



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent March 12, 2017

Last week, I introduced you to the theme proposed for this Lent by Pope Francis: "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift." I then shared with you those beautiful words of Jesus from John's Gospel where He says about us: "Father, they are your gift to me" (John 17:24)

This week, I would like to continue to reflect on how the Word of God helps us to see others as a gift. It can be very difficult for us to treat others with the love and respect that they deserve if we don't see them in the light of our faith. The passage I have chosen comes from the writings of St. Paul. He says the following: "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves" (Philippians 3:2).

The parable of Lazarus, referred to by the Holy Father in his reflection, makes this point clear. The rich man considered himself more important than Lazarus which resulted in his ignoring Lazarus altogether. Had he not had such a high opinion of himself, maybe he would have been a little more willing to reach out and treat Lazarus with some compassion and dignity.

Sometimes people think that humility means that we have to have a low opinion of ourselves and that we should always be critical of ourselves. That's false humility. That contradicts what I mentioned last week, that we should see ourselves as a gift, one who is a beloved son or daughter of God. With that understanding, we don't need the praise of anybody else. I think the great Christian author, C.S. Lewis, puts it best: "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

Isn't that what Lent is all about? Taking the attention off of ourselves allows us to focus our attention on others, and when we do that, we have no need to worry that our needs are not going to be met, for God, who loves us very much, will provide for all that we need. As a reminder of this truth, open up your Bible and read Matthew 6:25-34.

So let's really strive to not play the Comparison Game this Lent, because there will always be a loser. With a humble view of ourselves, everybody can be a winner, because we will see everybody as Christ sees them, gifts who are worth our attention, respect, and love.

*-Father Alford*

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

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

10-11:30 a **Confessions**  
1:00 p **Sew-n-Sews**  
3:30 p **Confessions**  
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Robert Grunloh†)

### Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a **Confessions**  
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Eric Park†)  
9:10 a **PSR**  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: DeGroot  
9:45 a **Confessions**  
9:45 a **Choir rehearsal**  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

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

9:00 a **Counting Team #2**  
5:00 p Confessions/Reconciliation  
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Albert Ramsey†)  
7:00 p **Finance Council Meeting**

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

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
6:30 p **Pre-Jordan Session**

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

**No Mass**  
5:45 p Stations of the Cross  
6:30 p **PSR/RCIA**  
6:30 p **Confessions**

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

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Carol Sue Spitz†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
1-2:00 p **40 Days for Life at Planned**

### **Parenthood**

7:00 p **Mission Trip Meeting**  
Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Eric Park†)  
8:00 a Stations of the Cross  
5:00 p K of C Fish Fry

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

10-11:30 a **Confessions**  
3:30 p **Confessions**  
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jim Waters†)

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

7:30 a **Confessions**  
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Agnes Kouten†, Marie Graycar†, Helen DiPane†)

9:10 a **PSR**  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Calvert  
9:45 a **Confessions**  
9:45 a **Choir rehearsal**  
10:00 a Rosary

10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)



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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (97)	\$ 5,533.00	\$201,014.07
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,101.70
Bldg. Dev. Fund (31)	\$ 934.00	\$ 10,272.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,704.00
Poor Fund	\$ 39.04	\$ 2,706.49
Children’s Stewardship (3)	22.00	\$ 41.30
Catholic Charities (3)	\$ 55.00	\$ 317.00
Central/East.Europe (31)	\$ 806.00	\$ 1,100.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	165	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

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

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, White, Deacon Tom, Williams  
**Lectors:** Blumhorst, Day  
**Servers:** Callahan, Sommer, Zack  
**Hospitality:** Dambacher Family

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

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Manny, R & L Eifert, Deacon Tom  
**Lectors:** C & D Merriman  
**Servers:** Delgado, Heiple, Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** Brandis, McClintock Family

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

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Kohlrus, Livengood, Deacon Tom  
**Lectors:** Livengood, Schudel  
**Servers:** Ryan, T & E Schudel  
**Minister of Care:** Calvert  
**Hospitality:** Decker Family  
**CLOW:** J Deen, Kohlrus

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

**Church Dusters:** Dianne Felts  
**Recycling Vol. March:** Greg Park  
**March Food Volunteer:** Teri Dambacher  
**Coffee & Donuts: Sun, March 19<sup>th</sup> :**  
 Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

**Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:**

Mon., Mar. 13 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting  
 Tues, Mar. 14 Pre-Jordan Session 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., March 16 Mission Trip Mtg. 7:00 p.m.  
 Sun., March 19 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Prep Mtg  
 Mon, March 20 6:30 p.m. Alternate Confirmation Prep Meeting  
 Tues., Mar. 28 Protecting God’s Children Session 6:30 p.m.

