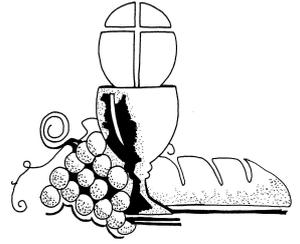




25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville, IL.
Bishop of Belleville – Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
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A PARISH PARTNERSHIP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, IL



Website: staoflivelygrove.com

Baptism- Preparation Program required. **Marriage**-Contact must be made at least 4 months in advance. **Confession** - by appointment

St. Anthony Parish

Lively Grove, Illinois
Phone: (618)824-6271

St. Barbara Parish

Okawville, Illinois
Phone: (618) 243-6236

Partnership Mass Schedule Change: After much consultation amongst parishioners and discussion at both partnership pastoral council meetings, **effective this Saturday, Sept. 19**, the parish partnership of St. Anthony's and St. Barbara's will share a **Saturday evening anticipated Mass that will normally be celebrated from that date at 5:00 p.m.** This Mass will take the place of the practice of the past year of each parish hosting an anticipated Mass. The site of the Mass will rotate on a monthly basis between the two parishes. This necessary step is in accord with the Diocese of Belleville's PASTORAL PLAN FOR RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING and the call to a greater level of shared activities within parish partnerships. The call for shared activities include the experience of worship within a partnership.

For these final two Saturday evenings of September, the now 5:00 p.m. Mass will be held at St. Anthony's, Lively Grove. A regular monthly rotation will then begin in October with St. Barbara's hosting that month at 5:00 p.m. and then in November at St. Anthony's at 5:00 p.m. and onward from there. Again, rotating between the two church buildings each month.

The hope is that parishioners of both parishes will recognize that the Saturday evening Mass, with its historically sharply smaller attendance than Sunday Masses, is a SHARED partnership liturgy. We hope parishioners will join at the month's host parish if Saturday evening Mass is a value to them. We will continue ongoing attendance counts as we monitor the attendance going forward and evaluate the lived practice of this kind of rotation.

St. Barbara's/St. Anthony's Common News and Around the Diocese

Worship This Week

Sat 9/19 5:00pm (St. Anthony)
Sun 9/20 8:30am (St. Barbara)
Sun 9/20 10:30am (St. Anthony)
Tue 9/22 10:00am (St. Barbara)
Wed 9/23 8:30am (St. Barbara)
Thu 9/24 8:30am (St. Anthony)
Sat 9/26 5:00pm (St. Anthony)
Sun 9/27 8:30am (St. Barbara)
Sun 9/27 10:30am (St. Anthony)

Mass Intentions

+Dorothy & Jane Buss, +Rose Zinck
+Loretta Frederking, +Betty Lake
For the People
Funeral Mass for Doris Frank
+Rita Poole
+Janet Morhet
+Vera Isringhaus, +George, Marie & Kenneth Waller
+Frieda M Rudert
For the People

Liturgical Ministers

Sat 9/26 5:00pm (St. Anthony)

Altar Servers: Volunteers please

Lector: David Weber

Extraordinary Min: Donna Weber, Jessica Weber, Ed Kurtz

Hospitality (Ushers): Dale Lake, John Schuette

Gift Bearers: David Averbek Family

Sun 9/27 8:30am (St. Barbara)

Altar Servers: Volunteers Please

Lector: Dave Overmann

Extraordinary Min: Don & Mary Rennegarbe

Hospitality (Ushers): Harrison Strubhart, Eric Epplin

Gift Bearers: Kevin Wisneski Family

Collection Counters: Flo Luechtefeld, Lloyd Strubhart

Sun 9/27 10:30am (St. Anthony)

Altar Servers: Jackson Heckert, Andrew Gillespie

Lector: Vernon Weber

Extraordinary Min: Margaret Bergkoetter, Mike & Mary Reed

Hospitality (Ushers): Louis Gale, Donald Gross

Gift Bearers: Mike & Mary Reed

Collection Counters: Christine Lintker, Erica Killion

"Our Partnership's Gifts to the Lord"

