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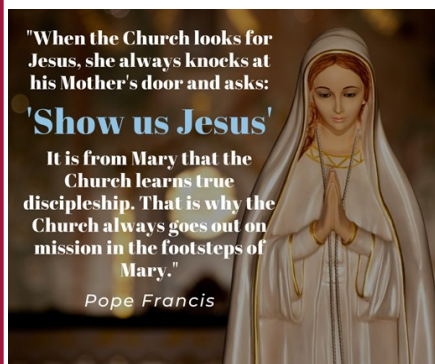


“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

MATTHEW 18:15

MITCH'S MESSAGE

When I was in first grade, my grandmother died. Our entire family was devastated. But it was during this time that I first heard about the Rosary and novenas and saw all my relatives come together in quiet to pray together. Every night for nine days, we prayed the Rosary by candlelight, with a picture of my grandmother, a statue of the Virgin Mary, and rowdy kids running around (present company included!). It was during this time that I memorized the prayers of the Rosary and was introduced to Jesus' mother.



When I met my wife, I began to pray the Rosary more regularly. Eventually, I began to read about where it came from, the apparitions of Our Lady around the world, and the warnings and the pleas to pray the Rosary. But as I continued to learn about her, I learned that all the greatest saints for the past few hundred years have all had a powerful devotion to the Mother of Jesus. St. Louis de Monfort said that, "she is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus," because she is perfectly united to Him! What mother would refuse a good thing for her own child? What more of a mother who loves us more than our own mother does, when we ask of the greatest good: Jesus?

Our beloved Pope Francis puts it this way: "When the Church looks for Jesus, she always knocks at his mother's door and asks: 'Show us Jesus'. It is from Mary that the Church learns true discipleship. That is why the Church always goes out on mission in the footsteps of Mary." She's the most perfect model for evangelization in the Church, both by her perfect participation as the Mother of Jesus and by her mediation of all graces, especially the Holy Spirit who is the primary agent of evangelization.

The movie ***Fatima*** came out recently. It is a movie about one of the greatest and more recent apparitions of Mary. Mary appeared to three children over multiple days and performed the amazing and well-documented miracle of the dancing suns. She also stressed the great need of all the faithful to pray the Rosary, wielding a Rosary like a sword in battle. Imagine that. Based on the trailer alone, I could tell it was very well made (unlike many older Catholic movies *shudder*). The apparition is an approved apparition of the Church.

Challenge Time!

1. If you don't already do this, experience the powerful intercession of Our Lady by praying a Novena of the Rosary. So that's nine days straight of praying the Rosary and just flood her with all your needs and the needs of our Church, especially for those called to the priesthood and the religious life to attune their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
2. Watch ***Fatima***. You can find ways to do so at: FatimaTheMovie.com. Then, let me know what you think! (pa@sjvbett.org).

As always, you are in my prayers.

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be held prior to Mass on Saturdays until further notice. Confessions may be heard by appointment only; please call **Fr. Jim** (563-332-7910) to schedule.*

MASS INTENTIONS

The public celebration of all Masses takes place in the church. All Masses are live-streamed at their specific time, viewable live or later on our Facebook page (facebook.com/sjvbett) or website (sjvbett.org). Intentions for this week:

Sunday, September 6 (8:30am): The parishioners of St. John Vianney
Sunday, September 6 (11:00am): † Beth Waligora Urmay / Betty Gassmann
Tuesday, September 8 (7:45am): † Deodora Flores
Wednesday, September 9 (9:00am): † Jim Neville
Thursday, September 10 (9:00am): † Joe Whitty
Friday, September 11 (9:00am): † Gino Penzi
Saturday, September 12 (4:30pm): † John Norton
Sunday, September 13 (8:30am): † Paul Spencer Schonher
Sunday, September 13 (11:00am): The parishioners of St. John Vianney

INTENTION CANDLES

Through memorial gifts of family and friends, the candles around the statue of Mary are lit for your special intentions. To offset the expense, a gift of \$5 per candle is requested. Candles are lit by the staff only. Please contact the office to make your requests (563-332-7910 or office@sjvbett.org).

