

May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Two weeks ago, I took a short trip to Rome to visit three of our seminarians who are studying there for the priesthood. Every time I am there, I feel very humbled to be in the city in which the remains of so many saints are located. I am reminded of the following Scripture passage: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

These individuals witnessed to the faith in so many ways, some of whom did so by making the ultimate sacrifice of losing their life as martyrs, like our first pope, St. Peter. Others witnessed to their faith through their tireless dedication to the Church and by living lives of great holiness, like Pope St. John Paul II. I'm always encouraged by these witnesses to give myself more to the persevering in running the race that lies before me, namely, faithfully living my vocation as a priest and as a pastor.

The world around us is in need of those witnesses who encourage others to live their faith in the midst of a difficult culture. In fact, this is one of the expectations of those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, "to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross." (CCC 1303) One of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that aids us in being these witnesses is the gift of fortitude. In a nutshell, this gift helps us to persevere in running the race of our faith, a race that is sometimes a difficult, uphill climb with plenty of obstacles. The gift of fortitude strengthens us so that we do not become discouraged, but, with great faith, keep moving forward, doing what is right.

How can we better benefit from this gift? One important way is by constantly doing the right thing, especially in small matters. For example, when we hear our friends or coworkers gossiping about something, we can choose to remain silent, tempting as it is to add our two cents. By doing the right thing, we are cooperating with God's working in our lives and we prepare ourselves to be aided in the future when faced with other difficulties. In sum, never underestimate how always striving to do the right thing when it can be tempting to do otherwise can help to open those sails to most effectively catch the wind of the Holy Spirit and so speed us along the path of being witnesses on our way to the finish line of Heaven.

-Father Alford

SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 7th – May 14th

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41 **1PT** 2:20B-25 **JN** 10:1-10
Monday: **ACTS** 11:1-18 **JN** 10:11-18
Tuesday: **ACTS** 11:19-26 **JN** 10:22-30
Wednesday: **ACTS** 12:24-13:5A **JN** 12:44-50
Thursday: **ACTS** 13:13-25 **JN** 13:16-20
Friday: **ACTS** 13:26-33 **JN** 14:1-6
Saturday **ACTS** 13:44-52 **JN** 14:7-14

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

ACTS 6:1-7 **1PT** 2:4-9 **JN** 14:1-12

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:

Andrew Lacy, son of David & Kelly Lacy
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
Darlene Moroney, sister of Edna Saputo
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn
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
Madeline Conant, friend of Laurie White
Joe Hittler, nephew of Sarah Clare
Bill Thomas, friend of Bill & Laurie White

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

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

Saturday, May 6th
9:30-4:30 Confirmation Retreat
 3:45 p Confessions
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jim Waters†)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Hannah Florent, Nicholas Mrozowski,
 Baptism after Mass: Luke Hutchinson

Sunday, May 7th
 7:30 a **Confessions**
 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
 9:10 a **PSR/2017-18 Pre-registration**
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
 9:45 a **Confessions/Choir Rehearsal**
 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Mary Ann Ruppel†)

Monday, May 8th
 9:00 a **Counting Team #2**
 5:00 p Confessions/Reconciliation
 5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Harry & Pauline Sodan†)
 7:00 p Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th
 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, May 10th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 1:00 p **Ladies Tea/Bunco**
 6:30 p **Mass & PSR**

Thursday, May 11th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, May 12th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, May 13th
 1:00 p **Sew-n-Sews**
 3:45 p Confessions
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: David Kincaid†)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Lane Megginson, Lyla Harrison

Sunday, May 14th
 7:30 a **Confessions**
 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For All Mothers)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Audrey Lowder, Logan Carmody
 9:10 a **PSR/May Crowning**
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: DeGroot
 9:45 a **Confessions/Choir Rehearsal**
 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For All Mothers)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Jack Zucco, Beck Reid



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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (103)	\$ 4,887.00	\$236,321.55
Electronic funds (16)	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 46,457.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (1)	\$ 50.00	\$ 11,724.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 215.00	\$ 7,130.00
Poor Fund	\$ 59.00	\$ 3,090.97
Children's Stewardship (0)	0.00	\$ 59.30
Cath. Home Missions(29)	\$ 513.00	\$ 663.00
Calvary Cemetery (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 589.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	131	
Number of electronic contributions:	21	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, May 13th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Egizio, I Long, S Long Jr.
Lectors: Bertrand, Blumhorst
Servers: Callahan, Sommer, Torres
Hospitality: Dambacher Family

Sunday, May 14th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, C & G Leach, Deacon Ray
Lectors: Helling, Newman
Servers: Delgado, Newman, Zeidler
Hospitality: Brandis, McWard, R & B Yong

Sunday, April May 14th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, Clare, V Walker
 Deacon Tom
Lectors: Kerley, Maynerich
Servers: N, J, A Lindstrom
Minister of Care: DeGroot
Hospitality: Brewer Family
CLOW: S & J Deen

