



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
February 5, 2017**

Now that we have considered a few points in the Liturgy of the Word, we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Our normal experience at Sunday Mass at this time involves singing along with the Offertory Hymn and preparing to put something into the collection basket to support the work of the parish and the Church.

Amidst all of the action going on at the altar, you may notice how, before the chalice is offered, a small bit of water is added to one or more of the chalices. During this action, the priest or deacon says quietly: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

Reading a commentary on this prayer, I came across an explanation that I found very helpful. It said that the wine represents the divinity of Christ and the water represents His humanity. Through the Incarnation, or the Word becoming flesh, the divine nature and the human nature of Christ are united. The reason for this is, as the prayer says, so that our human nature, also represented by the water, can be united to Christ's divinity by sharing in His life through the gift of grace.

Maybe that sounds a little complex and confusing, and it is! It's one of the great mysteries of our faith, but it is also one of the most important. To put it in the words of an early saint in the Church: "God became man so that man might become God." Now, we don't become gods, but, as I said, we get to share in His life, enabling us to rise above our human limitations and to live by His strength living within us.

This should help us to better understand that when we receive the Eucharist, we receive something absolutely amazing! We receive a share in His life. I don't know about you, but that just blows my mind just to think about it, and it causes me to wonder why, if we truly believe this, we would ever want to miss out on this great gift! I know I can be guilty of overlooking the power of this remarkable gift at times, so let's all pray for an increase in faith to see the awesome gift of His life and love that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist.

-Father Alford

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!**

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 3:45 p **Confessions**
- 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Barbara Reid†)

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>- Scout Sunday**

- 7:30 a **Confessions**
- 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
- 9:10 a **PSR**
- 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Fr. Manny
- 9:30 a **Confessions**
- 9:45 a **Choir rehearsal**
- 10:00 a **Rosary**
- 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a **Counting Team #1**
- 2:00 p **Fishes & Loaves Team #3**
- 5:00 p **Confessions/Reconciliation**
- 5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Bertha Foltz†)
- 7:00 p **Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a **Morning Prayer**
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
- 8:00 a **Scriptural Rosary**

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a **Morning Prayer**
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Bill & Adelaide Hunt†)
- 8:00 a **Scriptural Rosary**
- 1:00 p **Ladies Tea/Bunco**
- 6:30 p **PSR/RCIA**

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a **Morning Prayer**
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
- 8:00 a **Scriptural Rosary**
- 6:30 p **Mission Trip Meeting**

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a **Morning Prayer**
- 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Edward Ashton, Sr.†)
- 8:00 a **Scriptural Rosary**

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:00 p **Sew-n-Sews**
- 3:45 p **Confessions**
- 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Catherine Farley†)
- Confirmation Meeting immediately  
Following 4:30 pm Mass**

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 a **Confessions**
- 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
- 9:10 a **No PSR**
- 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
- 9:30 a **Confessions**
- 9:45 a **Choir rehearsal**
- 10:00 a **Rosary**
- 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
- Confirmation Meeting immediately  
Following 10:30 am Mass**



**Parish Sacrificial Giving  
New Fiscal Year 7/1/16 – 6/30/17**

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Collection (102)	\$ 4,871.00	\$172,612.82
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 32,423.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 63.00	\$ 8,155.00
EFT – Dev. Fun (3)	\$ 215.00	\$ 4,991.00
Poor Fund	\$ 16.25	\$ 2,446.49
Children's Stewardship(1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 19.30
Latin America (5)	\$ 75.00	\$ 751.00
Catholic Times (25)	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,600.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	118	
Number of electronic contributions:	37	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Father, Biesiada, Maynerich  
Scheufele  
**Lectors:** Day, S Long  
**Servers:** Callahan, Gladson, Zack  
**Hospitality:** Dambacher Family

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Father, DeGroot, Nelson,  
Rayhill  
**Lectors:** Deimel, Newman  
**Servers:** Heiple, Lauwerens, Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** M & D Anderson, G & K Park

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Father, Clare, Fjelstul, Kohlrus  
**Lectors:** Kerley, A Toliver  
**Servers:** J, K, G Petty, E. Schudel  
**Minister of Care:** Fr. Manny  
**Hospitality:** Brewer Family  
**CLOW:** Kohlrus, B Toliver

