

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

In the Our Father we pray that God will not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. We pray that we will be obedient to the Father's will to the point of death so that we will be raised into eternal life and join in the of exaltation, confessing Jesus Christ as Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 2, 2017

Monday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels
8:15AM Rev. Gerald C. Miriani
Tuesday, October 3
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Wednesday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi
10:30AM Mary Ellen Atchison by Bernice Prather
Thursday, October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
NO MASS
Friday, October 6, St. Bruno
8:15AM Fern & Bernie Cushman by Children
Saturday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, October 8
9AM Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OCT. 1 THRU OCT. 8

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Sausage & Kraut/Fried Chicken 6PM PTO Meeting
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 5:30PM 2018 Gala Auction Planning Meeting at the K of C 7PM Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Students in Church
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	No School-Diocesan Teacher Convention CHS Homecoming
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: God tells Ezekiel that virtue's proof is in choosing to do the right thing. What you choose to do matters. So be careful not to go off the right path at the end of your days. On the other hand, you might be off the right path for years, but end up hopping back on at the very end, and you will have life. It doesn't sound very fair; nevertheless, it's where you are when the end comes that counts. And you don't know when the end will come.

TITHE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,601.00
\$797.00 Improvement Fund; \$390.00 Retired Diocesan
Priests; \$46.00 Child Env.; \$7.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,323.00
Fiscal Year Week: 13
YTD Actual Giving: \$82,199.00
YTD Budget Need: \$91,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$8,801.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$677.00)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Oct. 7&8: 5PM, Koby Jany, Jack Heffernan; 9AM, David Grau, Connor Wolff, Gene Bicket

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

DEAR FR. GENE & FRIENDS of St. Mary's Church, Yesterday I received your check of \$825. I want to thank you for your generous response to the cry of the poor in

Bolivia. Muchas, muchas gracias! The money will be used for the rural parish of St. James of Camata and neighboring communities where new projects are being planned for the very near future. Some are a continuation of projects begun last year. Sister Ann Fearday tells me of needs in some of the neighboring Church communities who need help with their catechetical program, the need of a clean water system for Camata and a continuation of the chicken project for school children. It is very good news to hear that these children are eating meat several times a week! I would also like to add that a priest is able to accompany Sister Ann Fearday four times a year for the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. Sister Ann and her Team of lay ministers and workers go monthly. Their new catechetical program begins in October. May we continue to carry in our hearts those who hope to share with us the basic gifts which we take so much for granted? Very gratefully, Sister Anne Irose, ASC

2017 WALK-IN FLU CLINICS: The Randolph County Health Department schedule of flu clinics can be found on the bulletin board in the back of church. On Wednesday, Oct. 4, the flu vaccine will be administered at the Chester Senior Center, 805 State Street, from 10-11:30AM.

2018 GALA DINNER AUCTION: The first planning meeting for the Auction will be Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 5:30PM in the K of C Hall. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the planning committee so bring your suggestions and ideas and join in the fun!

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC at Three Springs Lodge, Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11AM-2PM. Lunch, dessert, and drinks will be provided. "Mr. Flakes", a balloon artist, "Miss Molly", a face painter, and "A Touch of Class", a DJ service will provide the entertainment. There will be a raffle and a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

FALL HARVEST BLESSING OF THE FARM will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 1PM on the farm of Don & Mary Ann Biehl and family (5420 Schmidt Lane, Smithton, IL). Directions to the farm can be found on the flyer in the back of church. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in marked containers along with animals, and farm machinery to be blessed. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.* Join us for food and fellowship after the Blessing!

BDCCW Annual Convention is Wednesday, Oct. 11, at St. Bruno's Pinckneyville. Registration is at 8AM. Registration is \$20 at the door. Call Joan Derringer (618-534-6697) for information.

2017 ROSARY CRUSADE: This year of 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Please come and pray the Rosary with us on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 4:30PM outside on the lawn of the rectory. We must ask God, through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother, to save America. Please bring a lawn chair if needed.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE to be held at 7PM, Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Mary Help of Christians, Chester, to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. We are seeking parishioners for a temporary choir for this event. Practice will be at 6PM the night of the service. We will also practice on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at a time to be determined. Additional information will be forthcoming.