

## HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS CHURCH

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### From Deacon Dan's Desk:

Oh, joyful shortage of priests! Whaaat!!?

Discussing last week's bulletin insert concerning the vocation crisis in our diocese.

Did you just read the title correctly? Well, yes you did, but let me explain...To be clear, I am worried about the crisis of priestly vocations our diocese is experiencing. The effects of this troubling period of time might just be the jolt needed to motivate deeper discernment from all of us. In the face of the numbers, I remembered a saying about innovation in survival scenarios: "Necessity is the mother of invention." The survival of our vibrant parish life will be found in increased lay ministry.

Ministry is the work of using and forming our God-given talents so that we may share Christ's mercy, presence, abundance, and love. Ministry is the duty of all the baptized. Many of you have already responded to the "motherly nudge" of having one priest assigned to 3 parishes along with duties at the diocesan tribunal. Thank you.

If the numbers in last week's bulletin insert are realized (only 26 priests for 106 parishes in 2020), parish life and our religious habits will, by necessity, have to change. We already need more people to consider formation for and participation in parish life as lay ministers. Unique from ordained ministry, lay ministry completes Christ's directions to "Love one another as I have loved you," and to "Go and make disciples." Lay ministry is needed now just as much as our prayers and encouragement for men to respond to their priestly vocation.

Many of the lay ministers of the parish are doing 3 or 4 ministries, but still our PSR program struggles to have the volunteers it needs, the parish grounds and buildings lack care in certain areas, sick and aging parishioners are not being visited in their homes, and there are many more needs in the parish and outside the parish not being fulfilled. Christ told us he would be with us always. He does this by giving us the Eucharist and sending everyone a vocation. Responses to these vocations spring from all walks of life. Saint Pope John Paul II often called the family the domestic church because it is in faithful families that Christ's presence abounds and inspires. Increase in your domestic church the practices of prayer, generosity, study of the faith, and willingness to share your faith. If you do this, you will find that answering a call to ministry will be as natural as breathing.

Obviously, I was deeply upset by last Sunday's bulletin insert addressing the priestly population in our diocese. Those numbers are a harsh reality for our Catholic community, and there is no quick solution. For reasons we cannot know, God is allowing this to happen. I choose to believe that God is doing this to inspire increased ministry from all the baptized. So then, if this is what God decided to make Christ present in Southern Illinois, then I will sing out with bittersweet tears, "Oh joyful shortage of priests."

If you are wondering what ministry your journey of faith is leading you to, the parish is here to help. Call, to talk with myself, Fr. Paul, or our one of our lay ministers.

## OTHER NEWS

February 17 - "Life is about saying "yes" to the things that help you to grow in holiness and no to the things that don't. Life is about searching for the best version of yourself. Today's culture doesn't have a vision or the human person. The goal of today's culture is consumption as we no longer are the consumers—we are being consumed. It is time for us to start thinking about where our lives are leading and to where God is calling us. The ways of the world lead to confusion. God's way leads to clarity, order and to a meaningful living with joy. Life is a choice we all have to make. So, fulfill God's vision for you and answer his call with a "yes"." **The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Pg. 79-81.** - If you or someone you know is hearing the call to a religious life, please contact me. Vocation Coordinator **John Norrenberns— 566-7078.**

**RESPECT LIFE CORNER: Biblical Notion of Justice:** Whether in the Old or New Testament, the sense of justice is present. The commands of God and the actions of Jesus work hand in hand to show that caring for the outcast and the poor are key actions to uphold justice for all. John puts it best that the Gospel of Justice is simply to love one another as Christ has loved us! (1 John 23:-24) **Learn, Act, Connect, Pray:** How does this challenge you? How can you join with others to take concrete steps-big or small-to help build a society of justice? Visit Catholic Relief Services (CRS) [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to learn how college students are living out the call. Loving God, Father of all people, help sensitize us to the suffering of others so that we can overcome indifference and build up a civilization of love and justice.

**BI-MONTHLY RAFFLE TICKETS:** The HCCCW is selling tickets for the bi-monthly drawing. The first drawing will be held at the March meeting. The cost is \$2 per ticket, 6 for \$10, or 12 for \$20. You can return the tickets by dropping them in the collection basket, drop them off at the rectory, or you can mail them to 104 North Independence St., Mascoutah. Please make checks payable to HCCCW. If you need more tickets, you can find them at all entrances of church or at the rectory. We appreciate your support of the worthy project. Thank you!

**MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY** is in need of ketchup, mustard, sweet relish, dill /sweet pickles, tomato juice, sugar, dish soap, and laundry detergent. Thank you for your support!

