



### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**  
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November 19, 2017

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, you are

children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

### SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



**NOV. 18<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Sat.	5pm (J)	Pauline Schmitz & Our Parishioners
Sun.	8:30am (J)	William Umbdenstock Bernie Imming & Our Parishioners
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>11am (C)</b>	<b>David Weber Family</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>8:15am (C)</b>	<b>Betty Runge</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>4pm (C)</b>	<b>Gene &amp; Marilyn Joshu</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>8:15am</b>	<b>S. Mary Jerome Goeckner</b>
Wed.	7pm (J)	In Thanksgiving for all God has given us
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9am (C)</b>	<b>For All Those Who Help Us to Be Thankful</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>8:15am (C)</b>	<b>S. Georgia Kampwerth (B-Day)</b>
Sat.	5pm (J)	Intention of Catholic Extensions & Our Parishioners
Sun.	8:30am (J)	Rosalie Whelan & Our Parishioners
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>S. Catherine Wellinghoff</b>



**Nov 12, 2017**

Envelopes (1095)	\$1,095.00
Loose	85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>
(Weekly Goal \$1,700.00)	



Nov. 14	Alexis Sauer
Nov. 17	Stacie Roy
Nov. 20	Betty Godier, Carolyn Wicklein Emily Mudd & Mark Roider
Nov. 21	Emma Johnson
Nov. 22	Kevin Jones, Milida Ellner
Nov. 23	Betty Schneider
Nov. 26	Andrew Mudd

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



<b>Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></b>
B Paulette R.	B Mary
C Jolene & Carla	C Lynne & Marie
L Madeline	L Patrick
S Samantha & Madison	S Maggie & McKenna
G Ushers	G Roger & Marie Chalice/Paten: Roger & Marie

**Wed. Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm**

B) Mary & Nate (upstairs)
C) Vince & Briahna
L) Zach W. & Angel
S) Meg, Anthony, Maggie & Michael
G Mackenzie, Ethan & Evan

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**

B Marvin
C Carol & Ava
L Chad
S Wyatt
G Richard & Laura Mae

**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

B Marie
C Steve & Paulette A.
L James
S Michael & Lane
G Popejoy family Chalice/Paten: John & Shirley

*Happy Anniversary*

Nov. 18	Robert & Joyce Wetzler
Nov. 21	Richard & Laura Mae Deterding
Nov. 22	Marvin & Gail Roy Larry & Fern Deterding
Nov. 24	Robert & Jeanette Ellner Mark & Amy Roider

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



David Braun	Lydia Boyer	Freeman Greer
Diane Corzine	Alan Deterding	Bill Sauer
Fr. Don Lenzini	Caleb Oakley	Austin Scheibe
Randy Bingham	Harold Moses	Tim Durbin
Mary Ann Klein	Jackie Prange	Diane Ryan
Maxine Linnertz	Cora Walster	Tony Melliere
Betty Schneider	Sr. Janis Yaekel	Derrick Dewilde
Edward Luttman		
George & Pat Deterding	Rhonda Tockstein	Shirley Marquardt
Dan Krebel		

**It's time to update the prayer list. Please let Jill know if you are able to be taken off the list.**



From the Desk of Fr. Dennis

On this thirty-third Sunday as the Church year draws to a close we are given the opportunity for some serious reflection. We hear advice about paying attention and planning for what will inevitably come in each of our lives. Our readings speak of wisdom, courage and using the strengths and gifts we have been given. As the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons seem to collide in the coming weeks, this may be a good time to take a breath, step back, and think about what really matters.

I encourage you to come and join us this evening (Sunday) for the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7 pm here at St. John's. Let us gather and give Thanks for our Blessings, praying as well for peace throughout the world. You are also invited to join us on Wednesday evening at 7 pm for our Parish Partnership Mass which will be at St. Joseph's in Prairie du Rocher. "Let us give thanks to the Lord, for His love is everlasting!"

In the mail after Thanksgiving you will receive a letter from our Parish Partnership listing the Mass times for the coming Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception, along with the Advent Penance Services, and the Christmas and New Year's

Masses. Please note the changes and place for the Masses!

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

Have a blest week!

Fr. Dennis

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

#### **ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

Jimmy & Sam kept bothering their Mom as she was preparing Thanksgiving dinner. "Can we ask you some Thanksgiving questions, Mom?" "Okay", she said! Why did the turkey cross the road? "I don't know," she answered. It was the chicken's day off! What did the turkey say before it was roasted? Boy, I'm stuffed! "Okay boys, if you have any more questions, go and ask your Dad if he knows the answers!"

