



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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame
may not be disjointed but healed.
— *Hebrews 12:12-13*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Aug. 24th THROUGH Sept. 1st

Sat.	6pm. (P)	Janet & Stanley Mudd
Sun.	8am (J)	Ethel & Orville Bievenue
Sun.	11am (C)	Virginia & John Myerscough
Tues.	4:10pm(C)	S. Dorothy Marie Dietz
Wed.	4:10pm(C)	Tom Arey Family
Thurs.	4:10pm(C)	Vernie Fry Family
Fri.	8:15am(C)	Jeanette & Curtis Henry
Sat.	6pm (P)	Bernie & Eileen Wuertz
Sun.	8am (J)	Fr. Albert Kreher
Sun.	11am (C)	Janie & Wil Mathews



Aug. 18th 2019

Envelopes (51)	\$1402.00
Loose	\$225.00
Total	\$1627.00
Weekly goal	\$1700.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 25	Megan Laurent
Aug. 26	Angel Schneider
Aug. 27	Ann Laurent
Aug. 29	Ryan Laurent, Olivia Kertz & Laura Mae Deterding
Aug. 31	Jeanelle Dinan

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

Happy Anniversary!

Aug. 26 Bob & Carolyn Schneider

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

PRAYER REQUEST

Our Homebound	Cancer Patients
Grayson Herriman	Nursing Home Residents
Anna (Babe) Mollet	Leah Kostencki
Jennifer Kostencki	Sara Burris
Betty Schneider	

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. 25th 8am

B	Steve G.
C	Lynne & Ava
L	James
S	Katie & Mackenzie
G	Popejoy Fam.
Chalice/Paten: Steve D.	

Sept. 1st 8am

B	Earleen
C	Mary & Carla
L	Chad
S	Evan & Langston
G	Ushers
Chalice/Paten: Jeanelle	

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.

First PSR class is Sept 3rd @ 7:15am. Doors open at 7am.

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



information about our group. 618-719-9344

We welcome anyone who is between the grades of 7th thru 12th. Call Jill for



Thanks to all of you who came to my first Mass here or at St. Patrick's and to the Mass of installation. I am truly blessed to have been given this opportunity to serve the Lord humbly at such faithful parishes. Please continue to pray for me as I begin this journey that God has handed to me. I see great things in our future. God Bless you all!

FR. KREHER PASSED AWAY:

Fr. Albert E. Kreher passed away on Aug. 20th in Belleville.

The funeral will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Piopolis, IL at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, August 27th with Msgr. James Buerster, main celebrant. The public visitation is from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM Monday, August 26th at the church and before the funeral from 9:00 AM until the funeral hour. There will be a Chalice Ceremony beginning at 10:00 AM led by the Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 where Fr. Kreher was a member.

May Fr. Kreher enjoy eternal life with God and all the angels and saints.

Congratulations

God grant Kinsley Dorothy Marquardt may she grow in grace in Catholic faith and love. God fill her home with many joys and blessings from above. Congratulations Kevin and Kara.

Fr. Sebastian's schedule until October:

Monday is his day off, and he has a CPE in Marion. **Tuesday and Thursday** are his clinic days for the CPE. **Wednesday & Friday** he will be in the office. Updates will follow after his class is over as to his hours.

Fr. Dan: He is adjusting well to retired life and still keeping busy dealing with the government and all the change of address cards needed to be filled out.

His phone number was wrong on the cards he handed out. The correct number is 618-214-0185. His new email is frdan646@gmail.com Please give him a call or send him and email. I know he would love to hear from you.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sat. 6pm Mass at St. Patrick's

Sun.: 8am Mass

Tues.: R&R @ 10:30am

Parish Council mtg. 7pm parish office

Bulletin deadline.

Fri. Office Closed. Jill on vacation until Sept. 8th

Sat.: 6pm Mass at St. Patrick's

Sun.: 8am Mass

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

It was the early Mass on Sunday morning. The day was bright and warm, just right for golf. Father said to the servers just before the opening procession, "bet we've got lots of golfers here this morning," "How do you know who they are?" asked one of the servers. "Just watch their hands when they pray," Father responded. "They all use an interlocking grip."