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

**Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 GN 12:1-4A 2TM 1:8B-10  
 MT 17:1-9  
**Monday: DN 9:4B-10 LK 6:36-38**  
**Tuesday: IS 1:10, 16-20 MT 23:1-12**  
**Wednesday: JER 18:18-20 MT 20:17-28**  
**Thursday: JER 17:5-10 LK 16:19-31**  
**Friday: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A**  
 MT 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday: MI 7:14-15, 18-20 LK 15:1-3, 11-32**  
**Sunday: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 EX 17:3-7 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 JN 4:5-42

**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:**

**Alfred Limper**, parishioner  
**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  
**Elizabeth Moose**, friend of Barb Scoggins

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

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:

**Prayer & Fasting** **Abstinence** – (1) Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fast** – (2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed.

(3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

**We have two opportunities to share our good fortune with others:**



Operation Rice Bowl is an opportunity to share money from our fasting with those who hunger and thirst, or those without clothing or shelter. Rice bowls are available in the Church.

### Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive



This Lent we have the opportunity to help the Taylorville Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center raise funds to help women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Empty Baby Bottles will be available at the back of the church for St. Jude families to "adopt". We are asked to take our adopted bottles home and fill them with our loose change. Once the bottle is full it can be returned to the church or to the parish center. All bottles should be returned during Easter week.



**Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY** each Friday until April 7<sup>th</sup>, serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. **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 Frys benefit our parish and community.

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217-546-1001  
[www.reid-lawoffice.com](http://www.reid-lawoffice.com)

**Mission Trip Meeting**  
Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

**Please bring your completed forms (if you need forms, please contact the parish office) and insurance information. The medical forms will be notarized at this meeting.**

**The St. Jude Youth Mission Trip Group 2017 going to Roanoke, VA are: Youth (23);** 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, Carter Walton, Nathaniel Will and Talon Williams.

**Young Adults (4):** Mary Kate Curtin, Jackie Foster, Matthew McClintock, and Mark Nimmer  
**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.**



**Stations of the Cross** will be offered during Lent  
Wednesday evenings at 5:45 pm  
Friday mornings at 8:00 am

**Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?**



**Protecting God's Children  
Adult Training Sessions**

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Church, **March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the Parish Office (498-9197) to register for this session. Please assist the parish in providing various services for our youth and children by fulfilling the requirement for all parish volunteers. **The Protecting God's Children Adult Training Session is a requirement for anyone age 18 or older who is volunteering within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.**

**Volunteer needed: One of our Church Dusters has retired. If you are available and would like to help, please contact the parish office. You must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.**





### Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will host a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects, bringing 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. 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 of 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.



**Geranium Sale:** The St. Therese Guild from the Church of the Little Flower, Springfield, is again selling geraniums. Order forms are available to download at

<http://littleflowerchurch.net>, St. Therese Guild Geranium Sale, or from the Little Flower Church office. The cost is \$2.50 per plant and payment is due when the order is placed. Please mail orders with money (checks payable to St. Therese Guild) to St. Therese Guild, 800 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL 62703 by Friday, April 14. Plants can be picked up at the Little Flower Parish Center on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 89:00 a.m.-noon. Contact Nancy (494-3077) or Janet (494-4743) with any questions.



### Baby Bottle Boomerang "Change" Lives!

Last year, because of the support from programs like the Baby Bottle Boomerang, Loving Arms was able to minister to 435 NEW families in or area in addition to those Loving arms was already serving. Loving Arms fully expects to exceed that number for the 2017 year! Your support helps to "change" lives.



From March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days of 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 Bruns Lane, Springfield, IL and also help spread the word about this important community outreach. **If you'd like more information or to volunteer to help, please contact: Claudia Connelly at [c.connelly01@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dmoore@dio.org). You can also visit [www.40daysforlife.com/Springfield](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Springfield).**

**Please join the Parish of St. Jude as we pray from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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.

**Timothy Retreat** is a 24-hour Catholic Junior High retreat lead by high school & college youth. The retreat focuses on 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." This year's retreat will be held at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman, IL, April 21 & 22, 2017. For more information, check our website: <http://timothyretreatnorth.weebly.com/>.