

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 22, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Admittedly, there are those times when the way of Jesus can be just as frightening to us as no wisdom at all. Yet if you seek a way that offers light, test his way. In small pieces, one word at a time, one small slice of life at a time, try it out. If it does become light for you, stay with it and explore yet more of it. No one has ever come to all of holiness in a day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JULY 23, 2018

Monday, July 23, St. Bridget
12:10PM Special Intention
Tuesday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf
8:15AM Lori Boever by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Boever
Wednesday, July 25, St. James the Apostle
10:30AM Cleo Gross
Thursday, July 26, Sts. Joachim & Anne
NO MASS
Friday, July 27
8:15AM Orville Bievenue by Mike & Anita Bievenue
Saturday, July 28
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, July 29
9AM Joe Renner by Renner Family

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 22 THRU JULY 29

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Meat Loaf / Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 7PM Parish Council Meeting at Rectory
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Often we are unable to identify the truth in our lives. Is our passion love or lust? Is our financial security greed or wise preparation? Is the raising of our children good discipline or carving them into our own image and likeness? Is our religiosity superstition or faithfulness to the tradition? Do our dreams nurture the Kingdom of God or the Tower of Babel? In other words, is it from God or is it from the Other Side? So we look about us, and because our neighbors' lives seem little different from our own, we put into any self-help harbor that seems able to shelter us from aimless drifting. Most of us, I suspect, wonder if there is anyone who knows the deepest truths, whether they be about life or about our world or even about ourselves. So we find ourselves gathering about Jesus, though even then some may do so half-heartedly, at times trusting that he will have some sort of answer and at other times wondering if he indeed does, yet not knowing where else to go. And so we gather, like sheep around a shepherd, simply because every other voice has been heard and found wanting.

TITHE WEEK OF JULY 15, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,395.00
\$388.00 Cemetery; \$82.00 Improvement Fund;
\$18.00 Sr. Anne; \$14.00 Votives; \$1.00 Child Env.
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5,994.50
Fiscal Year Week: 3
YTD Actual Giving: \$17,983.50
YTD Budget Need: \$21,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$3,016.50)
YTD Weekly: (\$1,005.50)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for July 28 & 29: 5PM, Gage Hopkins, Garrett Hopkins; 9AM, Gene Bicket, Shane Bicket, Elseah Congiardo

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: No matter how busy we are, we can retreat to the quietness of God's heart, if only for a moment or two.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY will sponsor the mobile market in the Cohen Complex at 10AM on Wednesday, July 25. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution. Please call Bob Koenegstein at 826-5264 to lend a hand. The pantry is providing food bags for children during the summer and is in need of drink boxes, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars, canned meat, and canned fruit.

HUMAN SERVICE CENTER in Red Bud would like to thank you for your generous donation from the 2018 Annual Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection! Last year they helped over 2,000 people through their many services, such as the food pantry. You have helped to make our community a better place to live.

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ST. PATRICK CHURCH, Tipton, will host their 30th annual Chicken Plate Dinner and Auction on Sunday, August 5. Mass is at 10AM and the Auction begins at Noon. Dinner is from 11AM-4PM. They will also have a silent auction, country store, and quilt raffle. A large rummage and bake sale will be held on Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28 from 7AM-Noon in the rectory basement. Rummage sale items will be half price on August 5.

WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS HITS HOME is a conference to help family members, friends, or professionals in the mental health field who journey with people with mental illness. It will be presented at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on Friday, August 24, from 9AM-4PM. The cost is \$40. For registration information, visit snows.org/help or call 618-394-6270. Flyer available on the bulletin board.

HOMELESSNESS: As the early heat of summer 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. The Catholic Urban Programs (CUP) www.catholicurbanprograms.org works to assist persons who are in need of basic services. CUP is in need of volunteers to help assist those in need and donations of water and Gatorade are desperately needed. Pray that those who are without a place to call home can find the help they need.

BAD SHEPHERDS; GOOD SHEPHERDS: We can point to bad and lazy leaders. And long for relief. But we find a Good Shepherd in Jesus. He is more than mere leader. He is also provider and protector, teacher and guide. Where do I see evidence of good shepherding today? What guidance do I need? To whom will I turn? Whom will I trust?

YOU'RE INVITED: Saturday, July 28, St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher, Picnic, 4PM Mass, 3-7:30PM Fried Chicken Dinner, 5-11PM Bingo; Friday-Sunday, August 3-5, Seminary Picnic, Perryville, MO, Bingo Each Day, Chicken & Beef Dinners 3-7PM Saturday, 11AM Sunday