

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— Psalm 95:6

Readings

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).
Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 1
4:00 PM (C) Steve Kickham
6:00PM (EC) Linda Murray
Sunday, Oct. 2
8:00AM (EG) Avery & Evelyn York
10:00AM (C) Janice Crow
Monday, Oct. 3
8:15AM (C) No Mass
Tuesday, Oct. 4
8:30AM (J) No MASS
Wednesday, Oct. 5
8:15AM(C) No Mass
Thursday, Oct. 6
8:00AM (J) NO MASS
Friday, Oct. 7
No Mass
Saturday, Oct. 8
2:00PM Hesch/Stefani Wedding
4:00PM (C) Deceased members of the KC
6:00PM (J) Bob Hooten
Sunday, Oct. 9
8:00AM (EG) Donald Averbeck
10:00AM (C) Leona Runge

PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Our Military & their families, Neil Mudd, Melvin & Verona Schwartz, Tom Candelario, Kenny Pelate, Tony Melliore, Jim & JoAnn Cowell, Randy Braun, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor Steve Deterding, Jared Martin, Evelyn Marquardt, Carol & Roger Hess, Sr. Ann Irose

CHURCH SUPPORT-Sept. 25th

St. Joseph's: Envelopes (26): \$ 736 Loose: \$53

Reflection

By Fr. Sebastian

The first reading of today (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4) sees the travails of the just one in the midst of so much inequality, upheaval and ruin. Waiting upon the Lord requires patience, diligence, faith and commitment. There will be uncertainties, delays and hiccups. But God's time is the best and we will never be disappointed.

In the second reading (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14) St Paul encourages Timothy to build upon the gifts of God he received. It is the spirit of power, love and self-control, rather than the spirit of lawlessness and licentiousness. This gift has to be guarded with the help of the Holy Spirit that lives within us.

We see in the Gospel (Luke 17:5-10) where the Apostles begged Jesus to increase their faith. Christ told them the impact of faith in their lives but used a parable to remind them that it was not possible to have faith in God by overlooking the commandments. In the commandments, lie our strength, faith, decision and commitment to God.

All the priests in our diocese will be away from Monday the 3rd of October to Thursday the 6th of October for our convocation in Belleville. So there will be no weekday masses during that duration. Do keep us in your prayers. Amen.



October is respect life month. Pray for all from the womb until death in every part of the world!

MODIFIED PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19

The Bishop has announced that effective October 1, 2022 wearing masks will be optional for ordinary and extraordinary ministers of Communion. Hand sanitizing for these ministers before and after their ministry is still strongly encouraged. Considering matters of health and hygiene, the option for Communion from the Chalice in the Diocese will be reviewed in the Spring of 2023. Until that time, the chalice will not be offered to the faithful.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Saturday 6pm: St. Joseph
Sunday 8am: St. Mary Divine Maternity (Ellis Grove)

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Scarlett Pollard 10/2, Julie Carle 10/3, Rachel Steibel 10/3, Richard Dugan 10/5, Diane & Jeff Corzine 10/7

COMMUNION

If you are not able to attend Mass, whether homebound /hospital/assistance living, etc. and would like to receive communion, please call **Diane Mudd at 618-284-7150 (Ruma) or Leonard DeRousse 618-284-2200 (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert #618-615-6135 Rosemary Crain #618-615-5858 Paula Platt #618-615-5545(Chester)**

CARE MINISTRY-

Care Ministry is a ministry of compassion provided by volunteers who deliver mall care packages to those in need and may bring communion if they're homebound or just a friendly face to talk with, you are not alone. God is with you. If you or a fellow parishioner have lost a loved one, are ill, or are recovering from surgery, please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 618-284-7702. If you are interested in joining our Care Ministry please contact Lynne.

If you need the emergency power of prayer or want to belong to the prayer chain. Please call Marie Henry 618-282-2876 or 618-559-6511.



PSR: OCT. CALENDAR

Class for all, Oct. 4th, Class for All Oct. 11th classes will be going to Mass to have bless your pet picture day. Send those pictures with your kiddos.



Grades 7~12 will start back up on October 16th @6pm in Ellis Grove. Any youth wanting to sign up please see Jill or call her at 618-719-9344. We will be meeting at St. Mary's Ellis Grove. Come and bring a friend, the more the merrier.