#### **HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK IN THE PARTNERSHIP**

**Mon:** Choir practice at St. Joseph 7pm

**Tues.:** PSR St. Joseph 7:15am,

Ecumenical Service 7pm at 1st Baptist Church-Prairie du Rocher

**Wed:** Parish Partnership Thanksgiving Eve Mass 7pm At St. Joseph's

**Thurs.:** Thanksgiving Mass 9am at Convent Office Closed

**Fri.:** Office Closed

**Sun.:** Feast of Christ the King

#### **'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON**

In three weeks we will begin a new Church year! I'd like to invite you to join me and your fellow parishioners for the **Best Advent Ever**, a free e-mail program from Dynamic Catholic. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with Best Advent Ever. Each day you will receive an e-mail with short inspirational videos from leading Catholic voices Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories of hope. All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com. Get ready for the best Christmas of your life!

## DID YOU REMEMBER

The month of November is commonly called the "Month of the Poor Souls". I would like to offer you an opportunity to have the deceased of your families and your deceased friends remembered in all the Masses offered in our Parish Church and at the Convent during November. Envelopes on which you can write the names of the deceased that you wish to be remembered are on the tables by the entrances of our Church. If you need more space for names, write them on a sheet of paper and place it in the envelope. If you wish, you may place a monetary offering in the envelope. Place the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. During the month of November let us pray the following prayer . . .

**We pray: Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



Please contact Deb Ellner at 284-3565 if you or a fellow parishioner are suffering from an injury, illness, or grief and would like a visit.



In the ideas to move forward box was a request to begin a prayer chain group. A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance in prayer for any serious and pressing problem. It is also a way for any person to act on God's command to love one another ([John 13:34-35](#)). Many people cannot engage directly in ministry but we can all pray. Many are older or ill themselves but can take the time to help others and to make their time and suffering valuable. Prayer is a way for us to reach out of ourselves, to put aside our loneliness and pain for the sake of another. Jesus teaches us that if we agree on anything and ask in faith it will be granted ([Matthew 18:19](#)). "I tell you, ask and you will receive..." ([Luke 11:9](#), [Matt. 7:7](#))

**A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer, please leave your name and phone number. For more information please call the rectory 284-3314.**



## Remember Junior and Senior High Youth

(7<sup>th</sup> grade through seniors)

**NOV. 16-19 OFF TO NCYC** you can follow the events of NCYC on <http://www.ncyc.info>

**NOV. 22 Thanksgiving Mass**

**Choir Practice:** for Thanksgiving Eve Mass will be November 20<sup>th</sup>. Come one, come all. We have new songs to learn.

**Quilters Needed:** No experience necessary. Please come either during the day or in the evening. We are falling behind in the number of quilts we should have done. Hours for quilting are on Wednesday from 9am-3pm & 3pm-9pm. You don't have to stay the entire day, stay and do what you can. Try it. You just might like it.

## Special Collection

November 19<sup>th</sup> will be the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> for the needy of the area.

## Religious Education



PSR classes begins @ 7:15am

PSR classes would like to invite the members of the parish to also participate in the gift of joy program. If you fill a gallon bag with items for boys/girls ages 2-4, 5-9 & 10-14 label it what age you are filling for, include \$9 for shipping and a small donation to the religious helping with program and place them in the box in the foyer. The PSR students and teachers will fill and ship them. The deadline for this is December 5<sup>th</sup>. These items will be sent to the poor Catholic children in Guatemala. If all the boxes are gone and you still want to help, please feel free to donate money toward the cost of shipping or fill an empty shoe box of your own.

**If anyone has any Rosaries that they would like to donate for the PSR classes, we will gladly accept them. Please call 284-3314 for more info.**

### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

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**Giving Thanks** – As many of us celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends with an abundance of food and drink, there are those in our country who do not have enough to eat. Families are struggling to secure everyday food essentials. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** As you gather this holiday season with your family and friends, consider having your own “food drive.” Ask people to bring a non-perishable food item with them when you get together. Donate the items to your local food pantry or take them to your parish if they have a collection. Give thanks to God for our blessings and ask Him to bless those in need.

### **DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS:**

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**Deacon Formation:** If you are interested in learning more about becoming a deacon, you are invited to attend two upcoming informational meetings in December and January. Formal classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018; however, other aspects of formation will begin well before that. The diocese will hold two informational meetings: the first is on Saturday, December 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m., at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Building 6 and the second is on Saturday, January 6, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at the same location. You will need to attend both sessions. These meetings will provide a great deal of information regarding the requirements of the program and will explain the types of service fulfilled by deacons. Members of the Deacon Formation Committee will present the programs and will be available to answer questions. To assist in planning and to ensure we have adequate program materials at the meetings, please contact Patti Warner at the Deacon Formation Office to let her know you plan to attend. You can reach Patti by mail at 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville IL 62221; by email at [pwarners@diobelle.org](mailto:pwarners@diobelle.org) or by phone at 618.722.5043. Please continue to pray for all those in our diocese discerning a vocation to lay ministry, diaconate, priesthood or religious life.

