

HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS CHURCH

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FROM THE DESK OF DEACON DAN:

Happy Easter! Alleluia, Christ is Risen. He is Truly Risen, Alleluia!

I have missed home, family, friends, and parish these past two weeks. Although my work called me away from some of very important events in our parish (First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Baccalaureate Masses, and Mother's day), my prayers were with all of you. Congratulations and Christ's Peace to all of you who celebrated God's gifts on these grace filled occasions of your lives.

Happy belated Mother's day Moms, sorry I missed your day. You made our lives possible. When we were conceived, you did something and became something that no man can do or be: Carry a child within and be a mother. God gifted you with such an amazing and unique dignity in the female ability to nurture life within you. Additionally, to all expecting mothers, Happy belated Mother's day to you too. I was reminded by a parishioner's post on Facebook that truly, you became a mother on the day of your baby's conception. Because we believe that life begins at conception, I've always felt that although we celebrate birthdays on the day we were born, we are really celebrating not just our birth, but that our life began when we were conceived. Maybe we should mark our calendars not only with our birthdays, but also with a symbolic day of our conception. After all, don't we, as a church celebrate a holy day for Mary's Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), Mary's birthday (Sep. 8), Jesus' conception (Mar. 25), and Jesus' birth (Dec. 25)? The church is so radical, isn't it?

You might have noticed another piece of art on display on the West Altar. This portrait is another work by Bishop Stan. I hoped to talk about the portrait last Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday. Unfortunately, I had to travel for work and couldn't be here to do so. We are very blessed that Bishop Stan agreed to let us display his painting. Thank you, Bishop Stan. Please take a moment to view the painting, take some time to pray as you ponder it, and discover what God might want to speak to you about Christ's and the Trinity's role as Good Shepherd. As with our past portraits, a series of reflections will be inserted into the bulletin over the coming weeks.

Finally, Wow! I can't believe it's been a year since I received the order of the permanent diaconate. It feels like it just began. I cannot believe how you all have blessed me over the past year. Thank you for putting up with me and adjusting together to this new way of parish life and ministry.

Christ's peace, Go with God and may Go with You.

Deacon Dan

OTHER NEWS

May 19 - "When I began to seriously consider entering the seminary during my first year in college at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, I remember being a little afraid of what the seminary would be like. Would the men be normal? Did entering the seminary mean that I would necessarily become a priest? Now after having been in the seminary seven years, I can say what a blessing it has been. Being together with men who desire to serve Christ and His Church is edifying, and the opportunities it has given me for experiencing the national and universal Catholic Church have been irreplaceable. Whether or not seminary ends in a man's ordination to the priesthood - there is always the freedom to discern that God has a different call for him - being in seminary teaches him how to be a good Catholic man." (As submitted by Father Tobias Letak, ordained to the Priesthood on June 4, 2016, in Omaha, NE.) - If you or someone you know is hearing the call to a religious life, please contact me. Vocation Coordinator *John Norrenberns* - 566-7078.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF HOLY CHILDHOOD would like to thank everyone who has donated money to our Conference. Thanks to your generosity we were able to help 11 families consisting of 15 adults and 20 children during the first quarter of 2019. We spent \$1,031.00 to help people with their utility bills and rent. We especially want to thank the CYO for all their help with their "Souper Bowl" collection. Thank you and God Bless.

THE MASCOUTAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY is sponsoring a Cemetery Walk on Sunday, May 26. A fried chicken dinner will be available for \$9 from 11:00 until 1:00. The Walk will begin at 1:00 and will feature 10 figures from Mascoutah's past. Tickets for the walk are \$10 in advance (\$15 at the door), and are available at the Heritage Museum, Dauber's, Donna Mae's, the library, and Flowers, Balloons. In case of rain, the walk will be presented at Espenschied Chapel.

THE BELLEVILLE COUNCIL SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL again this year needs donations of: bottled water, Gatorade (individual bottles) or Capri Sun (individual pouches) or similar drinks, new socks, and new t-shirts to distribute to the poor and homeless during the next few months of hot summer weather. Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Offices; #13 Vieux Carre Drive, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area/immediately off Route 157) - or call 618-394-0126 for additional information. Joe Hubbard and Pat Hogrebe thank you for any help you can give!

