

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Everyone who participates in God's reign has God's own generous justice to thank. And that humble knowledge of God's generosity to us should compel us to show the same generosity to the poor and marginalized in our Church and our society.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Monday, September 25
8:15AM Intentions of Catholic Extension Donor
Tuesday, September 26, Sts. Cosmas and Damian
8:15AM Pat O'Toole by Family
Wednesday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul
10:30AM Intentions of Catholic Extension Donor
Thursday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus
NO MASS
Friday, September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
8:15AM Special Intention
Saturday, September 30, St. Jerome
5PM Steve Kickham by Willie
Sunday, October 1
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 24 THRU OCT. 1

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM
Monday	8:15AM Mass ITBS Testing Week Begins 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Meatloaf/Fried Chicken 6PM School Board 6PM Sodality Meeting at K of C
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4) Noon-3PM West Vicariate Meeting at Motherhouse, Ruma 6PM Child Protection Initial Training
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Integrity Healthcare 7PM Parish Council Meeting at Rectory
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off 9AM BDCCW Meeting in Ellis Grove 4PM Diocesan Finance Council Meeting at Chancery, Belleville
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Saturday	5PM Mass 6:30PM Quarter Auction
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: What is a just wage? In today's parable we learn that God's view of a just wage is high above our view. It is the wage a person needs to live on for one day: the "daily wage." Human worth is based only on our personhood. It is not "just" in God's eyes for anyone to receive less than the wages needed to live each day in dignity. Is the landowner generous? Yes, certainly. In God's eyes, only such indiscriminate generosity would be truly just. God's view of justice requires God-and-us- to be generous. God wants to pay us not according to what we deserve, but according to what we need. All are equally worthy of a just wage in the eyes of our generous God.

TITHE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,057.00
\$978.00 Retired Diocesan Priests; \$352.00 Cemetery; \$8.00 Donation; \$125.00 Improvement Fund; \$71.00 Child Env.; \$8.00 Votives
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,299.84
Fiscal Year Week: 12
YTD Actual Giving: \$75,598.00
YTD Budget Need: \$84,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$8,402.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$700.17)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for Sept. 30 & Oct. 1: 5PM, Lauren Soellner, Madison Kribs; 9AM, Shane Bicket, Connor Wolff, Trace Fricke

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "My life is an instant, a fleeting hour. My life is a moment, which swiftly escapes me. O my God, you know that on earth I have only today to love you."
St. Therese of Lisieux

DEAR FR. GENE & ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY, On behalf of our son, Luke, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia, our family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who supported and put together the rib fundraiser at the K of C Hall. Luke is currently home and doing well. God bless you for your prayers and generous financial support of our family at this time, and thanks for being a special part of Luke's journey. With Grateful Hearts, Danny & Ronda Beck & Family

CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY will host their mobile market on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Cohen Field Complex at 10AM. Please call Bob Koenegstein at 826-5264 to volunteer. This month the Pantry is in need of canned meat, canned fruit and soup.

7TH ANNUAL BBQ benefiting the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis will be held in the K of C Hall on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 4-8PM.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Mary's School is hosting their Quarter Auction on Saturday, Sept. 30. Doors open at 5:30PM and the Auction begins at 6:30PM. The 8th Graders will have delicious food for sale.

SCRIP ORDER FORMS are in the back of church. Use gift cards to make your everyday purchases instead of cash, checks, and credit cards. Purchase gift cards at face value and earn a rebate for our school.

APPLES FOR THE STUDENTS: Place your Rozier's register receipts in the box in the back of church or drop them off at school through March 3, 2018. St. Mary's will be able to redeem them for FREE educational equipment.

PLEASE CONTINUE to send in the following items to the school office: Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup and Best Choice, Tyson Project A+ labels, and empty computer ink cartridges. (For Campbell Soup and Best Choice, send in ONLY the UPC codes. Not the entire label.)

SHADOW VISITS: Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault Catholic student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaulthawks.com). Gibault Catholic is looking forward to meeting your child! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

IN OBSERVANCE of Priesthood Sunday, *The Messenger*, will publish a special section in the Oct. 19 issue to recognize all of our priests: active and retired, pastors, administrators, associate pastors and sacramental ministers. This is your opportunity to tell us briefly some of their best qualities. Please email your remarks to cathnews@bellevillemessenger.org, or mail to *The Messenger*, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221. Deadline to submit remarks is on or before Oct. 6.

CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER, Sunday, Sept. 24, St. John Lutheran, Bremen, 11AM-1PM