### **Mattress Sale**

If you need a new mattress, now is the time to buy! SJB Athletic Department Mattress Sale is Sunday, November 26th at Red Bud Mattress Company (new location: 139 W. Market), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Huge savings - up to 70% off retail! New mattresses in all sizes (king, queen, full, twin); luxury top, memory foam, latex and more. Pick up, delivery and layaway available. Cash,

check or credit cards accepted; credit/debit cards will incur a processing fee. If you are unable to attend the Nov. 26th event, bring a flyer to the Red Bud Mattress Company store from now until Dec. 16th at receive the same promotion. Store hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-noon.

### **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows *Jesus and His Strange Relatives - Matthew Chapter 1***

**Presenter: Fr. Tom Ovalle, OMI**

**Thursdays, November 30, December 7 & 14: 10 am – 12 pm.** To find out about our family tree, we go to Ancestry.com. To find out about Jesus’ ancestors we go to the genealogy in the Gospel of Matthew. Here we find his relatives with strange-sounding names like Hezron, Amminadab, Rehoboam, Ahaz and Zerubbabel. And stranger yet is what they contributed to salvation history. Cost: \$10 per session or \$30 for the series. Registration required. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270, or visit [snows.org/programs](http://snows.org/programs).

### **Millstadt Knights of Columbus**

It's the 26th Annual Ham and Meat Raffle

Come by and enjoy some free pork sausage and fried potatoes while you play. Sunday, NOVEMBER 26th from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM at the Columbus Club, 114 West Oak Street in Millstadt. All net proceeds benefit local charities and non-profits.

**St. Boniface Parish** in Evansville is sponsoring our annual Quilt/Cash Fall Bingo on Sunday, November 26th beginning at 1:30 p.m.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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#### **Bingo**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays NO BINGO NOV. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Doors open @ 6pm Play begins @ 7pm  
Prairie du Rocher American Legion

#### **PDR American Legion Upcoming Events**

##### **Euchre Tournament**

November 19, 2017 & December 17, 2017

Sign up at 12:15pm Play begins @ 2pm

Lunch provided

For information call: 284-9509 or 284-7704

**PDR Chamber of Commerce** will be hosting a lighted toy parade on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested, please call Levita Braun 284-7184.

**La Fete de Noel** December 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 – 4 pm. PDR American Legion. Hosted by Prairie du Rocher Chamber of Commerce.



### **'Twas the Night of Thanksgiving**

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,  
but I just couldn't sleep,  
tried counting backward,  
tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned ---  
The dark meat and white,  
But I fought the temptation  
with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation.....  
The thought of a snack became infatuation.....  
So to the kitchen I did race, Flung open the door,  
And gazed at the fridge full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,  
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.  
I felt myself swelling so plump and so round,  
Till all of a sudden, I rose off the ground!!

I crashed through the ceiling. Floating into the sky....  
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie,  
But I managed to yell as I soared past the trees.

**HAPPY EATING TO ALL!!**  
**PASS THE CRANBERRIES PLEASE!!**

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### **FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

We ask everyone especially our youth to bring a food item that will be shared with the poor and hungry. As is our custom, I invite every household to bring to this Eucharist, the bread and wine that you will serve at your main meal on Thanksgiving Day. I shall bless this bread and wine after the Communion Rite of the Mass. They will become signs of God's blessing to all who come to your home and who partake of your meal. Please place your bread and wine in front of the "Harvest Display" in the Sanctuary

The "Angel" Tree has once again appeared in the back of church. This tree has the names of our fellow parishioners who are either homebound, live in nursing homes or assisted living centers that we give gifts to each Christmas season.

The 2018 St. Joseph calendars are at the back and side of church. Please take one or two or three.

### **Sympathies**

We extend our sympathies to Marvin Kennedy on the recent passing of his twin sister Marlene DeRousse. May Marlene have eternal life in Heaven with God and all the saints.

### **Live Streaming**

For those who cannot join us in person or wish to see the experience of NCYC LIVE, via the web. Click the "NCYC Live" button at [ncyc.info](http://ncyc.info) or [nfcym.org](http://nfcym.org). The button will not appear until November 16. You can download the streamcast schedule [here](#). Watch for our group.

### **COOKIE MIX FUNDRAISER**

The Mason Jar Cookie Mixes will be for sale soon. We have different offerings this year. Some of the same cookies mixes plus 1 new one and 2 hot cocoa flavors. Order forms will be out soon or you may place your orders through Facebook or contacting Lisa Mueller, Sarah Pollard, Cassie Roy or Jill. We will also have them for sale at the La Fete de Noel on Dec. 3.

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Please remember to fill out an updated form if you haven't already and place it in the collection basket when you are done.

There is  
always  
**SOMETHING**  
for which  
to be  
*Thankful*