

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JULY 18, 2010

Monday, July 19
No Mass
Tuesday, July 20, St. Apollinaris
8:15AM Charles "Del" Hertich by Bernard Klein
Wednesday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi
10:00AM Mike Korando by Bruce & Mary Brown
Thursday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene
No Mass
Friday, July 23, St. Bridget of Sweden
8:15AM Anthony Ritter by Mike & Dan
Saturday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf
5:00PM For The Parish
Sunday, July 25
9:00AM Herbert "Hub" Holzum by Connie & Family

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 18TH THRU JULY 25TH

Sunday Fr. Gene's Support Group Meets at Chester
Monday NO 8:15AM Mass - Fr. Gene's Support Group
11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon
7PM School Board Meeting
7PM K of C Meeting with 1st Degree Installation
(Dinner at 6:30PM)
Tuesday 8:15AM Mass
Wednesday 10AM Mass at St. Ann's
Thursday Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday 8:15AM Mass
Saturday 5PM Mass
Sunday 9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love. In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: July 25, 5PM, Courtney Gross, Laura Liefer; 9AM, Jacob Bohnert, Matthew Bohnert

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for July 11th: \$4,697.00 from 156 env.; Improvement Fund, \$659.00; V. Lights, \$50.00; Children, \$6.00.



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Forgiveness - To forgive is to set a prisoner free; and to discover that the prisoner is *me*.

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!

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@oblatusa.org

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.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to Derek Niermann for cutting grass and misc. yard work while filling in for our maintenance man, Bill Surman, who is recuperating from a back injury.

FIND HELP FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE through the next RETROUVAILLE Program Sept. 24-26, 2010, with a Weekend (Friday night thru Sunday), and six follow-up sessions held over three months. You need not be Catholic to attend and we can work with people having financial difficulties. For confidential information, call Chuck and Linda at (314)453-0110. Or call 1-800-470-2230 toll free -or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

	Take no reproach against your neighbor	
	The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord	
		Slander not Take no bribe



June/July 2010

Dear Parishioners,

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank you for the many wonderful avenues of support that you provide to the parish school. The amount of time, talent, contributions, and prayers that are so generously given for various needs are a true reflection of the kindness that abounds within our parish community. We are very blessed at Mary Help of Christians Parish.

Our families are so fortunate to have the benefit of a parish school for their children and grandchildren. The school is an integral part of the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel, build faith communities, celebrate through worship, and serve others. We have developed a faith-centered community which integrates thinking and believing in ways that encourage intellectual growth, nurture faith, and inspire action.

We believe that education is the key that will unlock many of life's doors and that this opportunity should be provided to each student entrusted to our care. For the past twenty years, St. Mary's has been able to assist families in need through the HELP-A-STUDENT PROGRAM. Families requesting assistance are required to complete a financial application verifying their need. These applications are then reviewed by the principal and parish priest.

We thank all who were able to help us in the past through their donations or memorials and those who contributed monthly to the program. As the 2010-2011 school year approaches, we again seek your gracious assistance. If you wish to support this essential program, please complete the form below by September 5, 2010. It may be placed in the collection basket at one of the Masses or mailed to the Parish Office at 911 Swanwick Street, Chester, IL 62233. God bless you for sharing your blessings with us.

Thank you,

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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(Please return by September 5, 2010)

Please check the appropriate box and complete the personal information.

- Adopt-a-Student (Pay full tuition \$1800.00 or @\$180.00 per month) Amount _____
- Help-a-Student (Pay 50% or more of total tuition per month) Amount _____
- Gift to Student Program (Other amount paid monthly or one time payment) Amount _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

**THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT
OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN!**