Volunteer for this week: May 8th – May 14th

Church Dusters: Suzann Segatto &
 John & Mary Fox

Recycling Vol. May: Jan Pietras

May Food Volunteer: Mary Fox

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, May 14th:
 Don & Roberta Vanover

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Tues, May 9th 6:30 pm Pre-Jordan Session
Wed, May 10 1:00 pm Ladies Tea/Bunco
Sat, May 13 1:00 pm Sew-N-Sews
Tues, May 16 7:00 pm K of C Meeting
Thurs, May 18 6:30 pm Mission Trip Meeting
Sun, May 21 Confirmation Practice after 10:30 Mass
Mon, May 22 Confirmation – arrive by 6:00 pm
Mon, May 29 – Memorial Day Office closed

The sharing of new life through our Catholic faith continues in the sacraments of initiation as we celebrate infant Baptisms and the First Reception of Holy Communion throughout the next 4 weeks of Easter as we approach the great feast of Pentecost.

Schedule of First Communions and Baptism

May 6: Hannah Florent, Nicholas Mrozowski
Luke Hutchinson (Baptism)
May 13: Lane Megginson, Lyla Harrison
May 14: Audrey Lowder, Logan Carmody
Jack Zucco, Beck Reid
May 20: Frankie Stefano, Carson Wacaser,
Chase Beckham
May 21: Aubrey Pyle
June 4: Samantha Kerley

Baby Bottle Boomerang

St. Jude Parish has once again generously given to help others. A total of \$1,682.20 was collected and will be sent to Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center. Many thanks to all who gave to this worthwhile cause.



MISSION TRIP MEETING!

There is a Mission Trip meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. **It is important that all participants attend this meeting.**

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→PSR NEWS←

Have you pre-registered for the 2017-18 PSR classes? If you register early, we can have a good start in figuring out next year's classes. We will still have Wednesday evening classes just like this year. How many Sunday classes will depend on how our pre-registration goes, and how many children are registered for each class. We will make the determination about the number of Sunday classes after Sunday, May 14th. **Please help us prepare by registering early!**

Pilgrimage to Ireland – Fr. Adam Prichard, our new Parochial Vicar effective July 1, will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland June 19th – 28th, 2017. Some of the sites are Galway, Our Lady of Knock, the Cliffs of Moher, Killarney and Dublin. The trip is through Proximo Travel. The price is \$3,700, all-inclusive, aside from lunches & travel insurance. For more information, go to https://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=143.



Attention: Knights of Columbus

Our Appreciation Dinner for those Knights & Parishioners who assisted in our many projects will be held at the Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and dinner will follow at 6:00 pm with choices from their banquet menu. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in foyer of the Church before the deadline of May 11th.

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Join fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship playing on St. Jude's softball team on Sunday afternoons this summer! All men, women, and high school students are invited. We would

like to field both men's and co-ed teams, so tell your friends!

Sign up in the back of the church or contact Barry Houmes at 971-1631. Adult players (over 18 years of age) must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.

Memorial Day Field Mass

Please join us at Calvary Cemetery in Springfield on Memorial Day, May 29th at 9:30 a.m. for the traditional Field Mass offered at the Father Howard Altar. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be the principal celebrant. Accompanying Bishop Paprocki in procession will be a number of our local priests, members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and representatives of the St. Andrew Society Bagpipers. Limited seating will be available under tents. Lawn chairs are welcome. A gold cart will be available to assist from the main gate to the Mass site. Please call the cemetery office at 523-3726 with any questions you may have.



The Sacred Heart-Griffin choirs will present their annual Spring Concert, "Thanks for the Memories" on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dominican Hall theatre, 1200 West Washington St., Springfield. Tickets do not need to be purchased, a free-will offering will be accepted.



The 19th Annual Central Illinois Senior Celebration, for those aged 50 plus, will be Wednesday, May 17th at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Orr Building from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Free admission with a can of food for the Food Pantry. There will be free health screening, informational displays, parking & shuttle service, refreshments, entertainment, and door prizes. For more information, call the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland at 217-787-9234 or 800-252-2918.



Pre-Jordan Class.

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Therefore, our next Pre-Jordan Class will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@stjude.dio.org.

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are donated to St. Patrick School!



Food Collection

FOR ST. MARTIN DePORRES

Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin dePorres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry. Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.

St. Jude Women's Tea



St. Jude's Women's Tea Group will meet on Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. **Bring a friend!**

Missionary Visit

Fr. Richard Dickman, a priest from the Diocese of La Crosse, WI, is working with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in their mission to spread the gospel. He will visit St. Jude Parish the weekend of May 27-28, 2017. He looks forward to sharing the Maryknoll vision and inviting you help in their mission. While in the parish, Fr. Dickman will be happy to talk with anyone who seeks to learn more about mission life. You can also visit www.maryknoll.org to learn more.

St. Jude Sew-n-sews will meet Saturday, May 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring whatever project you are working on and join us for good company and snacks!