



### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### WEEKEND MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH:

**Saturdays:** 6:00 pm (odd months)  
**Sundays:** 8:00 am (even months)  
**Ruma Convent:** Sunday at 11am  
*Daily Mass varies at both locations*  
**Confessions at St. Joseph:**  
**Saturday 5 - 5:40 pm & Sundays 7:15 – 7:45 am**  
**Partnership Mass for Aug. is:**  
**St. Joseph:** 8am Sunday  
**St. Patrick:** 6pm Saturday

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 18, 2019

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.  
— Hebrews 12:2

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

### LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> THROUGH Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sun.	8am (J)	George Deterding
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>11am (C)</b>	S. Genarose Buechler (B-day)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>4:10pm(C)</b>	Fr. Sebastian's Family
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>4:10pm(C)</b>	Michelle Bievenue
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>4:10pm(C)</b>	Janet (Bielefeld) Caruso
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8:15am(C)</b>	Luella & Bob Zipfel
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>6pm (P)</b>	Janet & Stanley Mudd
Sun.	8am (J)	Ethel & Orville Bievenue
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>11am (C)</b>	Virginia & John Myerscough



## Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

Envelopes (56)	\$1565.00
Loose	\$105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1670.00</b>
<b>Weekly goal</b>	<b>\$1700.00</b>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 19	Gene Clerc
Aug. 20	James Leonard
Aug. 21	Linda Roy
Aug. 23	Don Godier & Lauren Wetzler
Aug. 24	Jeanette Ellner & Michael Steibel
Aug. 25	Megan Laurent

*May your day be filled with Good Wishes, Birthday Greetings and God's Blessings*

## Happy Anniversary!

Aug. 17 Don & Arlene Godier

*May the Lord continue to bless your marriage and each of you for many years to come.*

# PRAYER REQUEST

Our Homebound Grayson Herriman Anna (Babe) Mollet Jennifer Kostencki Betty Schneider	Cancer Patients Nursing Home Residents Leah Kostencki Sara Burris
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*All names of the prayer list will be left on for 4 weeks. Please call the rectory if you would like them to remain on the list.*



Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup> 8am	Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> 8am
<b>B</b> Carla	<b>B</b> Steve G.
<b>C</b> Paulette R. & Marie	<b>C</b> Lynne & Ava
<b>L</b> Mary B.	<b>L</b> James
<b>S</b> Langston & McKenna	<b>S</b> Katie & Mackenzie
<b>G</b> Richard D. Fam.	<b>G</b> Popejoy Fam.
<b>Chalice/Paten:</b> Ron D.	<b>Chalice/Paten:</b> Steve D.

## DID YOU REMEMBER



Please contact Carol Herzog 618-284-7215 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.



The Prayer chain is in place. If you know of someone who is in need of emergency prayers please call Jeanelle Dinan 284-7788 or the rectory @ 284-3314.

## Religious Education



PSR parents please contact the rectory to confirm your child has registered for the fall classes. 618-284-3314. I didn't forget...the pizza party for servers and those who participated in the Passion performance will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5-6pm.

**First PSR class is Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:15am. Doors open at 7am.**

Any student in grades 3-9 would like to serve please let Jill know.



We welcome anyone who is between the grades of 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Jill for information about our group. 618-719-9344



Welcome Fr. Sebastian,

As you arise today  
Through a mighty strength:  
May God's power guide you,  
May God's might uphold you,  
May God's eyes watch over you;  
May God's ear hear you,  
May God's word give you speech,  
May God's hand guard you,  
May God's way lie before you,  
May God's shield shelter you,  
And May God's host secure you.  
The Parishioners of St. Joseph

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

- Sat. 6pm Mass at St. Patrick's
- Sun.: 8am Mass St. Joseph Baptism of Marquardt baby
- 11am Mass of Installment at convent for Fr. Sebastian
- Tues.: R&R @ 10:30am
- First day of School @ PDR elementary
- Final Picnic meeting @ 7pm Parish office
- Thurs. PSR teacher meeting 7pm Parish office
- Sat.: 6pm Mass at St. Patrick's
- Sun.: 8am Mass

**THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:**

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:**

The pastor was visiting a new family who had moved into the parish. During his visit, the six year old daughter Amy kept staring at Fathers collar. The priest finally pointed to his collar and asked little Amy if she knew what it was. "Yes," she replied with confidence. "It keeps fleas and ticks away for up to thirty days."

**DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:**

Position Available: The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant for the Office of

Worship. For essential qualifications and application opportunities, please see the information posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance of church.

**St. Joseph, Freeburg**

September 6 & 7  
Fri, Sept 6: Fish Fry 4-7pm, Live music 7-10pm  
Sat, Sept 7: Mass 4pm, Chicken Dinner 4-7pm, Quilt & Cash Bingo 6pm, Live music, Kids games, Basket Stand, and much more

**Belleville:**

Cantors, choir members, piano and organ players and all musicians – The “Liturgical Lollapalooza” is for you! Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin. Please go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=gKTWNt> to register. Contact the Office of Worship at 722-5038 or [shuett@diobelle.org](mailto:shuett@diobelle.org) for more information.

**PARTNERSHIP CORNER:**

**St. Patrick & Ruma Convent:**

**BE A BLESSING GARDEN PROJECT**

We will be working in the garden on Monday evenings at 6PM.

**St. John's:**

Has anyone in our partnership expressed to you interest in wanting to join the Church? It is not too early to let us know of your interest. Give Fr. Dennis a call at 282-3222. We plan to begin our sessions in mid-September. The sessions will be held in the Red Brick building down at St. Patrick's. We will be in touch with you to let you know more of the details. Come & See!!

**INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION**

If you will be working with, or helping with any of our children or youth, you must be Child Protected. For all who have attended an initial child protection session, you will need to go on line and complete the Refresher course. An initial child protection session will be on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m. at St. John's. The session will be held in Church. Call the school office to let them know you will be attending (282-3215).

**Fish Fry & Meat Raffle: Sponsored by St. John's**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Evansville KC hall. See flyer in the rear foyer of church

**St. Joseph Quilters** will once again begin their hard work of preparing for our quilt bingo next year. Quilting once again will start in the hall basement Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 9am -3pm and starting after Labor Day 9am-8pm.

**First Baptist Church quilters guild** has once again began quilting on Monday evenings 6-9pm

**St. Patrick's Ruma**

Please note the Mass schedule will now include any Masses at St. Patrick's. They will be marked in bold with a (P).

**St. Patrick's** CCW is hosting a dinner on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ruma parish hall. All ladies from St. Joseph are invited to attend. If you plan to attend please call Sandy at the St. Patrick's rectory 282-3176 and let her know you are coming.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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**Party in the Park:**

Last show of the season:

Aug.21<sup>st</sup> Rumors

**FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

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Next parish council meeting will be Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm parish office.

Just a quick reminder Jill will be on vacation from Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 8.

**FROM PICNIC COMMITTEE:**

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Final Picnic Mtg Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm parish office.

If you have any suggestions please use the moving forward box to submit ideas or suggestions

**PICNIC WINNERS:**

**Quilt & Cash Raffle**

**Quilt:** Isabella Fregoso

**\$100:** Tony Steibel

**Cardinal Tickets & parking pass:** Earleen Riechman

**Gravity Chairs:** Gina Phegley

**Decorative towels:** Ryan Walker

**Oil Painting:** Laura Mae Deterding

**Baby quilt:** Denny Melliere

**Fire Pit:** Mary Steibel

**Roots woodworking Swing:** Mae Stellhorn

**Cash Raffle:**

**\$500:** Billy Hanger

**\$300:** Doug Gregson

**\$200:** Amanda Mudd

**Cardinal Tickets:** Carol Herzog

**Picnic numbers:**

Dinners: Adults: 1081 Kids: 81

Basket Stand: Wow! 191 baskets, what a variety of creative baskets. Thanks to those who donated completed baskets, cash or bargain shopped to help make this a record breaking year.

We are still receiving a few bills so hopefully next week all the expenses are final and the reports will be out.