

May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter



One of the more fascinating passages about the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures, at least in my mind, is when Jesus tells His disciples the following: "When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (Matthew 10:19-20).

I don't know about you, but that sounds like a pretty cool gift! There is a danger, however, of reading this passage and concluding that the Holy Spirit is a failsafe bailout for us whenever we run into any sort of trouble. While it is true that the Gift of Counsel does indeed aid us in knowing what to say and do in those difficult situations, we have an important part to play. Remember the analogy of the sailboat? We need to get those sails in the right place so that this gift, as well as every gift, will actually guide us correctly.

One of the ways that we open ourselves to being guided by the Gift of Counsel is through a continual process of growing in our understanding of the teachings of our faith. Let me paint a very simple scenario for you. Let's say it's a Friday in Lent and, for some reason, you're not at our Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. You're at dinner and you see a nice juicy steak on the menu that you would really like to have. The waiter is about to ask for your order. What are you going to say?

If you have done the work of learning your faith and remember that during Lent, it is expected that we abstain from eating meat, the Gift of Counsel will push you to say: "I'll have the fish and chips." If you don't have that piece of knowledge in your mind, the sails won't be set to catch the gust of wind from the Gift of Counsel which is saying: "Danger! You're in choppy waters! Be careful about what you are about to say!" If we chose to order the steak, well, that wasn't the Holy Spirit that was guiding us to make our decision!

That's a pretty simple example, but I'm sure you could imagine much more difficult situations when knowing as much as we can about the teachings of our faith will prepare us to do the right thing as we experience the fruit of peace that comes from letting the Spirit be our guide.

-Father Alford

SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 21st – May 28th

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

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| | ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17 | 1PT 3:15-18 | JN 14:15-21 |
| Monday: | ACTS 16:11-15 | | JN 15:26-16:4A |
| Tuesday: | ACTS 16:22-34 | | JN 16:5-11 |
| Wednesday: | ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1 | | JN 16:12-15 |
| Thursday: | ACTS 18:1-8 | | JN 16:16-20 |
| Friday: | ACTS 18:9-18 | | JN 16:20-23 |
| Saturday: | ACTS 18:23-28 | | JN 16:23B-28 |
| The Ascension of the Lord: | | | |
| | ACTS 1:1-11 | EPH 1:17-23 | MT 28:16-20 |

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:

Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
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
Jerry Wessling, father of Peggy Gunter
Jim Powell, father of John Powell
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
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
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 Memory:

Maureen Sphar, mother of Susan Shea
Don Chernisky, cousin of Sue Bozarth

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

Saturday, May 20th
 3:45 p Confessions
 4:30p **Mass** (Int: Jim Waters†)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Frankie Stefano, Carson Wacaser,
 Chase Beckham

Sunday, May 21st
 7:30 a **Confessions**
 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Augusta Kruger†)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Deacon Ray
 9:45 a **Confessions/Choir Rehearsal**
 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
 First Reception of Holy Communion:
 Aubrey Pyle
Confirmation practice after Mass

Monday, May 22nd
 9:00 a **Counting Team #4**
 7:00 p **Confirmation Mass**
 (Int: Confirmation Students)

Tuesday, May 23rd
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, May 24th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Thursday, May 25th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Thomas O'Connor Sr.†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, May 26th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Brice Auxier)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, May 27th
 3:45 p Confessions
 4:30p **Mass** (Int: Tim Kincaid†)

Sunday, May 28th
 7:30 a **Confessions**
 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: DeGroot
 9:45 a **Confessions/Choir Rehearsal**
 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Fred Bartlett†)

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

| | Last Week | Year to Date |
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| Collection (118) | \$ 5,975.00 | \$247,210.82 |
| Electronic funds (24) | \$ 2,743.10 | \$ 49,201.00 |
| Bldg. Dev. Fund (12) | \$ 294.00 | \$ 12,743.00 |
| EFT – Dev. Fund (11) | \$ 498.00 | \$ 7,628.00 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 44.00 | \$ 3,185.97 |
| Children's Stewardship (1) | 3.00 | \$ 62.30 |
| Pentecost (7) | \$ 147.00 | \$ 147.00 |
| Calvary Cemetery (1) | \$ 5.00 | \$ 624.00 |
| Cath. Communications(9) | \$ 108.00 | \$ 233.00 |
| Number of collection envelopes used: | 148 | |
| Number of electronic contributions: | 35 | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, May 27th – 4:30 p.m.
Euch. Min.: Missionary Priest, Riedle, Scheufele
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Day, Dwyer
Servers: A, J, J, Western
Hospitality: B & D Jemison, D & J Kratz

