

The Pastor's Corner

WE HAVE A JOB TO DO.

Amongst so many others, there is one quote of John Henry Newman that has always stuck out to me: "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons."

It is all too tempting to think that our life is inconsequential. I can do as I please, and ultimately the universe is indifferent to it. I work tirelessly for my dreams. Or, I can rest and take it easy. I can feel passion and purpose. Or, I can feel lethargy and listlessness. The danger here is that living in these ways often leads us to live life in spite of faith- and even devoid of a mission. Our faith tells us something different: we have a definite purpose, as John Henry Newman says. We have things that God has planned out for us. Some may be easy, some may be difficult, and often those jobs will lie somewhere in between. Yet, the call is to be faithful- and to carry out those tasks!

The seed that is sown, and the trees that grow in this week's Gospel are all started by a singular action: someone plants a seed. These seeds are not literal seeds, but spiritual ones. They encourage someone to think about God. They share how faith has changed their life- and continues to do so. They showed through their example that there is a special underlying "force" that makes them a "good person." They show through their fidelity to going to Church that they know what is important in their life.

Each of us- you and I- have seeds that we are put here to plant. May we have the courage and confidence to plant them!

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

Jb 38:1, 8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

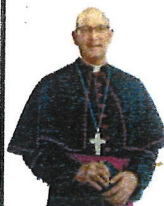
Thank you to our Totus Tuus Volunteers!

Thank you to all of the many volunteers and hands who made Totus Tuus such a success within our parish community.

There are too many names to list, but we are still grateful as a parish to everyone who helped this past week!

