



5th Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

A few years ago, I heard a story of a priest that started a Sunday homily with a detailed description of various forms of poisonous snakes. The parishioners were maybe a little confused until he got to the main point and told the congregation that the most poisonous of all of the snakes was the "gossip snake."

With more and more experience in pastoral ministry, I have become more and more convinced of how deadly gossip can be. I know that I have preached about it from time to time, but it is worth bringing up again in the context of this Lenten theme proposed by Pope Francis: "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift." As we have seen, the Word of God can be so helpful in our being able to see others as a gift and how we can avoid falling into the various traps that can lead to our not seeing them gifts.

With regard to the poison of gossip, the words from Scripture that always come to mind for me are from St. Paul where he says the following: "Say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them" (Ephesians 4:29). Just think about all of the words that we say each day. How many of them would qualify as meeting this standard? I don't know about you, but for me, there are a lot of times I should just stay silent!

Since gossip is such a pervasive thing, I don't think we can overdo it when it comes to calling to mind the need that we have to watch what we say about others. Regardless of whether what we are saying is true or not, we should always try to run it through these words of wisdom. Is what I am about to say going to help anybody? If not, then why say it? Sure, we might feel good, getting something off of our chest, but we also have to be very careful, because we could be causing the person to whom we are speaking to form a negative judgment, thus leading another person into a possibly sinful situation.

In this final stretch of Lent, let's resolve to put this wisdom into practice. Denying our desire to want to speak unnecessarily or uncharitably is a sacrifice very pleasing to the Lord and one that can really help in our seeing and treating others with the dignity and respect they deserve as gifts from God.

-Father Alford

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

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)

Monday, April 3rd

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

Tuesday, April 4th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **Confirmation Prep Meeting**

Wednesday, April 5th

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 **PSR**
6:30 p **RCIA**
7-8:30 p **Choir practice**

Thursday, April 6th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, April 7th

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

Saturday, April 8th

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

Sunday, April 9th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest:
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir rehearsal**
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
4:00 p **Confirmation Prep Meeting**



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

| | Last Week | Year to Date |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Collection (93) | \$ 4,604.50 | \$214,620.51 |
| Electronic funds (16) | \$ 1,735.00 | \$ 41,779.80 |
| Bldg. Dev. Fund (1) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 10,497.00 |
| EFT – Dev. Fund (3) | \$ 215.00 | \$ 6,417.00 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 122.55 | \$ 2,898.97 |
| Children’s Stewardship (0) | 0.00 | \$ 51.30 |
| Catholic Relief Serv. (24) | \$ 508.00 | \$ 750.00 |
| Number of collection envelopes used: | 118 | |
| Number of electronic contributions: | 19 | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, April 8th - 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, S & I Long, Deacon Tom
Lectors: Auxier, Bertrand
Servers: J, J, A Western
Hospitality: B & D Jemison, J & S Thull

Sunday, April 9th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, R & L Eifert, Deacon Ray
Lectors: J & N Calvert
Servers: Lauwerens, Newman, Zeidler
Hospitality: D & M Anderson, G & K Park

Sunday, April 9th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Fjlstul, Kerley, Kohlrus
Lectors: K Petty, Schudel
Servers: N, A, J Lindstrom
Minister of Care: DeGroot
Hospitality: Brewerl Family
CLOW: S. Deen, Kohlrus

Volunteer for this week: April 3rd – April 9th

Church Dusters: Suzann Segatto
& John & Mary Fox

Recycling Vol. April: Jerry Calvert

April Food Volunteer: Jeanette Waters

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, April 9th:
Don & Roberta Vanover



**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: April 2nd – April 9th

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
EZ 37:12-14 **ROM** 8:8-11 **JN** 11:1-45
Monday: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
JN 8:1-11
Tuesday: NM 21:4-9 **JN** 8:21-30
Wednesday: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 **JN** 8:31-42
Thursday: GN 17:3-9 **JN** 8:51-59
Friday: JER 20:10-13 **JN** 10:31-42
Saturday: EZ 37:21-28 **JN** 11:45-56
Sunday: Palm Sunday
IS 50: 4-7 **PHIL** 2:6-11 **MT** 26: 14-27:66

