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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm
(fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 9 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7 pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8 am

SACRAMENT REQUIREMENTS

Baptism: One month notice & preparation

Reconciliation: One hour before Mass

Matrimony: Four months' notice & preparation

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The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP

St. Patrick's, Tipton
Fr. John Kizhakedan
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stpatrickstipton@gmail.com
Mass: Saturday, 5 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am
Tuesday, 7 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Renault
Fr. John Kizhakedan
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olgc Renault@gmail.com
Mass: Sunday, 10:30 am

Day	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers/Gifts
Sat., September 22	Dakota Valentine Addison Chaudet	Linda Andres	Julie Wright Janet Gruber	Volunteers
Sun., September 23	Ariana Gibbs Nathaniel Atkinson	David Carr	Mary Wuertz VonHolt (B) Barb Kendall Sharon May	Volunteers
Sat., September 26	Austin Abeln Jared Niebruegge	Julie Wright	Janet Gruber Linda Andres	Volunteers
Sun., September 30	Emily Vogt Dalton Crawford	Sharon May	Karen Limestall (B) Kyle Andres Nancy Gilbert	Volunteers
Sat., October 6	Evan Riechmann Ariana Gibbs	Maria Makiejus	Julie Wright Linda Andres	Volunteers
Sun., October 7	Brice Ahrens Nathaniel Atkinson	Mary Wuertz VonHolt	Sharon May (B) Karlene Scheibe Zoe Ann Schwarze	Volunteers

Readings for Today's Liturgy

Readings & Gospel: 1053

Music for Today's Liturgy

Processional #743 - Gather Us In
 Offertory #579 - A Living Faith
 Communion #813 - One Bread, One Body
 Recessional #669 - God Has Chosen Me

Please remember in your prayers members of our parish family and friends who are injured or sick, especially:
 Derrick DeWilde † Chrissie Girard † Delores Henry † Angie Henshaw †
 Kathy Hildreth † Marge Unterseh McKenzie † Donald Weber

And all Military Men and Women, especially:

John Brandenburg, U.S. Army, son of Margaret & Craig Brandenburg
Natalie Touchette, U.S. Navy, daughter of Bob & Michele Touchette
Cody Kaufmann, U.S. Navy, son of Don Kaufmann
Miranda Kaufmann, U.S. Air Force, daughter of Don Kaufmann
Collin Ford, U.S. Army, son of Butch and Leigh Ford

We are in need of Mass intentions

Weekday Masses - \$10

Weekend Masses - \$20

If you have a particular date you'd like for a Mass Intention, please let the parish secretary know a month ahead.

Sept. PSR Calendar

Wed., Sept. 19: PSR Gr. 5-8, 7:00-8:15 pm
 Sunday, Sept. 23: PSR Gr. 1-4, 10:00-11:00 am
 Wed., Sept. 26: PSR Gr. 5-8, 7:00-8:15 pm
 Sunday, Sept. 30: PSR Gr. 1-4, 10:00-11:00 am
 Wed., Oct. 3: PSR Gr. 5-8, 7:00-8:15 pm
 Sunday, Oct. 7: PSR Gr. 1-4, 10:00-11:00 am

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Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
 Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/
 Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,
 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk
 9:18-22
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-
 2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept. 22 - Dardanelle Doyle, offered by Alan & Betty Jansen
Sun., Sept. 23 - Phyllis Schmidt, offered by Allen & Sharon May
Sat., Sept. 29 - Dardanelle Doyle, offered by Lyn & Maureen Doyle
Sun., Sept. 30 - Mothers of St. Mary Parish, offered by Altar Sodality
Sat., Oct. 6 - Dardanelle Doyle, offered by Tom & Charlotte Gartzke
Sun., Oct. 7 - **MASS INTENTIONS ARE NEEDED**

Priest: *Eternal rest grant unto her/him/them, O Lord*

People: *And let perpetual light shine upon her/him/them.*

Priest: *May the soul(s) of the faithful departed,*

People: *Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Bulletin submission deadline is noon on Mondays.

