

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Tues., Apr. 30th, 10 a.m.: Clarence Fahey, by friends
Wed., May 1st, 8 a.m.: Delores Stimaman, by Marlene Berg
Fri., May 3rd, 8 a.m.: Don DuFrenne, by Mike & Anita
Bievenue
Sat., May 4th, 4 p.m.: Ralph Henry, by family; For our
Confirmation Class, by JoEllen Zuber
Sun., May 5th, 10 a.m.: Paul & Linda Young, by Dave &
Bridgie Young; For the Parish

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, May 4th, 4 p.m.:

Lector - R. Heizer
Ushers - G. Heizer, H. Siegfried
Eucharistic Ministers - B. Schrieber, P. Ramsey,
J. Gorman
Servers - Volunteers
Gift Bearers - L. & L. Thies

Sunday, May 5th, 10 a.m.:

Lector - D. Hahn
Ushers - P. Kueker, N. Rekosh
Eucharistic Ministers - E. Hess, L. Krebel, E. Ohlau
Servers - L. Ohlau, H. Hess
Gift Bearers - CJ Hoeningner family



Please Pray For ...

Nursing Home Residents;
Homebound Parishioners

Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

Thought For The Week

If we ever begin to think we're better than others...
we need to think again.



On the Lighter Side

Sam was telling Joe that his wife wanted him to go with her to the Art Museum. She told Sam he would enjoy the abstract art exhibit. Sam said to his wife, "Do you

know what abstract art is? It's a product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered."

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Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Saul went back to Jerusalem, but the disciples were afraid of him. Barnabas told them how the Lord had conversed with Saul and how he had suffered in the name of Jesus. Then they welcomed and protected Saul.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." If our hearts do not condemn us, we can have confidence that God will grant our requests.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." Everyone else "will be thrown out like a branch and wither."

From the Desk of Fr. Dennis



"I am the Vine, you are the branches," we hear Jesus tell his disciples this in today's Gospel. We are those branches now. Connected to the vine that is the Lord, we are expected to bear fruit. What fruit do we bear? Let us contemplate that question as we celebrate the Eucharist this weekend. May listening to God's word and sharing in the Eucharist nourish us as we strive to bear good fruit for the Lord.

On Wednesday we begin the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Let us seek her intercession as we pray for peace in the world and for a greater respect for all of life! Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us! Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved! ~ Fr. Dennis

Baptized in Christ

Congratulations to Shawn & Katie Kelley on the baptism of their son, Tate Samuel, last Sunday. Welcome to our parish family!

St. Joseph BBQ

St. Joseph, Rocher, BBQ on Sunday, April 28th at Red Bud IGA beginning at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy pork steaks &

brats sandwiches or plates. Plates come with choice of 2 sides: Sweet & smoky baked beans, homemade potato salad, picnic-recipe slaw.



In Sympathy

We express our prayers and sympathy to the family of Steve Trost, whose funeral was on Thursday, April 18. May he share in the joy of heaven. Also our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Suzanne Homrighausen, whose funeral was on Tuesday, April 23. May all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



God is Great!

God is Great! Concert by Christian recording artist, Jennie Williamson, April 28th, St. John's Lutheran School, Red Bud. Free-will offering dinner at 5 p.m.; concert at 6:30 p.m.

Gibault News

Summer Camps: Registration for our summer camps is now open! Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer. <https://gibalthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate: Cheer on the State Champion Hawks on May 1 at 4:30 p.m.



Liturgical Roles

The next set of schedules will cover June 1st-September 29th. Please notify Rhonda of conflicts by May 3rd.

Soil & Water Stewardship Week

The Randolph County Soil & Water Conservation District encourages you to be a good steward of our natural resources during its annual Stewardship Week celebration. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has proclaimed April 28 through May 5 as Stewardship Week.

