

God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
— 1 Timothy 2:4

Readings

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 17

4:00 PM (C) Kenny Korando

6:00PM (EC) Harry & Caroline Nowak

Sunday, Sept. 18

8:00AM (J) Aaron, Lucille & Dale Roy & Anna Mollet

10:00AM (C) Gary Schwent

Monday, Sept. 19

8:15AM (C) Bob & Kristy Fleming

Tuesday, Sept. 20

8:30AM (J) Audrey Bryant

Wednesday, Sept. 21

(Chester) Bertha Mae Blechle

Thursday, Sept. 22

8:00AM (J) Welda DeRousse

Friday, Sept. 23

No Mass

Saturday, Sept. 24

4:00PM (C) Joe & Shirley Cushman

6:00PM (EC)

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:00AM (J) St. Joseph Parish Family

10:00AM (C) Ruth Petrowske

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 Melliere, Jim & JoAnn Cowell, Randy Braun, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Steve Deterding, Jared Martin, Evelyn Marquardt, Carol & Roger Hess

CHURCH SUPPORT-Sept. 11th

St. Joseph's: Envelopes: \$ 1,311 Loose: \$313



By Fr. Sebastian

The first reading (Amos 8:4-7) calls our attention to the plight of the less

fortunate and how to be sensitive to their condition. It lays bare the demand for fair wage, justice and equity. The Golden rule comes to mind here and we are all encouraged to act in accordance with its dictates.

The second reading (1 Timothy 2:1-8) reminds us to pray. This prayer should not be directed to our needs alone. It has to go beyond us to include everyone even those in authority in our schools, church, nation and so on. Prayer is a time when we lift up holy hands, without anger and argument. We should do that often.

In the Gospel (Luke 16:1-13) we hear the story of the astute servant and his master. This servant used his talents to buy into the affiliations of others when his sack was looming. Christ then calls our attention to the need for undivided attention to God. We cannot divide our dedication, passion and devotion between our faith and money. One has to give way. Our faith should take the upper hand. Amen.

St. Joseph 301st Celebration Mass

LAST DAY TO RSVP

Sunday September 25th 12 noon, meal to follow RSVP on sheet in church or call rectory before Sept 18th. All are welcome

MASS SCHEDULE FOR September

Saturday 6pm: St. Mary Divine Maternity (Ellis Grove)

Sunday 8am: St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH MEETING

Parish Council: September 20th 7pm Parish Hall

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Leonard DeRousse 9/10, Olivia Carle 9/18, Marilyn Ellner 9/18, Lisa Mueller 9/19, Gina Phegley 9/20, Ben Manning 9/20, Doris Heller 9/22, Gerald Whelan 9/22,

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.

WHAT IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY?

As part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, the Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday always takes place the third Sunday in September. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. The day provides an opportunity to celebrate those who do the important work of handing on the faith, and an opportunity for all of us Catholics to consider ways we are witnesses for Jesus Christ ourselves.

KUDOS

- To all Catechists
- To a special woodworking angel for repairing the pews in church



QUILTING Wednesdays at 9am parish hall. Every experience level is welcome. Come join us.



PSR: SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

20th – Class for all & **27th** Class for all



Grades 7~12 will start back up in October. Any youth wanting to sign up please see Jill or call her at 618-719-9344.

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.



In person signup will be Sept. 18th & 25th before and after Mass. Follow the flyer in foyer and bulletin for more information on scheduling date and time.



Photo dates for the directory is Oct. 10-12 2022 From 2-8pm each day. All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today September 18th

PDR Fireman's BBQ & Car Show 11-5

St. John UCC & St. Mary Catholic Church

Fall Church Picnic, September 18th, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Valmeyer (sponsored by.) Enjoy live music, food, bake sale, country store, silent auction, raffles, and games.

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.

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.

St. Charles Borromeo Church ~ Dubois

October 9th
Quilt & Cash Bingo & Raffle
Doors open 11am Games begin at 1pm
Lunch available
Paper Cards only

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.