



4th Sunday of Lent March 26, 2017

Building on the theme that I touched on in last Sunday's bulletin, namely, loving our neighbor, I would like to propose for our reflection this week another challenging passage found in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus says the following words: "'Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get'" (Matthew 7:1-2).

This is a tricky passage, not just because it is demanding, but because it needs to be understood correctly in order to truly profit from it. There is a temptation to think that making judgments is inconsistent with the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus is not saying that we cannot point out the faults of another person. If we notice somebody doing something that is potentially harmful to them physically, emotionally, or spiritually, it is a great act of love to point it out to them in order to help them undergo conversion and avoid unnecessary suffering.

What Jesus is cautioning us against is a hypocritical sort of judgment. We must always avoid looking down upon others because of the weaknesses that we notice. Focusing on the faults and failings of others often makes us feel good about ourselves, leading us to think: "At least I'm not like *that* person." Doing this also prevents us from seeing the "wooden beam" (Matthew 7:3) in our own eye, to use the words of Jesus. That wooden beam is our sinfulness and our weaknesses which, I'm sorry to say, all of us have.

There are two lines that I often pray when I have the temptation to judge somebody in a harsh or hypocritical way. The first is to use the words of Jesus when He is being crucified: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). In many cases, people are not thinking about what they are doing, so our default position should be to assume grace and pray for conversion.

The other line I use is this: "There but for the grace of God go I." I know full well that without God's grace, I am capable of committing the same sins as anybody else. None of us should be so confident in our own abilities to resist sin on our own. Knowing how easy it can be for us to fall, we then must have patience and compassion on those who struggle.

-Father Alford

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

Saturday, March 25th

10-2:00 p Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Bill Sinkus†)

Sunday, March 26th

7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Ben Lake†)
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: For the Parish)

Monday, March 27th

9:00 a Counting Team #4
5:00 p Confessions/Reconciliation
5:30 p Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)

Tuesday, March 28st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p Protecting God's Children Session

Wednesday, March 29th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
5:45 p Stations of the Cross
6:30 p NO PSR
6:30 p RCIA
7-8:30 p Choir practice

Thursday, March 30th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Louis Murrill†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, March 31st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Thomas O'Connor, Sr.†)
8:00 a Stations of the Cross
5:00 p K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, April 1st

3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Jim Waters†)

Sunday, April 2nd

7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: John Brandis†)
9:10 a NO PSR
9:30 a Wyndcrest:
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 (101)	\$ 4,711.10	\$210,016.01
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 40,044.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 90.00	\$ 10,472.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,202.00
Poor Fund	\$ 52.05	\$ 2,776.42
Children’s Stewardship (2)	10.00	\$ 51.30
Catholic Charities (5)	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,343.00
Central/East.Europe (1)	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,125.00
Catholic Relief Serv. (3)	\$ 125.00	\$ 242.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 61.07	\$ 61.07
Number of collection envelopes used:	115	
Number of electronic contributions:	1	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, April 1st - 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Egizio, Maynerich, White
Lectors: S & I Long
Servers: H, M, M Weier
Hospitality: B & D Jemison, D & J Kratz

Sunday, April 2nd – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Godar, Rayhill,
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: J & N Calvert
Servers: Heiple, Lauwerens, Newman
Hospitality: McClintock Family, McWard

Sunday, April 2nd – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, M Livengood, Warren
 Deacon Tom
Lectors: Livengood, Warren
Servers: Bullock, Garcia, Martyn
Minister of Care: Nelson
Hospitality: Fjelstul Family
CLOW: Martyn Family

Volunteer for this week: March 27th – April 2nd

Church Dusters: Volunteer Needed

Recycling Vol. March: Greg Park

March Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, April 2nd:

Lenna DeGroot & Leanne Collings



Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY each Friday until April 7th, serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 26th – April 2nd

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

EPH 5:8-14

JN 9:1-41

Monday: IS 56:17-21

JN 4:43-54

Tuesday: EZ 47:1-9, 12

JN 5:1-16

Wednesday: IS 49: 8-15

JN 5:17-30

Thursday: EX 32:7-14

JN 5:31-47

Friday: WIS 2:1A, 12-22 **JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**

Saturday: JER 11:18-20

JN 7:40-53

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

EZ 37:12-14

ROM 8:8-11

JN 11:1-45

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 & Mary Kates, parishioners
Gavin Fox, grandson of John & Mary Fox
Len Howard, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
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

LENTEN REGULATIONS:



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.



*Protecting God's Children
Adult Training Sessions*

Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Church, **March 28th 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.**

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

- Tues., Mar. 28 Protecting God's Children Session 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Mar. 30 6:30 p.m. Communal Penance Service at Little Flower Church, Springfield
- Fri., Mar. 31 5-7:30 p.m. K of C Fish Fry
- Mon, April 3 7:00 pm. Pastoral Council Meeting
- Tues., April 4 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Prep Meeting
- Fri., April 7 5-7:30 p.m. K of C Fish Fry
- Sun., April 9 4:00 p.m. Alternate Confirmation Prep Meeting

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

St. Paul writes

"Be reconciled with God and with one another."

