

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**JANUARY 15, 2012****Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**

No Mass

Tuesday, January 17, St. Anthony**8:15AM Carl Gardiner by The Whistler Families****Wednesday, January 18****10:00AM Paul Schmerbauch by Lucille & Delbert Jany****Thursday, January 19**

No Mass

Friday, January 20, St. Fabian; St. Sebastian**8:15AM Brian Petrowske by Donna & Gary Eggemeyer****Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes****5:00PM Art Maes by Family****Sunday, January 22****9:00AM For The Parish****CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN. 15TH THRU JAN. 22ND**

Sunday	9:45AM-11AM PSR Class Pre-School Sunday School during 9AM Mass
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon No School (Martin Luther King Birthday) Parish & School Offices Closed
Tuesday	7PM Fanning the Flame discussion Group Parish House
Wednesday	10AM Mass at Chester Rehab Center 12PM-3PM W. Deanery Mtg. at Gibault
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	4:30PM-7:30PM K of C Fish Fry
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass 9:45AM-11AM PSR Class Pre-School Sunday School during 9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on Feb. 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Jan. 22, 5PM, Jared Meyer, Hannah Schweizer; 9AM, Reilly Holley, Steven Colonel

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for Jan. 8th: \$6,742.00 from 170 envelopes; Improvement Fund \$814.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: CHAINS OF GRACE:

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms

ST. MARY'S GALA DINNER/AUCTION: If you did not receive your raffle tickets last weekend, there are more available in back of church. Also donation slips are available. The deadline for the donation slips is the weekend of Feb. 25-26th. Both raffle tickets and donation slips can be returned in the boxes on the registers in back of church.

RESPECT LIFE: On Saturday, January 28 from 8AM - 11AM, the combined West-end Belleville Respect Life group will host a "Respect Life Gathering" to pray, inspire and inform with Mass, continental breakfast and guest speaker. It will take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Belleville. Registration form and information can be found at www.respectlife.catholicweb.com. You may also call Jan Brennan (618)397-5120 or Joan Hormberg (618)234-1539. Suggested donation is \$5.00, please register by January 24.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT is on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Doors open at 6PM and questions start at 7PM. Admission is \$10 per person. Teams can be made up of 4 to 8 players. Dress up and/or decorate your table for a chance to win free admission to next year's Trivia Night. Cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Bring your own food and drinks. Gather your team and call the school office at 826-3120 to reserve your table. We're planning a couple new twists this year to help make it more fun than ever. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU for your Christmas wishes, New Year wishes, Christmas cards, get well wishes and your prayers. Am home now for 3-6 months of rehab after 2 major surgeries. Should be seeing you in July.

A Blessed New Year! Fr. Lou

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPRING GALA DINNER & AUCTION will be March 24, 2012. We need **NEW & QUALITY ITEMS** for the silent & main auctions. Some ideas for donations for the auctions: Any kind of antique: Frames, Pictures, Dishes, Furniture, unusual Small Tools or Appliances, Books; Handmade items: Doilies, Quilts of any size and type, Wooden items, Furniture, Toys or even homemade specialty foods. The gala raffle tickets have been passed out. Please help sell the tickets and make it the best raffle yet. Please turn in your donation slips as early as possible. It will help us so much in getting things ready for the auction! Your generosity is what makes this such a wonderful event and great fund raiser. May God continue to bless your efforts.

RUMA CONVENT: The nuns at Ruma Convent are no longer accepting cards and stamps. They are very appreciative of your past offerings, but can no longer accept the cards and stamps.