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN HISPANIC YOUTH DAY, for Latino youth ages 10 to 17, will be held on June 29th at the Pastoral Center, Building 6 from 9:30 to 4:30. For further information, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 722-5050.

PRAY WITH A FAMILY ROSARY GROUP: Family Rosary Prayer group gathers and prays once a month. They invite you to consider adding this monthly devotion to your life by joining them for one evening a month. Dates and times vary for the needs of the group. Contact Tiffany Wright, twrightslp@gmail.com, 618-616-5933.

MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY is in need of tomato paste, BBQ sauce, jelly, oil, hamburger helper, pancake syrup, apple sauce, and paper towels. Thank you for your support!



HOLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

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visit Claudia J. Dougherty, Principal
Preschool 3 & 4 and Kindergarten-8th grade
Feeding the Mind, Body, and Spirit

We received a donation from \$53.93 from **Amazon Smile**. Thank you to all who shop and donate to Holy Childhood! Please save **Box Tops** and **Best Choice label UPC codes** over the summer. You may send both to the office at any time or drop them in the church collection basket.

We bid farewell to the Class of 2019 on Saturday evening during the 5:00 Mass. They have been good leaders, students, athletes and strong in their faith. They will be missed! We wish them well as they embark on a new journey! Congratulations to Mascoutah High School seniors graduating on Sunday. Those who attended Holy Childhood were my first 8th grade class at HCS!

The school building will be closed beginning next Friday, May 24 until June 1. We are having some floor tiles containing asbestos removed and no one can be in the building during this process.

Last Thursday, we made sandwiches for the St. Vincent DePaul Society's food pantry. We donated 509 sandwiches, 6,045 for the school year. Thank you parents and students for your generosity to this program!

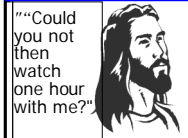
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Go to Holy Childhood Website:
http://www.holychildhoodchurch.com

Joyous Easter Season

Alleluia!! He is Risen!! We have so much to celebrate this Easter Season. 21 students will be making their First Holy Communion on May 5 @ 2pm, and 13 *Confirmandi* will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on May 11 @ 4pm. COME JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS!!

CALENDAR

May 12 - LAST PSR CLASS REPORT CARDS HANDED OUT



From St. Faustina's Diary, as Jesus was speaking to her, we read, "God has promised a great grace especially to you and to all those who will proclaim My great mercy. I shall protect them Myself at the hour of death, as My own glory. And even if the sins of souls will be as dark as night, when the sinner turns to My mercy he gives Me the greatest praise and is the glory of My passion. When a soul praises My goodness, Satan trembles before it and flees to the bottom of hell" (Diary, 378). Our Lord related to St. Faustina, "Before I come as the just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My Mercy must pass through the door of My justice" (Diary, 1146). We say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during adoration on Tuesday at 3:15 and on Thursday morning after Mass.

PARISH NEWS

GET READY TO ENGAGE THE WHOLE HERD WITH AN EPIC AFRICAN ADVENTURE AT ROAR VBS! At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. June 24-28. From 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM at St John UCC Church. Students-Age 4 by September 1st. Volunteers-students who have completed 6th grade thru any age. Registration forms available at HCS office or in the breezeway at church. You can also register online at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/mascoutahvbs2019>. Any questions please contact: Jody Cozzi 618.509.0027; Jiyeon Schroeder 618.567.9076; Kayla Wombacher 618.979.1809. We'd love to have you join us!

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIESTHOOD TO BE ORDAINED DEACONS by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.d., S.T.D. Bishop of Belleville on Saturday, June 8th at 10:30 AM at Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. Please join us and pray for vocations to the Priesthood. Bring with you young men from your Parish, who might be future Priests.

THE ST. URBAN LANDSCAPE MINISTRY is looking for volunteers to assist with watering the beds, borders and planters over the summer. The time commitment would be one to two hours per week. If you can help, please contact Kathi Bell at 566-9060.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES TO BENEFIT OUR PARISH are now available through a program offered by the Catholic Church Extension Society, one of the largest, oldest and strongest managers of annuities in the United States. By taking out a Catholic Gift Annuity you may be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, receive fixed payments for life and leave a legacy to your parish or the Catholic organization you designate within the diocese. For additional information contact Mike Gibbons or Judy Phillips at 277-8181.