Sunday, May 28th – 8:00 a.m.
Euch. Min.: Missionary Priest, DeGroot, Godar
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: D & C Merriman
Servers: Delgado, Heiple, Lauwerens
Hospitality: Brandis, Parnell, R & B Yong

Sunday, April May 28th – 10:30 a.m.
Euch. Min.: Missionary Priest, Fjelstul, Warren
 Deacon Tom
Lectors: Schudel, Warren
Servers: J, K, G Petty
Minister of Care: DeGroot
Hospitality: Fjelstul Family
CLOW: J & S Deen

Volunteer for this week: May 22nd – May 28th
Church Dusters: Dianne Felts
Recycling Vol. May: Jan Pietras
May Food Volunteer: Mary Fox
Coffee & Donuts: Sun, May 28th;
 Roger & Mary Beth McCormick

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:
 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
 Mon, June 5 – 6:00 pm Fishes & Loaves

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

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 Easter Season as we approach the great feast of Pentecost.

Schedule of First Communions and Baptism

May 20: Frankie Stefano, Carson Wacaser,
Chase Beckham
May 21: Aubrey Pyle
June 4: Samantha Kerley

→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.

Monday, May 29th is Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed. **MASS on Memorial Day** will be celebrated at **8:00 a.m.** in the Chapel at **Rochester Community Cemetery**.



NOTE: NO 5:30 pm Mass Memorial Day.

United Community Bank
301 N. Main, Chatham, IL
217-483-2491

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.

Pentecost Collection – There are envelopes in your monthly packet for the Retired Diocesan Priests Pentecost collection, which will be taken up on June 4th, 2017. This collection is to meet the immediate retirement and health care needs of our priests. Your generous support is much appreciated

Feeling the call to become more active



*Protecting God's Children
Adult Training Sessions*

within the Parish?

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Church, **June 7th 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.**

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.

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.

Please consider using the envelope in your May contribution packet to help support the upkeep for Calvary Cemetery. Your generosity has helped to replace a large segment of the chain link fencing with beautiful ornamental black steel fencing which has a more durable finish. We were also able to replace the 1994 cemetery truck with a 2008 model. Thank you for your continued support toward the care of your cemetery.



Sacred Heart-Griffin and Blessed Sacrament School present a night of wine, cheese, and lively conversation with our friend & Alumna Louise Phipps Senft, *best-selling author of Being Relational: The Seven Ways to*

Quality Interaction. This event will be held at SHG East Campus Common Area, 1200 W. Washington St, Springfield, on May 25th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.



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.

12 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan

Under the Spiritual guidance of Fr. Dean Probst, a trip to the Holy Land and Jordan (thru Holylands Arts) is available. The trip will be from November 5-17, 2017. For those interested, information is available on the Church bulletin board or in the parish office.



The Junior Cyclone Football Camp will be June 12-14 from 8:00-10:00 am for those students in grades K-8. The cost is \$75.00. The SHG Football Padded camp will be July 17-20 from 6:00-8:00 pm for students in grades 4-8. The cost is \$75.00. For more information or to register, contact Bob Brenneisen at 414-8874 or 787-1595x104. An online registration form can be downloaded at www.shg.org.

Considering Catholic Education for your family? Look into Little Flower Grade School, on Stevenson Drive near South Sixth St., Springfield, located close to the I-55 & I-72 interchange. We currently enroll students from Springfield, Chatham, Rochester, Taylorville, Virden, Glenarm, Riverton, Girard, Illiopolis, New Berlin, Tovey, Sherman, Auburn and Mechanicsburg!

Full-day Preschoolers and students in gr. K-8 learn in a faith-based environment, with a 21st century curriculum. Students compete in school sports programs and academic extracurricular activities. **Student-teacher ratio is 18:1. Tuition rates have NOT increased for the 2017-18 school year. Visit our website for complete details – www.little-flower.org . Call today for a tour and see what Little Flower can offer your family (217-529-4511).**

Golden Frontier Trips Open House – You've read about Golden Frontier in the Catholic Times; you're invited to our free Open House on Sunday, June 4, 2017 2:00-3:15 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 700 E. Spruce St. Chatham, IL.

Golden Frontier offers travel that includes places of interest to people of the Catholic Faith and is sponsored by the non-profit Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage. Trips are designed for adults with seniors in mind. Come learn about traveling with the camaraderie and friendship of fellow Catholics on trips accompanied by priest chaplains. For information, call Golden Frontier - 1-888-284-6725.