

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

JULY 11, 2010

Monday, July 12

8:15AM Otis & Mathilda Schmerbauch by Sam

Tuesday, July 13, St. Henry

8:15AM Mary & Bob Friess by John

Wednesday, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

10:30AM Mike Korando by Bruce & Mary Brown

Thursday, July 15, St. Bonaventure

No Mass

Friday, July 16, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:15AM Cleo Shemonic by Southern IL Transfer

Saturday, July 17

5:00PM Scott Mathis by Donna Parker

Sunday, July 18

9:00AM For The Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 11TH THRU JULY 18TH

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 8:15AM Mass

11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon

6-8PM Vacation Bible School

Tuesday 8:15AM Mass

6-8PM Vacation Bible School

Wednesday 10:30AM Mass at Three Springs

6-8PM Vacation Bible School

Thursday Fr. Gene's Day Off

6-8PM Vacation Bible School

Friday 8:15AM Mass

6-8PM Vacation Bible School

Saturday 5PM Mass

Sunday 9AM Mass

Fr. Gene's Support Group Meets

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell. In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Jul 18, 5PM, Jade Keel, Corey Hogrefe; 9AM, Rachel Niermann, Mikayla Atchison

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for July 4: \$5,413.90 from 148 env.; Sr. Ann Irose, \$253.00; Children, \$2.00; V. Lights, \$23.00,

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.

TEC - Two upcoming TEC weekends: St. Mary's Carlyle - Oct. 9-10, 2010 and St. John's the Baptist, Red Bud - January 15-17, 2011. Sign up for either weekend by August 1 and receive \$20 off (\$50 value). Applications must be postmarked by August 1 along with a \$10 deposit. For an application please visit www.bellevilletec.catholicweb.com.

YOU'RE INVITED:

St. Leo, Modoc, Church Picnic Saturday, August 7, Chicken Dinner at 3:30, Quilt Bingo at 6PM.

St. Joseph Church, Prairie du Rocher, Annual Church Picnic and Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, July 31; Bingo starts at 6PM.

St. Joseph Church, Freeburg, Parish Picnic, Sept. 10 & 11, with a Fish Fry on Friday and a Chicken Dinner on Saturday.

Win a handmade quilt at bingo.

St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk, Saturday, September 25. Registration at Althoff Catholic High School, Belleville, from 8AM - 11AM

JOURNEY OF FAITH: A Catholic 10-day Pilgrimage Sponsored by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Sunday, October 3, 2010 - Wednesday, October 11. Join us for this unique motor coach sightseeing tour of three of the Missionary Oblates Catholic Shrines in the United States. For more information, please contact Diane Green at 1-800-233-6264 or email: dgreen@oblatesusa.org

THE MESSENGER - Just a little advance notice - After 5 years, The Messenger will raise its subscription price to \$25.00 starting in February, 2011.

FINAL REGISTRATION: Final Registration for St. Mary's School is July 20th from Noon - 6PM. First month's tuition is to be paid at Final Registration and if you have not paid book fees, this is also due at that time. If you cannot register your child on Final Registration Day, please call the school office 826-3120 and make other arrangements. Thank You!

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES! The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend Sept. 24-26, 2010, (Friday night thru Sunday) and has 6 follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call Chuck and Linda at (314)453-0110. Or call toll free 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

