

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 7, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

It is the Lord Jesus who is God's radical commitment to creation and to the human race. In him the human has become divine and the divine has become human. In spite of our own sinfulness all is becoming one. In Jesus the journey has begun.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 8, 2018

Monday, October 8
NO MASS-NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 9, St. Denis & Companions
8:15AM Larry Siegfried by Mike & Susan
Wednesday, October 10
10:30AM Lori Boever by M/M Richard Boever
Thursday, October 11, St. John XXIII
NO MASS
Friday, October 12
8:15AM Bernie & Fern Cushman by Family
Saturday, October 13
5PM Roberta Jany by Loren & Peggy
Sunday, October 14
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OCT. 7 THRU OCT. 14

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	NO MASS - NO SCHOOL NO K OF C LUNCHEON
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade K-2 Liturgy)
Saturday	4:30PM Rosary Rally in Rectory Yard 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Jesus takes a rather strict position on marriage in today's Gospel. There were two schools of thought on marriage at that time. One allowed for divorce on almost any grounds. The other line of reasoning held that only for the most serious reason—adultery—was divorce allowed. Jesus himself goes back to the first book of the Torah. God's plan is that marriage is to be lasting; man and woman are to grow in unity. Jesus is stating that the woman had rights and wasn't merely under the control of her husband. His teaching also addresses the possibility of a woman divorcing her husband and Jesus recognizes that the husband also has rights. Marriage is described as a holy relationship, designed by God. Children, in the time of Jesus, were seen as having little value. In Jesus' eyes the children belong to the kingdom of God. We can learn from them to accept the kingdom with arms as open as a child's when receiving an unexpected gift.

TITHE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,416.00
\$788.00 Improvement; \$10.00 Retired Diocesan Priests;
\$10.00 Cemetery; \$66.00 Child Env.; \$24.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,264.79
Fiscal Year Week: 14
YTD Actual Giving: \$87,707.00
YTD Budget Need: \$98,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$10,293.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$735.22)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Oct. 13 & 14: 5PM, Ethan Colvis, Koby Jany; 9AM, Nolin Crain, Madison Kribs, Brock Vasquez

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Pray for all couples as they struggle to become "one flesh" over the course of their love together and cherish the children entrusted to us to become children of the kingdom of God.

THE BDCCW will host the annual convention on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia. Cost is \$20. Call Joan Derringer (618-534-6697) for more information.

STILL TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS for our guest speaker, Jared Bryson, at 7PM on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Red Bud Winery. Tickets are \$20. Call 618-722-5036 to reserve your tickets for this fundraising event for *The Messenger*. Tickets also available at the door.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BINGO! Baseball themed Bingo to be held on Friday, Oct. 12, at 7PM in St. John the Baptist, Red Bud, Parish Center. \$20 (payable at the door). This includes 12 bingo games, 1 dauber, 2 drinks from the bar, and baseball themed snacks. Special appearance by Fred Bird. Call 618-282-3222 for reservations.

2018 ROSARY CRUSADE will be held at 4:30PM on Saturday, Oct. 13, outside on the rectory lawn. Please come and join in praying the Rosary. We must ask God, through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother, to save America and for much needed peace in the world. (Bring lawn chair if needed.)

"26 PEBBLES" will be presented by Gibault's drama department on Thursday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 14. Thursday through Saturday shows will be at 7PM. Sunday's performance will be at 2PM.

GIBAULT'S OKTOBERFEST dinner and auction will be on Saturday, Oct. 20. To purchase tickets, or for questions, please contact abiske@gibalthawks.com.

SAVE THE DATE: SMS will host their Annual Quarter Auction on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Gym at 6:30PM. Doors open at 5PM for Vendor Sales. Refreshments will be sold by the 8th Grade Class. Tell all your family and friends; they won't want to miss this evening of fun and prizes!

NEWMAN CENTER FALL GALA is on Saturday, Nov. 10. Tickets are \$40. Call 618-529-3311 for reservations.

ANOTHER LOOK AT CONTRACEPTION: To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences keeps piling up. In the time since birth control first became widely used, science has shown that some contraceptives can cause early abortions; procured abortions and nonmarital births skyrocketed; and women have been subjected to sometimes serious or fatal health issues, as well as what economist George Akerlof calls "the feminization of poverty."* As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate His generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and eternal love. Through the Church's teaching, He invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love. *(Full citation at usccb.org/contraception.)

GRANDPARENTS KNOW THIS: The question about divorce today leads to this normative answer by Jesus—about union, about becoming "one flesh". A further conversation is about receiving children—and how they accept life, affection, love, and thus, the Kingdom of God. Because they "know" dependence, they trust others. Grandparents relish this. They sing, as the appointed Psalm 128:1-6 does today, of being blessed, of trusting the Lord, of embracing children as blessing, of seeing their children's children. So does God! How can I strengthen marriage? How will I cherish and protect my children and grandchildren and all children? How will I accept God's action in my life as would a child?