**Volunteers for This Week: Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Dusters:** Dianne Felts  
**Recycling Vol. February:** Mel & Teri Dambacher  
**Feb. Food Volunteer:** Teri Dambacher  
**Coffee & Donuts: Sun., February 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
Don & Roberta Vanover



If you pre-ordered some **lasagna** and haven't yet picked it up, you can stop by the parish office during business hours to get it. Now that all team members have delivered their pans, we have a few extra pans so stop on over to see what's available.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** IS 58:7-10 1COR 2:1-5  
MT 5:13-16  
**Monday:** GN 1:1-19 MK 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** GN 1:20-2:4A MK 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** GN 2:4B-9, 15-17 MK 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** GN 2:18-25 MK 7:24-30  
**Friday:** GN 3:1-8 MK 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** GN 3:9-24 MK 8:1-10  
**Sunday:** SIR 15:15-20 1COR 2:16-10  
MT 5:17-37

**Anointing of the Sick:**

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please **call the parish office** to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

**Prayer List:**

**Laurie White**, parishioner  
**Jim Hundley**, husband of Elaine Hundley  
**Tracy Medler**, sister of Chuck Kuntzman  
**Tony Magro, Sr.**, father of Tony Magro Jr.  
**Jack Zucco**, son of Marc & Carrie Zucco  
**Jim Kates**, husband of Mary Kates,  
father of Mary Beth McClintock & Rachel Copp  
**Len Howard**, parishioner  
**Harold Sheppard**, parishioner  
**David Laub**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Camille**, parishioner  
**Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners  
**Mary Ann Midden**, mother of Kathleen Quinn  
**Carole Smith**, sister of John Fox  
**Phil Wiese**, son-in-law of Evelyn Conboy  
**Mark Conboy**, son of Evelyn Conboy  
**Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab  
**Ray Roth Sr.**, father of Deacon Ray  
**Jim Reiser**, father of Kevin Reiser  
**Maureen Sphar**, mother of Susan Shea  
**Joanne O'Connor**, sister of Ginger Rentschler  
**F. Ray Camille**, brother-in-law of JoAnn Camille  
**Cathy Scott**, niece of John Fox  
**Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack  
**Jim Thean**, cousin of Mary Fox  
**Fr. John Sohm**, Retired Priest

**In case of an emergency,  
Fr. Alford can be reached at 217-576-3257.**



### Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Paprocki is scheduled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish on Monday, May 22 at 7:00 pm. To begin the process of preparing to receive this sacrament, we are planning to have an information meeting for the candidates who would like to be confirmed, along with their parents. Please plan to come to one of the following: **Saturday, February 11 immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass, OR Sunday, February 12 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.** While our target group is those students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, we will also consider those who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as anybody in high school who has not been confirmed and would like to receive the sacrament.

**The St. Jude Group 2017 CHWC to Roanoke, VA** are: **Youth (19):** David Allen, Rebekah Arthur, Emily Brewer, Jillian Capriotti, Emma Curtin, Jenna Decker, Taylor Decker, Cece Foltz, Carolyn Grenda, Skyler Kuntzman, Ryan McClintock, Jessica Oyler, Keaten Pedigo, David Ryan, Maddie Ryan, Maddie Schurman, Hanna Vanourney, Nathaniel Will and Talon Williams; **Young Adults (4):** Kelly Allen, Mary Kate Curtin, Jackie Foster, Matthew McClintock, **Adults (5):** Jean Allen, Kay Foster, Vicki Pedigo, Deacon Ray Roth, and Brenda Will.

**There are still seats available on a first come/first served basis. If you are interested in joining the Mission Trip, please contact the parish office for information.**



### Palms Branches for Ash Wednesday

If you would like to bring in your dried palm branches from the past year, we will collect these in church or in the parish center. We burn these dried palms at the end of the Mardi Gras (prayer service) to become the ashes used for **ASH WEDNESDAY.**

**Bank & Trust Company**  
**196 S. Walnut, Rochester, IL**  
**217-498-9009**

**Catholic Times subscription renewal** – It is time for our parish to pay for the renewal fee for the Catholic Times newspaper, which is delivered to each Parish household. Please use the envelope you received in your monthly packet to help defray the cost charged to the parish this year. Thank you.