SEPTEMBER 6—12, 2020

Marilyn Freking

Beth Waligora Urmay

Eleanor Finn

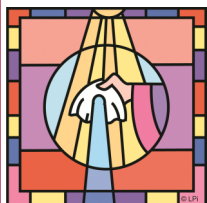
Cheryl Young



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE, OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO:

Roxanne Griffith and family; and
Randy Griffith and family on the death of their daughter,
Tracy Gonzalez

May she rest in peace.



WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH, BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS:

Rosalie Ashley Blamoun
Daughter of John & Kelsey

Jayden Bernard Zapf
Son of Gerry & Jennifer

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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| SUN 9/6 | Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 |
| MON 9/7 | 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11 |
| TUE 9/8 | Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 |
| WED 9/9 | 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26 |
| THR 9/10 | 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38 |
| FRI 9/11 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42 |
| SAT 9/12 | 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49 |
| SUN 9/13 | Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 |

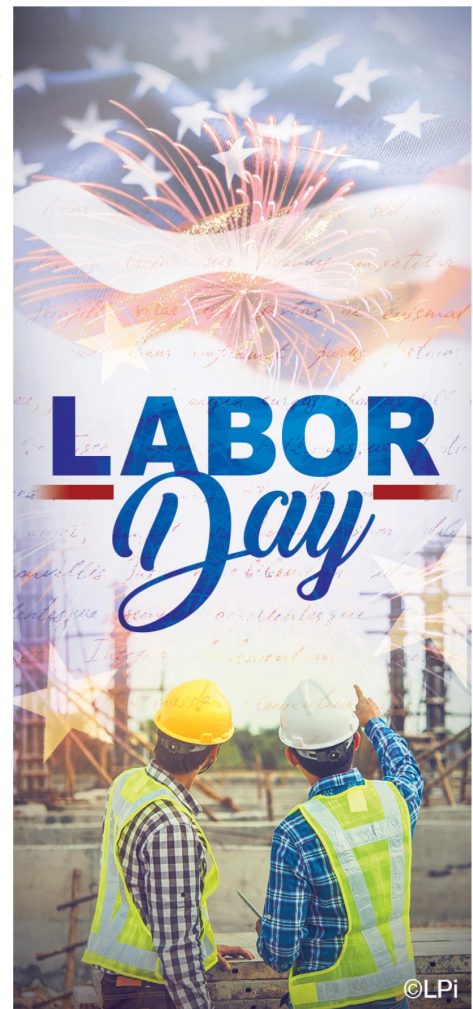
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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| Sunday: | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | Labor Day |
| Tuesday: | The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Wednesday: | St. Peter Claver, Priest |
| Friday: | Patriot Day |
| Saturday: | The Most Holy Name of Mary |
| Next Sunday: | 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day |

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.



*Harden
not your
hearts.*

— PSALM 95 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

If you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)



PSALM

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)



SECOND READING

Whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Rom 13:9a)



GOSPEL

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my
heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

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Judy Benevento
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SJV Preschool has returned to school with a hybrid plan. Several openings are still available. Please contact the preschool if you are interested in enrolling your child and would like more details on our Return to Learn Plan.

563-332-5308 OR preschool@sjvbett.org.

- We are all called to build up God's church, but you don't have to be a vocation director to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Does your son or daughter, nephew or niece, grandson or granddaughter, or family friend show signs that God may be calling them to serve His church in a special way? An encouraging word from you could confirm a call they hear deep in their heart. As always, pray for vocations!
- The **SJV 31 Club** is a prayer program in which you choose one day per month to attend Mass and/or pray the Rosary in support of vocations. Each month on your selected day, pray for all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers who have served or are serving their parish, and that future church vocations will be forthcoming from our parish and others. Please remember to pray on the day you selected. Set a reminder on your phone or on your calendar! To join the 31 Club, please contact the parish office: 563-332-7910 or office@sjvbett.org.

