

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2020**

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”— *Matthew 18:19*

**Readings**

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, Sept. 5**

5:00PM (J) Dave Braun

**Sunday, Sept. 6**

8:00AM (P) Living/deceased members of  
Judy Goeckner Family

10:00AM (J) Greg Harbaugh

**Monday, Sept 7**

12:00PM (J) For all workers

**Tuesday, Sept. 8**

12:00PM (J) Delbert Tockstein

**Wednesday, Sept. 9**

12:00PM (P) S. Rachel Lawler, ASC (90<sup>th</sup> B-Day)

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

12:00PM (J) Leo & Viola DuFrenne

**Friday, Sept. 11**

12:00PM (J) Dorothy Dearworth

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

5:00PM (J) Parents of PSR students

**Sunday, Sept. 13**

7:40AM Rosary at St. Patrick

8:00 AM (P) Leta Rae & Gib Bauer Family

10:00AM (J) Marie Menard

**PRAYER REQUEST**

All homebound, nursing home residences, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Nate, Molly & Eleanor Krebel, Cheryl Parke, Pam Ozier, Margie Beelman, Cindy Wilhelm, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Trampus Mudd, Wanda Honer, Armin Depper, Steve Wallach, Regina, Harold Hooten, Jeanelle Dinan, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Joy Donius, Mary Lou Holcomb, Claudene Chunn, Pat Schwartz, Charles Goessling, Steve Deterding, Michael Brand, Brenda Walter

**CHURCH SUPPORT-August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's**

Envelopes \$1,070 Loose \$52 Assumption \$15

COVID \$3,300-Total COVID \$8,270

**St. Joseph's**

Envelopes: \$1,072, Loose: \$6 Candles:(Aug) \$94, Picnic:

\$1600, quilt raffle \$515 **The weekly goal: \$1,700.**

Picnic Donation total: \$15,116 Quilt Raffle \$3,145

**FR. SEBASTIAN'S WEEKEND REFLECTIONS**

In the first reading of today, (Ezekiel 33: 7-9) we see the prophet Ezekiel being commissioned and sent out to preach the good news to all, especially the weak. He is bound to preach this message and is culpable if he doesn't do so.

The responsorial Psalm (Psalm 95: 1-9) reminds us that we should not shut our hearts to the promptings of God and his words.

The second reading (Romans 13: 8-10) tells us that the greatest debt we owe and for which we should forever pay back is the debt of love. Our love for God is incomplete if we do not share it with the rest of humanity.

The Gospel (Matthew 18: 15-20) passionately presents to us the reality that there should be no limit to our love. The harder it is to love, the more effort we need. It is a key need in our world of today.

We say a big welcome to our young ones as they start their new Parish School of Religion this week. May it be a fruitful and safe one for everyone. Do stay Blessed,

Rev Sebastian Ukoh CM

**POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(Ask for the Grace of Unity) Conflicts, if not properly resolved, divide us from each other, separate us from God. Conflict can help us to grow, but it can also divide us. Let us not go down the path of division, of fighting among ourselves! All united, all united in our differences, but united, always: this is the way of Jesus. Unity is superior to conflict. Unity is a grace for which we must ask the Lord, that he may liberate us from the temptation of division, of conflict between us, of selfishness, of gossip. How much evil gossip does, how much evil! Never gossip about others, never!

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

To celebrate the ministry of priests in our diocese, The Messenger invites parishioners to submit a comment on how priests affect their spiritual/personal lives or the parish community; to be published in the Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> issue. Please send comment to [messenger@diobelle.org](mailto:messenger@diobelle.org).

**CENSUS 2020**

Have you completed your 2020 census information? Doing so will be helpful for our Community, County and State. Step up and be counted! Every one of us is important! If you did not receive a letter or paper questionnaire, simply go on line to My2020Census.gov. Click on the start questionnaire, then select the link that says, if you do not have a Census ID, click here.

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Steve Deterding 9/5, Troy Melliore 9/5,  
Earlene Hanger 9/9, S. Rachel Lawler 9/9,  
Colin Wiegard 9/10, Rita Ellner 9/10,  
Joy Meyer 9/10, Austin Knop 9/12,  
Roger Fries 9/13, Harry Glenn 9/13,

Greg & Shannon Reinhold 9/8

Roger & Marie Henry 9/11

**PARTNERSHIP CORNER**

**REOPENING OF PARISHES**

Call and make a reservation to join us for Mass. We remind you that you must wear a mask and it must cover your mouth and nose at all times during the entire Mass that is held inside. Outside Masses, masks are optional, (except during communion). You must sanitize your hands when you enter church and before communion and follow social distancing rules...Please try to sit as far to the end of the pews as possible to keep the 6' social distancing requirement. You can attend the weekday Mass at St. Pat's. We need a few more volunteers. Not everyone on the team is able to make every weekend Mass...if interested please contact the parish offices. Mass schedule for the month of September will remain the same as it was in August. 5pm...Saturday and 10am Sunday at St. Joseph's 8am...Sunday at St. Patrick's...outside...weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs and social distance yourself in the front yard. **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.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S PSR**-First PSR Class begins Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15am. See you there.

**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**

If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Sebastian.

**CARE MINISTRY**

On hold for now! Stupid Covid!

**ST. JOSEPH QUILTERS:**

Quilting will begin Wednesday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will practice safe distancing.

**INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING**

Adult Education Initial Training Course: Protecting Children in the 21st Century. This initial training course provided through the **Safe & Sacred™ Environment Training Program** replaces the Diocesan in-person *Initial Child Protection Policy Training* course. All new volunteers, employees, religious and clergy should complete the initial course by following the instructions below. To access the website, go to: <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org> then follow the prompts.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*HOW SAD IT WOULD BE IF OUR LIVES*

*WERE SO FULL WE NEVER FELT THE NEED FOR GOD.*

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. September's donation will go to the Molly & Nathan Krebel family to help with medical bills. Their 15 month old daughter Eleanor was diagnosed with AMKL (a form of leukemia). If you would like to make an additional donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket.

**KUDOS**

- To Chloe Ann Conway our newly baptized!
- To Farmers Insurance/Danny Schwartz, Insurance Agency, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

**BE A BLESSING PARTNERSHIP GARDEN PROJECT**

**Scheduling: Weeks of, September 7<sup>th</sup>...St. Joseph's, September 14<sup>th</sup>...St. John's, September 21<sup>st</sup>...St. Patrick's. HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY. WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE A BLESSING IN EACH OTHER'S LIVES.**

**ST. PATRICK'S COVID IMPACT**

You should have received a letter in the mail regarding the inability to hold our Strawberry Festival (this past spring) and Wurstmart (this fall) and the impact it will have on our parish finances. We are asking for your help. No amount is too large or too small. If everyone gives something, the load will be easier for all. You have all been so gracious to help the parish when we were in need...now is such a time. Please be as generous as you can. Contributions should be placed in an envelope and marked COVID and put in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Thank you for all that you have done in the past and continue to do for St. Patrick's Parish!!

**DRIVE THRU WURSTMART**

St. Patrick's Parish is looking into having a drive thru Wurstmart on November 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will follow. Next Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM.

**ST. JOSEPH PICNIC MAKE UP**

Donations are coming along nicely and thank you for all you done so far. As you can see between the raffle and donations our parish has raised \$18,261 that is awesome for one month of contributions. Thank you to those of you who have donated. Any donation is always greatly appreciated, no amount goes unnoticed. At this pace we should hit our goal of \$40,000 in under three months. **THAT IS FANTASTIC!**