High School Retreats: Quest (freshman and sophomores) and TEC (Junior and seniors) retreat dates:
Quest 146: Nov. 11-12, Holy Childhood, Mascoutah
TEC 269: Jan 14-16, Immaculate Conception, Columbia
Quest 147: March 11-12, St. Dominic's, Breeze
TEC 270: June 10-12, TBD



SERVERS: If anyone is in 3rd - 8th grade and is interested in serving Mass please let Fr. Sebastian or Jill know so we can get you on the list. Remember the benefits are heavenly.



Looking for a way to share your talents, reading the word of God is a perfect way to start. Let Leonard DeRousse know if you are interested. Catch him at the store, Mass or at home 618-284-2200. Leonard would be happy to add your name to our list.



There are still a few times left for Wednesday Oct 12th for pictures



Oct. 15th Rosary on the Lawn: This year our public rosary will be prayed on the front lawn of St. Joseph at 12 noon. Come and pray for the all who need some extra help from our mother Mary.

MASS WITH BISHOP MCGOVERN

Bishop Michael McGovern will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, October 9, at 5:00 pm. Although it is a regularly scheduled Cathedral Mass, the Bishop encourages the Diocese's Young Adults to attend. Following this Mass, Young Adults (ages 18-29) are invited to the Undercroft for a social with the opportunity to engage in conversation with the Bishop.

THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Agatha, New Athens Sunday, October 2nd, Designer Purse Bingo,. Doors open at 11:30 am, bingo starts at 12:30 pm. Cost: \$40.00 in advance, \$50.00 at the door. Price includes 10 games, 6 paper cards per game, dabber and drinks. Bring your own snacks.

Red Bud Knights of Columbus BBQ, Sunday, **October 2nd! BBQ** will be at the IGA parking lot and food is available starting at 10 a.m. They're serving pork steaks, brats, and sides. Purchase by the plate or sandwich. Now serving larger sides!

St. Luke's, Belleville October 4th,. Luncheon, Card Party, & Bingo, Cost: \$10. Play cards, bingo, or any game you choose. Bring canned items for the Community Food Pantry. Info: 618-236-1124.

Sacred Air: Climate & Energy: 8 consecutive Tuesdays starting October 4th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception, Columbia. Explore the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and God's people. Contact Carol Waide at carolwaide@gmail.com or call Carol (618-910-1648) or Briahna (618-340-6160)

St. John the Baptist, Red Bud Oct. 6th
Pampered Chef Quarter Auction, Doors open at 6pm bidding begins at 6:30pm. Check out the flyer on Facebook page for more details.

Fish Fry Friday, October 7th, 4:30-8 p.m.,
American Legion, Prairie du Rocher. Enjoy three kinds of fish, chicken strips, and sides (French fries, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, stewed tomatoes.) Available by the plate, sandwich, and pound.

St. Charles Borromeo Church ~ Dubois
October 9th
Quilt & Cash Bingo & Raffle
Doors open 11am Games begin at 1pm
Lunch available
Paper Cards only

Old-Fashioned Quilting Bee, St. George, New Baden.
October 10th, 1-9 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. October 11th, 6-9 p.m. with refreshments & dessert served.

St. Mary's School Chester
Car Show: Saturday, October 15th at Cole Memorial Park.
Entry fee \$20; registration 9am-noon; judging begins at 11am with awards by 3pm.

October 16th, St. Augustine's, Hecker Meat Shoot, 12 noon, (held at Hecker Community Center.) Free Mulligan. Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner,

October 16th, St. Pius, Walsh 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,. Pork sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce & dessert; all you can eat! Dine-in/carry-out. Country Store, pumpkins/gourds, homemade pies/cakes, crafts. Quilt Raffle & Fall Basket Raffle

Gibault News "Deuces Wild" Oktoberfest is coming up on October 22! Donations of new items are being accepted at the Gibault office during school hours. Event tickets are still available. We hope you'll be part of this fun evening! For full event info, including dinner auction tickets, visit <http://www.bidpal.net/gibault2022>. Bonfire Bash: All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders are invited to our Bonfire Bash on Oct. 28 from 6-8 p.m. We'll have snacks, drinks, music, and a photo booth! Event will be held in the gym parking lot. RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/Bonfire22>

KUDOS

- Parish Council for set up and take down of the meal last Sunday
- Lynne Gonzalez for making the Altar look amazing.