

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray at every Mass the Lord's Prayer, which concludes: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." The power of evil has been overcome by Jesus' saving death, but we continue to pray that it does not find a home in us, in our Church, or in our society.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 29, 2018

Monday, January 29
8:15AM Special Intention
Tuesday, January 30
8:15AM Bob & Mary Friess by John
Wednesday, January 31, St. John Bosco
10:30AM Margaret McDowell by Bill & Linda Smith
Thursday, February 1
NO MASS
Friday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord
8:15AM Cleo Gross by Margaret Fulford
Saturday, February 3, St. Blasé
5PM Roberta Jany by Lucille & Delbert Jany
Sunday, February 4
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 28 THRU FEB. 4

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass Catholic Schools Week/Celebrating Our Nation 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Ham & Beans, Cornbread/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass Catholic Schools Week/Celebrating Vocations
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs Catholic Schools Week/Celebrating Our Community
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off Catholic Schools Week/Celebrating Our Students
Friday	8:15AM Mass Catholic Schools Week/Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: In Jesus' day, demonic possession was not uncommon. Mark presents Jesus as one who takes on the evil spirits, overturning their possession of this man. Jesus has declared war against the kingdom of Satan. Its hour of ascendancy is coming to an end. The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as one with greater power, for it asks, "Have you come to destroy us?" Then it confesses Jesus as the "Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). Jesus will battle the forces of evil to the death, his death. But what looks like defeat for Jesus will be changed to victory, because the power of God is at work in him. Jesus is the prophet who teaches with the authority of God and whose words are obeyed even by unclean spirits. There is no power on earth or beyond it greater than the power of God at work in him.

TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,883.00
\$489.00 Cemetery; \$135.00 Improvement Fund;
\$25.00 Donation; \$20.00 Votive; \$40.00 Child Env.
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,825.35
Fiscal Year Week: 30
YTD Actual Giving: \$204,760.50
YTD Budget Need: \$210,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$5,239.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$174.65)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Feb. 3 & 4: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Jack Heffernan; 9AM, Gage Hopkins, Garrett Hopkins, Madison Kribs

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Never think that God's delays are God's denials.

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Feb. 2, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. On Feb. 9 the fish fry will be for St. Mary's Dinner Auction.

DINNER AUCTION: Saturday, April 7. Call Ron Korando (618-615-2509) to reserve your seat. Cost is \$35.00 per seat.

QUESTIONS? IDEAS? Contact Brandy Maes, Dinner Auction Chairperson (618-615-7020). Keep sending in your Auction Donation Slips.

RAFFLE TICKETS: We have collected \$246.00 in raffle ticket sales. Thank you! Please continue to sell the tickets and return them in the collection or the boxes in the back of church.

DON'T FORGET next weekend, Feb. 3 & 4, is *The Messenger* Subscription/Renewal Weekend. Be a part of our southern Illinois catholic community by reading articles on Faith, Culture, and Local news.

FAT SATURDAY DINNERS will be hosted by St. Mary's, Ellis Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 4-8PM. Mass will be celebrated at 3:30PM. All you can eat Chicken and Fish dinners with four sides, dessert, and drinks included. Adults - \$10.00. Age 6 through 12 - \$6.00.

LABOURE EXCHANGE has moved! Come visit our new store! Their new address is 751 Center Drive, Ste. Genevieve. The hours of operation are 9AM-5PM Monday through Saturday. For more information call 573-883-7200.

WHO ARE THE DREAMERS? Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age. (Matthew 25: 35-43). Dreamers exemplify the extraordinary contributions that immigrants can provide to our nation. These young people are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes. Go to www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/migrants-refugees-and-travelers/background-on-daca.cfm for more information. You will find ways on how to engage with your elected officials to voice your support for these young people and a list of actions you can become involved in. Pray we keep open hearts and open minds.

WE SHOULD BE AMAZED! Every Sunday, we hear Jesus Christ speak to us in the Bible readings. Every Sunday. Every Liturgy. Today, we are amazed at his clarity, at his authority. Even the unclean spirit knows him to be Holy and God. How do I see Jesus' holiness active in the world? What do I need to hear from him? What will that lead me to do?

YOU'RE INVITED: Friday, Feb. 2, Evansville, K of C Fish Fry, 4:30-8PM; Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher, 8:30-11AM, Buffet Breakfast; Sunday, Feb. 4, St. Augustine, Hecker, 1:30PM, Quilt/Cash Bingo