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Sacraments

Reconciliation 4:00 – 4:40 pm Saturday at St. Teresa Church or by Appointment Baptism: Contact Rectory Marriage: Contact Rectory 4 Months in Advance Priesthood or Diaconate Contact: Vocation Office at 235-9601

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you, or someone you know, has a desire to know more about the Catholic faith, please call **Jenifer Lohmann at 233-3500** or **Mary Regan at 580-3595**.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.



Hearing Assist Devices are available at St. Teresa Church, please ask a hospitality minister for assistance.



Check Out The Websites!



Dear Deacon Boyer,

With this letter, I am pleased to appoint you to serve as a Deacon at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish and St. Luke Parish in Belleville, Illinois, under the direction of the Reverend Joseph O. Oganda, Pastor. Your initial assignment is effective on July 20, 2021 and is for a term of two years, renewable.

You are granted the diaconal faculties of the Diocese of Belleville. While the faculties granted are primarily liturgical, your most important responsibility as a deacon is to be a minister of charity in your parishes and throughout the Diocese of Belleville.

Thank you for your service to the faithful of the Diocese of Belleville. As you begin your ministry, please know that I will remember you and your family in my prayers at the altar. With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern Bishop of Belleville

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Our Military Prayer Line Sat. Philip Haake, South Korea Capt Anthony M. Rowe, Lackland, AFB ABHC Alec Weeks, CVN 68, Bremerton, WA John Wildermuth, Goose Creek Naval Base, SC

Please remember in your prayers **Rita Siddall** who was called home to the Lord.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Mt 5:4

The 2021 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do... - John 14:12 The homebound, sick and seniors living in eight counties in the southernmost part of the state are assured they will have food to eat thanks to **Daystar Community Program**'s mobile food pantry, which delivers groceries on a regular basis to those not able to visit Daystar's on-site food pantry. YOUR GIFT to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal makes Daystar's truly life-saving ministry possible. If you haven't already done so, please donate today and help Daystar to serve truly the poorest of the poor; they are counting on YOU!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 July 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44. Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18. Ephesians 4:1-6. John 6:1-15. Enough to Share. So much in the gospel today. Large crowd following Jesus. Nearness of Passover, the remembering of rescue from slavery. The need to eat, thus, the need to provide a meal. A giving of bread and fish by a little boy. Bounty. Sharing. Wasting nothing. Right here in the heart of summer, it is time to read the letter of Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, on fraternity and social friendship. Download a free study guide from the USCCB: https://www.usccb.org/resources/fratelli-tutti-study-guide.

- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what food can I share?
- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what comfort can I
- provide for someone? • Even if it seems I may not have enough, what do I have that I will not waste, that I will gather up, save, and recycle?

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24 5:00 pm @ ST Paul Fiedler Sunday, July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00 am @ ST People of God 9:00 am @ SL John Roach 11:00 am @ ST Rav Korte Monday, July 26 Joachim & Anne 8:30 am @ SL Joe & Milli Gerling Tuesday, July 27 8:30 am @ SL Lucille Fiedler Mayfield Wednesday, July 28 8:30 am @ SL Mary Lou Adam Thursday, July 29 Martha 8:30 am @ SL Mary Jane Christ Friday, July 30 Peter Chrysologus **NO MASS** Saturday, July 31 Ignatius of Loyola 5:00 pm @ ST Donna Grossman Sunday, August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:00 am @ ST Milton & Mary Clement 9:00 am @ SL **Bob Dreyer**

11:00 am @ ST Michael Quirk

Stewardship of Treasure

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Weekly Enve	\$	2,220.00	
Loose			50.00
Online Giving			702.39
Total			2,972.39
Other Collec	\$	430.00	
Weekend	Budgeted		Actual
July 4	\$ 3,770		\$ 3,894
July 11	\$ 3,770		\$ 3,537
July 18	\$ 3,770		\$ 2,972
Total	\$11,310		\$10,403
S	t. Teresa		
Envelope		\$	4,489.01
Loose		\$	79.00
Online Giving	9	\$	5,513.57
Total		10,081.58	
Other		\$	376.00
Weekend	Budgeted	1	Actual
July 4	\$ 10,692		\$ 8,448
July 11	\$ 10,692		\$ 11,093
July 18	\$ 10,692		\$ 10,082
Total	\$ 32,076		\$ 29,623

Community Interfaith Food Pantry Both Parishes are a partner in the Food Pantry.



