



# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time February 12, 2017

Having prepared the bread and the wine to be offered in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there are two more prayers that are said as we prepare to proceed with the Mass.

First of all, the priest bows and prays the following words quietly: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God."

The words of this prayer come from the Book of Daniel. If you recall the story, there are three young men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who refused to worship the golden statue set up by King Nebuchadnezzar. As a result, they were thrown into the fiery furnace as a punishment. Instead of being consumed by the flames, they danced around the oven, praising God who had delivered them from harm because of their faithfulness to serving the one true God alone.

Although we are not being cast into a fire, we should imitate these men in the fire and offer ourselves as a sacrifice with great humility. To offer ourselves means to give all that we have to Him, trusting that by being totally dedicated to Him in every aspect of our lives, He will bless us in our reception of the Eucharist and thus protect us from the flames of sin that threaten to consume us and overwhelm us in our journey as disciples.

The next prayer involves the washing of the priest's hands, during which he says: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." One might ask why this is necessary given that the priest has asked for the cleansing from sin in the Penitential Rite and after reading the Gospel? These words are a reminder of how important it is for the priest, whose hands will soon be holding the Sacred Body of Christ, to be as purified as possible.

As one who offers this sacrifice each and every day, I recognize how important it is for me to be as free from sin as possible because I know that the offering of this sacrifice is not just for me, but for all of you. You place great trust in us when we celebrate Mass for you. We are happy to take all of your sacrifices and unite them to the sacrifice of the altar which we, as priests, offer. Thank you for the privilege of being able to serve you in this way!

-Father Alford

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

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

1:00 p Sew-N-Sews  
3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass (Int: Catherine Farley†)  
**Confirmation Meeting immediately following 4:30 p.m. 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  
9:45 a Confessions  
9:45 a Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)  
**Confirmation Meeting immediately following 10:30 a.m. Mass**

### Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a Counting Team #2  
5:00 p Confessions/Reconciliation  
5:30 p Mass (Int: Eric Park†)

### Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: In Thanksgiving)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

### Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
6:30 p PSR/RCIA

### Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: Rich Wolff†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

### Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass (Int: Bill Smith†)  
**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner immediately following Mass**

### Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: Brady Teel†)  
9:10 a PSR  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson  
9:45 a Confessions  
9:45 a Choir rehearsal  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

In case of an emergency,  
call 217-498-9197, choose option 2.



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

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Collection (109)	\$ 6,503.00	\$179,911.82
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 32,423.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (23)	\$ 837.00	\$ 8,992.00
EFT – Dev. Fund(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,991.00
Poor Fund	\$ 46.00	\$ 2,492.49
Children's Stewardship (0)	0.00	\$ 19.30
Latin America (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 771.00
Catholic Times (5)	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,700.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	138	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Manny, I & S Long, Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** Beth Auxier  
**Servers:** Sommer, M & M Weier  
**Hospitality:** Egizio, J & P Jones

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Rayhill  
 Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** D & C Merriman  
**Servers:** C & M Fairbanks, Delgado  
**Hospitality:** M & D Anderson, M & R McClintock

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Manny, M Livengood, Warren  
 Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** K Livengood, Warren  
**Servers:** Carlson, Farris, Toliver, Bullock  
**Minister of Care:** Deacon Ray  
**Hospitality:** Fjelstul Family  
**CLOW:** B & A Toliver

**Volunteer for this week: Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Dusters:** Donna Spurlock  
**Recycling Vol. February:** Mel & Teri Dambacher  
**Feb. Food Volunteer:** Teri Dambacher  
**Coffee & Donuts: Sun, February 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
 Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

**Steak-n-Shake  
Famous for Steakhurgers  
4 locations in Springfield &  
1 in Jacksonville**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** SIR 15:15-20 1 COR 2:6-10  
 MT 5:17-37  
**Monday:** GN 4:1-15, 25 MK 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 MK 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** GN 8:6-13, 20-22 MK 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** GN 9:1-13 MK 8:27-33  
**Friday:** GN 11:1-9 MK 8:34-9:1  
**Saturday:** HEB 11:1-7 MK 9:2-13  
**Sunday:** LV 19:1-2, 17-18 1COR 3:16-23  
 MT 5:38-48