Send bulletin submissions to stmarybulletin7@gmail.com or call 935-2611

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

**Sunday,
Sept. 30
After Mass**



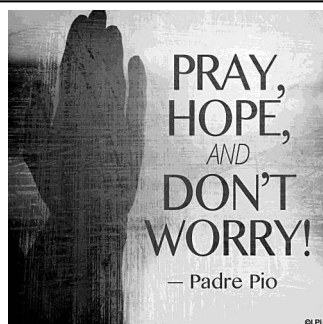
Hostesses:
Alberta Hohnbaum and
Jane McCarthy

Respect Life Corner - Many parents want perfect children; our culture is obsessed with superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed and social media depicts seemingly perfect lives. However, God calls us to seek perfection not in appearance or abilities, but in love. Christians know what perfect love looks like—Jesus offering himself on the Cross. Love in a family where one member has a serious disability may look unappealing from the outside. Indeed, love in *any* family is messy; there are faces to wipe and sacrifices to make. It's natural to fear that such sacrifices will require too much, but this is where the deep mystery of sacrificial love becomes apparent. **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** Learn more about disabilities and strive to make all family members feel welcomed in church. Pray that we all begin to understand the worth of human life, which does not depend on our skills or appearance, but only on the fact that we are created in the image of God. All lives are worth living; all lives are precious and a gift from God.

If you have traveled on Southwest Airlines, you are aware of how they line people up prior to boarding. You receive a lettered group of A, B, or C and a number. You line up with your group and in sequence based on your numbers. This means that before every flight, you'll hear people ask over and over, "What number are you?" Some don't ask and simply place themselves in the line. I have been A-1 before and had someone stand in line in front of me. There is nothing before A-1 in the line! It is crazy the urgency of some to board the plane and get the perfect seat. For some, I think it has more to do with a sense of entitlement. No one is going to cheat me out of my place in line! I deserve it! Of course, you can't deserve your place in the line more than another. We are all getting on the plane and going to the same place.

In life, some of us act like people in a Southwest boarding line. We want our place in line, and we will sometimes put ourselves ahead of others without merit. Good stewardship allows us to see our actions in this regard as folly. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We are called to serve and not to be served. If we seek what we truly deserve in this life, we will find that we are not actually entitled to much. If we humble ourselves and seek to serve others, we will receive an abundance of good things, even though we still won't deserve it. For all we receive, whether we are A-1 or C-30, is a gift.

—Tracy Earl Welliver,



OCTOBER

GREETER: Christine Murphy-Koch
"NO BAKE" BAKE SALE (Oct. 7): Christine Murphy-Koch

Envelope Collections - week of 9/16/2018	\$ 1,304
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,246
Fiscal YTD Collections	\$ 17,968
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$ 26,952
Building Fund Donations	\$ 20
Fiscal YTD Bldg. Fund Donations	\$ 1,054



Our Lady of Good Counsel - Renault, IL Chicken Dinner & Quilt Raffle

Sunday, September 23 - 11 am - 4 pm

Includes all-you-can-eat chicken, our famous homemade dressing, and all the fixins. Beautiful hand-made quilt raffle.

Cathedral 3rd Annual Food Truck Fest

Saturday, September 29 from 4-9 pm

200 South 2nd Street, Belleville

It's a sports theme this year, wear your favorite team's apparel.

We have mascots coming from the St. Louis Blues & Gateway Grizzlies.

A Clydesdale will be visiting us for 2 hours!

There will be 14 food trucks...something for everyone.

Free admission. No coolers or pets please.

Check our Facebook page for more information.

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Red Bud

QUILT AND CASH BINGO - Sun., Sept. 30

Fried Chicken & pork sausage dinner served 11 am - 2 pm

(mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, desserts)

Quilt & Cash Bingo (regular & special games), begins 2 pm.

Basket Raffle & Lotto Ticket Wreath Raffle. Cash bar.

Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention

Wed., Oct. 10, 2018 at Immaculate Conception, Columbia IL, Cost is \$18

in advance - registration forms in Gathering Area. It would be greatly

appreciated if one or more ladies of our Parish could attend. There are

also Raffle Tickets available in the Gathering Area (place \$ in collection

basket clearly marked). Contact Lillian Carr

618-939-9432 for more information.

Creating a Culture of Encounter: Bringing Jesus' Healing Ministry To Our Daily Life - presented by Jared Bryson

Thurs., Oct. 11, 2018, 7 pm at Red Bud Winery (pavilion),

1524 West Market St., Red Bud IL 62278. Tickets are \$20. Call The

Messenger at 618-722-5036 to reserve your seat for this fundraising

event. Tickets also available at the door.

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women (ICCCW)

SUNDAY FUNDAY -- Sunday, October 21, 1-4 pm

in the Garden Level of Immaculate Conception Church, 411 Palmer

Road, Columbia, IL. Doors open at 12:30 pm. It's a card and game

party -- bring your favorite board games and card games, bring your

family and bring your friends! Enjoy a Sunday afternoon of games, a

buffet of appetizers and desserts and fabulous attendance prizes for only

\$5/person. There will also be opportunities to purchase raffle tickets to

win a quilt, afghan, gas card, as well as 50/50 tickets & a gift card pull.

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