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June 18, 2017

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Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Toni Grojean at
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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.

SCRIPTURE

At the heart of the people of God, Holy Scripture is the substance of liturgical texts.

Holy Scripture is made up of the Old Testament (common to both Jews and Christians) and the new Testament, which includes the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Epistles written by apostles, and the Revelation of Saint John. This priceless gem, a superbly detailed history of the People of God culminating with the mystery of Christ, is venerated by all Christians. Yet, while the Protestants consider that reading the Bible is enough to nourish their faith in salvation, the Catholics gain access to Scripture only by means of the Tradition which created it and which has carried it down the ages, according to the Church's living teaching and especially thanks to the liturgy.

There are, then, numerous editions of the Bible, which vary according to different confessions. Catholic editions always include notes of explanation, inspired by the living Tradition of the Church. During the last two decades, some marvelous ecumenical translations have been made, with notes which point out, when necessary, the different churches' interpretations; this is an important step toward Christian unity.

Roman Catholic liturgy is extremely biblical, perhaps even more so than the liturgy of the eastern churches, whose large number of long prayers are still inspired by the Scriptures. We have already seen how the Book of Psalms is the great inspiration behind the celebration of the "Hours". The liturgy of the Word, the first part of the mass and of other offices, consists of readings taken from the Bible, and the most important among them is always a passage from the Gospels.

These readings, which are essential for a true understanding of the liturgy, must be done with skill and respect; the lector is an officially appointed minister. The proclamation of the Gospel is reserved for the celebrant, or for the assisting deacon, and is accompanied by various rites.

The evangelistary is a book worthy of its role, beautifully but soberly bound and decorated. It is laid on the altar at the beginning of the mass, then carried in procession to the ambo (from the Greek *anabaino*, "to go up"), the place of the Word. The cathedra, positioned near the middle of the nave, used to perform this function.

Nowadays, the ambo is placed in the sanctuary, not far from the altar, so that both parts of the mass work together in the best possible way. It consists of a slightly raised platform, equipped with a lectern, from which the lectors and the cantor, the deacons and the celebrant address the congregation. The oldest churches in Rome have preserved magnificent ambos, such as Saint Clement's, which dates to the twelfth century.

Symbols of Catholicism
By Dom Robert LeGall, Abbot of Kergonan

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 18, 2017

Monday, June 19*St. Romuald***8:15 AM Mass** +Jamil & Victoria Tellow**Tuesday, June 20- NO MASS****Wednesday, June 21***St. Aloysius Gonzaga***5:15 PM Mass** +Robert E. Burch

Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

Thursday, June 22- NO MASS**Friday, June 23***Sacred Heart of Jesus***8:15 AM Mass** +YYA**Saturday, June 24****12th Sunday in Ordinary Time****4:00 PM Mass** +Lavernia Rennier

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, June 25**8:00 AM Spanish Mass** +Ken Kern**10:00 AM** +Mary Ann Maevers**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

The scriptures today remind us that “we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf.”
How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the Body of Christ?

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, June 11	Collection Report
Envelopes	4,377.00
Plate	149.25
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	36.00
Mass Offerings	10.00
Spanish Mass	102.50

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received June 11, 2017	5,026.75
Received for June, 2017	13,013.94

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter’s Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous!

ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH

A group of ladies have tirelessly cleaned the kitchen in the parish center. Thank you for all your hard work. If any of you have left dishes or pans, etc. at the Parish Center, please pick them up this week so that the organizing of our kitchen can progress.

DDF FUND

By now many of you have received your new donation letters in the mail. Please take time to read and consider contributing to the DDF Fund. The diocese and church in southern Missouri needs your participation. Thank you to those who have already given.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Please join the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABs) group at 3:30 in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. The readings are: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33. They may be found at usccb.org.

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 to the table at the next weekend Mass. Thanks for praying for vocations!!!

A LITTLE OF OUR CHURCH HISTORY

Monsignor J.J. O’Neill served as Pastor of St. Francis from July, 1936 until his death in 1959. His Chalice, which was a gift from his parents upon his ordination in June, 1917, continues to be used at our Masses. We celebrate the continuous usage of this Chalice for the past 100 years and the many dedicated priests who have served here. Inscription on the bottom of the Chalice reads,
“From Parents of Rev. J.J. O’Neill, June 1917”

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

SUPPORT LIFE THROUGH BIKING FOR BABIES!

Join us in welcoming 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

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

The Senior Class was instrumental in having Notre Dame listed as a **Top 5% Catholic High School** in the country for the Twelfth Consecutive Year. This was one of the many accomplishments of the Senior Class for the 2016-17 School year. Congratulations!

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.

SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus is hosting a breakfast Sunday, June 25th, from 7:30-10:00 am at the KC Hall in Scott City. This will benefit the local youth going to the Steubenville retreat. Menu will be scrambled eggs/pancakes/biscuits and gravy and sausage. All for your goodwill donation to help the youth.

SCHOOL OPENINGS—KELSO

St. Augustine School in Kelso is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2017-18 school year: Grades 6-8 Science/Religion Teacher; part-time cook (3 days per week, approximately 12 hours/week) and part-time custodial/maintenance position (3-4 hours per day, M-F). Interested individuals should contact Dr. Gerald Landewee at 264-4644 or glandewee@stakelso.edu

CELEBRATING the 100th ANNIVERSARY of the MIRACLE of FATIMA

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary appearing to three little shepherds in the small town of Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady entrusted to them a message for the world that is still timely today: pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Bishop Rice will celebrate mass and lead the rosary at St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, on Friday, October 13, to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of Fatima. All are invited and encouraged to attend as well as parishioners from surrounding parishes. The rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m., with Mass at 7 p.m.

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL

Camper spots still available at Camp St. Vincent are Session 1F (June 26-30) and Session 3F (July 10-14) for 5th grade girls and 5th, 6th, & 7th grade boys. Camper spots still available at Camp Smokey are Session 2C (July 3-7), 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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