

The Pastor's Corner

“SEND FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE CHURCH”

If you've ever taken part in or witnessed the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the line “send for the priests” is a part of the introductory prayer. If you just hear it at that moment it may be hard to appreciate the true depth of that phrase- but it has a deliberate purpose within the context of the anointing of the sick. It is to remind us of Christ's presence in the sacraments.

It could be very easy to wonder why we don't seem to have the benefit of what Christ did in the Gospel this weekend. Jesus was in the district of the Decapolis- and people bring Him a deaf man with a speech impediment. He is begged to lay His hand on the man. He does, prays “Ephphatha” and then the man can hear and speak clearly. Truly, this is an incredible miracle! Jesus is powerful enough that even physical infirmity has no power over Him! Wouldn't it be great if we could experience this today?

We actually do experience this, believe it or not. The anointing of the sick gives us a very real sacramental participation in the healing power of Christ. The priest, as he stands in Christ's place, is the one able to lay hands on a sick person, and anoint them so that they can experience healing. To be very clear- this is not a strictly physical healing (though it has happened!). This is a spiritual healing that allows us to receive God's grace and to live our faith well even in moments of suffering.

Do you need to experience healing like what they did in the time of Jesus, or does a loved one who is suffering a physical infirmity need special aid? Send for the priests of the Church!

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

September 15 2024

Is 50:5-9a
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students
and parents

Please join Fr. Belken at the St. Denis
School Cafeteria on

Wednesday September 18, at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be brief and will discuss
some of the logistics and schedule for
confirmation in April 2026.

TO QUOTE A SAINT

“Happiness can only be
achieved by looking inward &
learning to enjoy whatever life
has and this
requires
transforming
greed into
gratitude.”

-St. John
Chrysostom



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8-14, 2024
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| Mass Schedule | | | | | | |
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| Sat. | Sep | 7 | 4PM | Dennis Gosche | Thu. | Sep 12 7AM Louis & Anna Glatster |
| Sun. | Sep | 8 | 8:30AM | Parish Family | Fri. | Sep 13 7AM Ricky Duncan |
| Mon. | Sep | 9 | No Mass | | Sat. | Sep 14 4PM Parish Family |
| Tue. | Sep | 10 | 6PM | Felix Enderle | Sun. | Sep 15 8:30AM Barney & Sylvia Steimle |
| Wed. | Sep | 11 | 7AM | Shelby & Charlene Steger | | |

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. SEP 8-Jackie Griffith, **SEP 15**-Pat Moore, **SEP 22**-Mary F. Glatstetter, **SEP 29**-Theresa Essner.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

September 1, 2024: Loose \$192, Envelopes \$2225, Total: \$2417.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, ANNUAL FALL DINNER, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH. St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Fall Dinner from 10:30AM-1PM in the School Gym. The menu is kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, chicken & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dessert, tea and coffee. Buffet style. Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$7 and Children 5 & Under Free. Carry-outs available. We will also have our country store and bakery shop.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Mike & Darlene Dirnberger
Nathan & Kara Dirnberger, Rodney & Carri Dock, Stephen & Erin Drake.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, DEANERY 6 COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN QUARTLY MEETING. At St. Vincent DePaul Church in Cape Girardeau. Rosary in church at 5:15PM, prayer service to follow. After Mass, transition to the school cafeteria for registration, refreshments, and meeting.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th. PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 6PM in the Parish Center.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, ST. DENIS 10th ANNUAL PAUL STUCKEY GOLF SCRAMBLE. At Bent Creek golf course. Lunch served at 11:30AM with a shotgun start at 12:30PM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, ST. AMBROSE DINNER AUCTION. St. Ambrose dinner auction presents Viva Las Vegas, doors open at 5PM at the VFW Chaffee. Tickets are \$40 per person. Highlights are raffles, silent auctions, live auction and all you can drink & eat. Buy your tickets online at <http://www.charityauction.bid/STAVivaLasVegas>.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR). PSR will begin Sunday, September 15th, for grades kindergarten through 5th grade from 9:30-10:30AM. Grades 6th through 8th will begin confirmation preparation. More details later. No snacks will be served this year. Commissioning of Religion teachers will be on Sunday, September 15th at

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| Lector & Communion Distributor: | Sat. Sep 14 4PM | Stephanie Burger |
| Organist/Cantor: | Sat. Sep 14 4PM | Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings |
| Gift Bearers: | Sat. Sep 14 4PM | Mr./Mrs Chris Kern |
| Servers: | Sat. Sep 14 4PM | Noah Vetter/Caleb Vetter/Clara Drake |
| Ushers: | Sat. Sep 14 4PM | Melvin Schott/Shannon Schumer/Greg Riley/Chris Seyer |

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| Lector & Communion Distributor: | Sun. Sep 15 8:30AM | Jill Pinkston |
| Organist/Cantor: | Sun. Sep 15 8:30AM | Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner |
| Gift Bearers: | Sun. Sep 15 8:30AM | Mr./Mrs. David Kern |
| Servers: | Sun. Sep 15 8:30AM | Ty Glasstetter/Callen Glatstetter/Leigh Estes/Brady James |
| Ushers: | Sun. Sep 15 8:30AM | Richard Reeves/Steven Riley/Mike Senciboy/Ronnie Senciboy |

8:30AM Mass. **THANK YOU TO ASHLEY MAYBURY AND KELLY FELTER FOR VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH 3rd GRADE RELIGION THIS YEAR.**

MASS INTENTIONS. Whenever the church has a Mass that is skipped because of a circumstance, then that intention is moved to the next available day on the Mass calendar. Mass intentions for the upcoming year will be taken starting October 15, on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the church 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:

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...

NEW FIRST SATURDAY MASSES. Fr. Belken will be celebrating the inaugural First Saturday Mass on September 7 (and each first Saturday) at 8AM at St. Denis. Please join us each first Saturday as we renew our devotions to our Blessed Mother. During these months prior to the election, the intention will be for a pro-life Nation and State.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. In the back of church is a letter from Bishop Rice recruiting parishioners for the Knights of Columbus. Please read and join if possible.