

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

St. Paul calls us to set aside anxiety and to make known to God any requests we have for more fruitful lives. In prayer we will find that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 9, 2017

Monday, October 9, St. Denis and Companions
NO MASS-NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 10
8:15AM Lawrence & Gertrude Pautler Family
Wednesday, October 11, St. John XXIII
10:30AM Tootie Gardiner by Rose Mary Callahan
Thursday, October 12
NO MASS
Friday, October 13
8:15AM Jim Shields by Bruce & Mary Brown
Saturday, October 14, St. Callistus
5PM Larry Siegfried by Susan & Mike
Sunday, October 15
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 8 THRU OCT. 15

Sunday	9AM Mass NO PSR Class
Monday	NO MASS-NO SCHOOL PARISH/SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED NO K OF C LUNCHEON
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	8AM BDCCW Convention-Pinckneyville 10:30AM Mass at Integrity Healthcare
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (K-2 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Saturday	9:30AM West Vicariate Partnership Meeting in Belleville 4:30PM Rosary Rally in Rectory Yard 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass (Grade 7 & 8 Liturgy)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: God's relationship with people is at the heart of both the first reading and the Gospel, but there is a difference. Isaiah's song highlights the people's failure to bear fruit. Because of this, the owner will turn his back on them, no longer giving care but letting the vineyard be trampled underfoot, no longer pruning or hoeing, but allowing thorns and briars to take over. This song is demanding conversion. In the Gospel, the focus is on those entrusted with the care of the vineyard. Jesus addresses the chief priests and the elders in Jerusalem, not only criticizing their failure to care for the people adequately, but also their rejection of those God sent to call them to conversion. The parable calls all religious leaders to remember that authority is for service. Bearing fruit in our lives, being true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious is the fruit God desires from all. God's people, but especially their leaders, have a responsibility to bear fruit. No one is let off the hook. God expects a return for love so lavishly given.

TITHE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$57,892.00
\$415.00 Hurricane Relief; \$512.00 Cemetery; \$265.00
Improvement Fund; \$ 81.96 Child Env.; \$29.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,435.08
Fiscal Year Week 14
YTD Actual Giving: \$90,091.00
YTD Budget Need: \$98,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$7,909.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$564.93)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Oct. 14 & 15: 5PM, Nate Maes, Isaac Jany; 9AM, Nolin Crain, Elseah Congiardo, Shane Bicket

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Hell is full of the talented, but heaven of the energetic. St. Jane Frances de Chantal

FALL HARVEST BLESSING OF THE FARM is Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 1PM on the farm of Don & Mary Ann Biehl, 5420 Schmidt Lane, Smithton, IL. See bulletin board for directions. Please 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. 8AM Registration. Cost is \$20.

CHOIR PRACTICE for the Wednesday, Oct. 25, Ecumenical Prayer Service commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7:15PM in the Sanctuary at Peace Lutheran Church, Steeleville.

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 rectory lawn. We must ask God, through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother, to save America and for much needed peace in the world. Please bring a lawn chair if needed.

THE ABC'S OF MEDICARE & Medicare Advantage: A FREE educational session will be given at 3PM on Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Suite 3, Broadway Plaza, Sparta. This session will give you the tools you need to make informed decisions about your health care during this fall's Open Enrollment period. For more information on this program contact Carol Mulholland at 618-443-1465.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 12:45-5:45PM at the American Legion, 500 E. Opdyke, Chester.

NEWMAN CENTER AUXILIARY is hosting its Annual Fall Gala on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the SIU Newman Center, Carbondale. Hors d'oeuvres at 6PM, a catered prime rib dinner served at 7PM, and the Silent Auction will run from 6-8PM. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information, contact Susan (618-529-3311) at the Newman Center by October 27.

VINEYARD AND CORNERSTONE: The Bible stories today are pretty straightforward. We are the vineyard-the owner is God. The cornerstone is Jesus-we are the building. What does it mean to be the cherished plant-to be watered and pruned and hoed by God? What does it mean to be laid brick by brick on the one and sure foundation of Christ Jesus? How will I be fruitful, be generous, be good? How will I stay attached to Jesus? How will I cherish my chosen place on vine and in building?

BE NOT AFRAID: The Vocation of Peacemaking-Our biblical heritage and our body of tradition make the vocation of peacemaking mandatory. Authentic prayer, worship and sacramental life challenge us to conversion of our hearts and summon us to works of peace. These concerns are obviously not ours alone, but are the work of the entire community of faith and of all people of good will. Every liturgy is a call to and celebration of peace. The cause of peace should be constantly reflected in our prayers of petition. In our advocacy and citizenship efforts and through legislative networks and broader participation in the political process, Catholics can take our principles of peacemaking into the public arena, where they can help shape an active and constructive U.S. role in the world.