

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Lord, open our ears to hear the many ways you speak to us in our lives, to listen for the gentle sound of your voice that often comes to us in stillness. May we be still and know that you are our God, ever ready and desiring to draw closer.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Monday, Sept. 10  
8:15AM Cleo Gross  
Tuesday, Sept. 11  
8:15AM Ethel Bievenue by Stan & Evy Grohmann  
Wednesday, Sept. 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary  
10:30AM Lori Boever by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Boever  
Thursday, Sept. 13, St. John Chrysostom  
NO MASS  
Friday, Sept. 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
8:15AM Orville Bievenue by Mike & Anita  
Saturday, Sept. 15, Our Lady of Sorrows  
5PM Kenneth Korando by Dorothy  
Sunday, Sept. 16  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SEPT. 9 THRU SEPT. 16

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| Sunday    | 9AM Mass   |
| Monday    | 8:15AM Mass<br>11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon<br>BBQ Pulled Pork/Fried Chicken |
| Tuesday   | 8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8)   |
| Wednesday | 10:30AM Mass   |
| Thursday  | Fr. Gene's Day Off   |
| Friday    | 8:15AM Mass (Grade 7 & 8 Liturgy)<br>2:50PM Dismissal - NO BUS           |
| Saturday  | 5PM Mass   |
| Sunday    | 9AM Mass - Catechetical Sunday<br>PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM  |

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** The Gospel tells us how Jesus helped a man to find his voice. The man whose tongue Jesus touched with his spittle (an element believed to ward off demons) came to speak "plainly." Another word for "plainly" would be "rightly," in the sense of correctly or truly. "Be opened!" Jesus says, and it happens (Mark 7:34). The man then spoke the truth of what Jesus did for him, and honored him. As we hold firm to our faith in the Lord, Jesus calls us to both speak and act "rightly" in the eyes of the world, caring for those who have little and treating them with the same dignity as those who have much. We are called to imitate Jesus by reaching out tenderly to touch those who have been wounded by life and burdened by the rejection of others. Helping others to hear the sound of love can be done in many quiet ways and with little fanfare.

### TITHE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,186.00  
\$614.00 Cemetery; \$315.00 Sr. Anne; \$5.00 Votives  
\$235.00 Improvement Fund, \$47.12 Child Env.  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,195.60  
Fiscal Year Week: 10  
YTD Actual Giving: \$61,956.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$70,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$8,044.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$804.40)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Sept. 15 & 16: 5PM, Gage Hopkins, Nate Maes; 9AM, Isaac Jany, Elseah Congiardo, David Grau

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Jesus continues to touch ears and tongues so that we might hear his voice and sing his praise.

**WELCOME** to all family, friends, and guests who are sharing the Eucharist with us during the Popeye Picnic.

**WEST VICARIATE FALL MEETING** will be Tuesday, Sept. 11, at St. Boniface, Evansville. Registration is at 9AM. Cost for the day is \$9.00 which includes lunch.

**RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS COLLECTION:** Our Belleville Diocese currently has 53 diocesan priests of retirement age-25 who are currently retired and 28 who remain in active ministry; in five years that number will increase to 63! With this large number of retirement age priests and escalating health care costs, the Retired Diocesan Priests Collection on Sept. 15 & 16 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.

**FALL BLESSING OF THE HARVEST** will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 1PM on the Jansen Dairy Farm located at 5500 Fall Road, Damiansville, IL. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. See bulletin board for driving directions.

**COMPARING HIGH SCHOOLS?** Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student excited about high school! Make sure to schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibalthawks.com). Also, you can follow the Gibault story by checking us out on Facebook, Twitter, (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (gibaultproud).

**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 at 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 (diobelle.org). Let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members and neighbors-all of whom are worthy of our attention and support.

**DEAF AND DUMB:** Jesus enters foreign and hostile lands today and opens the deaf man's ears and unties his tongue. Are we not at times deaf to the cries of poverty and injustice? Are we not at times tongue tied to unkind, untruthful words and illegalities? Disciples of Christ-that is who we are because of Baptism-must listen for and then speak truth. How will my goodness, because of God's grace, let me go where the needy are? To whom and to what must I open my ears and listen intently? How can I speak truth to lies and injustice?

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Sunday, Sept. 16, Valmeyer Fall Church Picnic, 11AM-5PM Bingo, Fried Chicken Dinner; Sunday, Sept. 30, St. John the Baptist, Red Bud, 11AM-2PM Chicken & Pork Sausage Dinner, 2PM Bingo