

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray that we come to know who Jesus is and how he is calling us to enter into his ministry to bring life to our world. We pray that we might better understand what we need to die to, so that God's reign might become more present in our world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Monday, Sept. 17, St. Robert Bellarmine
8:15AM Special Intention
Tuesday, Sept. 18
8:15AM Gerald Lake by Danny & Bonnie
Wednesday, Sept. 19, St. Januarius
10:30AM Rev. Federico Higuera
Thursday, Sept. 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions
NO MASS
Friday, Sept. 21, St. Matthew
8:15AM Charles & Margaret Fadler by Mike & Anita
Saturday, Sept. 22
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, Sept. 23
9AM Clyde, Kay, & Donnie Jungewaelter

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SEPT. 16 THRU SEPT. 23

Sunday	9AM Mass – Catechetical Sunday PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Sloppy Joes/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 5 & 6 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass 4-8PM BBQ at K of C Hall to benefit the Down Syndrome Association
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Going to the school of Jesus was not always easy for the disciples. Jesus begins to educate them about what it means to be his disciple. He starts with the basics: Who he is. Like a good teacher, he engages them in a discussion, asking two questions: Who do others say I am? Who do you say I am? The first question gets a quick answer, but the second one gets only Peter's response. By saying "You are the Christ" (Mark 8:29), Peter was naming Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One, the one who would come to restore Israel's political kingdom and overthrow the Romans. But this was not to be. Jesus counters Peter by speaking of himself as the Son of Man who must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and then rise after three days. Peter is aghast at this and places himself in front of Jesus so that Jesus has to tell him to get behind him. Peter is blocking his way, like an obstacle, a stumbling block, an adversary (Satan), preventing Jesus from going in the direction he is heading. Peter had learned about a Messiah of power and prestige and Jesus was talking about a Man of pain and punishment. Peter wanted a political Messiah, not a suffering one. Peter saw the disciples taking part in the pomp and pageantry of a new age, and Jesus was speaking of denying oneself and picking up a cross. But graduating from the school of Jesus means moving out of our comfort zone into a distressful district: a place where we take up the cross of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Of course, it all depends on how we answer his question: Who do you say that I am?

TITHE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,902.00
\$781.00 Improvement Fund; \$75.00 Cemetery;
\$72.00 Sr. Anne; \$92.65 Child Env.; \$31.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD average weekly Tithe: \$6,168.91
Fiscal Year Week: 11
YTD Actual Giving: \$67,858.00
YTD Budget Need: \$77,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$9,142.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$831.09)

SERVICES SCHEDULE for Sept. 22 & 23: 5PM, Reed Welborn, Carson Dunn; 9AM, Gene Bicket, Luke Miller, Gage Hopkins

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Peter the rock becomes Peter the block by trying to impose his own agenda on Jesus. Is there an agenda belonging to me, my family, my parish community, my country, which runs counter to the agenda of Jesus.

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION: On both ordinary and extraordinary days, our priests have been there for us . . . at baptisms, weddings, First Communion and Confirmation, at times of sickness and sorrow. . . dedicating their lives to bring us closer to Christ. Now it is our turn to be there for them during their retirement years through a gift to the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. All funds will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescription medications. *Note: Our diocesan priests do not receive any funding from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection which is held in December.* Please show your appreciation with a generous gift today. Thank you so much!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE at St. John Catholic School Gym, Red Bud, on Friday, Sept. 21, from 2-7PM, Saturday, Sept. 22, from 8AM-1PM, and Sunday, Sept. 23, from 9AM-Noon.

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION of Greater St. Louis will host a BBQ in the K of C Hall on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 4-8PM.

QUARTERLY MEETING of the Ladies Sodality will be held in the K of C Hall on Monday, Sept. 24, at 6PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY will be celebrated by the Church on Sept. 16. The 2018 theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Don't be afraid to ask "Catholic questions" and don't shy away from those that do. Answer the questions of the "nones" so that they too may come to understand Christ's love; for those who don't know are often the most curious and willing to learn. Pray that we all may find the courage to be a witness to Christ. "Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say." (Mt. 10:19).

THE BIG SECRET NO MORE: In much of the Gospel of Mark, Jesus shushes the disciples. He does and says things, then warns them not to tell anyone-yet. But the yet has come. It came with the cross, with death, with resurrection. We now have the duty-because of Baptism-to bear the cross, to carry it proudly. We have the duty to blab about Jesus dead and risen (Catholics call this both old and new evangelization). What will I deny in myself for the sake of the Gospel, this Good News of Jesus dead and risen? What cross will I pick up to save my life on this journey to heaven? What mercy work will I do to feed and clothe someone in need?

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Sept. 30, St. John the Baptist, Red Bud, 11AM-2PM Chicken & Sausage Dinner