

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 1, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Today we might pray for those who are in need of the healing touch of Jesus, and for those who care for them and suffer with them.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JULY 2, 2018

Monday, July 2
NO MASS - Fr. Gene on Vacation
Tuesday, July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle
NO MASS - Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday, July 4
NO MASS - Fr. Gene on Vacation
Thursday, July 5, St. Anthony Zaccaria
NO MASS - Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti, Martyr
NO MASS - Fr. Gene on Vacation
Saturday, July 7
6PM George Jany by Cliff & Jean Jungewaelter
Sunday, July 8
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 1 THRU JULY 8

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon
Tuesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday	HAPPY 4 th of JULY PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
Thursday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Saturday	6PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The two stories in today's Gospel are quite touching, perhaps because they involve so much touching – forbidden touching, as a matter of fact. The father falls at Jesus' feet and begs Jesus to help his dying daughter. Only touching her will do. "Come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live" (Mark 5:23). Then as Jesus is passing through the crowd on His way to the little girl, a woman suddenly appears, reaches out, and touches Jesus. "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (Mark 5: 28). Because the woman was bleeding, a condition that made her "unclean" according to the law of Moses, her touch would have made Jesus unclean. However, her touching Jesus has the opposite effect: the bleeding stops and she is made clean once again. When word comes that the little girl is dead, Jesus proceeds to the house, goes in, takes the child by the hand, and says "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" (Mark 5:41). She does arise and he tells them to bring her some food. Again, touching her would have made Jesus unclean, but instead his touch cleanses her of death's hold. Two desperate people—a dying girl and a bleeding woman. Jesus touches them and they both touch him—the woman through her own faith, the little girl through the faith of her father. It seems that healing depends on a flow between healer and the one being healed. The great news is that God allows a proxy.

TITHE WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,017.00
\$891.00 Improvement Fund; \$30.00 Cemetery; \$1.00 Child Env.

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,570.27

Fiscal Year Week: 52

YTD Actual Giving: \$341,654.00

YTD Budget Need: \$364,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$22,346.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$429.73)

PLEASE NOTE: ON SATURDAY, JULY 7 & 14, THE SATURDAY EVENING MASS WILL BE AT 6PM.

SERVERS SCHEDULE for July 7 & 8: 5PM, Kolton Jany, Carson Dunn; 9AM, Nolin Crain, Elseah Congiardo, Gage Hopkins

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If you've ever doubted God's compassion, try imagining him holding your hand. Feel the power of his touch. Allow him to change everything.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION will be taken up today to support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with the Pope and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence to learn more.

MEET ME AT THE MUNY! We will be traveling to see "Jersey Boys" on Wednesday, July 11. Our bus will be leaving the K of C parking lot at 4:30PM. The cost of our meal will be \$12.30 (tax and tip included). Please have the **EXACT AMOUNT** to move things along in a timely manner.

THE NEW K OF C INSURANCE AGENT Michael Kuehnle will host a fraternal benefits informational evening at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sparta, on Saturday, July 21, at 6:15PM.

PRE CANA DAYS & Engaged Encounter Weekends schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the back of church. The schedule can also be found on the diocesan website (www.diobelle.org).

IMMIGRATION: The Catholic Catechism instructs the faithful that good government has two duties, both of which must be carried out and neither of which can be ignored. The first duty is to welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person. Persons have the right to immigrate and thus government must accommodate this right to the greatest extent possible, especially financially blessed nations: "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the *foreigner* in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him." Catholic Catechism, 2241. Read "**Strangers No Longer Together on the Journey of Hope**", a pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States; contact your state representatives and let them know that all human life deserves respect and to be treated humanely; reach out to those in our local communities who may be going through the process of citizenship, continue to pray that all human life will be respected.

IN THE PRESSING CROWD: God is *not* far off! God acts in the pressing crowd, the commotion of life. God rescues us at birth and in the new baptismal birth, when afflicted, and when near death. Jesus said to Jairus and says to us today: Do not be afraid; just have faith. What do I fear? How can I be unafraid this week? Who can help me? How will staying in touch with Jesus make all the difference?

YOU'RE INVITED: Saturday, July 21, St. Bruno, Pinckneyville, Picnic, 3:30PM Mass, 3:45-7PM Fried Chicken/BBQ Pork Steak Dinner, 7:30-10:30PM Bingo