We appreciate the steadfastness of parishioners continuing to send regular contributions via the mail. Many more are also giving online, which is easy and secure. If you wish to do the same, visit sjvbett.org, scroll down to the **GIVE ONLINE** icon on our homepage, and follow the steps provided.

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| Fiscal YTD Actual: | \$165,760 | Weekly Amount Received: | \$9,873 |
| Fiscal YTD Budget: | \$197,912 | Weekly Amount Budgeted: | \$24,827 |

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BETTENDORF



In May, we sent out a parish-wide communication about the most recent discussions of the Future of Bettendorf Churches. We are pleased to say that we have made progress to the point of **requesting** and **needing** all parishioner involvement. All St. John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes families were sent an email this past week and will receive communication via the USPS next week. Information may also be viewed on our [website](#) via bridge icon on the home page (which quicklinks to OLOL's website).

Please read carefully the two documents. They outline the three options for consideration and provide details on how you may share your thoughts via online meetings coming up on **Monday, September 14 at 6:30pm** and **Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30pm**. Information on how to participate is included in the mailing. **Your input is needed and highly valued.**

DONATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been cleaning out your garage, basement, or attic? Are you looking for a safe volunteer opportunity? Here are some local organizations to consider:

Humility Homes & Services Fresh Start Center (3805 Mississippi Ave., Davenport) COVID-19 has precipitated some changes, but they are open to program clients every day. You may drop off donations by appointment only. The Fresh Start Benefit Sale moves to a semi-private sale by reservation. Volunteers are also needed to help to keep things humming! For further info on any of the above, please call **Patti, 563-326-1330 ext. 105**.

Cinderella's Cellar Resale Shop (230 W. 35th St., Davenport) will reopen with modified hours on **Tuesday, September 1: Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm and Thursdays 12:00-3:00pm**. Shoppers are required to wear a face mask and only a limited number will be allowed to shop at one time to maintain 6-foot social distancing protocol. Please shop with them and get a sneak preview of Christmas items as well. Thank you for your patience and donations.

Bettendorf Community Food Panty (2204 Grant St.) is in need of volunteers on Wednesdays from 9-11:00am. If you are able to help at that time, please call **Mary Kelly, 563-484-9234**. Masks are required; we sanitize as needed. One person is allowed into the pantry at a time for food pick up.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



Due to COVID-19 safety restrictions, our Knights of Columbus Council 4403 was not able to hold their annual Tootsie Roll drive in person this year. The Council has decided to conduct their drive virtually and humbly requests your support. Please consider giving online by clicking [here](#). You may also go directly to sjvbett.org and click the **Give Online** icon on our homepage. All proceeds from the drive will support the Iowa KC's Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, which includes local community services through **Gigi's Playhouse** and the **Autism Society of the Quad Cities**.

NEW FAMILIES WELCOMED IN AUGUST

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and Maisie

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Graham and Garrison

John & Virginia McEleney



Gabriel & Sarah Mendoza
Leonard and Henry

James & Erin Raabe
Nolan and Liam

Rob & Karla Rippchen
Brett and Jack

We thank God, who has blessed us with these new members to our parish family. May they find SJV to be a warm, inviting, and spiritually enriching home. May they also find our clergy, staff, and laity to be faithful companions who will support and sustain them wherever their faith journey leads.

St. John Vianney welcomes you!

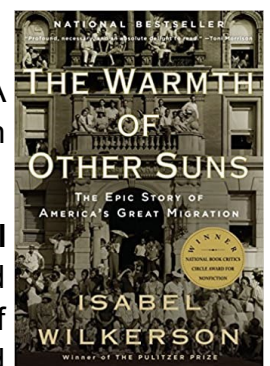


Join us this **Wednesday, September 9**, from **7-7:30pm** in the parking lot for Taizé Praise. We will also live stream on Facebook. Prayer in the style of the Taizé community in France is based on short, simple songs that are repeated for a meditative effect. We also pray in scripture and silence. Praise and Worship music provides a boost of joy. Bring your own lawn chair (or blanket) and wear your mask. Come and enjoy the music and the socially distanced fellowship. Click the Taizé Praise icon on the [SJV website](#) homepage for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The next SJV Book Discussion will be **Monday, September 28 at 1:00pm**. A decision will be made closer to the date whether this discussion will be via Zoom or possibly on the St. John Vianney lawn. Watch the bulletin for updates.

