

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 8, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that when we gather on Sundays we know ourselves as the family of Jesus, striving to hear the word of God and keep it. We pray that we might recognize in others the brothers and sisters of the Lord, the beloved children of God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JULY 9, 2018

Monday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation
Tuesday, July 10
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday, July 11, St. Benedict
NO MASS- Fr. Gene on Vacation
Thursday, July 12
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday, July 13, St. Henry
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation
Saturday, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha
6PM Larry Siegfried by Mike & Susan
Sunday, July 15
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 8 THRU JULY 15

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon BBQ Pork Sandwich/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday	10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Saturday	6PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Jesus found hardened faces and stubborn hearts when he went to his hometown. Impenetrable seems to be the best description. His words could not get through. He was proclaiming the kingdom of God, the presence of God among them, and they couldn't hear him. It all depended on what they saw and all they saw was the carpenter, questioning where he got such wisdom and how he did these mighty deeds. He was just the son of Mary! And then we hear some of the saddest words in the Gospel: "So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them" (Mark 6:5). Why? Their lack of faith. So Jesus started a new family. It began with the disciples, and people like the woman with the hemorrhage, Jairus and his daughter, the man lowered through the roof, and the fellow who had an evil spirit. By Baptism, we became part of the family, the new family whose bond is not based on blood, but on faith. The ever-recurring question is: Is he able to work any signs among us, or is he amazed at our lack of faith?

TITHE WEEK OF JULY 1, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,830.00
\$652.00 Peter's Pence; \$592.00 Cemetery;
\$316.00 Sr. Anne; \$160.00 Improvement Fund;
\$40.00 Votives; \$1.51 Child Env.
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5,830.00
Fiscal Year Week: 1
YTD Actual Giving: \$5,830.00
YTD Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$1,170.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$1,170.00)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for July 14 & 15: 5PM, Nate Maes, Reed Welborn; 9AM, Shane Bicket, Luke Miller, Connor Wolff

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Though the Lord can work miracles in our lives, he may, in his infinite wisdom, choose not to. But we can trust that God's love and grace will sustain us.

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

THANK YOU for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER Sunday, July 8, at 11AM until 1:30PM in the air conditioned K of C Hall. All proceeds will benefit the Wee Care Children's Foundation. \$10 per plate; \$6 for children under 12.

K OF C CHARITABLE WORKS: Recently the K of C Council #3790 donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of two 3D ultrasound machines for the Life Network Pregnancy Care Center of Southern Illinois. There will be a prayer and dedication service for these machines in each office. In the Waterloo office the service will be Monday, July 9, at 6:30PM. The Red Bud office will hold their ceremony on Thursday, July 12, at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend either ceremony. For more information, contact Clinton Mudd at 618-960-5839.

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. You may bring a small cooler on the bus.

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY would like to thank you for your donation to the Rice Bowl program that was collected during Lent. The Diocese has divided the total amount collected among the local food pantries. They need drink boxes, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, and granola bars to put into lunch sacks for children during the summer.

MOVED BY MERCY: We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do", but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. The pain can be overwhelming. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. The USCCB (www.usccb.org) has some suggestions that may be helpful to you on this journey. Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, pray that we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do.

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT: It does not have to be that way. Familiarity with Jesus and with God can breed (1) a willing heart, (2) a merciful life, (3) an astonishing love for all things good-even when others do them. How will I let the actions of God amaze me this week? What will I let Jesus teach me? How will I trust and not be offended by what I hear?

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 Chicken Dinner, 5-11PM Bingo