

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Thessalonians had stopped working completely, believing that the Lord would come any day. Like the foolish virgins, they didn't think anything was expected of them. But keeping vigil is not a passive undertaking. It involves active engagement in the tasks Christ entrusted to his church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Monday, November 13, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Tuesday, November 14
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday, November 15, St. Albert the Great
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Thursday, November 16, St. Margaret of Scotland
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Fr. Gene on Vacation
Saturday, November 18
5PM Gordon & Roseanne Holley by Family
Sunday, November 19
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK NOV. 12 THRU NOV. 19

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Taco Bake / Fried Chicken
Tuesday	Happy 70 th Birthday, Fr. Gene!
Wednesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Thursday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass (Grade 5 & 6 Liturgy)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: This week's scriptures invite us not to be drugged by the darkness that seems to grow around us and succumb to slumber, temptation, or fear. We are to keep vigil, but not like those "who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We are to stay awake, working and watchful, confidently expecting God's light to dawn at every new moment. We are to seek wisdom, keeping vigil for her (book of Wisdom), to thirst for the Lord through the night (Psalm 63), consoling one another (1 Thessalonians). Like the wise virgins, we are to be prepared for a long night of vigil. In the meantime we are to do the work entrusted to us, free from care and full of hope.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Nov. 18 & 19: 5PM, Claire Deterding, Nate Maes; 9AM, Nolin Crain, Garrett Hopkins, Shane Bicket

TITHE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,946.00
\$1,067.00 All Saints; \$546.00 Cemetery; \$280.00 Sister Anne; \$30.00 Donations; \$10.50 Child Env.; \$27.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,261.45
Fiscal Year Week: 19
YTD Actual Giving: \$118,967.50
YTD Budget Need: \$133,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$14,032.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$738.56)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. Alfred Lord Tennyson

ANGEL TIME! It is time to purchase a crocheted angel for \$10 or renew your angel from past years for \$5 to decorate the Christmas trees in the back of church. Money may be given to Donna Ritter or place it, the memorial

name, and your name in an envelope marked "ANGEL" and drop it in the collection. All proceeds are donated to the church. Last year we raised \$645.00. Thank you!

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Next week, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be taken up. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Learn more at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

DEACON FORMATION: If you are interested in learning more about becoming a deacon, you are invited to attend two upcoming informational meetings on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Saturday, Jan. 6, at 10AM in Building 6 of the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221. You will need to attend both sessions. These meetings will provide a great deal of information regarding the requirements of the program and will explain the types of service fulfilled by deacons. Members of the Deacon Formation Committee will present the programs and will be available to answer questions. To assist in planning and to ensure we have adequate program materials at the meetings, please contact Patti Warner at the Deacon Formation Office (the address is above), e-mail pwarner@diobelle.org, or call 618-722-5043 to let her know you plan to attend. Formal classes are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018; however, other aspects of formation will begin well before that. Please continue to pray for all those in our diocese discerning a vocation to lay ministry, diaconate, priesthood or religious life.

KENTUCKY OAKS MALL SHOPPING TRIP on Wednesday, Nov. 29, is sponsored by Buena Vista National Bank. The final sign up date for this trip is Wednesday, Nov. 15. For more information, contact Amber Cushman at 826-2331 ext. 108.

HOMELESSNESS: As the fall chill is now upon us, the concern for people who do not have a place to call home is more immediate than ever. There are many circumstances that can lead to people facing this crisis. Facilities that can accommodate those in need, particularly families, are in short supply. Catholic Urban Programs, (CUP), www.catholicurbanprograms.org, work to assist persons who are in need of basic services. CUP is in need of volunteers to help assist those in need. Consider helping those who are without a place to call home. Pray that they can find the help they need.

BE PREPARED: Scouts live by this maxim. Those in the US Coast Guard say "Always [be] ready" (*Semper paratus*). US Marines say "Always [be] faithful" (*Semper fidelis*). In the Gospel parable today, five are ready and five are not. It is a story of how to live in the present age while waiting for the *Parousia* [pare-oo-SEE-ah] – that is, the world's end, the final judgement, meeting God face-to-face. How will I stay awake, be ready for the Lord's coming? Why should I not fear death? How will I live today if I know I would die tomorrow?

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Nov. 26, St. Boniface, Evansville, 1:30PM Quilt & Cash Bingo, 11AM Lunch Stand opens, Raffle, Pot of Gold, Attendance Prizes