We will discuss the book, ***The Warmth of Other Suns*** by **Isabel Wilkerson**. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves. Wilkerson brilliantly captures three individuals' lives and their first treacherous and exhausting cross-country trips by car and train and their new lives in colonies that grew into ghettos, as well as how they changed these cities with southern food, faith, and culture and improved them with discipline, drive, and hard work. Through the breadth of its narrative, the beauty of the writing, the depth of its research, and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein, this book is destined to become a classic. Copies are "sold out" at SJV, but feel free to get your own copy and join us.



WOMEN'S CHOICE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 ~~~ Luncheon or Dinner

If you care deeply about protecting LIFE and are motivated to make a culture-changing impact in the community, please come! All monies raised help to serve women and families in need of free medical services, including pregnancy tests and limited obstetric ultrasounds, counseling, resources, and programming after baby's birth. The keynote speaker will be **Kirk Walden**, Heartbeat International Advancement Specialist and author of ***The Wall***. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please note that the following COVID-19 precautions will be taken:



- tables will be placed six feet apart;
- each table will seat a maximum of eight people at the dinner; six people at the luncheon;
- boxed meals, including bottled water, will be served at the luncheon; and
- individual entrees will be covered until served at the table for the dinner.

If you would like to attend either event, or serve as a table host at the dinner, please contact **Kathy**, 563-332-0475 or kathym@womenschoicecenter.org.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7—13, 2020

| Date | Event | Location | Contact Information |
|--------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Mon. Sept 7 | LABOR DAY: NO PRESCHOOL | | |
| Tues. Sept 8 | 7:45am: Daily Mass 9:45am: U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults—Bible Study 5:30pm: Celebration Ringers rehearsal 7:00pm: Exultate rehearsal | Church Online Church Zoom | office@sjvbett.org Judy Benevento: adulated@sjvbett.org liturgy@sjvbett.org liturgy@sjvbett.org |
| Wed. Sept 9 | 9:00am: Daily Mass 9:45am: U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults—Bible Study 7:00pm: Taizé Praise in the church parking lot | Church Online Outside | office@sjvbett.org Judy Benevento: adulated@sjvbett.org liturgy@sjvbett.org |
| Thu. Sept 10 | 9:00am: Daily Mass 6:30pm: U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults—Bible Study | Church Online | office@sjvbett.org Judy Benevento: adulated@sjvbett.org |
| Fri. Sept 11 | 9:00am: Daily Mass | Church | office@sjvbett.org |
| Sat. Sept 12 | 4:30pm: Mass—Reservation required | Church | sjvbett.org |
| Sun. Sept 13 | 8:30am: Mass—Reservation required 11:00am: Mass w/Chamber Ensemble—Reservation required 12:00pm: Apostles of "Hymn" rehearsal | Church Church Outside | sjvbett.org sjvbett.org liturgy@sjvbett.org |

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Baptisms Please contact **Julie Mishler** in the parish office. First time parents are requested to attend a baptismal prep class prior to scheduling baptism.

Next class: Saturday, Sept 19, 2020

9:00-11:00am, via Zoom

Please call/email by noon on Sept 18 to register, if you plan to attend.

Eucharist for Sick and Confined This ministry is suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reconciliation is by appointment only during the pandemic. Please call the church office to schedule with Fr. Jim.

Marriage Congratulations as you prepare to celebrate the sacrament of marriage. Please contact the parish office at least nine months prior to your wedding date to participate in the preparation process.

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