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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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2019

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.
— *Hebrews 12:22a*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm — God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading — You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel — Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

HUMILITY

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Aug. 31st THROUGH Sept. 9th

Sat.	6pm. (P)	Bernie & Eileen Wuertz
Sun.	8am (J)	Fr. Albert Kreher
Sun.	11am (C)	Janie & Wil Mathews
Tues.	4:10pm(C)	Claude & Rosa Simpson
Wed.	4:10pm(C)	Armin & Lola Depper
Thurs.	4:10pm(C)	Russ & Barb Teague
Fri.	8:15am(C)	Justin & Margaret Simpson
Sat.	6pm(J)	Wayne Klein & Pauline Schmitz
Sun	8am (P)	Leta Rae & Gib Bauer & Bonnie Rieso
Sun.	11am(C)	Florian & Regina Jurek



Aug. 25th 2019

Envelopes (47)	\$1227.00
Loose	\$220.00
Capt. Improve.	\$250.00

Total	\$1697.00
Weekly goal	\$1700.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 31	Jeanelle Dinan
Sept. 2	James Popejoy & Angel Mollet
Sept. 3	Shirley Mathews & Lesley Sauer
Sept. 4	Ethan Powell & Ella Durbin
Sept. 5	Steve Deterding & Troy Melliere
Sept. 9	Earleen Hanger
Sept. 10	Colin Wiegard
Sept. 12	Austin Knop & Nathan Schilling
Sept. 13	Roger Fries & Harry Glenn
Sept. 14	Patricia Deterding
Sept. 15	Cindy Jones & Maggie Roy

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

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 3	Jim & Georgia Sirtak
Sept. 4	Tony & Rachel Steibel
Sept. 8	Greg & Shannon Reinhold
Sept. 11	Roger & Marie Henry
Sept. 13	Jeremiah & Tracy Seiber
Sept. 14	Dave & Deb Ellner Ryan & Denise Ellner

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



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.*



Sept. 1st 8am	Sept. 7th 6pm
B Earleen	B Leonard
C Mary S. & Carla	C Earleen & Mary Ann
L Chad	L Julie
S Evan & Langston	S Zach & Adam
G Ushers	G Floyd & Linda
Chalice/Paten: Jeanelle	Chalice/Paten: Roger H.

Sept. 14th 6pm	Sept. 21st 6pm
B Paulette R.	B Audrey
C Carla & Marie	C Mary S. & Ava
L Becky	L Mary B.
S Katie & Mackenzie	S adult volunteers
Chalice/ Paten: Ina D.	Chalice/Paten: Carol 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.

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.



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

information about our group. 618-719-9344



Ponder This,

Prayer is an important part of any fitness/wellness program. Prayer can lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol, blood pressure and even improve immune functioning. Welcoming God into your life brings peace that improves your physical mental & spiritual well being. Pray often and early to God!

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.

Wedding Bells: Megan Deterding and Michael Despain will be married here on Sept. 14th. May God bless their marriage and may your love for each other continue to grow.

HAPPENINGS THIS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Sat.** 6pm Mass at St. Patrick's
- Sun.:** 8am Mass
- Tues.:** R&R @ 10:30am
- First PSR Class @ 7:15am**
- Sat.:** 6pm Mass at St. Joseph
- Sun.:** 8am Mass @ St. Patrick

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So each one goes into the woods, finds a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:

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.

Valmeyer: Fall Church Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 15th 11am-6pm

Chicken dinner, music and bingo

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!!

TIME TO ORDER MUMS!!!

On the bulletin tables you will find the order sheet for ordering Mums. Five different colors are available. They are \$7.50 a pot. All orders and money must be in by Monday, Sept 9th.

Delivery will be on the afternoon of Sept. 17th
Questions, please call school.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PRAISE IN THE PRAIRIE DU ROCHER PARK

Sept. 8th 1:30pm-3:30pm

Praise in the Park is being organized by an ecumenical group of Prairie du Rocher area residents. We want to celebrate God's protective hand over our area during the recent flooding event.

The event will be held at the village park Sunday, September 8, from 1:30-3:30 PM, and will feature a time of praise, special music, fellowship, & refreshments. Rain location St. Joseph Catholic Church.

A freewill offering will be taken & donated to the [Prairie du Rocher Fire Department](#) .

Prairie du Rocher American Legion:

Fish Fry Sept. 20th 4:30-8pm

Fish & fixins' by the plate, pound or sandwich.

Alzheimer's Support Group:

Thursday, Sept 12th @ 6:30pm Red Bud Hospital Ground floor.

PRAIRIE DU ROCHER FIRE DEPT. BBQ & CAR SHOW

Sunday Sept 22 11am -5pm

See flyer for more info.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

Catechetical Weekend: Sept. 14th

At this Mass we as parish will bless our teachers, students and the books they will learning from. Each grade and child has an important role in this Mass. Please come and bring your families.

HELP IS NEEDED: anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister, lector gift bearer or server, please call the rectory.

Fall work day: we will be cleaning, and sprucing up the old girl on Sept. 21st beginning at 9am. Items on the list are landscaping, painting and general maintenance. Please come help, remember many hands make light work!