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WEEKEND MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH:

Saturdays: 5pm
Sundays: 8:30am
Ruma Convent: Sunday at 11am
Daily Mass varies at both locations
Confessions at St. Joseph:
Saturday 4 - 4:40 pm & Sundays 7:45 - 8:15 am

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.
— *Sirach 28:2*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

Forgiveness

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the

Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SEPT. 16th THROUGH SEPT. 24th

Sat.	5pm (J)	William & Rita Kelley & Our Parishioners
Sun.	8:30am (J)	Greg Harbaugh & Our Parishioners
Sun.	11am (C)	Fr. Tom Stout
Mon.	8:15am (C)	Percy & Irene Scherle
Tues	4pm (C)	Leta Rae & Gib Bauer
Wed.	8:15am (C)	Gene & Marilyn Joshu
Thurs.	4pm (C)	S. Dorothy Marie Dietz
Fri.	8:15am (C)	Loren & MaryLou Holcomb
Sat.	5pm (J)	Aaron, Lucille & Dale Roy & Our Parishioners
Sun.	8:30am (J)	Hattie Dornhecker & Our Parishioners
Sun.	11am	S. Virginia Walsh



Sept 10, 2017

Envelopes (62)	\$1,616.00
Loose	205.00
Hurricane Harvey Collection	<u>555.00</u>
Total	\$2,376.00
(Weekly Goal \$1,700.00)	



Sept. 16	Carla Deterding & Greg Godier
Sept. 17	Amy Roider
Sept. 18	Olivia Carle & Anna Mollet
Sept. 19	Lisa Mueller
Sept. 20	Gina Phegley, Ben Manning & Emmalea Young
Sept. 21	Michael Young
Sept. 22	Doris Heller & Gerald Whelan

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

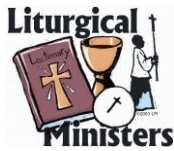
Happy Anniversary

Sept. 16	Troy & Stacy Melliere Craig & Christine Hartmann
Sept. 17	Craig & Jill Whelan

*May God Continue to Bless Your
Marriage with Love, Joy & Companionship All the
Years of Your Lives*



George Bennett	Michael Brand	Andrew Brandt
David Braun	Lydia Boyer	Albert Byrn
Diane Corzine	Alan Deterding	Janelle Dinan
Fr. Don Lenzini	Melanie Green	Shelly Hooker
Wanda Honer	Fr. Dan Jurek	Tony Melliere
Mary Ann Klein	Harold Moses	Alice Modglin
Maxine Linnertz	Tim Durbin	Ashlee Pike
Daisy Mathews	Jackie Prange	Bill Sauer
Betty Schneider	Diane Ryan	Austin Scheibe
David Stirnaman	Cora Walster	Tom Wamble
Rhonda Tockstein	Janis Yaekel	Brian Wells Sr.
Derrick Dewilde	Mike Dethrow	Nicole Dethrow
George & Pat Deterding		Mary Ellen Zeiger



Sat. Sept. 16th

- B Carla
- C Mary Ann & Paulette
- L Jolene
- S Anthony & Wyatt
- G Ushers

Sept. 23rd

- B Marvin
- C Carol & Audrey
- L Chad
- S Katie & Renee

- G Richard & Laura Mae

Sun. Sept. 17th

- B Steve D
- C Paulette & Mary
- L Paulette
- S Bailee & Michael
- G

Chalice/Paten:
Roger & Marie

Sept. 24th

- B Ava
- C Nate & Vince
- L Becky
- S Zach W., LeAnn & Katie P.
- G Popejoy Family

Chalice/Paten:
John & Shirley

There will be no weekday masses for a while but weekend Masses will continue as normal unless otherwise posted in the bulletin, website or our Facebook page. If you are not tech savvy call the rectory if you have any questions.



From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

Today's readings address an all-too-familiar piece of advice that is easier to talk about than to do: Forgive. We know from experience how hard it is to forgive and how powerful it is to be forgiven. That Jesus was even asked about it indicates that it is not a behavior enacted easily. His response reflects our need to be instructed about it. Forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices, and it may require our commitment to live as totally new people in Christ. But, boundless forgiveness may be the greatest gift we can ever give one another - and our selves.

Next Saturday, Sept. 23rd our Parish Partnership of St. John's, St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's & the Adorers of the Blood of Christ will have our meeting with the Bishop, at the Chancery Office in Belleville at 9:30 a.m. Representatives from each parish will be in attendance. The Bishop will be wanting to know what we are doing as a Partnership and what suggestions do we have should their only be one priest for the Partnership. We have spoken about this at all the Council Meetings. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we will have a profitable meeting.

Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Dennis

P.S. Fr. Dan forgot to add his phone number... 284-2404

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is wiser to forgive than to hate.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Sunday school teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted.

"My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

Another Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning about how powerful the kings and queens were in Biblical times. But there is a higher power. Who can tell me what it is?"

Tommy blurted out, "I know, Aces."

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK IN THE PARTNERSHIP

Sat. & Sun.: Fr. Dan returns to Celebrate Mass with the folks of St. Joseph and Ruma Convent.

Mon.: St. Joseph Finance Council meeting 7p.m. in rectory

Wed.: Bible Study, 6:45 p.m. in St. John's Church basement

Sat.: Parish Partnership Mtg with the Bishop at Chancery 9:30 a.m. Leaving St. Joseph parking lot at 8:15 a.m.