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 & 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
Don Chernisky, cousin of Sue Bozarth

**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.

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon. April 3 2:00 p.m. Fishes & Loaves
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
Sat. April 8 1:00 p.m. Sew-n-Sews
Sun., April 9 4:00 p.m. Alternate Confirmation Prep Meeting



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

Holy Week Mass Schedule:

Holy Thursday (April 13) – 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday (April 14) – 3:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil (April 15) – 8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday (April 16) - 8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday (April 16) - 10:30 a.m.

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.



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.

The Dominican Sisters of Springfield are opening a **House of Hospitality** for single, Christian women, ages 21-35, who would like to share in a faith community with other women. For more information, contact Sr. Teresa at 217-787-0481. There are brochures in the back of the Church.

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. Cost \$110.00 includes room, double occupancy and six meals. Call Jean (314-775-1253) for brochure & registration. A \$50.00 deposit will reserve a space.

Timothy Retreat is a 24-hour Catholic Junior High retreat lead by high school and college youth. The retreat focuses on 1Timothy 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/>.

Rochester State Bank
133 North John, Rochester, IL
217-498-7111



The Rochester High School Music Department Proudly Presents the Ninth Annual "Senior Swing"!

Sunday, April 23rd, 3:00 p.m. at the Rochester Jr. High School Gymnasium. An afternoon of music for easy listening and

dancing featuring the RHS Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz ensemble. Free to Senior adults 55 and over, family and friends accompanying seniors are welcome. For more information, contact Carole Strick (494-9212) or Ann Rowley (415-4964).



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.**

"His Glory"



God sends rainbows after showers arching 'cross the freshened skies.

Every rainbow shows God's glory. Every wonder tells his story.

God sends Jesus down from heaven offering mercy, hope and life. On the cross he showed God's glory. Every blessing tells his story.

God sends me forth into this world sharing love that offers life. And I hope to show God's glory In the way I tell his story.

—MaryAnn Sundby

The Women's Tea/Bunco group will meet Wednesday, April 12th at 1:00 p.m. to enjoy good company, delicious desserts and play Bunco. Come and join us!

The **Saturday Sew-n-Sews** will meet Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome! Bring your project to work on, or come for a visit.

SHG Job Announcements

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:
Facilities Manager: Electrical, plumbing, HVAC & Building Automation knowledge required. Simplex fire alarm system experience helpful. Send resumes/inquiries to Tom Fiaush at fiaush@shg.org

Choral Director: Specializing in voice and piano. Send resumes/inquiries to skoconnor@shg.org

Math Teacher: Send resumes/inquiries to skoconnor@shg.org

Campus Minister/Theology Teacher: Send resumes/inquires to skoconnor@shg.org

FREE Estate Planning Seminar

You are invited to a FREE Estate Planning Seminar on Tues., March 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the SHG Library, 1200 West Washington. Topics include: Why estate planning is important, why a will is necessary, naming a guardian for your minor children, what an estate is, what a trust is, the difference between a will and a living will, why you may need a power of attorney for health care and property, and estate planning strategies for farmland. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments and door prizes provided. Call the SHG Advancement office to RSVP at 787-9732.

SHG Seeking Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations

Do you know someone who should be considered for the SHG Alumni Hall of Fame? The nominated alumni must have graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Cathedral Boys High School, or Griffin High School a minimum of 25 years ago. This person should be an individual who has distinguished him/herself by sharing their time and talent for the benefit of others, and/or one who has excelled through their contributions to society beyond the scope of their chosen profession. To access form, call 787-9732 or go to www.shg.org, click on the Alumni tab and then click on the Hall of Fame tab.