

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We might hope for a change of heart from someone we love or a member of our community. But first, we must change our own hearts by forgiving and accepting the other in true love. True love begins with recognizing our own "faults" and softening our hearts toward the ones we love.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Monday, September 11
8:15AM NO MASS
Tuesday, September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:15AM Deceased of Mary Help of Christians Parish
Wednesday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom
10:30AM Rev. Michael P. Podrasky
Thursday, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
NO MASS
Friday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
8:15AM Alan Stumpe by Donna Eggmeyer
Saturday, September 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
5PM Kenneth Korando by Dorothy
Sunday, September 17
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SEPT. 10 THRU SEPT. 17

Sunday	9AM Mass Popeye Picnic 2-3PM Sacred Concert in Church
Monday	NO MASS-Fr. Gene at Meeting 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Taco Bake/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Integrity Healthcare
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 7&8 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Today Paul recalls some signs of true love; he reminds us what those who love will not do. The other Scriptures bring out some of the surprising signs of true love. Loving one another just might involve nagging, confronting, fighting, or telling family secrets. It will certainly involve mutual respect and acceptance, along with a healthy dose of prayer for each other. And true love will seek constantly to call forth the best in the ones we love.

WELCOME: We would like to extend a warm welcome to all family, friends, and visitors who are participating in the Popeye Picnic festivities this weekend.

TITHE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,455.00
\$577.00 Cemetery; \$283.00 Sr. Anne; \$200.00
Improvement; \$530.00 Hurricane Harvey; \$28.00
Donations; \$75.50 Child Env.; \$10.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,385.90
Fiscal Year Week: 10
YTD Actual Giving: \$63,859.00
YTD Budget Need: \$70,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$6,141.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$614.10)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Sept. 16 & 17: 5PM, Claire Deterding, Ashtyn Jany; 9AM, Luke Miller, Garret Hopkins, David Grau

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Those who close their ears to the needy will themselves cry and not be heard.

Hebrew Proverb

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 will be the first PSR Class of this school year. Classes are held in the Parish House after 9AM till 11:15AM. Tuition is \$75. per family. If you are new to the program, please call Cheryl Gross, D.R.E. (826-2526).

QUARTERLY MEETING of St. Mary's Sodality will be Monday, Sept. 25, at 6PM in the K of C Hall. We will discuss the Sept. 28 West Vicariate Fall Meeting in Ellis Grove and the Oct. 11 Convention at Pinckneyville

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION: Our Belleville Diocese currently has 55 diocesan priests of retirement age-35 who are currently retired and 20 who remain in active ministry; in five years that number will increase to 64! With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection on Sept. 16 & 17 will help provide the resources needed for their care now and in the future. All monies will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications for our retired diocesan priests. *Note: Our diocesan priests do NOT receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.* Next weekend show your appreciation to the priests who have walked with you on your life's journey with a generous gift to this special collection.

BDCCW FALL MEETING will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28, at St. Mary's, Ellis Grove in Sense Hall. Registration is at 9AM and the cost is \$9.00. The morning speaker will be Rebecca Cooper, a lawyer who will talk about wills. The afternoon speaker will be Nick Kassing, who will give us information about scams and how to protect ourselves. We will attend Mass before lunch.

BDCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION is Wednesday, Oct. 11, at St. Bruno's Pinckneyville. Registration is at 8AM and the cost is \$18.00 before Sept. 25 and \$20.00 at the door. The theme is "How Might God Be Calling You?" Contact Joan Derringer (618-534-6697) for more information and registration forms.

WE NEED YOU! We are still seeking persons to fill the openings on Parish Council and also Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers. Please call Brian Niermann (618-708-1381) or Father Gene (826-2444) if you are interested.

LOVE DOES NO EVIL: Wow! What a set of readings today. St. Matthew lays out the three steps for brothers and sisters in the Lord to reconcile: one-on-one first, very small group next, whole group if needed. Prophet Ezekiel is told by the Lord, you are responsible in some ways for your sisters and brothers. St. Paul reminds the Romans-and us-that love does no evil to the neighbor. So, in the community of believers, love drives our relationships. It shapes our thoughts, our words, and our actions. With whom can I, or need I reconcile? How can I love today, even if it means telling the truth? How can I find strength in the community of believers?

CREATING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: We have children going to school in the morning fearful that when they return home, their parents may no longer be there. Mothers and fathers are staying up night, not knowing what will happen to their families if or when they are separated from them by the government. Articles including facts and figures regarding immigration are on the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry website. (dps.diobelle.org/offices/hispanic-ministry/).