BISHOP RICE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

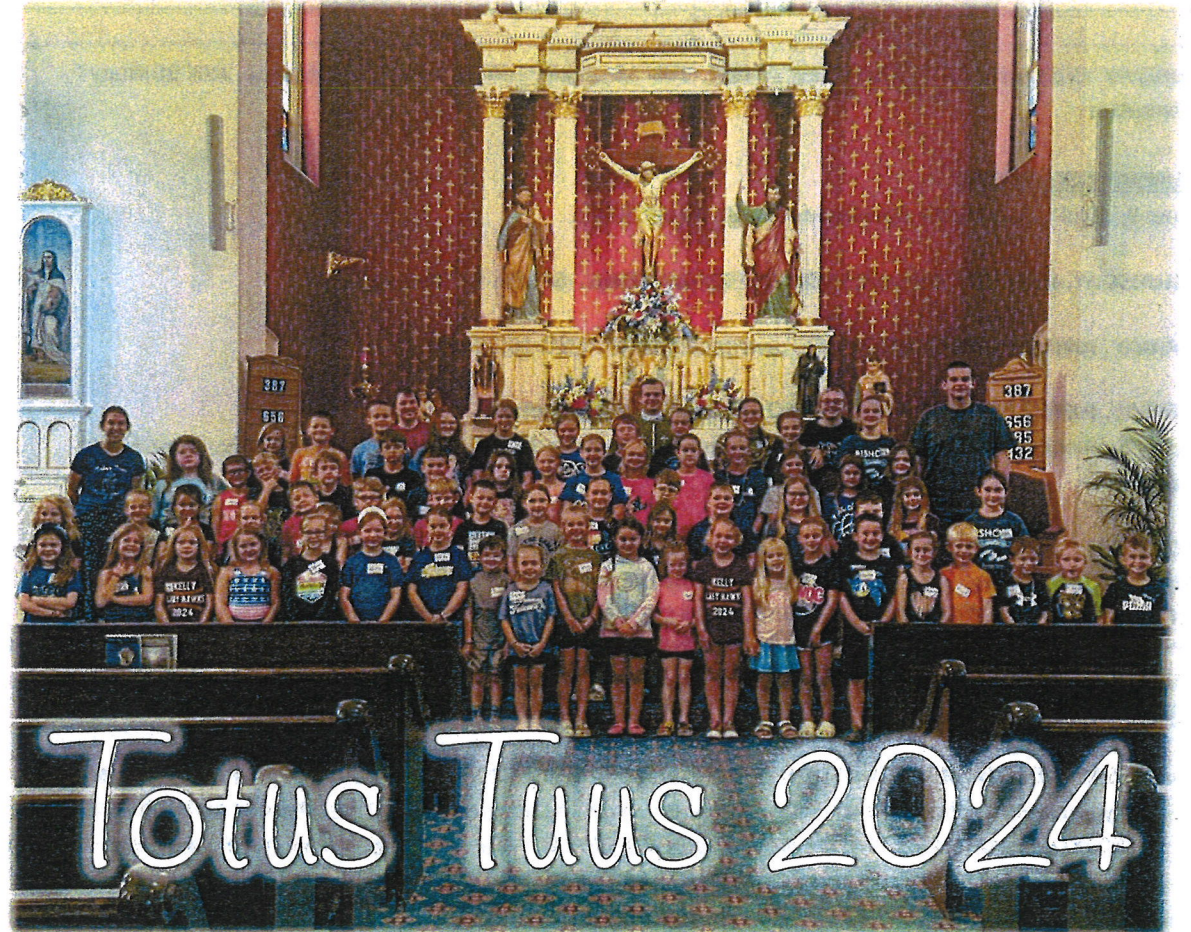


THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JUNE 16, 2024



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16-22, 2024
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Henry Heuring Jr.	Thu. Jun 20 7AM	Robert & Emma Gaines
Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Jun 21 7AM	Lorena Beussink
Mon. Jun 17 No Mass		Sat. Jun 22 4PM	Parish Family.
Tue. Jun 18 6PM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle	Sun. Jun 23 8:30AM	Felix Enderle
Wed. Jun 19 7AM	Lefty & Ida Seyer		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JUN 16-Jackie Griffith, JUN 23-Pat Moore, JUN 30-Mary F. Glastetter.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

June 9, 2024: Loose \$251, Envelopes \$2510, Total: \$2761.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20th, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. 6PM in the rectory.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21st, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Amy Shelton

Andy & Michelle Silman, Danny & Theresa Simpher, Connie Steger, Marty & Carol Steimle, Ryan & Lani Steimle.

JOB OPENING. Saint Denis School in Benton, MO is seeking friendly faces to be a part of the "Saint Denis Difference" for these following positions: a principal and part-time teacher, a full-time elementary teacher, and a part time administrative assistant. These positions are all a part of the school family atmosphere, making a difference in young disciple's spiritual and intellectual journey! For applications, qualifications, or for further inquiries, please contact Fr. Belken at the Saint Denis Parish Office at 573-545-3864 or please email office@stdenisbenton.org.

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF). As of the 6th week of DDF, 75 families have graciously donated. Thank you so much. We are over 75% of the way toward reaching the goal. To date, our parish has given \$19,665.00 toward our \$23,472.00 goal. We need \$3,807.00 to reach the goal. We have 3 weekends until the established goal of 30 June. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, there are cards in the back of church, and we have mailed out a second donation letter to those who have not already turned in the forms. For more information regarding DDF, you can contact Billy or Stacey Johnson at the Parish Office.

PASTORAL NOTE: INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE PENITENTIAL RITE - Starting in a few weeks, Father would like to introduce an alternate penitential rite from the Roman Missal (occurs at the very beginning of Mass, before the Gloria or opening Collect). The dialogue will go as follows, with congregation saying the bolded parts:

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Jun 22 4PM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Jun 22 4PM	Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Jun 22 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Michael Glastetter
Servers:	Sat. Jun 22 4PM	Wyatt Farrow/Isabel Crook/Tyler Jackson
Ushers:	Sat. Jun 22 4PM	Harold Eftink/James Eftink/Terry Eftink/Brian Enderle

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Jun 23 8:30AM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Jun 23 8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Jun 23 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Joshia Glastetter
Servers:	Sun. Jun 23 8:30AM	Vanellope DeShaney/Charleigh DeShaney/ Brady James/Parker Reeves
Ushers:	Sun. Jun 23 8:30AM	Adam Duncan/Alex Duncan/James Duncan/ Scott Droddy

Presider: Have mercy on us O Lord. **R. For we have sinned against you.** Presider: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
R. And Grant us your salvation. Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us...

STEBENVILLE, CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE SUMMER 2024. Join us in Springfield, MA on July 26-28! Secure your spot for the weekend that changes everything. Register now and give your teens an opportunity for spiritual growth and lasting transformation. Whether your teens are disengaged, doubtful believers, dedicated 'youth group kids,' or devout Catholics, these conferences present the gospel in a fresh and compelling way. This event promises to be a life-changing experience for your teens, offering them the opportunity to deepen their faith, connect with like-minded peers, and encounter the incredible power of God's love. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leonard Kluesner and for his family during this time of loss and sorrow.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers in the Parish.