

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 5, 2010**

Monday, September 6, Labor Day

No Mass

Tuesday, September 7

8:15AM Grace Murden by Dorothy Korando

Wednesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30AM Evelyn York by Judy & Harold Kirn

Thursday, September 9, St. Peter Claver

No Mass

Friday, September 10

8:15AM Clara Smith by M/M Melvin Jany

Saturday, September 11

5:00PM For the Parish

Sunday, September 12

9:00AM Opal Dennis by Pete & Betty Hirtz

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK SEPT. 5TH THRU SEPT. 12TH

Sunday Twenty-third Sunday

Monday NO SCHOOL; NO MASS; No K of C Luncheon

Tuesday 8:15 Mass

Wednesday 10:30 Mass at Three Springs

Thursday Father Gene's Day Off

Friday 8:15 Mass; Popeye Picnic

Saturday 5:00 PM Mass; Popeye Picnic

Sunday 11:00- 2:00 CCW Smorgasbord@ KC Hall; 2PM Sacred Concert

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic Bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy. Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember, too, that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Sun., Sept. 12, 5PM, Maribeth Lawrence, Reilly Holley; 9AM, Courtney Gross, Elizabeth Heffernan

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for Aug. 29th: \$5118.34 from 159 env.; V. Lights, \$26.00 Children, \$3.00

W. DEANERY LADIES MEETING: W. Deanery Council of Catholic Women Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 16 at St. John the Baptist in Red Bud. Registration begins at 9AM in the gym. Cost is \$8.00. Fr. Dan Jurek will talk about his recent visit to Nigeria. The afternoon speaker will be Carolyn Gilster Wylie "My Mother's Whistles". Everyone welcome. For more information please contact Joan Derringer at 859-3871 or Alice Ohms at 853-2338.

OFFICES CLOSED: Parish & School Offices closed on Monday, Labor Day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: THE VALUE OF EDUCATION -
What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

SMORGASBORD - Once again the ladies of our parish will be hosting their always popular smorgasbord at Popeye's Picnic. The meal will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on September 12, 2010. Serving will be from 11AM to 2PM. The menu will feature the best fried chicken anywhere along with chicken and dumplings, ham, spinach salad, vegetables, and an array of delicious desserts with drink included. The cost will be \$8.00 adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years old. Carry-outs will be available.

ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISER: At this year's Popeye Picnic St. Mary's will be sponsoring a "THEMED BASKET" stand. Chances will be sold to win the baskets. We are asking your creativity in making "themed baskets" (for example, a Carwash Basket which could include a bucket, chamois, sponges, tire spray, car wax...). Each basket should be worth \$15-\$25. If you prefer, a monetary donation of this amount can be made or individual items can be donated where the committee will assemble them for you. Call Diane Kerkhover at 826-2229, Dee Shemonic at 826-4410, Jean Kumke at 826-4320 or Lauren Reiman at 826-2286 if you need someone to pick up your basket. They will be accepting baskets up to Popeye Picnic. Thank you for your help and donation.

PSR - PSR Classes for K through Grade 8 are to begin on Sunday, Sept. 19th. New Students and Kindergarten students are particularly important to register ahead of time. Classes will be in the Parish House following the 9AM Sunday Mass until 11AM. Fee per family is \$75.00. For further information and first time registration, please contact Cheryl Gross, 826-2526 or 853-2678.

RCIA - RCIA is scheduled to begin on Tues. Evening, Oct. 5th. Do you know someone interested in the Catholic faith? Please invite them to join us. For further info. Contact Fr. Gene (826-2444) or Cheryl Gross (826-2526 or 853-2678).

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED: During the summer months to properly cool the entire Church it is necessary to have the fans running beneath the balcony. **PLEASE DO NOT TURN THESE FANS OFF.** The air conditioning unit under the balcony relies on the fans to move the cool air forward. If you find it too cool under the balcony or have difficulty hearing, you are encouraged to move to the front of the church nearer to the altar.

THANKS in advance to all the ladies contributing to the smorgasbord on Sept. 12th. Cakes and pies may be dropped off at the KC's Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Cash donations may be left at the KC's or put in the Sunday collection. Please put your donation in an envelope marked SMORGASBORD with your name. There are envelopes on the back registers. If you were not called, you were either unable to be reached and/or we have incorrect phone numbers listed. This is a big fund raiser and everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

FIND HELP FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE through the next RETROUVAILLE Program that starts Sept. 24-26, 2010, with a Weekend (Friday night thru Sunday), and has 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.