Please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 284-7702 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.



Remember Junior and Senior High Youth

(7th grade through seniors)

Thanks to all who have helped support our fundraising efforts toward NCYC in November.

The youth will be having a few final fundraisers before will leave in November to go to NCYC. There will be a quilt raffle, and a bake sale both of these will end Oct. 8th.

Raffle tickets will be sold after Masses starting on Sept. 23-24.

We are just short of our goal of \$500.00 for our meals at NCYC any donations will be truly appreciated.

Next meeting Sept. 24th @ 6pm in the rectory. We will be making treats for the blessing of the pets and bake sale.

I am excited to inform the parish that our youth group has four children going to and three adults are going to Indianapolis for NCYC. Bailee Henry, Angel Mollet, Zachary Walker, and Michael Young. Along with Brandi Henry, Dawn Walker and myself. Please pray for the folks as they travel on a journey of faith with other youth.

Religious Education



PSR classes begins @ 7:15am

Oct. 1st Respect Life Sunday liturgy will be hosted by 7th & 8th grade class. All students are asked to attend.

Confirmation Class & Parent meeting

Oct. 4th 7pm.

Confirmation families a letter will be arriving soon in the mail to explain upcoming dates and times for your student.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Welcome the Young People – “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” (Mark 9:37) Over 780,000 youth received protection from the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Learn, Act, Connect, Pray: The DACA program provided no legal status or government benefits but did provide recipients with temporary employment authorization to work in the U.S. The Catholic Church has long watched with pride and admiration as DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society. To read the statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning DACA go to <http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-157.cfm>. With our Bishops, we must pledge our support to work on finding an expeditious means of protection for DACA youth.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

Diocesan Website - Employment Opportunities

We currently are advertising for 17 positions and have space for more. Follow the link below. <http://www.diobelle.org/>

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

You will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection the weekend of September 16-17. **All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests.** Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you so much for your consideration!

RUMMAGE SALE – OCT 6TH & 7TH

The Rummage Sale will be Friday, Oct 6th 4-9 pm and Saturday, Oct 7th 8am–1pm at the PDR Legion. We need your unwanted stuff! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Lisa Mueller 618-521-0266, Sarah Pollard 618-521-3331 or Cassie Roy 618-340-0605, or contact us via Facebook. We will be collecting donations after church (at church) on Sat. Sept 30th and Sun. Oct 1st and also Thurs. Oct 5th (at the Legion). You may also contact one of us if none of these

drop off times work for you. We will need help on Thursday late afternoon-evening to sort and place donations at the Legion. Specific times for everything will be announced later. We had a great turnout last year, we need your help to make it a success again! The Facebook event has been created, please share it with everyone! **PS – we need your stuff and volunteers!**

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:

St. John the Baptist

K of C Dinner and a Movie

September 16, 2017

Spaghetti Dinner @ 5pm

Movie @ 7pm (God is not Dead)

St. John the Baptist

Rummage sale Sept. 22, 23, & 24

More info to follow.

Ruma Convent

Beatification of Fr. Stanley Rother can be seen on Channel EWTN on Sat. Sept. 23, 10:00-11:30am & a repeat showing at 11pm

Fr. Stan is a native of Okarche, OK & a brother to S. Marita Rother, ASC

He was martyred in his Guatemalan Parish in 1981.

Evansville

Evansville Knights of Columbus Fish Buffet

Friday 10/6 Serving 4:30-8pm

4 kinds of fish, chicken strips and 7 sides

Adults \$12.00 Children 5-12 \$5.00

Buffet is Dine-in Only

Carryouts available by the Plate, Sandwich or by the Pound.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL:

We are looking for more volunteers for Eucharistic Ministers, Gift bearers, Lectors and Servers. Please contact the office if you wish to volunteer. The benefits are heavenly.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

In light of the advancement in technology our parish directory has become outdated. Many people of our parish no longer have landlines and use cell phones as their primary phone. Therefore, we no longer have a

“good” number to reach you at. The Parish council would like to update everyone’s information so it is easier to contact you if need be.

We would also like an email address, if you have one. This would make it easy to share important information with you, like weekly bulletins, event reminders and other happens around the parish.

Some of this information will be redundant to what is already recorded but please do fill out as much as you can, to help make updating easier.

Forms will be in the back of church September 2nd and will be accepted until October 1st.

As always, your information will be kept confidential and will only be used for the intentions of the Parish.

Thank you,

Parish Council

Fun Around Town

Prairie du Rocher Fireman’s BBQ & Car Show

Saturday Sept. 16th: drinks, food & music

Sunday Sept. 17th: BBQ and Car Show

Prairie du Rocher Community yard sales: Sept. 23rd

Songs about forgiveness

I want a heart that forgives

A heart full of love

One with compassion just like yours above

One that overcomes evil with goodness and love

Like it never happened, never holding a grudge

I want a heart that forgives that lives and lets lives

One that keeps loving over and over again

One that men can't offend

because your word is deep within

One that loves without price like you Lord Jesus Christ

I want a heart that loves everybody

Even my Enemies

I want to love like you , be like you, just like you did

I want a heart that forgives, want a heart that forgives

I wanna love like you, be like you, just like you did

Wanna walk like you, talk like you, just like you did,

Wanna be like you Jesus

Kevin Levar - A Heart That Forgives Lyrics

Just a few words that we should think about in our everyday lives.