During this week the districts invite everyone to recognize the importance of forests as they serve an important role in the protection of our soil and water reserves. They are also serving as a vital resource in preventing erosion, purifying contaminants, and nurturing each of the healthy watersheds.

Being good stewards of our natural resources at home and in our communities is an important task for everyone.

Rice Bowls

Our parish donated \$337.63 to the Lenten Rice Bowls! Thank you!

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. More info: www.usccb.org/home-missions

SJB Rummage Sale Reminder!

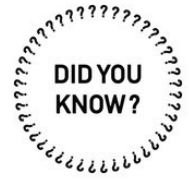
Our Rummage Sale is open today (Sunday) from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and it's our "\$4 Bag Day"! (Bag provided.)

Clean up will take place after the sale. Stop by and lend a hand!

Prayer Opportunities

Names in our bulletin: Notify Rhonda at the rectory if you'd like to add a name to the prayer list in our bulletin. Call 282-3222 ext. 2, or email rhondaj@htc.net.

Prayer Chain: Our parish Prayer Chain consist of SJB members who pray daily for special intentions. To add an intention or to become a member of the Prayer Chain, please notify Rhonda.



Happenings This Week

Tues.: 8:30 am Bible Study in Church; 10 am Mass with school students

Wed.: 8 am Mass at St. John's; 11 am Parish Finance mtg in the rectory; Last PSR session at 6:45 pm

Thurs.: 10 am Mass at St. Patrick's

Fri.: 8 am Mass at St. John's followed by Rosary and Adoration till 9:30 am; Fun Day at School filled with games and all kind of activities

Sun.: Newman Center Quilt & Cash Bingo (1 pm, Gym)

The Truth About Sugar

Free Lunch & Learn May 10, 2024 from 11:30am-1:00pm at Red Bud Regional Hospital's Auditorium. Registered Dietician, Meghan Murphy, will give an overview of sugar, how it's processed in the body, and how to reduce your risk for developing diabetes. Register at 618-282-5464.

United for Life

United for Life will be May 4th from 10-11 a.m. Please come to support all life from conception to natural death. Participants will gather at the gazebo near the four-way stop, given a sign, and stand/sit as a witness in supporting all life. God bless for gathering to protect His children!

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

(God Grants Strength to Our Weakness) There are no difficulties, trials, or misunderstandings to fear, provided we remain united to God as branches to the vine, provided we do not lose our friendship with him, provided we make ever more room for him in our lives. This is especially so whenever we feel poor, weak, and sinful, because God grants strength to our weakness, riches to our poverty, conversion and forgiveness to our sinfulness.

Stewardship Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are our upcoming summer and fall 2024 experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/2/2024 - 8/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

9/27/2024 - 9/29/2024, St. Peters, MO

Respect Life

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Thank You!

On behalf of the agencies, ministries and departments that are supported through The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for so generously supporting this year's Appeal. Also, congratulations on exceeding your parish's CSMA financial goal. It is your Christian caring and generosity that gives help and hope to those in need. Thank you again so much. God's richest blessings to each of you and your families. ~ Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Bishop of Belleville



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure screening on April 27 (4 p.m. Mass) and April 28th (10 a.m. Mass) here at SJB. Thank you to our volunteers, Jill Valleroy and Michelle Mehring!

Your Gifts to God & Parish

Sunday.....	\$3,990.50
Loose.....	\$650.00
Total (Goal: \$5,866.00).....	\$4,640.50
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$20.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$60.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal.....	\$60.00
School Support.....	\$400.00
Tuition Assistance.....	\$50.00

May Procession

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., for our annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. The procession will form in front of Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church. Participants will pray the Rosary as we proceed to the historic grotto on the Rosary Walk. The traditional May Crowning and prayer service will be a part of this tribute to Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket, as there is limited seating at the grotto. There will be a Spanish Mass, with live music, in the Shrine Church at 3:00 p.m. For any questions, please call 1-800-264-6279 or visit our website, www.amm.org.