St. Barbara total gifts for 9/13/2015 \$1,350.00
Envelopes (39) \$1,159.00 / Loose \$191.00

St. Anthony's total gifts for 9/13/2015 \$1,154.00
Envelopes (46) \$1,040.00 / loose \$64.00
Hall 50.00 / Cemetery \$2034.00

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

WELCOME POPE FRANCIS! As you hear and watch events unfold in the news beginning this weekend of the historic nine-day papal travels to Cuba and then onto the United States mid-week, please keep the Holy Father in your prayers. Please pray for the Pope Francis' health and safety as he undertakes this mission journey. Also, please pray for the many people (including many clergy and faithful from our own Diocese) who will be traveling to participate in the various events that make up the Pope's itinerary here in the USA.

Finally, please pray that the Holy Father's pilgrimage to our country may truly be a moment of spiritual renewal for Catholics and all people of goodwill as Pope Francis seeks to share the Good News of the Gospel with all.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the St. George Community Life Center at 317 E. Maple St., New Baden (next to St. George Church). RCIA is the process for adults preparing to join the Catholic Church. However, anyone (even those already Catholic) who would like a "faith refresher" is welcome to attend any of the sessions led by various presenters as together we explore our faith.

Sept. 23/7:00 p.m. topic: **Our Journey of Faith and Beliefs**

Catechetical Sunday will be observed in our parish partnership Oct. 4 at the Sunday Masses at each parish. Those whom our communities have designated as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Our catechists play important roles on the team of assisting our Pastor in the Catholic formation of our young people.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS- In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a Blessing of Animals will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4th in front of the shrine area on the grounds of St. Barbara's, Okawville at 12 noon. Father Poole will preside at this annual blessing service of the parish partnership. We welcome dogs, cats, gerbils, fish, snakes, horses or any pet (please have them on leads or otherwise contained).

All are invited to the Diocesan Fall Harvest Blessing of the Farm, which will be held on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. at the farm of Paul and Shirley McCormick**. The farm of Mr. & Mrs. McCormick is located at 5760 IL State Route 3; Ellis Grove, Illinois, 62241. This is 9.6 miles north of Chester on IL-3. Look for 4 grain bins and 4 storage buildings on your right; turn in at the "Farm Blessing" sign for parking. // Or, this is 15.4 miles south of Red Bud on IL-3. Look for 4 grain bins and 4 storage buildings on your left; turn in at the "Farm Blessing" sign for parking. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Please join us for food and fellowship following the Blessing! **Reminder: Please bring non-perishable food items which will be shared with a local food pantry.**

Diocese of Belleville Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils- The St. Anthony's/St. Barbara's parish partnership will be beginning a study of the diocesan guidelines for our partnership pastoral councils in the very near future. There will also be an emphasis during the study upon the mandate from Bishop Braxton of some form of shared structure in regard to these pastoral councils that is contained in the VICARIATE LETTERS directive in which the Bishop addresses our unique partnership. Our Pastor Fr. Poole's desire is that this is as an *inclusive* process as is possible and that any and all interested parishioners have an opportunity to take part in this process.

The Diocese of Belleville Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils was published in 2011 under the directive of the Bishop and is the norm upon which pastoral councils in the Diocese need to be modeled to reflect an authentically Catholic vision of function.

At the entrance of each partner church is a sign-up sheet for parishioners to list their names and e-mail addresses to receive this document from our office in PDF form. If an interested parishioner is not able to receive e-mail, a limited number of hard copies will be available as well and we ask you to indicate your desire for one on that sheet only if you cannot get email delivery.

Our hope is that as many parishioners as possible will request this document, receive it and study and reflect upon its contents and challenges as our partnership moves forward into the future. Initial *inclusive* discussion meetings for all interested parishioners will then be scheduled at a future date to begin a partnership process with the document as our reference and guide.