This week's needed items:
Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Spam
Also accepting garden produce

Please leave your items in either church and they will be taken to the pantry. Monetary donations can be placed in the Sunday collections, mark envelope "Food Pantry", & will assist in buying perishables.

Catholic Urban Programs Needs Volunteers!

Catholic Urban Programs (CUP), East St. Louis, needs volunteers to serve as clientchoice food pantry workers and front desk receptionists. Both opportunities provide a wonderful way in which to put your faith into action through service. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering is invited to call or email Jenn Lyke (618-398-5616, Ext. 203, or **jlyke@catholicurbanprograms.org**). Additional information is also available at **catholicurbanprograms.org/how-to-help**. Thank you!

WIN \$10,000!

Tickets for St. Teresa's \$10,000 Raffle to benefit our parish are now on sale. The goal again this year is

to sell 250 tickets at \$100 each. The first place winner will receive \$10,000, two second place winners will receive \$1,000, and one third place winner receiving \$500. In the event fewer than 250 tickets are sold, the winners in each category will receive a proportionate amount of the money collected. The 2021 drawing will be held at the Parish Picnic on Saturday, August 28. You need not be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years of age to purchase a ticket. For more information contact Mark or Carol Gass at 779-7534 or Karen Foeller at 978-7310.

	Ministers of the Liturgy August 1					
Sat	Lector	Connie Crawford				
5pm	Min. of Com.	Jean Kaufmann, Barb Masters, Sandy Woods				
@ ST	Ushers	Al Crawford, Brent Wilhelm, Bill Cramer, Volunteer				
Sun	Lector	Sandy Jouglard				
7am	Min. of Com.	Barbara Snider, Steve Duff, Volunteer				
@ ST	Ushers	Dennis Meile, Mike Caponi, Mark Kaiser, Virginia Stark				
Sun	Lector	Sandy Baechle				
9am	Min. of Com.	Susan Evers				
@ SL	Ushers	Terry Schneider, Ed Goreczny, Volunteers				
Sun	Lector	John Fritsche				
11am	Min. of Com.	Kevin Myers, Brian & Carrie Thouvenot				
@ ST	Ushers	Brent Garcia, Doug Hamilton, Bill Fahrner, Volunteer				
Thank you for sharing your time and talent!						



Mass at 4:00 pm (NO 5:00 pm Mass)

If you can **help** in any way, please contact Kevin and Ginny Bouse at 618-410-1047 or 618-973-4378. We are asking for help at 8 AM on the school grounds to set up and help the day after (on Sunday) to tear down at 8 AM.

Silent Auction Booth: Items greatly appreciated would be: Gift Certificates; Sports Tickets & memorabilia for Cardinals, Blues & Billikens; Jewelry; Home Decor; Handbags; Housewares; bottles of wine or spirits; collectibles, etc. Contact Kathy Danielsen at 277-4787 or stlramsfan31@hotmail.com for questions.

Basket Booth: Baskets can be any theme or price point. We need 180 baskets!!! We also need empty baskets to fill if you have any extras lying around. Questions - contact Lori Myers at 618-520-8908.

We will be collecting Pepsi & Coke products for the Soda Stand. Dr. Pepper Coke Pepsi Sprite Diet Dr. Pepper Diet Coke Diet Pepsi Diet Sprite Caffeine Free Diet Coke Water

■ We will have our **American Girl® Doll Raffle** this year. She is "Kira". Contact Ginny Ryan (277-0361) for more information.

We will also have our **Chicken Dinner**, **Music**, **Bingo**, and **MORE**!

Only 27 More Days!

