

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Our prayer can be full of words, giving voice to our plans, our needs, our desires. We can bring a lot of "help, help, help" or "gimme, gimme, gimme" to prayer. Try just listening.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 15, 2018

Monday, January 15
NO MASS-NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, January 16
8:15AM Bob & Mary Friess by John
Wednesday, January 17, St. Anthony
10:30AM Margaret McDowell by Bill & Linda Smith
Thursday, January 18
NO MASS
Friday, January 19
8:15AM Cleo Gross by Friends
Saturday, January 20
5PM Dorothy Ebers by Ed & Linda Forgas
Sunday, January 21
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 14 THRU JAN. 21

Sunday	9AM Mass NO PSR CLASS
Monday	NO MASS/NO SCHOOL PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO K of C LUNCHEON 7PM K of C Meeting (Eat at 6:30PM)
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS 4:30-7PM K of C Fish Fry 7PM PTO Designer Purse Bingo in Gym
Saturday	10:30AM-Fr. Gene will present the "Into My Vineyard" program at Pastoral Center, Belleville 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Once more we stand with John the Baptist and learn from what he does. Watching Jesus walk by, he says to two of his disciples, "Behold, the Lamb of God." And "the two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:36-37). One was Andrew, who, in turn, goes to his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. And Jesus gives him a new name, Cephas, which means "rock". A new life begins for Andrew and Simon, and most likely for the other disciple as well, possibly either James or John (both were fishermen with Peter and Andrew). Like John pointing out Jesus to his two disciples, the old priest Eli helps Samuel to understand that the Lord is entering the boy's life and tells him to respond, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). We bring each other to God, to Jesus Christ, by being attentive to how God is at work among us. God continues to work through each of us, and that is what makes "ordinary time" continuously extraordinary.

TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,442.00
\$510.00 Initial Offering; \$488.00 Cemetery; \$295.00 Solemnity of Mary; \$302.00 Sr. Anne Irose; \$300.00 Christmas; \$50.00 Needy; \$175.00 Improvement Fund; \$55.00 Child Envelope

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,919.13

Fiscal Year Week: 28

YTD Actual Giving: \$193,735.50

YTD Budget Need: \$196,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$2,264.50)

YTD Weekly: (\$80.88)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Jan. 20 & 21: 5PM, Claire Deterding, Kolton Jany; 9AM, Nolin Crain, David Grau Connor Wolff

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Ordinary Time" is lived in a world touched by God's grace. God continues to come into our lives, if we would notice.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Jan. 19, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the K of C Club. On Jan. 26 the fish fry will be for the Help-A-Student Fund.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO: Join us Friday, Jan. 19, in St. Mary's Gym for Ladies Night Out! Doors open at 6PM. Bingo starts at 7PM. This event will consist of 10 games of Bingo with each game being for a designer handbag. You will also have an opportunity to purchase from different direct sales vendors. Price of admission is \$25 per person. Please feel free to bring your own food and beverages to enjoy. Contact the school office (826-2444) or Dainelle Powell (618-559-0555 or dpowell43011@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Chester Scouts are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 6-11AM at St. John's Parish Hall in Chester. Adults are \$6.00. Children ages 5-10 are \$3.00 and 4 and under are free.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY will host the mobile market at 10AM in the Cohen Complex on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Volunteers are needed to speed the distribution. Please call Bob Koenegstein at 826-5264.

DINNER AUCTION: Saturday, April 7. Note new times! Doors open at 4:30PM, dinner at 5:45PM, and the live auction begins at 6:30PM. Reserve your seats early! \$35 per seat. Contact Ron Korando (618-615-2509) for reservations.

DINNER AUCTION: Questions? Ideas? Contact Brandy Maes, Dinner Auction Chairperson (618-615-7020).

MAKE THE MESSENGER a part of your New Year's resolution! The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois.

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS is hosting a Trivia Night to benefit its Neighborhood Law Office! The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL. \$10 per person (table of 8). Bring your own food and drinks. Questions? Call 618-398-5616. Limited tables available. To register online visit www.catholicurbanprograms.org/cup.

Q AND A WITH JESUS: The gospel of St. John records the very first words of Jesus as this question: "What are you looking for?" The gospel response was, and still is, "Being with you, Jesus!" To be with Jesus, we must Come! See! Stay! After seeing and staying, we believe. After believing, we act. We must. What am I *really* looking for? How can I find it in Jesus and in the Christian community? Am I willing to come, see, and follow? This week it means _____.

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Augustine, Hecker, Quilt/Cash Bingo, 1:30PM, Lunch from 10:30AM-1PM, Fried Chicken and Pork Sausage Plates