

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JULY 15, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Let us pray that we will recognize where God wants us to do the work of spreading the news of God's kingdom.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JULY 16, 2018

Monday, July 16, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
12:10PM Ethel Bievenue by Don & Jerry Wingerter  
Tuesday, July 17  
8:15AM Rev. John Frerker  
Wednesday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis  
10:30AM Rev. Christian Reuter, O.F.M.  
Thursday, July 19  
NO MASS  
Friday, July 20, St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr  
8:15AM Dorothy Niermann by Dave & Kathy Hustedde  
Saturday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
5PM Darlene Poulus & Nina Kendrick  
Sunday, July 22  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 15 THRU JULY 22

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	12:10AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Lasagna/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Jesus gave "authority over unclean spirits" (Mark 6:7) to those he chose to work with him. His travel instructions were practical: Take nothing but a walking stick-to be used in climbing hills, driving off wild animals, or pushing away snakes found on the paths. No food, no sack to hold extra clothing-not even a second tunic-or to carry off anything from the towns you visit, and no money! They were allowed to wear sandals. Finally, when you get to a place, do not look for the most comfortable lodging, take what comes first and be content there. The focus is clear: Stay on message-God's kingdom is at hand. Repent and believe. And show it in action: Deliver the sick and possessed from what burdens them. If people don't like the message? Move on. Jesus, the risen Lord, continues to call ordinary folk over two thousand years later. Back then it was some fishermen, a tax collector, a political activist; now it's workers from every way of life, every profession and job. People raising families, singles, the elderly, anyone willing to confess that God is at work in our world, that evil will not have the last word, and that all creation finds its deepest meaning in Christ.

#### TITHE WEEK OF JULY 8, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,758.50  
\$793.00 Improvement Fund; \$38.00 Cemetery;  
\$62.00 Sr. Anne; \$113.00 Peter's Pence; \$2.00 Child Env.;  
\$12.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5,794.25

Fiscal Year Week: 2

YTD Actual Giving: \$11,588.50

YTD Budget Need: \$14,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$2,411.50)

YTD Weekly: (\$1,205.75)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for July 21 & 22: 5PM, Isaac Jany, Koby Jany; 9AM, Paige Vasquez, David Grau, Nolin Crain

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** God chooses each one of us. Though our abilities vary, we are drawn into the action to share our gifts and our joy.

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS:** Saturday, July 28 through Sunday, August 5, at 7:30PM, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the novena to Our Lady of the Snows at the Shrine amphitheater. Each evening a different priest or bishop will be the presider at Mass. On Saturday, July 28, from 3-5PM Eric Genuis will present a Concert for Hope at the Church of Our Lady of the Snows. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and various devotions will be held in the Christ the King Chapel from 3-5PM. Please check on [snows.org/novena](http://snows.org/novena) or call 618-397-6700 for dates and other information concerning the anniversary celebrations.

**TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH:** Chester Senior Center will sponsor a six week program on Thursdays, August 2 - September 6, from 9-11:30AM at the Center. This interactive workshop is designed to empower adults who are living with chronic conditions like heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, depression, emphysema and other health conditions. For more information or to register, please call 618-826-5108.

**PARISH PSR PROGRAM** for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will begin on Sunday, September 16. In August, parents of previously enrolled students will receive registration forms and information in the mail. However, parents of children entering Kindergarten or who are new to the program must contact Cheryl Gross, PSR Coordinator at 618-853-2678 or 826-2526.

**LOVE IS OUR LIFE MISSION:** "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring comfort to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive." God's love is our life mission. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues. This may also mean that we will sometimes live as minorities, with different values from our surrounding secular culture. If we understand that love is our mission then we have learned a basic truth that will shape many other areas of life. Pray for the ability to see clearly the path to take when situations arise that are contrary to our beliefs as Catholics.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:** Once we are baptized, that is, chosen in Christ, we do not face the world alone. Today, we live and pray in groups of two and more. We are urged to travel light today: to take sandals and walking sticks (as at Passover and Exodus), to trust the community of believers, and to trust God who will provide. How will I focus less on me and more on us this week? What can I give up and give away, in order to "travel light"? On whom will I depend?

**SEMINARY PICNIC:** Friday, August 3, 6-11PM, Saturday, August 4, 1-11PM, and Sunday, August 5, 11AM-8PM at Perryville, MO, in the Seminary Grove. Handmade quilts bingo each day. Chicken and Beef Dinners on Saturday and Sunday.

**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; Saturday, July 28, St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher, Picnic, 4PM Mass, 3-7:30PM Fried Chicken Dinner, 5-11PM Bingo; Saturday, August 4, St. James, Millstadt, Picnic, 4PM Polka Mass, 3PM-??? Chicken Dinner, 6PM Bingo