



## Palm Sunday April 9, 2017



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

For our final installment of reflections on the Lenten theme from Pope Francis: "The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift", I would like to take a line from the Passion narrative that we hear in this Sunday's Gospel. The line is this: "As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross" (Matthew 27:32).

I am reminded of a story that Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, told in a book that he had written several years ago. Early in his priesthood, he had worked hard one Lent to prepare an evening of recollection in his parish, but was really disheartened when only a few people showed up. Years later, he visited a woman who was dying of ALS and he noticed how her husband treated her with so much love and tenderness. Dolan commented to the man on how he admired how the man cared for his wife. The man responded: "Oh, Father, I'm just trying to be that Simon of Cyrene you talked about." Seeing the confusion on Dolan's face, the man recalled the Lenten recollection that seemed to be such a disappointment. Dolan had told those gathered that just as Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus to carry His Cross, we do the same thing every time we help somebody carry theirs.

I've used that image many times when encouraging people who bear the often heavy burden of caring for a loved one. Sometimes, we might shy away from the thought of being close to somebody in their suffering, but the more we stay there, the more we see what a gift it truly is to be in that situation, and we see in them the image of Christ who suffered out of love for us.

Maybe you are in such a situation with a loved one. It doesn't have to be physical suffering. It could be that somebody is suffering from depression or another emotional or moral burden. It might our children as they continue to struggle to find themselves, even when it may seem that they have drifted away. We can be a Simon of Cyrene to them, seeing Christ in them, and then willingly choosing to be with them in their struggles, helping them in whatever way we can, all the while knowing that the bulk of the burden is always taken up by Christ Himself, leaving us only what we can handle, for as St. Paul says: "God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

*-Father Alford*

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (106)	\$ 5,960.29	\$220,580.80
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 41,779.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (22)	\$ 764.00	\$ 11,261.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,417.00
Poor Fund	\$ 34.00	\$ 2,932.97
Children's Stewardship (0)	0.00	\$ 51.30
Catholic Relief Serv. (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 855.00
Seminarians (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 156.00
Holy Land (2)	\$ 50.00	\$ 157.00
East/Central Europe (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,125.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,333.00
Cath. Home Missions(1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	135	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

### 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  
**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  
**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  
**Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack  
**Fr. John Sohm**, Retired Priest  
**Elizabeth Moose**, friend of Barb Scoggins  
**Don Chernisky**, cousin of Sue Bozarth  
**Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs  
**Raymond Ruppel**, father of Beth Auxier

### In Sympathy

**Robert Dees**, parishioner & husband of Gail Dees

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

- Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 10-11:30 a **Confessions**  
 1:00 p **Sew-n-Sews**  
 3:30 p **Confessions**  
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)  
**Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 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**  
**Monday of Holy Week, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 a **Counting Team #2**  
 5:00 p Confessions/Reconciliation  
 5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jim & Evelyn Cannon†)  
 6-8:00 p Confessions  
**Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)  
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
**Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)  
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
 1:00 p **Ladies Tea/Bunco**  
 6:30 p **RCIA**  
 6:30-8:00 p **Confessions**  
 7-8:30 p **Choir practice**  
**Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Parish Office closes at noon**  
 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
 5:45 p **Servers training for Holy Thursday**  
 6:30 p **Mass** (Int: Vocations)  
 7:30-9:30 p Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
 9:30 p Prayer Closing the Adoration  
**Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Parish Office Closed**  
 8:00 a Morning Prayer  
 2:15 p **Servers training for Good Friday**  
 3:00 p **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion/Death**  
 4-7:00 p Adoration of the Cross  
 5-6:30 p Confessions  
 7:00 p Stations of the Cross  
**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 a Morning Prayer  
 Preparation Rites of the Elect  
 9:30 a Servers Training for Easter Vigil  
 10:00 a Preparation of Church for Easter Decor  
 8:00 p **Easter Vigil Mass** (Int: All Souls†)  
**Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:00 a & 10:30 a **Masses** (Int: Parish Family)  
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nancy Calvert

