

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20
4:00PM (Red Bud)

Sunday, April 21
8:00AM (P) Justin Simpson, Claudene Chunn
10:00AM (Red Bud)

Thursday, April 25
10:00AM (P) Ralph Henry

Saturday, April 27
4:00PM (Red Bud)

Sunday, April 28
8:00AM (P) Nancy (Eichenseer) Watts
10:00AM (Red Bud)



LITURGICAL ROLES

Gift Bearers
4/21 Nathan & Julie Stern Family
4/28 Children's/Young Adults

Lector
4/21 Janet Schwartz
4/28 Children's/Young Adults

Eucharistic Ministers
4/21 Liz, Dave K., Bev
4/28 Hope, Julie, Dave E.

Servers
Please volunteer

CHURCH SUPPORT- April 14th

Envelopes \$1,022 Loose \$163 CSMA \$200
Pledge Drive to date: \$13,820 Goal \$20,000
Year to Date 7/1/23-4/14/24
Env. \$70,896 Loose \$5,443 Avg. Wkly Env. \$1,772 (40wk)
CSMA...Parish Goal \$3,692. To date: \$2,085-23 households



PRAYER REQUEST

All homebound & nursing home, Our Military & their families, Ruth Henry, Doris Wilson, Lola Depper, Roger & Carol Hess, Ruby Dickinson, Joan Schaefer, Fred Deterding, Chris Schwartz, Verona Schwartz, Sandy Duvic, ASC Community, Ray & Gladys Hess, Cooper Craddock, Roger Groth, George Epplin, Keith Bauer

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched by the wolf."



QUILTING-Wednesday's beginning at 9AM and Thursday evenings beginning at 6PM.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH??

Contact Dave Eichenseer at 618-791-0504

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"TO PRAY IS TO LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD" – Matthew Kelly

READINGS



First Reading—Peter explained to the people that every good deed and all restoration to health are accomplished in the name of Christ Jesus the Nazorean, through whom all are saved. Acts 4:8-12

Second Reading—Believers are the dearly beloved children of God who do not yet know what shall come to light. When it does come to light, believers will be like God. 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel—Jesus is the good shepherd who knows the sheep. The Good Shepherd not only loves and protects the sheep but is willing to lay down his life for the sheep. John 10:11-18

FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

Today we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for his sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. Most people reading this passage have had no experience with tending sheep, but it is important to keep in mind that his discourse is about relationship. The Jewish community would have been familiar with the images of the shepherd and the hired hand. The hired hand to whom Jesus refers is an individual (or individuals) who had no relationship with sheep he is paid to tend. The shepherd, on the other hand, is the one who knows and tends to the sheep with tender care. When Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd," he is not only identifying himself as the one with whom he and his sheep have a mutual relationship, but also saying that he and the Father have a mutual relationship. While using the familiar shepherd imagery of the Old Testament, Jesus expands the image of shepherd to include "other sheep that do not belong to this fold." Jesus will lay down his life for many, not for an elite few.

This weekend is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations! Pray for our young people that they may be open to the Lord's call for their vocation in life. Are you planting the seed for our young people to consider a Church Vocation? Read below under Ideas for Action what Pope Francis suggests!

Have a blest week! Remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

Fr. Dennis



ARE YOU PRAYING WITH...?

Caleb Mudd and Brinley Mudd, who were confirmed on April 18th at St. Mary's, Chester.

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS

(Value the Family) The family stands at the center of society's hopes and struggles. With renewed conviction, the Church continues to encourage the commitment of all, individuals and institutions, in order to support the family, which is the primary place where the human being is formed and grows and where upright values and examples are learned. The family needs stability and the recognition of its mutual bonds in order to carry out its irreplaceable task and to fulfill its mission. It needs to be appreciated, valued, and protected as it puts its energy at the service of society.

OUR FAITH

It's amazing how the human ear can recognize specific voices. Some say that babies in the womb can recognize their mother's voice whether she be speaking or singing a lullaby.

Some voices we know right away from hearing the first uttered word. We recognize the voice on the phone or the one calling across a room. Children know a parent's voice especially if they are in trouble.

Jesus says "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me...I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." Do we recognize the voice of Jesus?



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

We will be holding our Strawberry Festival this year on May 19th. Festival meal will include chicken dinner, dressing, along with the rest of our sides...strawberries and ice-cream, country store, silent auction and the Balloonatic lady. **Please keep this date open. We need your help to make this event possible!!** **WE ARE IN NEED OF 10 CASES OF 1/2 PINT JELLY JARS-8oz...USED OR NEW AND WHITE OR WHEAT BREAD FOR THE DRESSING. Please start baking those country store goodies that you can freeze...the country store can also use crafts, plants, fresh fruits, canned goods, breads, baked goods, etc. Drop offs for the country store can be made at Elite Ag on East Mill in Ruma or at the Church. Start shopping for your silent auction items. ALSO NOTE THAT THE PICNIC WILL BE FROM 11AM-2:30PM SO THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SHIFT FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE POSITIONS. Contact Diane or Sandy for questions.**



COOKIE BAKING DAY-We will be having a baking day in the parish hall to help supply goodies for the country store. We are in need of donated items: white sugar, brown sugar, stick butter, shortening and quick oats. Supplies can be brought and put in the box as you enter church, except for the butter, which should be brought to the house. Baking day will be May 15th starting at noon. Help is appreciated.



PICNIC MEETING

Monday, April 22nd at 6:30pm in the Red Brick School. More input would be appreciated, if you can attend.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY Saturday, May 4th beginning at 8AM weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, date will be Saturday, May 11th. We will be power washing the parish hall and fence, trimming trees, pulling weeds etc. **LOTS OF HELP IS APPRECIATED!!!**

MONTHLY ASSISTANCE

St. Patrick's Parish monthly takes a set amount (\$100) from the collection and donates it to a needy charity/family, locally or globally. **March/April's donation will go to The Musketeer Market...an organization set up thru the Red Bud High School where kids can shop for everyday needed items...including food for lunch and supper.** If you would like to make a donation, please mark it and place it in the collection basket. Contact Sandy if you know of someone in need.

KUDOS

- To Nevois Construction, our bulletin advertiser of the week.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Michelle Umbdensotck 4/21, Pete Rahn 4/22,
Verona Schwartz 4/22...90th
Larry & Diane Mudd 4/22/78...46 years!!!

THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Bishop McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to EMMAUS DAYS July 7 & 8. Come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as the Diocese celebrates the Eucharistic Revival. Sunday, July 7 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows & Monday, July 8 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Watch the Messenger for times and additional information or go to the Diocesan website: www.diobelle.

IDEAS FOR ACTION-In a papal message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis used the term "convocation" to explain that a vocation is not an isolated "me-and-God" experience. Instead, young people hear God's call with a REAL CHURCH COMMUNITY. He offered four concrete ways to help youth discover their vocations, emphasizing these things should be done TOGETHER: 1) Co-teach with a catechist 2) Visit a convent or monastery 3) Assist missionaries 4) Spend time with parish priests. Note that none of these involve phones or social media. How can you organize real-life activities for youth in your parish?

APRIL...CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WEEK 3 Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture, there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope? Victims of crime, their families, and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and that there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

All first-time parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. John's or St. Patrick's must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. The next class will be Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Church at St. John's. Please notify the church if you plan to attend.