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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2017

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
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or call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00-3:45PM and
Wednesday at 4:45PM
when Mass is celebrated

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Priest at least **six months** prior
to setting a wedding date.

CANDLES

Originally, candles were simply a means of illumination. In the catacombs, small oil-lamps were used, which the Lord alluded to in his parable of the ten virgins, who are symbols of the watchful anticipation of the faithful. Going beyond any practical need for light, Christians have continued to use candles for symbolic purposes. When an altar has just been consecrated by anointment, it is covered with cloths, then candles are arranged around it. Almost all liturgical ceremonies make use of this warming light, which is a familiar part of Catholic celebrations (it is also used by Orthodox Christians, Protestants and Jews).

Light is inextricably linked with Christ, who declared: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The *Credo* speaks of him as being "light from light." Christians are "children of light" (Ephesians 5:8) who no longer want to live in the shadows. When giving a lighted candle at the end of the rite of baptism, the celebrant illustrates this by saying: "Receive the light of Christ."

A blessing of candles, followed by a procession, takes place before the mass on February 2, during the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple, which is called Candlemas. In the Gospel reading of that day, old Simeon, in his *Nunc Dimittis*, sees in the child he is holding in his arms "a light of revelation for the gentiles" (Luke 2:32). The best-known example of a sacred light is the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the risen Christ. The Easter Vigil, the high point of the entire liturgical year, begins by the solemn blessing of the candle. This is an adaptation of the Jewish rite which ordered the lighting of lamps on the Friday evening at the beginning of the Sabbath. It became the *lucernarium* (from the Latin *lucerna*, "lamp" of the early Church.

The celebrant engraves several symbols of Christ on to the Paschal Candle: the Cross; alpha and omega, which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet; finally the four digits of the number of the year. Five grains of incense are then melted into the centre and the four extremities of the cross, as reminders of the five wounds of Christ crucified: in the hands, the feet and in the side. The candle is lit from a freshly kindled light and carried into the church in procession, while the deacon proclaims three times "The Light of Christ." The candle burns only during the fifty days of the Easter period but, in the hearts of the baptized, it must never be allowed to go out. During funeral ceremonies, the Paschal Candle is lighted near the coffin as a sign of hope.

Source: *SYMBOLS OF CATHOLICISM*
Dom Robert LeGall, Abbot of Kergonan

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 2, 2017

Monday, July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:15 AM Mass Int. of Mark Blanton

Tuesday, July 4 - NO MASS

Wednesday, July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria, St. Elizabeth of Portugal

5:15 PM Mass Int. of Joy Bond & Legion of Mary
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Thursday, July 6- NO MASS

First Friday, July 7

8:15 AM Mass Int. of KC Members and Deceased

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration from

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with Benediction

Saturday, July 8

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Mass +Richard Guter

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, July 9

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Thomas Maddox

10:00 AM Int. of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Polly and Jeff Graves

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just a "cup of cold water" to one of his lowliest ones will be rewarded.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, June 25	Collection Report
Envelopes	5285.00
Plate	133.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Mass Offerings	55.00
Bulletin Advertising	96.00
Capital Improvement	30.00
Spanish Mass	174.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received June 25, 2017	6,125.00
Received for June, 2017	29,132.72

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be as scheduled Friday, July 7, and we invite and encourage everyone to take part. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church or e-mail Sharon Chouinard at chou1943@att.net. Thank you!

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Women of St. Francis Xavier this Thursday, July 6, in the St. Joseph Room, at 5:15 pm. All women of the parish are invited to attend this important meeting.

JULY 4 HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, in observance of our country's birthday.

SUPPORT LIFE THROUGH BIKING FOR BABIES!

Please help support this worthy cause by making a donation to **Biking for Babies**. **Baby bottles** for this purpose are located in the church vestibule and may be returned with your donation next weekend. Please join us in welcoming the 9 enthusiastic young individuals as they will be biking from New Orleans to St. Louis. These individuals will be in Sikeston at 5:30 p.m., on July 14, followed by a potluck dinner at the Parish Center. The meat will be provided by the Parish. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad or dessert. This is a chance to meet the riders and hear their stories, along with meeting our local pregnancy resource centers, PRC of Sikeston, and Birthright of Cape Girardeau. BIKING FOR BABIES would to see you there. For more information, visit BikingForBabies.com

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

Praying for vocations is a very important part of our Catholic practices. In order to continue our weekly prayers for vocations, we are asking that anyone who wishes may take home the vocation crucifix located on the table behind the last pew in Church. Please feel free to take it after Mass and return it to the table at the next weekend Mass. Thanks for praying for vocations!

"Be courageous...go to confession." (Pope Francis)

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

Emil Tony LeGrand, husband of Mary Frances LeGrand

SUPPORT FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

Sikeston MediCenter Pharmacy would like to support St. Francis Xavier School by donating \$0.50 for every qualifying prescription filled and picked up at the Sikeston MediCenter Pharmacy. You may pick up your donation key tags at the school, parish center, or from any St. Francis Xavier School student. Just present your key tag when picking up your prescription. The pharmacy has a drive-thru and free delivery. This is a good way to support your church school.

ROSARY CD'S FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocese has a CD which Bishop Rice has recorded with our seminarians that includes the Rosary for Vocations and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. These CD's will be available to anyone for \$10, to cover the cost of production. If you would be interested in purchasing a CD, please call the parish office to order one.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR for engaged couples

The upcoming day-long marriage seminar will be Saturday, August 12, and will satisfy the Diocesan Marriage preparation Guidelines for those preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The seminar will be conducted in the church meeting room on the lower level located at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 741 N. Forest Ave., Cape Girardeau, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding by 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please remember to mail Marriage Preparation forms, along with the \$25 program fee, to the Office of Family Life. For more information, please contact Kim Brayman, 417-866-0841, kbrayman@dioscg.org.

ANNUAL ORAN KC JULY 4 PICNIC

The Oran Knights of Columbus will be serving a buffet style dinner on Tuesday, July 4, at the KC Hall. Adults—\$10, children 6 to 12 -\$4, and under 6 years—free. Meal serving is from 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.. There will be games, music, western wagon rides from noon to 6:00 p.m., horseshoe tournament at 1:00 p.m., corn hole tournament at 3:00 p.m., and antique tractor display. Bingo with cash prizes in the hall at 7:00 p.m. and fireworks display at 10:00 pm. The Justin Heskit Band will entertain from 7:00—10:00 p.m. Refreshments and food of all kinds will be served. Bring your family and enjoy the day!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The real issue is not how many people will come to church, but how to become holy, how to become a saint. The Church is a means on the path to holiness. Jesus teaches us how to be holy, but not everyone accepted his teaching, for example, the rich young man who walked away from Jesus sadly because he did not want to sell his possessions to follow Jesus (Matthew 19:16-22). People are free to accept or reject Church teaching, as they are free to accept or reject Jesus Himself. It is disappointing when people leave the Church, just as it surely must have been disappointing for Jesus when people walked away from him.

BISHOP PAPROCKI

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL

Camper spots still available at Camp St. Vincent are Session 3F (July 10-14) for 5th grade girls and 5th, 6th, & 7th grade boys. Camper spots still available at Camp Smokey are Session 3C (July 10-14), Session 4C (July 17-21), and Session 5C (July 24-28). Call Rosie Francka at 417-866-0841 with questions.

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes. Jerome Rennie, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Jon Burden, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Conners, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Karen Matthews, Rodney Abney, Marge Ferrenburg, Father Glenn Eftink, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Pat Fetsch, Gary Ryan, and Bob Donze. For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious freedoms.

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