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

### Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Fr. Manny, Deacon Tom,  
 Deacon Ray, J. Calvert  
**Lectors:** N. Calvert, V. Walker  
**Servers:** Delgado, Sommer, Toliver  
**Hospitality:** B. Yong

### Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Fr. Manny, Deacon Tom,  
 Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** Helling, A. Toliver, V. Walker  
**Servers:** Delgado, Sommer, Toliver  
**Hospitality:** Egizio, B. Yong, J & D Kratz

### Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Fr. Manny, Deacon Tom  
 Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** Blumhorst, Kohlrus, A. Toliver,  
 V. Walker  
**Servers:** Delgado, Sommer, Toliver, Torres  
**Hospitality:** Egizio

### Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Fr. Manny, Deacon Ray,  
 DeGroot, Nelson, Tomashavich,  
 White  
**Lectors:** Blumhorst, N Calvert  
**Servers:** Delgado, C & M Fairbanks  
**Hospitality:** Brandis, McWard, Parnell  
 R & B Yong

### Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Fr. Manny, Deacon Tom  
 Clare, Fjelstul, Livengood,  
 Maynerich, Van Dyke  
**Lectors:** Kerley, Warren  
**Servers:** Farris, A & A Livengood  
**Minister of Care:** N. Calvert  
**Hospitality:** Decker Family

**Volunteer for this week: April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Dusters: Michelle Bertrand**

**Recycling Vol. April: Jerry Calvert**

**April Food Volunteer: Jeanette Waters**

**Coffee & Donuts: Sun, April 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**No Coffee & Donuts**

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



**The St. Jude Council  
 of the Knights of Columbus**  
 extends a big **THANK YOU** to

everyone who helped with our fish fries.  
 It would be impossible for us to hold these  
 annual events without your help. Again, thank you  
 to all our members, parishioners, and mission trip  
 participants.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday: Palm Sunday**

IS 50: 4-7 PHIL 2:6-11 MT 26: 14-27:66

**Monday: IS 42:1-7**

JN 12:1-11

**Tuesday: IS 49:1-6**

JN 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday: IS 50:4-9A**

MT 26:14-25

**HOLY THURSDAY**

EX 12:1-8, 11-14 1COR 11:23-26 JN 13:1-15

**GOOD FRIDAY**

IS 52:13-53:12 HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9

JN 18:1-19:42

**HOLY SATURDAY**

GN 1:1-2:2 GN 22:1-18 EX 14:15-15:1

IS 54:5-14 IS 55:1-11 BAR 3:9-15, 32C 4:4

EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 ROM 6:3-11 MT 28:1-10

**EASTER SUNDAY HE IS RISEN!**

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 COL 3:1-4

JN 20:1-9

**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:**

Wed. April 12 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco

Tues. April 18 7:00 pm. K of C meeting

Thurs. & Fri. April 27 & 28 4:00 p.m. Garage Sale sorting & preparation

Sat. April 28 8:00-noon Garage Sale

Mon. May 1 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>.



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 Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**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](http://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 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.

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

### GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

The annual Good Friday **Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice** will be held Friday, April 14, 2017 beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The two hour prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today. Join with others in this ecumenical experience of prayer.

The walk is sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield Dominican Sisters, and First Church of the Brethren.

Alternate location if raining – St. Joseph Parish Church, 1345 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Springfield.

For more information, call/text 217-652-3567

### Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield. Rev. Christopher House will preside over a Prayer Service that will include: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Readings, Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, Recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available. Mass will not be a part of this Celebration. All are welcome.



is an opportunity to share money from our fasting with those who hunger and thirst, or those without clothing or shelter. Collection will be taken up on **Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017.**

### **DECORATE the CHURCH for Easter:** **10:00 am Saturday, March 26th**

*Come help prepare the Church for the Celebration of the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday liturgies.*

## FORTY DAYS for LIFE

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).**

**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 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/>.



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

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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).