*St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Chatham, Little Flower Parish in Springfield and St. Jude Parish in Rochester will hold a joint Penance Service on **Thursday March 30, 2017 (6:30 p.m.)**, at Little Flower Church in Springfield, IL.*

Mark your calendars and plan to attend

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Each Year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the website (stjude.dio.org) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Completed scholarships applications must be submitted **no later than April 15, 2017**. The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.



Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

Spring Cleaning PARISH RUMMAGE/GARAGE SALE

As you are doing your spring cleaning and wondering what you are going to do with those items you no longer need, consider donating them

to the Parish Garage/Rummage Sale, to be held **Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to noon**. Items to be donated can be brought to the Parish Center Thursday, April 27 & Friday, April 28 during office hours.



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

**Knight of Columbus
St. Jude Council 9640
Monthly Meetings 3rd Tuesday**



From March 1st through April 9th, 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 or call Springfield Right to Life at 217-523-2700, or contact Donna Moore at 217-321-1161 or dmoore@dio.org. You can also visit www.40daysforlife.com/Springfield.**

The 2017 Mission Trip Group is selling Raffle



Tickets. The prize is a choice of \$650.00 cash, \$650.00 shopping spree at Scheel's, or a whole hog processed by Magro's Meats. Tickets sell for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. You can purchase your ticket(s) from any mission trip participant, or contact the parish office. The drawing will be Sunday, April 23rd.

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.

April 2017 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Jack Bassett Susan Gleason Christine Nickles Alex Stead
2 Tom Beeve Abigail Cochran Carolyn Fleischli Jessica Foster Kenneth Livengood Nick Palazzolo <i>John & Sarah Kerley</i>	3 Camdyn Clarke Brenda Larison	4 Karlie Schnepf Christine Zack <i>Robert & Frances Beals Gary & Paulette Dumonceaux</i>	5 Cathy Carlson Benjamin Duban Jamie Merritt	6 Nathaniel Houmes Griffin Leach Jenna Martin Taylor Trello <i>Randall & Suzann Segatto</i>	7 Chris Gleason Lance Ingold Callie Morgan Deacon Tom Walker	8 Diane Bortmess Mary Callahan Jillian Capriotti Dan Ernst Michael Hickey Amy Trello Jonathon Vollmer Paul Western <i>Jasper & Kelly Capriotti</i>
9 Claire Gray Ken Oldfield Madelynn Ryan Abby Vose	10 Evan Cornett Reilly Martyn Tami Walcher	11 Elaine Hundley Cara Reiser Lauren Stead <i>Ed & Judy Bedore</i>	12 Robert Dees Ryan Houmes Clayton Marx Emma Van Dyke	13 Kaleb Broughton Joseph Heiple Chase Kuntzman Meghan Melton Sylvia Thull <i>Dan & Sherry Frachey</i>	14 Jim Allen Janet Leinum Alex Merriman Mary K. Palazzolo Jenna Spurlock <i>David & Ellen Fischer Josh & Kim Veach</i>	15 Jennifer Crouch Kelley Stephens Zeke Weitekamp <i>Derek & Amy Bruno</i>
16 Hannah Eichholz Jan Militello Richard Newland Sabrina Nolan Luke Settles Vicki Sutker <i>Tom & Judy Maloney</i>	17 Harold Nickles <i>Bob & Debbie Jemison</i>	18 Alecia Mantei John Runions Rebecca Zeibert	19 Joseph Faloon William O'Sullivan	20 Elizabeth McCall Shannon Ryan	21 Brian Brewer Lori Hanson Robert Langdon Cecelia Schurman Brian Stephens	22 Laura Fjelstul Jeff Harrison James Owen Erik Woehrmann
23 Anna Auxier David Bruno John Jones Jeremy Maggiore Kevin Ward <i>Phillip & Emma Van Dyke John & Marcey Werthwein</i>	24 Danielle Marinelli Grace Petty	25 Imelda Garcia Rita Harper Alexandra Ishmael	26 Ryan Dietrich Maureen McWard Jerry Parsons Bill Rodgers <i>Jason & Brenda Schnepf</i>	27 Jim Hagerman Alan Howard Jim Joyce Cathy Manning <i>Dennis & Char Weitekamp</i>	28 Caitlyn Lauwerens Lynette Ramsey <i>Mark & Mary K. Palazzolo</i>	29 Ethan Clarke Elizabeth Siders Lula Grace Staley
30 Sage Gass Jim Kratz Patty Oldani						