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June 17, 2018

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism | Contact Father David
Reconciliation | Offered Saturday from 3-3:45pm and Wednesday at 4:30-5:00 pm when Mass is celebrated.

Matrimony | Please contact the priest at least six months prior to setting a wedding date.



"The seed is the Word of God, Christ is the Sower!"

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

On behalf of our parish family, we extend our prayers, best wishes, and God's Blessings to all of the men in our parish as we honor you on this Fathers Day! Thank you for the many ways you reveal the love of our Heavenly Father through your example and the living out of your faith. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may God continue to share His graces and blessings with you!

RCIA

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or possibly joining the Church, please have them contact Toni Grojean. At this point, the person should begin attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis. RCIA classes will begin later this Fall. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Toni Grojean at (573) 258-1172.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Week of June 17, 2018

MONDAY, June 18

8:15 am + Jamil & Victoria Tellow

TUESDAY, June 19—NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, June 20

5:15 pm + Robert Michael Burch

Confessions 4:30-5:00 pm

THURSDAY, June 21— NO MASS

FRIDAY, June 22

8:15 am + David Tilley

SATURDAY, June 23

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:00 pm Mass + Tony LeGrand

Confessions 3:00-3:45 pm

SUNDAY, June 24

8:00 am Spanish Mass + Henry Leible

10:00 am Mass + Richard Guter

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for Him!"

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, June 10 Collection Report

Envelopes	\$4,648.00
Plate	296.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	40.00
Spanish Mass (Cash Only)	91.00
Capital Improvement	160.00
Mass Offerings	10.00

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2018-19	\$32,675.00
Received June 10, 2018	5,597.00
Received for June, 2018	15,853.15

Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Communication Campaign in the amount of \$723.00

IN APRECIATION FOR THE WEEK

On behalf of our parish, we extend our thanks and gratitude to all those who give of their time to help as **bulletin folders**. The parish bulletin is an important tool for communication in order for parishioners to stay connected with the parish and be informed about events/activities taking place in our community. May God bless you for your time and commitment in providing this service to our parish!

ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

This is the usual time of year when new assignments for our priests take effect. Father Alexander has been assigned by Bishop Rice to serve as the Associate Pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Cape Girardeau. This new assignment is effective Thursday, July 5. We wish Father Alexander all the best in his new assignment, and we are very grateful for his time and ministry with us! Priests are in "short supply" this year, so no one will be assigned to take his place. As a result, I will be taking care of both parishes on my own. This will require a few changes in the parish schedule, most notably the 8:00 am Sunday morning Mass. Due to the current weekend Mass schedule/obligations at Sikeston and Charleston, as well as the fact that there is no one to cover it, the 8:00 am Sunday morning Mass will be discontinued beginning Sunday, July 8. Spanish Masses are offered at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Cape on Sunday at 3:00 pm; at St. Cecilia Parish in Kennett on Sunday at 1:00 pm; and at Sacred Heart Parish in Poplar Bluff on Sunday at 5:30 pm. Mass is celebrated at Charleston and Kelso on Sunday morning at 8:00 am and at 8:30 am at New Hamburg and St. Mary's in Cape. Let us pray for one another during this time of transition.
Father David

RECTORY

Please note that since I will be taking care of both parishes and schools on my own and there will not be a full-time resident priest living in the rectory, we will table the issue of renovating the rectory or constructing a new one until next year. We can re-visit this topic at that time. Meanwhile, we will do what is necessary to maintain the existing rectory. Thanks for your continued prayers and support! Father David

DAY OF ADORATION

Please note that our monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, July 6.

ALTAR FURNISHINGS

We are in the process of ordering some beautiful new altar/sanctuary furnishings which will blend in better with the style and architecture of our parish church. Preliminary plans for this project were made a few years ago and are now becoming a reality. The final designs/plans were chosen and approved by the Parish Renovation Committee and have been approved by the Bishop.

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF)

Our DDF parish goal this year is \$49,500. At this point, \$31,645 has been pledged. This is 64% of our goal. Please consider making a pledge to help support this important work of the Church in Southern Missouri. Additional pledge cards are available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Thanks for your generosity!

MISSION APPEAL

Please note that a priest from the Franciscan Missionary Union will be visiting our parish NEXT weekend (June 23/24) to make an appeal for the work and ministry of his community. We welcome Father Bill Spencer to our parish and offer him our prayers and generosity in continuing the missionary efforts of the Franciscans. A second collection will be taken up AFTER Holy Communion at the Masses NEXT weekend for this effort.

A FEW REMINDERS

As we celebrate our belief in Christ's Real Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, we are reminded of a few spiritual practices/teachings regarding the reception of Holy Communion at Mass: (1) In order to receive Holy Communion, a person must be free of serious sin (this includes deliberately missing Sunday Mass, especially on a regular basis); (2) A person should fast/refrain from food and drink (with the exception of water and medicine) ONE HOUR prior to receiving Holy Communion; (3) A person should NOT be chewing gum when receiving our Lord in Holy Communion; (4) When standing in front of the priest/Extraordinary Minister, a bow is made as a sign of reverence for the Holy Eucharist; (5) The response when receiving Holy Communion is "AMEN" - no other words or phrases should be substituted or used; (6) When receiving Holy Communion in the hand, one hand should be placed on top of the other and extended properly to form a "throne" to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. After receiving the Consecrated Host in the palm of your hand, It should be carefully and reverently picked up using the other hand and placed on your tongue. The Consecrated Host should NOT be "licked up", "sucked up" or "popped" into one's mouth using only one hand (as if a person were "popping a pill" into one's mouth). (7) Try to be at Mass on time and don't shortchange God the time He deserves from you by leaving Mass early. Our actions reflect our beliefs! May the way in which we celebrate and receive the Holy Eucharist help us to grow in our faith and our love for our Eucharistic Lord!

LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes:

Judy Marshall, Joseph Ross, Alma York, Carol Gleason, Buck Brase, Jerome & Suzanne Rennie, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Jon Burden, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Donald Cento, Karen Matthews, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Pat Fetsch, Anton Miederhoff, Bill Sharp, and Bob Donze. We also pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and for our religious freedoms.