Sunday July 25	Monday July 26	Tuesday July 27		iesday y 28	Thursday July 29	Friday July 30	Saturday July 31
7:00 am ST 9:00 am SL 11:00 am ST	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	8:30	ass) am Luke	Mass 8:30 am St. Luke	NO MASS	Confessions 4:00 pm St. Teresa
Refreshments after Mass for Fr. Joseph	Summer Sack Lunch 10:15 am	Adoration 9:15 am-6:30 pm ST Church			Quilters Quilters		Mass 5:00 pm St. Teresa
		Soup Day			Legion of Mary 12:30 pm Community House		
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Special St. Vincent de Paul Collection The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting new underwear and socks for needy children for back to school after the Masses at St. Teresa and St. Luke **the weekend of** August 7/8. Sizes for girls and boys underwear needed are size 4 up to size 16. Sock sizes needed are small, medium and large. Members will be collecting the items before and after the Masses.



Registration forms for the Religious Parishes' School of Religion are due. We have sent an e-mail to those families

who have not registered. We ask you to take time to return them to us as soon as possible.

The Parishes" School of Religion begins on Wednesday, September 15 and Sunday, September 19. We are ready to order books for the new year and need the reaistration forms to determine how many books need to be ordered. Please take the time to return them to us.

God bless each of you as you enjoy these summer months together.

Sister Theresa Markus, S.S.N.D. Sister Carol Markus, S.S.N.D. Co-coordinators of the Parishes' School of Religion

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center **Jewish and Christian Reflections** on the Book of Ruth

Presenters: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss and Mark Etling, Ph.D.

Sunday, August 8, 2-4 pm

Time and again in the Hebrew Scriptures the passing of God's covenant promises from one generation to the next appears to be in jeopardy, or to be carried on outside the accepted norms of the Chosen People. A similar crisis is the setting for the Book of Ruth. Join us for an interfaith discussion of this intriguing Old Testament story.

Cost: \$20.

For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at

https://snows.org/reflections-on-thebook-of ruth/

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."



There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those guilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's arace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that. ©LPi

Miracle scraps

She had a wonderful time at her prom. But she couldn't help noticing that some of the girls she knew weren't there. Later that week she asked around and was stunned to learn the number of girls who could not afford a dress for the prom. So she and a couple of her friends talked to their moms about giving their dresses to girls for next year's prom. A local dry cleaner agreed to be a clearing house next spring. Their three dresses were the beginning of a miracle the following spring for seniors who thought going to the prom was a pipe dream.

It started a few years ago when a young mom with two children was seriously ill. Neighbors and friends organized to provide supper for them. They soon discovered how many other families experienced similar crises (not to mention that "food insecurity" during the pandemic was a reality in their community, as well). The local parish got involved and now a freezer in the church basement is kept stocked with casseroles, hamburgers and all kinds of prepared foods for families in need. The organizers never forget that it started with one dish of lasagna.

It was his first semester student teaching. He returned to the dorm each night with stories of the funny things his second graders did and said. One evening he asked two of his friends if they had an hour or two to help a couple of his students who were struggling in math and reading. His pals cautiously said yes — teaching elementary school was not part of their career trajectories. But they came to the school one afternoon and each worked with a student and never spent a more fulfilling half hour in their lives. The kids were great — and the short time they spent together made a big difference in the second-grader's school work. That first completed math sheet and vocabulary list were the beginnings of a new after-school tutoring program organized by the college.

A prom dress, a casserole, an elementary school reader – all pieces of "bread and fish" that become the beginnings of a miracle. Like the boy in today's Gospel who gives the little he has, these good folks make use of the opportunities and resources they have — all simple and ordinary — to make good things happen for others in need. The community of generosity and gratitude that Jesus gathers on that plain is re-created each time we gather here to celebrate the Eucharist. We are called by Christ to become the Eucharist we receive at this altar: giving thanks for what we have received by sharing with one another our "scraps" of bread and fish — our talents, our riches, ourselves — working our own miracles of creating communities of Christ-like charity.





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