



7th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 19, 2017

The next prayers that are said in silence by the priest at Mass take place at the time of the reception of Holy Communion. There are a few prayers that take place during this part of the Mass, so let me touch of them briefly.

As the Sign of Peace is taking place, the priest takes the celebrant's host (the one that he holds and elevates during the Consecration) and breaks it in half. From one of those two pieces, he breaks off a little particle and places it in the chalice saying the prayer: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." This prayer signifies the unity of Christ's Body and Blood in the Resurrection and the fact that by our reception of this great gift, we too already begin to share in that Resurrection through the life of grace.

The priest then bows down and says the following prayer, which happens to be one of my favorites. He has two options, but I'll list the one I always use: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you."

There is a real sense of entering into an intimate conversation with the Lord with this prayer as the priest begs Him for the grace to remain in communion with Him through his reception of Holy Communion. I encourage all of you to foster that same attitude of preparing to enter into intimate contact with the Lord, asking Him to help you stay close to Him and His teachings which will enable you to receive the many blessings He desires to give to His beloved children

Finally, as the priest consumes the Precious Body, he says: "May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life". The prayer while receiving the Precious Blood is identical, with the replacement of the 'Blood of Christ'. These prayers remind all of us of the great importance of the Eucharist in giving us the spiritual nourishment to keep moving forward on this pilgrim journey of faith toward the Promised Land of Heaven.

-Father Alford

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

- Saturday, February 18th**
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Bill Smith†)
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner immediately following Mass
- Sunday, February 19th**
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)
- Monday, February 20th**
Office Closed-Presidents Day
 Confessions/Reconciliation
5:00 p Mass (Int: Lisa Leach†)
5:30 p Mass (Int: Lisa Leach†)
- Tuesday, February 21st**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a Counting Team #3
7:00 p Knights of Columbus meeting
- Wednesday, February 22nd**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p PSR/RCIA
- Thursday, February 23rd**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Friday, February 24th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Louis Murrill†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Saturday, February 25th**
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Jim Waters†)
- Sunday, February 26th**
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: CPL. Jacob Palmateri†)
9:10 a PSR
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Fr. Manny Cuizon
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**

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (107)	\$ 4,447.65	\$184,359.47
Electronic funds (24)	\$ 2,743.10	\$ 35,166.70
Bldg. Dev. Fund (7)	\$ 206.00	\$ 9,198.00
EFT – Dev. Fund(11)	\$ 498.00	\$ 5,489.00
Poor Fund	\$ 92.96	\$ 2,585.45
Children’s Stewardship (0)	0.00	\$ 19.30
Catholic Times (1)	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,715.00
Eastern Europe (8)	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
Catholic Charities (8)	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	115	
Number of electronic contributions:	51	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, February 25th - 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Deacon Ray, Tomashavich
Lectors: Blumhorst, Day
Servers: J, A, J Western
Hospitality: B & D Jemison, J & S Thull

Sunday, February 26th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, R & L Eifert, Deacon Ray
Lectors: H & J Hendrickson
Servers: Heiple, Lauwerens
Hospitality: McWard, Parnell, R & B Yong

Sunday, February 26th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Kerley, Van Dyke, Deacon Ray
Lectors: K Petty, Schudel
Servers: Martyn, Ryan, Schudel
Minister of Care: Fr. Manny
Hospitality: Decker Family
CLOW: M, R, S Martyn

Volunteer for this week: Feb. 20th – Feb. 26th
Church Dusters: Rochelle Gillespie
Recycling Vol. February: Mel & Teri Dambacher
Feb. Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher
Coffee & Donuts: Sun, February 26th:
 Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

**Ellinger-Kunz & Park
Funeral Home & Springfield Crematory
544-5755**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 19th – Feb 26th

Sunday: LV 19:1-2, 17-18 1COR 3:16-23
 MT 5:38-48
Monday: SIR 1:1-10 MK 9:14-29
Tuesday: SIR 2:1-11 MK 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1PT 5:1-4 MT 16:13-19
Thursday: SIR 5:1-8 MK 9:41-50
Friday: SIR 6:5-17 MK 10:1-12
Saturday: SIR 17:1-15 MK 10:13-16
Sunday: IS 49:14-15 1COR 4:1-5
 MT 6:24-34

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

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

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.

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 Ninmer **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**.

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will host at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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.**



*15th 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). Please submit applications be **Monday, March 27, 2017.**



Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY each Friday from March 3rd to 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 lonely fundraising event. Funds from our Fish Frys benefit our Parish and community.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Belleville/Springfield Encounter

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.

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.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: Sacred Heart Church in Virden will hold its 25th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday February 26th. Menu: pancakes, fruit cup, sausage patty, coffee, milk and juice. Adults - \$6.00, children 6-12 - \$3.00, 5 & under eat free. **St. Aloysius PTO Spaghetti Dinner** is Sunday, February 19 from 12:00-6:30pm in the church basement. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Adults \$10.00, seniors \$9.00, children \$7.00. The dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, drink and dessert. Carry-outs and drive thru will be available from the parking lot.

Saint Aloysius MINI-MEGA RAFFLE!! Tickets are currently being sold for only \$20, with a payout of \$5,000 at St. Aloysius's Easter Vigil reception on Saturday, April 15th. There are two early Bird Drawings of \$100.00 each on March 3rd, and 31st. If you are interested in buying tickets, they are available at the school office at 2125 N. 20th Street, Springfield IL, 62702, parish office 2119 North 20th Springfield, Illinois 62702, or by completing the ticket order form in the Catholic Times. Thank you for your support.



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, or call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200.



From March 1st through April 9th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, IL, and also help to spread the word about this important community outreach. **This year, we're giving parishes the opportunity to 'adopt' a local pregnancy care center and collect items for them. Please visit our website below for more information. If you'd like more information or to sign up for a vigil time or volunteer to help, please contact: Claudia Connelly at c.connelly01@gmail.com or call Springfield Right to Life at 217-523-2700 or contact Donna Moore at 217-321-1161 or dmoore@dio.org or visit www.40daysforlife.com/Springfield**