St. Barbara's News

Condolences: We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of **Doris Frank**, who's Mass of Christian Burial, will be held at St. Barbara Church at 10:00am. Let us pray for the repose of her soul as well as for all who mourn the loss of a loved one. *Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and may Your light shine on her forever.*

Birthday Blessings: *Wilbert Kellerman, Joe Kellerman, Zac Krutz, Tyler Isringhaus, Emil Galliano, Fran Vargo, Ralph Schmersahl, Bonnie Schmersahl.*

9/27 PSR classes start following the 8:30 am Mass

The St. Barbara Ladies extend a welcome to all quilters. Starting Wednesday, September 30th the ladies will resume Wednesday quilting. Quilting in two shifts. Morning from 9am till 12 noon and again in the evening from 5:30pm till 9pm.

It was a small turnout of folks but we got a lot done! **Thank You** to those who gave of their time and efforts last Saturday at the St. Barbara's parish grounds **work day**. Your generosity of spirit is appreciated!

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary Shaw, Norbert Zinck, Dona Zinck, Msgr. Vince Haselhorst and Fr. Dennis Voss. **May the Lord give them comfort and strength in their time of need.**

St. Anthony's News

Birthday Blessings: *Louie Gale, Maryjeane Benabaye, Janel Lake, Jolyn Lake, Steven Jetton, Quintin Stanley, Ed Kurtz, Connie Wendling*

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Msgr. Vince Haselhorst, Fr. Dennis Voss, Henrietta Kramper, Julia Wisely-Heil, Mary Magee, Ruth Moniz, Erin Pasqualle, Tom Sweet, Marilyn Weber, Sue Schroer, Mariann Brugger, Charles & Joan Gutjahr, Ben Leyson, Dorothy Schmersahl, Jason Smith, Georgie Brazinski, Harvey Zinck, Shirley Hagene, Bryan Perkes, Hermina Taylor, Marie Jennetten, Hilda Shubert, Joel Shubert, Mary Sabo and Bud Smith.

May the Lord give them comfort and strength in their time of need.

For all men and women who have been called or will be called to service to protect our country;

GMSA Brock Swift US Navy; Gsgt. Joseph Weber, CPL Brad Kurtz, (Germany), Grant McClure. **PRAY FOR PEACE!!**

***Please call or drop a note in the basket with any names that should be added or taken off of the list.**

Save The Date:

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday! **October 25, 2015.** Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday in October, is a special day set aside to honor the Catholic priesthood in the United States. It is also a time to thank our Pastor and other priests who have served us for their generosity of spirit in ministry to God's people. Join St. Anthony's and St. Barbara's Partnership in celebrating a United Mass. Come Enjoy, Faith and Fellowship! Attendance Prizes! **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** **Beginning at 9am at St. Anthony's the PSR class will lead us in praying the rosary followed with Mass at 9:30am.**

The Confirmation Classes of St. Anthony, St. Barbara, St. Liborius and Holy Childhood will have a Hayride Mixer on Oct.25th at 4pm including a wiener roast at St. Anthony Parish grounds.

Trunk or Treat – On Sunday, Oct. 25th at 5pm the children of St. Anthony and St. Barbara are invited to join us at the St. Anthony Parish Hall for a fun night of games, hayride, wiener roast and ending with trunk or treat. IF any parishioners would like to participate, come with *"treats in your trunk!"*

To all North Central Vicariate members: The Ladies are planning a noon luncheon at St. Theresa of Avila, 812 West Main Street in Salem, Il on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. The meeting is being held during the day instead of evening. The Avila league will be providing the luncheon. If you plan on attending this meeting call Carolyn Wessel at 243-5205 or Bernie Jansen at 243-6250 no later than Sept. 20, 2015

BDCCW Annual Convention: 89th Belleville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention at St. Clement of Rome Church, 601 E. Market, McLeansboro on Wed. Oct. 14, 2015. 8am Registration – 2:15 Closing Liturgy by Rev. Dennis Voss. Early Registration \$17.00. If going please call Carolyn Wessel at 243-5205 or Bernie Jansen at 243-6250 before Sept. 30, 2015.