**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:**

**Rachel Copp**, 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  
**Gavin Fox**, grandson of John & Mary Fox  
**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 Roth  
**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 Memory:**

**Mercedes Fleck**, mother of Allan Dahlkamp



## Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Paprocki is scheduled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish on Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. 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 p.m. Mass, OR Sunday, February 12 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** While our target group is those students who are in the 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 Youth Mission Trip Group 2017 going to Roanoke, VA are: Youth (22);** David Allen, Rebekah Arthur, Emily Brewer, Jillian Capriotti, Aaron Clare, Emma Curtin, Jenna Decker, Taylor Decker, Ben Duban, Cece Foltz, Carolyn Grenda, Skyler Kuntzman, Jordan Lauwerens, Ryan McClintock, Jessica Oyler, Keaten Pedigo, David Ryan, Maddie Ryan, Maddie Schurman, Hanna Vanourney, Nathaniel Will and Talon Williams. **Young Adults (5):** Kelly Allen, Mary Kate Curtin, Jackie Foster, Matthew McClintock, and Mark Minmer **Adults (6):** Jean Allen, Sarah Clare, Kay Foster, Vicki Pedigo, Deacon Ray Roth, and Brenda Will.

**There are still available seats 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.**

For God so loved the world  
that he gave his  
only  
begotten  
Son,  
that whoever  
believes  
in him should not perish  
but have everlasting life.  
(John 3:16, NKJV)

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.

## Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Sat., Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner after Mass  
Tues., Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m. Mardi Gras  
Wed., March 1, Ash Wednesday Mass with ashes At 7:00 a.m., Noon and 6:30 p.m.



## 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 Alleluia 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.**

## THE SEASON OF LENT IS COMING SOON!!

**Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017.** The Distribution of Ashes will be available at the following times:

**Mass at 7:00 a.m., Mass at Noon, and Mass at 6:30 p.m.**



**Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY** each Friday from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>. **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 lonely fundraising event. Funds from our Fish Frys benefit our Parish and community.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Belleville/Springfield Encounter

### 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).

**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).

**St. Joseph Parish, Springfield Dinner & Auction**, 1345 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield. 5:30 pm appetizers & live music, 6:15 pm dinner. Live auction and raffle drawing following dinner. \$30.00 per person. Call 217-303-5805 to make reservations by February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## **SDCCW Spring Retreat –** **"With God All Things are Possible"**

The SDCCW Spring Retreat will be Monday March 13th and Tuesday March 14th at the Villa Maria in Springfield. Presenters will be Sister Betty Jean Haverback and Sister Diane Marie VandeVoorde, Franciscan Sisters from West Peoria, IL, Joliet Diocese. Sr. Betty Jean and Sr. Diane Marie team together to give retreats and days of reflection. Join us for good reflection, mass both days, good food and lots of fellowship? Flyer/registration form/ contact information is available on the bulletin board.



## **HB 40: State Funding of Abortion!**



The new Illinois legislature has introduced House Bill 40, which does the following:

- Authorizes state taxpayer money to be used to pay for elective abortions for recipients in the state Medicaid program – this is currently prohibited.
- Authorizes state workers' health insurance to be used to pay for elective abortions – this is currently prohibited.
- Authorizes taxpayer money to fund grants to organizations that refer, counsel for and perform abortions – this is currently prohibited.

Call your state representative to urge him/her to vote "No" on HB 40!

To find your state representative, go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org), or call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200.

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:** Sacred Heart Church in Virden will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>. Menu: pancakes, fruit cup, sausage patty, coffee, milk and juice. Adults - \$6.00, children 6-12 - \$3.00, 5 & under eat free.