Handel's Messiah: Parts II and III

Masterworks Chorale and Orchestra with guest soloists Stella Markou, Elisabeth Bieber, Don Frazure, and Robert Reed. Our Jubilee Season concludes with a performance of the Easter portion of Handel's timeless masterpiece. Sunday, May 5, 2024, 2:00 p.m. (note the early start time); Cathedral of Saint Peter, Belleville. Tickets available at www.singmasterworks.org or at the door.

Mother's Day Quilt Raffle

Tickets for St. Anne's Mother's Day Quilt Raffle have been mailed! Return tickets to the parish office or drop in the collection (mark "Quilt Raffle" on the envelope). You may also stop by the main entrance May 4th and 5th to purchase your tickets!





Memorial Day: Messenger

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and The Messenger hopes to do a story related to this holiday. If anyone has a story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who died in war, please let them know. Send any information to them at editor@bellevillemessenger.org.

They also print the names of military service members who were killed in action (WWII onward) in The Messenger. They have a list from years past, but if they have missed anyone, please send that person's name, rank if it is known, and the war in which they served and died.

In addition, they would like to include a list of military service people who are presently serving in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home.

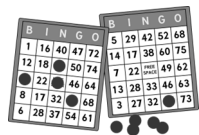
Please submit the information to The Messenger by May 1.

Lunch & Card Party

Lunch & Card Party and Bingo, May 7th, St. Luke's, Belleville. Doors open -10:30am; lunch served - noon; event ends - 3pm. Cost: \$10.00; no reservations required. Cards, Bingo, or any game you choose with prizes. Please bring canned items for the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

Walk With Us!

Walk With Us!, for Mental Health Awareness! May 1st, Lincoln Park, 9:30 a.m., rain or shine. Red Bud Regional Hospital & Senior Solutions are stomping out the stigma associated with mental health. Walk with the group/at your own pace/for any distance you wish. Prize awarded to the participant wearing the most green (theme color.) Free event; refreshments provided.



Quilt & Cash Bingo

Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale is holding a Quilt & Cash Bingo on Sunday, May 5th in our Parish Center. Lunch begins at 11 a.m. and bingo starts at 1 p.m. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and raffle prizes!

The National Eucharistic Revival

If you have been reading this bulletin, you know that something special is going to happen this summer in Indianapolis! From July 17-21, tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen. The National Eucharistic Congress will be a turning point for the Church in America, filled with rich prayer experiences, fellowship, and world-class teaching from Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Josephine Garrett, Sr. Marian James Heidland, and many more incredible Catholic voices! This is the spiritual family reunion you've been waiting for. Whether you attend for one day or all five, your presence is a public witness that Jesus is truly present and active in our midst. Register online at EucharisticCongress.org. Closer to home, join us for the EMMAUS DAYS July 7 & 8 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the Cathedral of St. Peter. For more info go to the diocesan website: www.diobelle.org.

Other Gospels: The Gospels of Peter and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD; Fridays, May 10 and 17, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Our Lady of the Snows. Besides Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, numerous other Gospels appeared in the decades following Jesus' death. These "other Gospels" offer insights into the diverse beliefs about Jesus and his mission held by early Christian communities. In this series we will focus on the Gospel of Peter, in which Jesus' cross actually speaks; and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas, which depicts the boy Jesus as a "holy terror." Cost: \$10 per session / \$20.00 for the series. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs> or call 618-394-6281.

St. Anne's CCW

Our **Spring Banquet** will be on May 7th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12 and is due by April 30th. Money can be placed in the collection in an envelope marked "Spring Banquet". **Return plastic eggs** to church bins - thank you!

Faith Flash!

Great excuse!

"Mass should be your excuse for missing everything else." I saw this quote from Scott Hahn and thought it was worth repeating. What a great excuse!

Youth Group

Next Youth group meeting is May 15th. All newly confirmed 8th graders are welcome to attend!

Dave Hollinshead, Director of Faith Formation