

January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday	Jan. 13	5:00 p.m.	George and Matilda Orlet
Sunday	Jan. 14	8:00 a.m.	Hilda Schaefer
		10:00 a.m.	Frankovich Family
Monday	Jan. 15	8:00 a.m.	-----
Tuesday	Jan. 16	8:00 a.m.	Walter Frierdich
Wednesday	Jan. 17	8:20 a.m.	Bernadette Buss
Thursday	Jan. 18	8:00 a.m.	Andrew and Kathryn Schaefer
Friday	Jan. 19	8:20 a.m.	Virginia Hankammer
Saturday	Jan. 21	5:00 p.m.	Emil Helfrich and Family
Sunday	Jan. 22	8:00 a.m.	Margie Crain
		10:00 a.m.	Jack Sauer

SERVERS

Jan. 20	5:00 p.m.	Colleen Costello, Tatum Stapf, Megan Bernasco
Jan. 21	8:00 a.m.	Regan Gerteisen
	10:00 a.m.	Nicole and Zoey Edmiaston, Shannon Westhoff

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Over 50 Club
Monday	All Day	Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Quilting
	6:20 p.m.	PSR
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Quilting

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
January 7, 2018

Loose	197.00
Adult	5763.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Christmas	245.00
Solemnity of Mary	432.00
First Offering	470.00
Needy	10.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	10.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Sister Parish	115.00

Building Fund	80.00
Debt Reduction	335.00
School Endowment	35.00
SVDP	195.00
Votive Candles	28.00

Q and A with Jesus

The gospel of St. John records the very first words of Jesus as this question: "What are you looking for?" The gospel response was, and still is, "Being with you, Jesus! To be with Jesus, we must come! See! Stay! After seeing and staying, we believe. After believing we act. We must.

- *What am I *really* looking for?
- *How can I find it in Jesus and in the Christian Community?
- *Am I willing to come, see and follow? This week it means _____.

PARISH NEWS

Once again, our Christmas Dinner was a huge success. This year, we had approximately 115 deliveries and 150 people that came and celebrated with us on Christmas. Goodness is alive and well in our community. A huge thank you goes to all of the businesses/organizations who donated to our dinner-Knights of Columbus, Reeb's Wholesale, Millstadt IGA, St. Henry's and St. James Parishes, the Hasenstab Family and Schnucks Culinaria. Let's keep the tradition going. All of you make it very easy for us to make this a truly special day for everyone. Co-chairs-Joseph Hubbard and Donna Krausz

The statements showing you contributions have been mailed. If you have not received your statement or have a question, please call the rectory.

A special thank you to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make everything so much easier.

Make the Messenger a part of your New Year's Resolution!

The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in



Southern Illinois.

MARCH for Life-Students from St. James School who attend Gibault Catholic High School will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to attend the March for Life Rally from January 18-21. They will be part of a pilgrimage that includes speakers, daily Mass, rosary, reconciliation and testimonies from people whose lives have been touched by abortion. They will be collection donations to offset cost of their trip after each Mass this weekend. Thank you for any help you can give.

DIVINE MERCY-Please call the rectory if you know of anyone who would like someone to come to their home, hospital or a nursing home to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Arrangements will then be made.

Kindergarten/New Student Open House will be held on Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. in school. Please spread the good news about St. James School. For more information or to register email Ashley Hastey:athastey@gmail.com

ADULT CHOIR-The Adult Choir practices every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church balcony. No experience is necessary! We would love to have you join us. Contact Scott Ruppel at 618-304-3574. for details or if you have any questions.

SCHOOL NEWS

There will be no school on January 15, Martin Luther King Day.

OVER 50 CLUB

The Over 50 Club will meet this Sunday, January 13, Soup n' Dessert. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. with meeting to follow.

The members will be going to the Senior Center on Jan. 15 (Roast Beef/Gravy), Jan. 18 (Cheddar Meatloaf), Jan. 23 (Pork Loin), Jan. 25. (Fried Chicken) and on Jan. 31 (BBQ Ribs). If you plan to attend, call Darleen at 476-1542 or the Senior Center at 476-3731.

MEN'S RETREAT-JANUARY 25-28



Does your spirit need a lift in this Winter Season? Would you like to grow in your Faith? Would you like to share the fellowship of good Christian men? Come join the Men's ACTS retreat being held at the King's House in Belleville on the last weekend of this month. Contact Bill Mueller at 476-3170 for more information.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TRIVIA NIGHT-The St. James Athletic Association is sponsoring a Trivia Night on Friday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. RSVP for this fun night to: Shelly Adams 618-334-4047 (shelladams73@gmail.com)

SPIRITUAL/ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*An Adult Understanding of the Four Last Things: Heaven, Hell, Judgment and Purgatory. Shrine, Guild Center. Jan. 20. 10 AM-Noon. Cost \$20.

SOCIALS, FESTIVALS AND MORE

*Quilt/Cash Bingo. Holy Trinity, Fairview Heights. Jan. 21. Lunch 11:30 AM. Bingo 1PM. Silent auction, lunch, desserts and refreshments.

*Catholic Urban Program Trivia Night. Catholic Pastoral Center, Belleville. Feb. 3. Doors open 5PM. Trivia starts at 6PM. Register on line:www.catholicurbanprograms.org/cup Bring your own food and drink.

*Bow-A-Thon. Sponsored by the Friends of the Old Millstadt Water Tower. Bel-Air-Bowl, Belleville. Feb. 3. Check in starts at 6:30 PM. Bowling at 7PM. \$20 per person. To register call 476-7326 Or email millstadtinman@gmail.com.

*Taste of the Region. Gibault Gym. Feb. 3. 5-9PM. Cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors and vendors. \$25 per person. Contact Katy Hugger at (hugger06@gmail.com)

*Super Bowl Sunday Quilt/Cash Bingo. St. Augustine, Hecker. Feb. 4. Bingo 1:30 p.m. Fried Chicken/Pork Sausage Plates, 10:30AM- 1PM.