PRO-LIFE: HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! Thank you to all mothers for choosing **LIFE** whether biological or adoptive! **"ALIVE FROM NEW YORK"**, hosted by **Focus on Family**, Saturday, May 4, in **TIMES SQUARE**, was a full day of speakers, education, films, entertainment and finally a **4-D ULTRASOUND of an "unborn baby"**! Abbey Johnson featured her "unborn child" through 4-D Ultrasound on a giant screen seen by thousands in Times Square! When the **HEART BEAT** was seen and heard, people cheered, **"Its a baby"**! Such a beautiful moment in **NEW YORK, NEW YORK!!!** Science is winning the battle for **LIFE! THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR LIFE!** Questions call Jeanette, 618-314-0116.

FORMED

Learn about your faith and grow in virtue in the comfort of your own home or on the go at 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-The Life of Padre Pio, No Turning Back by Fr. Don Calloway, The Truth by Fr. Larry Richards
Teens-Why I left Planned Parenthood by Abby Johnson, How to Save Your Marriage before meeting your Spouse, The Truth by Fr. Larry Richards

Kids-Shows- Let's Learn about Lent, The Stations of the Cross, and Forgiven by Brother Francis

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

LECTORS

5/25 5:00 PM Kathi Bell
 5/26 8:00 AM Nancy Raben
 10:30 AM Craig Fiegel

COMMENTATORS

5/25 5:00 PM Ken Norgard
 5/26 8:00 AM Jim Amann
 10:30 AM Jim Holdener

MUSIC MINISTRY

5/25 5:00 PM Ensemble
 5/26 8:00 AM Ann Pace
 10:30 AM Choir

SERVERS

5/25 5:00 PM Matt Attig
 5/26 8:00 AM Jackie Amann
 10:30 AM Grant Reinneck & Luke Meng

GREETERS

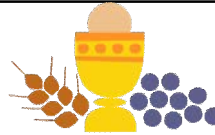
5/25 5:00 PM Theresa Widman
 5/26 8:00 AM Ray & Alice Klein
 10:30 AM Jim & Pat Fletcher

TRAVELING CHALICE

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

5/26 Emily Bryant & Emily Reinneck

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUN- ION



5/25 5:00 PM
 Debbie Bunn, Debbie Hulliung, Angie Klein,
 Tom Schneider, Rebecca England

5/26 8:00 AM
 Nancy Austin, Greg Moll, Kathy Rudy,
 Tom O'Leary, Tim or Jamie Moll

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

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

5/22 Mary Ann Haas & Sharon Fournie
 Marilyn Hund & Chris Friess

TITHE FOR May 12, 2019

Parish	\$6,931.60
Youth	\$35.25
Diocesan	\$95.00
St. Brother Peter	\$100.00
Memorials	\$80.00
Online	\$3,542.97

Weekend Total \$10,784.82

MASS INTENTIONS:



TUESDAY, May 21
 8:00 AM Catherine Pritchett

WEDNESDAY, May 22
 8:00 AM Word Communion Service

THURSDAY, May 23
 8:00 AM Deacon Richard Bagby

FRIDAY, May 24
 8:00 AM Kevin Gordon

SATURDAY, May 25
 5:00 PM L/D Clyde & Rose Krausz Family

SUNDAY, May 26
 8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM Fred & Lillian Holdener
 Leona Kilian

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

5/22 - Marka Dianne Surmeier
 5/21 - Silver Creek Father Paul
 5/22 - Aperion Cathy Petz
 Brightly Bishop Schlarman

WEEKLY CALENDAR



MONDAY, May 20
 No Mass

TUESDAY, May 21
 8:00 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Adoration
 4:30 PM Rosary

WEDNESDAY, May 22
 8:00 AM Word Communion Service
 7:30 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY, May 23
 8:00 AM Mass
 6:00 PM SVDP - pc

FRIDAY, May 24
 8:00 AM Mass

SATURDAY, May 25
 9:00 AM Adoration
 4:00 PM Confessions
 5:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY, May 26
 8:00 AM Mass
 10:30 AM Mass
 Baptism