

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

They say we learn more from example than we do from words. Today we are blessed to be going back to school with the very best of teachers, Jesus, who was the model "doer of the word" (James 1:22). If we want to know how to "do justice," all we need to do is imitate our favorite teacher.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Monday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great  
NO MASS  
Tuesday, September 4  
8:15AM Cleo Gross  
Wednesday, September 5, St. Teresa of Calcutta  
10:30AM Rev. Christian Reuter, O.F.M.  
Thursday, September 6  
NO MASS  
Friday, September 7  
8:15AM Dorothy Niermann by Bob & Patty Snider  
Saturday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin  
5PM Mark Jungewaelter & Robert Kolb  
Sunday, September 9  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SEPT. 2 THRU SEPT. 9

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	NO MASS-Labor Day Parish Office Closed NO SCHOOL NO K OF C LUNCHEON
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4) 6PM PTO Meeting in Library
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off 6PM Dinner Auction Meeting at K of C
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade K-2 Liturgy) 1:30PM Dismissal-BUS SERVICE
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass 2PM Sacred Concert

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Most of the time the school year begins with a review. That's good because sometimes we understand things better the second or third time we learn them. With the scriptures this Sunday all of us are going back to school. The series of selections from the Gospel of Mark and the letter of James that we begin this week will teach us one more time what it means to be a disciple. Lucky for us, since most of us can only learn this lesson if we hear and apply it on a daily basis. Today's first reading also instructs us to "hear" and "observe" the commandments of the Lord . . . that [we] may live" (Deuteronomy 4: 1, 2). And the psalm reviews the basics: "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord" (15:1a).

### TITHE WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,655.00  
\$885.00 Improvement Fund; \$25.00 Cemetery;  
\$28.00 Votives; \$48.80 Child Env.

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,196.67

Fiscal Year Week: 9

YTD Actual Giving: \$55,770.00

YTD Budget Need: \$63,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$7,230.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$803.34)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Sept. 8 & 9: 5PM, Koby Jany, Kolton Jany; 9AM, Shane Bicket, Garrett Hopkins, Brock Vasquez

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** God forgives and forgets our sins. Each day we get another chance to make our lives

right. All the more incentive to honor God with our words *and* our hearts.

**MUM SALE:** St. Mary's PTO is taking orders for fall colored (white, yellow, purple, or bronze) 8" potted mums. They are \$10. Orders must be received by Friday, Sept. 7. Delivery will be Friday, Sept. 14. Please call the school office (826-3120) to place your order.

**EVANSVILLE K OF C FISH BUFFET** Friday, Sept. 7, 4:30-8PM. They will serve 4 kinds of fish, chicken strips, and 7 sides. Carry outs available.

**FINAL SIGN-UP DATE** for the Buena Vista National Bank's six day Ozark Mountains Fall bus trip is Monday, Sept. 10. See the Great Passion Play, "Samson" at the Sights & Sounds Theater, Bass Pro Shop, Holy Land Tour, Thorncrown Chapel, Guided Historical Tour of Eureka Springs, Museums, Wildlife Refuge, and other sights.

**WEST VICARIATE FALL MEETING** will be at St. Boniface Parish, Evansville, on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration at 9AM. The morning speaker will be Craig Laskowski. Jennifer Brown & Kathy Coop will speak in the afternoon. Cost is \$9.00 including lunch.

**RULES OF THE ROAD** review course will be held at the Chester Senior Center on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 1PM. This course is FREE. Call the Center (826-5108) to register.

**PSR PROGRAM** begins on Sunday, Sept. 16, after the 9AM Mass. Parents of children entering Kindergarten or who are new to the program must contact Cheryl Gross, PSR Coordinator, at 853-2678 or 826-2526.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE** Box Tops for Education, Best Choice, and Tyson Project A+ labels for the school. Please send ONLY the Best Choice UPC codes (not the entire label). Your efforts with these fundraisers truly help our school. Thank you!

**LABOR DAY:** In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. This Labor Day, reflect on the dignity for work by reading the annual Labor Day statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org). This Labor Day strive to make a conscious effort to support companies that value fair prices, safe working conditions, and environmentally sustainable practices locally and globally. The Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade website (ethicaltrade.crs.org) connects you with products that have been produced in ethical manners. Pray for the men, women, and children who suffer in their daily struggle to survive during financial hardships or poor working conditions. Pray also for the men and women who own companies, that they are guided by the Holy Spirit and act in the best interest of their laborers.

**WASHING UP:** We want our children to come to the table with clean hands. We want our elected officials to have "clean hands" in what they do. We want them to speak with clean lips, too. We even want the work of hands and words of lips to reflect treasured values. Clean hands and lips to reflect pure heart and clean intents. That is a much harder "washing up", is it not! All the biblical texts today help us look within. (Psalm) How will I do justice today? (James) How will I care for orphans and widows and those afflicted this week? (Mark) How will my clean heart bear out what I say and do?