Amount billed to the parish	\$6,646.00
Envelope Contributions	-\$1,330.00
Amount absorbed by the parish	\$5,316.00

### Upcoming Parish meetings/events:

- Mon., Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting
- Mon., Feb. 6, Fishes & Loaves Team 3
- Wed., Feb. 8, 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Bunco
- Thurs., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. – Mission Trip meeting
- Sat., Feb. 11, 1:00 p.m. – Sew-n-Sews
- Sat., Feb. 11, after 4:30 Mass – Confirmation Mtg.
- Sun., Feb 12, after 10:30 Mass – Confirmation Mtg.
- Sat., Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner after Mass



### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Celebration February 28, 2017

*Carnival . . . Mardi Gras . . . Shrove Tuesday. Whatever we call it, it's the last blast before the solemn season of Lent begins. Everyone is invited to share an evening of FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP*

**5:30 pm** World Famous Nancy's Jambalaya dinner complete with Mac & Cheese and King Cupcakes

**6:00 pm** Bouya Parade kicks off GAMES

**7:00 pm** Join us in the Church for the burying of the Allelulia and the burning of Palms



Lots of help is needed to make our celebration a success. There are sign up sheets on the Mardi Gras table in the back of the Church.

The party won't be the same without YOU!

### Attention Graduating High School Seniors:

If you are a graduating high school senior in 2017 and are interested in some extra money for college, please apply for the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship. Paid annually for four years, the 2017 winner will receive \$750.00 toward educational expenses. To apply, contact the St. Jude parish office or go online to the St. Jude parish website ([www.stjude.dio.org](http://www.stjude.dio.org)). Please submit applications by Monday, March 27, 2017.

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**The Women's Tea/Bunco** group will meet Wednesday, February 8th at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy good company, delicious desserts and play Bunco.

**The Saturday Sew-n-Sews** will meet Saturday, February 11th. You can come for the good company, munchies and to work on whatever project you would like. Bring your sewing, knitting, crocheting....or just come to visit!

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**Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY**  
each Friday from  
March 3rd until April 7th.

**Attention Knights – the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Church.** We welcome any parishioner who would like to assist. Your help is important for the success of our only fundraising event. Funds from our Fish Fries benefit our Parish and community.

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Springfield Catholic Charities presents  
**4th Annual "DRIVING DOWN HUNGER" RAFFLE!**

Help us feed hungry people in your Community by purchasing a chance to win a CAR (2017 Toyota Corolla) or \$20,000 CASH. Only 2,500 tickets (\$25 each or 5 for \$100) to be sold. The drawing will be held Friday April 7, 2017 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Atrium at the Cathedral (524 E. Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL) All participants must be 18 years or older. Raffle winners are responsible for all applicable license and taxes on winnings. To purchase over the phone call 217-523-4551 ext. 116 or online at [WWW.cc.dio.org](http://WWW.cc.dio.org)

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**There will be a Koinonia retreat weekend for Divorced or Separated Catholics ("DASK") and other Christians, Friday, April 21 – Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Todd Hall retreat Center, 320 Todd Hall Center Drive, Columbia, IL 62236. Cost \$110.00 includes room – double occupancy, and six meals. Call Jean at 314-704-1870 or Carol at 314-775-1253 for a brochure and registration. \$50.00 deposit will reserve a space.**

**Process Addictions** are growing at an alarming rate. They include co-dependent behavior, work, electronic devices, gambling and pornography to name a few of the hundreds that plague men & women. If this is an area where the Holy Spirit is calling on you to face this and receive help and healing, come to a weekend retreat at the Chiara Center February 17-19. During this retreat we will help to identify the most common process addictions, discuss how they impact our lives and recovery and explore ways we can address them so they don't overwhelm our lives and vital relationships. To register, contact us at 217-523-0901 or email [info@chiaracenter.org](mailto:info@chiaracenter.org). You can learn more about the Chiara Center as a place of healing, hospitality and spiritual growth at [www.chiaracenter.org](http://www.chiaracenter.org).

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Belleville/Springfield Encounter**

**February 11-12, 2017**

"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21 - 23, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

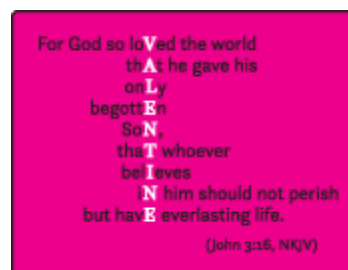
**February 18-19, 2017**

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21 - 23, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

**February 25-26, 2017**

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Learn how to "not sweat the small stuff" and enhance your marriage by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 21 - 23, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org).

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On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.