**THE NEWMAN AUXILIARY** is having a Quilt & Cash Social Bingo on Sunday, February 24th at Saint John the Baptist Parish in Red Bud, IL. Lunch begins at 11 AM and Bingo starts at 1 PM. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and door prizes. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale.



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Preschool 3 & 4 and Kindergarten-8th grade  
Feeding the Mind, Body, and Spirit

We continue to share the good news about Holy Childhood of Jesus School and all that is offered to our students. Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Mark your calendars for the **Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 19 beginning at 6:00.** Registration forms will be available at this meeting or by calling the school office at 618-566-2922.

Do you pay income tax to the state of Illinois? Did you know that a donation to the **Invest in Kids Act** would allow you to take 75% of a donation as an Illinois tax credit? Donations by individual donors may be designated to Holy Childhood School and would benefit families and children with tuition assistance. Additional information will be shared over the next few weeks.

We are registered as a nonprofit recipient for Amazon Smile. If you purchase from Amazon, please log onto Smile.Amazon.com and choose Holy Childhood Church as the nonprofit recipient. Amazon Smile donates one half of one percent of your purchase. Happy shopping!

## SCRIPS

Gift cards may be purchased in the school office Monday thru Friday. Cards will also be sold in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. Purchasing gift cards is a great way to support Holy Childhood School! Thank you!

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http://www.holychildhoodchurch.com

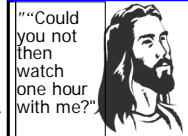
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### Be Still and know that I AM

It's that lull time of winter- the parties are all over & spring is still weeks away. Take this time to rest, regroup, burrow into your relationship with God. Like the flowers and leaves, use your quietness to garner strength in your faith and be ready to bloom!

### CALENDAR

Feb 17 NO CLASS PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND  
Feb 24 Class/Scout Sunday  
Mar 3 Class



So far we have gone through the first four letters of our learning bird f-i-n-c and now we are to the last letter.....h; which stands for

The Hour of Great Mercy. Jesus died on the Cross for us at 3 p.m. and so every afternoon between 3-4 is known as the Hour of Great Mercy. "Jesus asked St. Faustina to pray the Stations of the Cross, but if her duties did not permit it, He asked her to stop by the chapel for a moment and adore His Heart in the Blessed Sacrament, as it is full of mercy; and should you be unable to step into the chapel, immerse yourself in prayer there where you happen to be...and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony" (Diary, 1572 and 1320). "This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 225). It is a great time to pray for our loved ones, especially for the conversion of unrepentant sinners (Divine Mercy Explained).

# PARISH NEWS

## PLEASE TURN IN YOUR OLD PALMS IN THE BREEZWAY!

**SAINT LIBORIUS PARISH** is having Quilt Bingo on Sunday, March 3rd at the American Legion Hall, 7236 State Route 15, St. Libory. The bingo will start at 1 PM with the doors opening at 11:00 AM. Sandwiches and desserts will be available starting at 11 AM. They will also be available at the conclusion of the bingo.

**THE MASCOUTAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY** invites all to an Open House at the Heritage Museum on Sunday afternoon, February 17, from 1:00 until 4:00 PM. Please join us to take a peak "behind the scenes" at our storage rooms and closets, our office areas, and our archives. Enjoy viewing our new exhibits, "It Pays to Advertise" and "Toys, Toys, Toys," then have some refreshments!

**PRO-LIFE:** The mission of Pro-Life is to help develop a renewed respect for ALL human life from conception to natural death through education, action and prayer. In Proverbs 30:8 we read "speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves". This is a clear command from the bible to protect the dignity of all human life including the unborn, the disabled, the elderly and all who have no voice. The recent passage of New York's Reproductive Health Care Act, January 22, has started an avalanche of states considering similar bills that allow for abortion ALL nine months and at the moment of birth, INFANTICIDE. In the coming weeks we will invite you to various life events here at Holy Childhood and at county, state and national levels. Please be charitable and help us stand up for the truth in valuing God's gift of life. Our country stands at a moral crossroad. We read in Romans 12:12 "Endure in persecution, persevere in prayer". PRAY FOR LIFE! Questions, call Jeanette 618-314-0116.

