

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that we will hear when God sends a challenging word to us, calling us to expand our boundaries and allow God to work in new and surprising ways. Lord, let us be open to your Spirit who moves as the Spirit wills.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Monday, Feb. 4
8:15AM Lori Boever by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Boever
Tuesday, Feb. 5, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
8:15AM Curtis Jany by Marlene & Orville
Wednesday, Feb. 6, St. Paul Miki & Companions
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday, Feb. 7
NO MASS
Friday, Feb. 8, St. Jerome Emiliani
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor
Saturday, Feb. 9
5PM Gerald Lake by Family
Sunday, Feb. 10
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK FEB. 3 THRU FEB. 10

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Taco Bake & Fried Chicken 6PM PTO Meeting in Library
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades
Wednesday	10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal - NO BUS PTO Dueling Pianos-Doors open at 5:30
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Jesus identifies himself with Elijah and Elisha, prophets who challenged people to discover that God is more inclusive than we tend to be. The widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian were Gentiles for whom God cared. By so doing, they proclaimed that God is not limited by our expectations. That challenged their hearers and Jesus' hearers, but part of a prophet's job description is to announce God's word to the people, even when it is challenging. When Jesus challenged the understanding of his own people they tried to stop him, but he walked through their midst. It seems that the prophetic skill set requires the ability to handle rejection and continue prophesying no matter what. Like the love that Paul describes, a prophet needs to bear, endure, and hope for all things. A prophet needs to love, as God loves us. A prophet needs patience, kindness, truthfulness, to be without guile, jealousy, rudeness or quick temper. A prophet needs the same kind of love that God shows each of us and calls us to show one another. Because we were formed in God's image and likeness in our mothers' wombs, we are called to love. We may not be a prophet, but part of all our job descriptions is to announce God's word by how we live. Remember, God is with us and will help us do our job. Resistance is futile.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: What helps you endure in the face of rejection, doubt, or opposition?

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Feb. 9 & 10: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Camryn Wolff; 9AM, Grace Welborn, reed Welborn, Madison Kribs.

PICK UP CHICKEN WING ORDERS at the K of C Hall on Sunday, Feb. 3, between 10AM-Noon.

TITHE WEEK OF JANUARY 27, 2019

Mary Help of Christians: \$9,191.00
\$876.00 Improvement Fund; \$247.00 Cemetery; \$1,000.00 Christmas; \$100.00 Needy; \$95.00 Initial Offering; \$65.68 Child Env.; \$8.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,785.33
Fiscal Year Week: 31
YTD Actual Giving: \$210,345.00
YTD Budget Need: \$217,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$6,655.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$214.68)

K OF C FISH FRY Friday, Feb. 8, from 4:30-7PM. This week's fish fry will benefit the Newman Fund. On Feb. 15 the fish fry will be for the Chester Chamber of Commerce.

DUELING PIANOS will be held Friday, Feb. 8, at the VFW Hall from 7-9PM. Doors open at 5:30PM. Cost is \$25 each or 2 tickets for \$40. Bring your own snacks. All drinks must be purchased at the bar. To purchase tickets, contact the school office (826-3120) or Crystal (615-3274).

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE: Want to be part of an exciting evening filled with good food and fun activities? Call Ron Korando (618-615-2509) to reserve your seat at the Gala Dinner Auction on Saturday, March 2.

PLEASE RETURN your Auction Donation Slips by Tuesday, Feb. 5. Put them in the boxes on the radiators in the back of church, drop them in the collection basket, or send them to the school office. The Auction date is quickly approaching and the committee needs this information to assemble their booklets.

CONTINUE SELLING your Auction Raffle Tickets. We have collected \$617.00 in ticket sales. Please return them in the collection basket or the boxes on the radiators.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT sponsored by St. Michael's, Paderborn, will be held at 4576 Buss Branch Road, Waterloo, on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 7PM. Doors open at 6PM. Tickets are \$20. Call 618-830-6086 for reservations.

QUILT & CASH BINGO: The Newman Auxiliary is having a Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, Feb. 24, at St. John the Baptist Parish in Red Bud. Lunch begins at 11AM and Bingo starts at 1PM. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU Carbondale.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: In the United States, victims of trafficking are "all around us" in poorly regulated industries like agriculture, in-home domestic work, nursing home work and the food-service industry. Human trafficking is a pro-life issue. It is about respect for men, women and children; it is about human rights. Pray that we recognize the opportunity to start making a difference.

THROWN UNDER THE BUS: All he said was, God is for everybody, even the ones who you do not expect! The home town folks get so mad at Jesus, they want to throw him off the hill into the ravine. People get "thrown under the bus" all the time, it seems. People at whom we get mad. People with whom we do not agree. St. Paul takes a different tack. Love, love, love, he says. Faith and hope are good. But love is the greatest. The list of how we can love is long as we can see in 1 Corinthians 2:31-13:13. Let us focus on three this week. Who needs me to be patient and kind? What will I do or not do? What truth will I seek and rejoice over? How can I love the interest of another over my own?