus sad.

As part of our 300th parish anniversary, we will be having mass at St Joseph cemetery by 9:30am this Sunday. Everyone is invited to be part of this solemn celebration. Rev Sebastian Ukoh CM

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Our Diocesan Chapter for Catholic Relief Services invites you to take a few chances on a Handstitched Quilt Raffle for Covid/Hunger Relief. Covid has led to 130 million new people falling into poverty in our world. Through CRS, the US Catholic Church continues to respond to vulnerable communities in 110 countries. Please mail your check made out to "Catholic Relief Services" with your name and phone number to St Rose Catholic Church, 18010 St Rose Road, St Rose, IL. 62230 by October 25, 2021. The beautiful 108 X 108 inch Quilt will be raffled on October 30th. (Every \$5.00 will receive a raffle entry, and every \$20.00 will receive five entries) All raffle sales will be donated to CRS.

WAY OF LIGHTS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display or helping at the Oblates Exhibit area at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 19 through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours. If interested, please email programs@snows.org or call 618-394-6281 snows.org/wol.

OCTOBER COUNT

During the month of October we will be recording our Mass attendance...St. Patrick's: 82...St. Joseph's: 76

PARTNERSHIP CORNER

Mass schedules for October 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. Mask will be required when inside and at communion outside. Now is the time to come back to the Lord with all our hearts!

PARISH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS FOR ST. JOSEPH

We are still in need of one volunteer 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 284-2404.

Tuesday mornings at 7:15am. Doors open at 7am. Oct. 12th class as usual for all students



QUILTERS

St. Joseph's Quilting Wednesdays 9am -? in the parish hall. We will also be quilting from 5:30pm- 8pm in the parish hall

St. Patrick's quilters meet on Wednesdays from 9am-12noon in the Red Brick School.

BBQ PORK STEAK DRIVE-THRU DINNER

St. Patrick's parish is planning a fall drive through pork steak dinner on November 7th from 11am-2pm. Sides include: potato salad, slaw and baked beans. Apple butter will also be available to purchase that day. Keep the date open. This will take the place of our annual Wurstmart that we usually held on this date.



ON-LINE QUILT AUCTION

St. Patrick's is holding an online quilt auction fundraiser. Visit our Facebook page at (St. Patrick Catholic Church, Ruma, IL) or webpage <https://stpatscatholicruma.weebly.com> to view the quilt and to start bidding by putting your bid in the comments, or contact the parish office at 282-3176. Quilt measurements are: 87x103. Bids accepted until October 31st at 5pm. Winner announced Nov. 1st.



ST. ANDREW DINNER

Bishop McGovern and the Vocations Office staff cordially invite young men of high school or college age to attend the next St. Andrew Dinner on Sunday, October 17, 5 p.m., at Immaculate Conception parish in Columbia. The evening presents a unique opportunity to pray with the bishop, share a meal, and to ask him questions about priesthood in a relaxed setting. Parents are invited to attend as well. Please contact the Vocation Director, Father Steven Beatty @ frstevenbeatty@gmail.com or 618.697.2632 to learn more and to sign up!

ST. JOSEPH/ST. PATRICK

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

October 19th at 7pm at St. Patrick's parish hall.

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. October's collection will go to Oasis International in St. Louis...this organization helps care for those who seek refuge from a war torn county. If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

KUDOS

- To Samuel & Owen Gillison for making our children's Mass happen.
- To Fr. Clyde...53 years in the priesthood.
- To Sr. Barb Hudock, ASC as she celebrates 50 years.
- To Fr. Michael Iroh for filling in while Fr. Sebastian was at Convocation
- To Chartrand Equipment Company, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Andrew Zimmer 10/10, Kim Steibel 10/10, Betty Kawalec 10/11, Rhett Simpson 10.11, Bernice Steibel 10/13, Mackenzie Laurent 10/13, Kirk Mudd 10/14, Preston Deterding 10/14, Tyler Scherle 10/14, S. Hedwig Neff, ASC. 10/15, Gail Roy 10/15, Madison Reinhold 10/15, Neal Mudd 10/16, Avery Wetzler 10/16, Ronny Deterding 10/17, Madeline Carle 10/17 **Jeff & Janis Biethman 10/12, Jason & Stacy Roy 10/12 Jason & Meghan Markotay 10/15, Neal & Linda Mudd 10/15**

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP

With an ever-increasing number of people coming for assistance, the Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **NEEDS YOUR HELP** once again in providing essentials to the poor they serve and supplies utilized in their ministry: oatmeal (family size and individual serving size), coffee (regular or decaf) and coffee creamer, breakfast/cereal bars, bathroom cleaners – all types, Playtex gloves, laundry detergent (pods), paper towels/toilet tissue, ballpoint pens – inexpensive. Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office: 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or SVPD Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen: 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL BE A BLESSING FOR SOMEONE IN NEED! THANK YOU SO MUCH.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
UNLESS THERE IS FORGIVENESS THERE
WILL BE NO PEACE. Mother Teresa