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TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 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.

THE ANGELS

Angels were present at each significant moment in the life of Christ. They are our companions and our guardians.

On the ceilings of baroque churches, there is an abundance of plump cherubim with golden wings. In two, or often three, dimensions they escort Christ, the Virgin or the saints, or else are positioned around the edges of the clouds. But are these angels anything more than just pious decoration? For many of our contemporaries, they are a pleasantly imagistic expression of inaccessible perfection, or simply of an escape into unreality. They are the inhabitants of some imaginary "seventh heaven"

But the liturgy, as well as Holy Scripture, talks constantly of angels and makes them into discreet, yet efficient, participants in the story of salvation, messengers of God, and mankind's companions. In Greek, the word angel literally means "ambassador" or "messenger". Angels are the witnesses of God's tender attentions to us. As such, they are our guardian angels.

In the Gospels, angels are always present at the key moments of the mystery of Jesus Christ. The Annunciation is probably the best-known scene in which an angel plays a part. At Christ's birth, "a great throng of the hosts of heaven" greets him by singing God's praises. After the temptation in the wilderness, angels "looked after him" and, at the moment of the agony in Gethsemane, "an angel ... coming from heaven" comforted him. On Easter morning, two angels announce the news that Jesus has risen to the holy women, and when Jesus ascends to heaven, they are once more there to reassure the apostles that he will return.

Following the example of Christ's life, the entirety of the liturgy is accompanied by angels, who are the perfect singers of God's glory. The "Glory to God" of festive days is sung in unison with the angelic choir at Bethlehem. During the mass, we are asked to join our voices to their song of praise by chanting, "Holy, Holy, Holy." The angels are part of that "invisible world" which is mentioned in the first article of the Credo.

Thus we approach "Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival" (Heb. 12:22). We must love the angels, sing praises with them and pray to them. They are faithful, efficient friends who allow us to understand, like Saint-Exupery's fox, that "the essential is invisible to our eyes."

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 25, 2017

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Psalmist assures us that “the Lord hears the poor.” Often, however, he answers their need through the generous gifts of good stewards.

Monday, June 26

8:15 AM Mass +Ida Cowell

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, June 18 **Collection Report**

Envelopes	9,190.00
Plate	264.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	23.00
Bulletin Advertising	64.00
Capital Improvement	25.00
Spanish Mass	75.98

Tuesday, June 27- NO MASS

Wednesday, June 28

St. Irenaeus
5:15 PM Mass +Joseph Rennie
Confessions 4:30-5:00 PM

MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT

Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received June 18, 2017	9,993.78
Received for June, 2017	23,007.72

Thursday, June 29- NO MASS

Friday, June 30

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome
8:15 AM Mass +Isabell Kappler

Thank you for contributing \$490.00 to the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Saturday, July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM Mass +Jan Steck
Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, July 2

8:00 AM Spanish Mass +Albert Seiler
10:00 AM +Brenna Muldoon

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Our second collection today 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!

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: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42. 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 it to the table at the next weekend Mass. Thanks for praying for vocations!

PARISH PRAYER LINE

The power of prayer is evident in all our lives. We invite you to join our growing e-mail list of prayer volunteers who simply receive a request to pray for a particular person or need. You do not have to “call” or notify anyone else - **simply pray**. To join, please send e-mail to chou1943@att.net. May you be blessed.

ROSARY

The Rosary is said 30 minutes before weekend Mass - 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Please join us to pray for the needs of our parish. Try to bring your family one time a month.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

St. Francis Xavier Parish wishes a very Happy Anniversary to Emil (Tony) and Mary Frances LeGrand, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, June 22. They were married in 1957 at St. Denis Catholic Church in Benton, Missouri, and Father Amel Shibley performed the ceremony.

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

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 Hesritt 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!

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.eduk12.net.

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 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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