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 for more information.

PARTNERSHIP CORNER:

St. Patrick & Ruma Convent:

BE A BLESSING GARDEN PROJECT

Thanks to all who helped with this project! What a wonderful way to get together.

TWO ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendar for the **first of our 4th Tuesday's** of the Month Adult Formation Opportunities for our partnership here at St. John's. On September 24th we will be showing the movie "Unplanned" and on October 22nd Bishop Robert Barron's, "Eucharist" - Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence. Both will be shown in Church on the Screens. Plan to be with us, invite a friend to join you. More details to come as the time approaches.

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!!

St. Joseph Quilters will once again begin their hard work of preparing for our quilt bingo next year. Quilting from 9am -3pm and starting after Labor Day 9am-8pm. Any one is welcome, no experience necessary and the benefits are warm & comforting.

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. 18th 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.

St. Joseph Freeburg: Parish Picnic

Sept. 6 Fish fry 4-7pm & Music

Sept. 7 Chicken dinner 4-7pm Quilt bingo @ 6pm, music and much more

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PRAIRIE DU ROCHER FIRE DEPT. BBQ & CAR SHOW

Sunday Sept 22 11am -5pm

See flyer for more info.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Next parish council meeting will be Aug. 27th 7pm parish office.

Just a quick reminder Jill will be on vacation from Aug. 30th – Sept. 8. There will be no bulletin but Charlene will be in the office next week from 9-12 everyday but Wednesday.

Help is needed: anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister, lector gift bearer or server, please call the rectory.

FROM PICNIC COMMITTEE:

Final Picnic meeting numbers were great! Thanks to all who helped in any way on any day in any area of the picnic.

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

FINAL PICNIC NUMBERS

St. Joseph Catholic Church Picnic - 2019

Income

<u>Source</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Business donations	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 3,210.00
Presales & Parish donation	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 4,225.00
Cash & Quilt raffle	\$ 2446.00	\$ 2,746.00
Basket stand	\$ 1,322.81	\$ 1,633.35
Suppers	\$ 13,327.00	\$ 13,374.00
Lunch Stand	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,319.50
Kitchen sales	\$ 797.00	\$1,093.00
Soda & Water	\$ 851.00	\$ 881.50
Mini-bar	\$ 539.00	\$ 722.05
Beer stand	\$ 3,047.00	\$ 3,574.00
Sno-cones & Popcorn	\$ 394.00	\$ 275.00
Country store	\$ 588.25	\$ 447.25
Hearts	\$ 728.80	\$ 952.25
Bingo (net)	\$ 12,251.00	\$ 10,073.50
Laser tag	\$ 200.00	\$ 557.00
Sand art	\$ 323.00	\$ 202.00
Kids games	\$ 682.50	\$ 877.00
Inflatables	\$ 1,256.00	\$ 1,256.00
<u>Wine Slushies</u>	<u>\$ 370.00</u>	<u>\$ N/A</u>
Totals	\$ 44,818.86	\$47,418.40

St. Joseph Catholic Church Picnic-2019

Expenses

<u>Source</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Raffle Winners	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
inflatable	\$ 1,865.00	\$ 585.00
Postage/Printing	\$ 865.80	\$1,011.17
Licenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00
Beer/Wine	\$ 1,847.35	\$ 1,727.45
Soda	\$ 310.71	\$ 422.11
Toilets	\$ 845.00	\$ 765.00
Sanitation	\$ 259.00	\$ 250.00
Advertising/Signs	\$ 520.50	\$ 747.00
Spraying	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00
Tribout's Carnival	\$ 51.36	\$ 25.00
Supplies		
Sound System	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Food: Kitchen, Lunch Stand, Etc.	\$ 7,281.30	\$ 7,026.34
Ice	\$ 408.50	\$ 395.00
Golf Cart Rental	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
<u>Bingo Tax (5%)</u>		<u>\$ 699.15</u>
Totals:	\$16,795.64	\$15,503.22

Receipts:	\$ 44,818.66	\$ 47,418.40
Expenses:	\$ 16,795.06	\$ 15,503.22
Profit:	\$ 28,023.60	\$ 31,915.18
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