**HOLY CHILDHOOD IS SPONSORING THE WEEKEND MEALS PROGRAM** in February. Items needed are pudding cups, canned chicken or tuna, oatmeal packets (not canisters) and boxes of mac-n-cheese. Items can be placed in the designated box between the Church and the parish center. 7th and 8th graders looking for service hours, this is a good opportunity to get those church or community service hours. Come help us pack bags on Thursday, February 21st from 3:30 - 4:30 PM at the Mascoutah Middle School.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE KING'S HOUSE:** We welcome all ladies of the parish to attend our parish's retreat weekend, March 15 - 17, at the beautiful King's House in Belleville. This year's theme is "Christ be our Light: Out of Darkness into God's Marvelous Light". For more information or to register, please contact Mary Elmore at 566-7315 or [melmore@frontier.com](mailto:melmore@frontier.com)

## FORMED

Learn about your faith and grow in virtue in the comfort of your own home or on the go at [formed.org](http://formed.org). There is something there for all age levels in your family. Type in parish code 3R3GFR and listen to podcasts, watch videos, read inspirational books, listen to reflections on the Sunday readings before mass and much more.

**ADULTS-** Advent Reflections, Presence- Session 1 God With Us, Mary of Nazareth-movie  
**TEENS-** Could God Ever Love Someone Like Me? by Fr. Mike Schmitz, Relativism by Chris Stefanick, Advent-Y Disciple

**KIDS-** Movie-Brother Francis-The Days of Advent, O Holy Night, and Juan Diego

Register for free by visiting <https://holychildhood.formed.org>

### LECTORS

2/23 5:00 PM Mike Klein  
 2/24 8:00 AM Matt Athy  
 10:30 AM Dennis Vonderhaar

### COMMENTATORS

2/23 5:00 PM Tanya Scott  
 2/24 8:00 AM Colleen Hopp  
 10:30 AM Jim Holdener

### MUSIC MINISTRY

2/23 5:00 PM Ensemble  
 2/24 8:00 AM Ann Pace  
 10:30 AM Choir

### SERVERS

2/23 5:00 PM Crispin & Ben Shininger  
 2/24 8:00 AM Scout Sunday  
 10:30 AM Nolan Ronney & Paige Reinhardt

### GREETERS

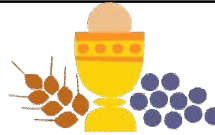
2/23 5:00 PM Theresa Widman  
 2/24 8:00 AM Brian/Alison Hart & Family  
 10:30 AM Bob & Edith Mueth

### TRAVELING CHALICE

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

2/24 Mary Elmore & Alyssa Housley

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUN- ION



2/23 5:00 PM  
 Debbie Bunn, Angie Klein, Debbie Hulliung,  
 Tom Schneider, Rebecca England

2/24 8:00 AM  
 Nancy Austin, Greg Moll, Tom O'Leary,  
 Kathy Rudy, Tim/Jamie Moll

10:30 AM  
 Linda Cusick, Ron/Josh Hulliung,  
 Edith Mueth, Steve/Nancy Raben

### MEALS-ON-WHEELS

2/20 JoDee Norrenberns & Vicky Scalf  
 Pat & Kevin Fletcher

### TITHE FOR February 10, 2019

Parish	\$4,785.00
Youth	\$26.80
St. Brother	\$95.00
Online	\$3,962.97

**Weekend Total \$8,869.77**

### MASS INTENTIONS:



**TUESDAY, February 19**  
 8:00 AM Eileen Haas

**WEDNESDAY, February 20**  
 8:00 AM Word Communion Service

**THURSDAY, February 21**  
 8:00 AM Irene Gordon  
 Ben Baechle  
 Parishioner Special Intention

**FRIDAY, February 22**  
 8:00 AM Delores Wienhoff

**SATURDAY, February 23**  
 5:00 PM L/D Oscar Wilhelm Family  
 Special Intentions Norb & Pat Mueth  
 Joe Siegel

**SUNDAY, February 24**  
 8:00 AM Tom Moll  
 10:30 AM People of the Parish

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY

2/20 - Marka	Dianne Surmeier
2/19 - Silver Creek	Father Paul
2/20 - Aperion	Cathy Petz
Brightly	Bishop Schlarman

### WEEKLY CALENDAR



**MONDAY, February 18**  
 No Mass  
 Office Closed

**TUESDAY, February 19**  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 9:00 AM Adoration  
 4:30 PM Rosary

**WEDNESDAY, February 20**  
 8:00 AM Word Communion Service  
 7:00 PM CYO  
 7:30 PM Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, February 21**  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 7:30 PM KC's - pc

**FRIDAY, February 22**  
 8:00 AM Mass

**SATURDAY, February 23**  
 9:00 AM Adoration  
 4:00 PM confessions  
 5:00 PM Mass

**SUNDAY, February 24**  
 8:00 AM Mass  
 9:00 AM PSR  
 10:30 AM Mass  
 Baptism