

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We respond by praying: O God, you have given us the gift of life; continue to keep us alive in Christ Jesus. Bring us from death to grow in faith, hope, and love. We remain patient in prayer and faithful to your word, until your glory is revealed.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JULY 24, 2017

Monday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf
8:15AM Tootie Gardiner by Rose Mary Callahan
Tuesday, July 25, St. James
8:15AM Ron Pechacek by Loren & Peggy Jany
Wednesday, July 26, Sts. Joachim & Anne
10:30AM Rev. Francis L. Seyer
Thursday, July 27
NO MASS
Friday, July 28
8:15AM Mary & Bob Friess by John
Saturday, July 29, St. Martha
5PM Darlene Poulus & Nina Kendrick
Sunday, July 30
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 23 THRU JULY 30

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Pork Sausage & Kraut/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass 6:30PM Finance Meeting at Rectory
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Integrity Healthcare 7PM Parish Council Meeting at Rectory
Thursday	Father Gene's Day Off Noon-6PM Final Registration in Library
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Jesus tells a parable that makes the same point as the author of Wisdom: God's exercise of power is tempered by leniency and mercy; God's justice is balanced by loving-kindness. Our desire to pull up and destroy the weeds prematurely could destroy the good wheat. While the interpretation in the Gospel applies this image to different groups in a community, we can also hear this parable as referring to the weeds and wheat, the evil and goodness residing in the heart. Jesus says God's active presence in the world is something as small as a mustard seed and as fragile as a pinch of yeast, yet each contains a power that, when released, will bring about growth and expansion. In the meantime, the challenge is being as patient with others as God is, while working with God to purify our own hearts. Last week Jesus warned about the sluggish heart; today he pictures a contaminated heart, good penetrated by evil. But the power of God is stronger than the power of evil and death. Be patient, and remain open to the workings of God's grace.

TITHE WEEK OF JULY 16:

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,960.00
\$474.00 Cemetery; \$20.00 Improvement Fund;
\$10.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,651.00

Fiscal Year Week: 3

YTD Actual Giving: \$19,953.00

YTD Budget Need: \$21,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$1,047.00)

YTD Weekly (\$349.00)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for July 29 & 30: 5PM, Lauren Soellner, Claire Deterding; 9AM, Alyse Vasquez, Mallary Vasquez, Amelia Shemonic

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Theodore Roosevelt

BENEFIT RIB SALE: It's too hot to cook! Place your order for some delicious ribs with Missy (618-615-1312) or Jamie (618-615-5015) by Thursday, July 27. \$20.00 per side. Orders can be picked up at the K of C Hall at 4PM on Saturday, July 29. Proceeds will benefit Lucas Beck, son of Danny Beck.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY will host their mobile market on Wednesday, July 26, at 10AM in the Cohen Complex. Please call Bob Koenegstein (826-5264) to help with the distribution of food. The Pantry is in need of peanut butter, canned meat, canned fruit & soup. Extra produce from your garden will be appreciated!

FINAL REGISTRATION for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Thursday, July 27, in the school library from NOON-6PM. It is necessary to attend this registration even if you pre-registered. Additional paperwork will be distributed and other forms will need to be completed. If other arrangements are necessary, please contact the school office (826-3120). We will be happy to accommodate your needs.

LARGE RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE on Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29, from 7AM-NOON in the Rectory Basement of St. Patrick in Tipton.

WANTED: Someone to clean the church once a week. If you are interested in filling this position, please call Fr. Gene at 826-2444.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 74th Annual Healing & Hope Novena will take place on Saturday, July 29 through Sunday, August 6, at 7:30PM. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6276 or visit snows.org/novena

PEDAL THE CAUSE-A World Without Cancer Trivia Night, Saturday, August 12, 6:30PM, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville. Doors open at 6PM. \$160.00 per table of 8 players. BYOB and snacks. RSVP: Jessica Kowalis (618-791-1153) or Sue Huett (618-977-3727). 100% of proceeds goes to advance cancer research at Siteman Cancer Center & St. Louis Children's Hospital.

ANOTHER FARMING STORY: We do not live in a perfect world. Shocking? Not really, not if we pay attention. Today's farming story shows, because of evil action, that weeds and grain grow together. So, where do we find hope? Disciples find it in Jesus; find it in God who is just, who is kind, who is forgiving. How do I live in this world without giving up? What good "seed" do I plant and water? What is the harvest I seek?

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.