

May 28, 2017
Solemnity of the Ascension

This past Monday, we had the joy of welcoming Bishop Paprocki to our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 43 young people. Sitting behind the altar, I had a clear line of sight to the candidates as they came up to be confirmed. As I replay those images in my head, I can't help but wonder how the Lord may be inviting these young people to respond to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

As a Vocation Director, it's easy for me to think: "maybe God is calling this young man to be a priest" or "maybe God is inviting this young woman to consider being a religious sister." Who knows, maybe the Lord is indeed calling one or more of these young people to dedicate their lives to the Church in one of these ways. If you see those qualities in one of them (or any of our young people), why not suggest the idea to them yourselves? For the class of priests being ordained across the United States this Spring, 82 percent report that they were encouraged by about four people in their lives including parish priests, friends or other parishioners. Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark said "[t]hat statistic should motivate all the faithful to be sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit, who may wish to use them to extend the invitation to ordained ministry."

This adds an interesting spin to our treatment of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Instead of considering what we can do for ourselves to be more open to being guided by the Holy Spirit, we can also do things to help others be more open to His guidance in their lives. By making a simple invitation for a young person to consider a religious vocation, we can help them to be more open to gifts such as Knowledge and Understanding in their lives. The Gift of Knowledge helps us in knowing God's will for us, the path to take that will eventually lead us to eternal life. The Gift of Understanding helps us to have that knowledge of God's will perfected by seeing more clearly how the various experiences in our life point to a deeper awareness of His plan for us.

Let me therefore encourage you to join me in the work of promoting vocations by always being attentive to the Holy Spirit as He nudges you to suggest to somebody that God might be calling them to be a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother. Your cooperation will aid them in being more open to knowing and understanding how God wants to use His gifts if their lives as they journey toward Him in Heaven.

-Father Alford

SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 28th – June 4th

Sunday: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ACTS 1:1-11	EPH 1:17-23	MT 28:16-20
Monday: ACTS 19:1-8		JN 16:29-33
Tuesday: ACTS 20:17-27		JN 17:1-11A
Wednesday: ZEP 3:14-18A		LK 1:39-56
Thursday: ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11		JN 17:20-26
Friday: ACTS 25:13B-21		JN 21:20-25
Saturday: GEN 11:1-9		ROM 8:22-27
		JN 7:37-39

Sunday: PENTECOST

ACTS 2:1-11	1COR 12:3B-7, 12-23
	JN 20:19-23

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

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

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†)

Monday, May 29th

8:00 a Mass in the Chapel at Rochester
Community Cemetery
No 5:30 pm Mass

Tuesday, May 30th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a Counting Team #2

Wednesday, May 31st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p RCIA

Thursday, June 1st

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

Friday, June 2nd

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

Saturday, June 3rd

3:45 p Confessions
4:30p Mass (Int: Ben Lake†)

Sunday, June 4th

7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a Confessions/Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Samantha Kerley

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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (107)	\$ 4,323.27	\$251,534.82
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 49,401.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 43.00	\$ 12,786.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,628.00
Poor Fund	\$ 105.00	\$ 3,290.97
Children's Stewardship (1)	2.00	\$ 64.30
Calvary Cemetery (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 654.00
Cath. Communic. (25)	\$ 376.00	\$ 609.00
Trinity Dome Coll. (13)	\$ 729.00	\$ 729.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	151	
Number of electronic contributions:	1	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, June 3rd – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Thull, White, Deacon Ray
Lectors: Auxier, Blumhorst
Servers: H, M, M Weier
Hospitality: D & J Kratz, A & D Urbanckas

Sunday, June 4th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Manny, R & L Eifert, Nelson
Lectors: J & N Calvert
Servers: McClintock, Newman, Zeidler
Hospitality: M & D Anderson, R & B Yong

Sunday, June 4th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, L Fjelstul, Livengood
Deacon Tom
Lectors: Kohlrus, A Toliver
Servers: A & A Livengood, Toliver
Minister of Care: Nelson
Hospitality: Fjelstul Family
CLOW: Kohlrus, B Toliver

Volunteer for this week: May 29th – June 4th

Church Dusters: Donna Spurlock

Recycling Vol. June: John Fox

June Food Volunteer: Steve & Debra Decker

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, June 4th:

Lenna DeGroot & Leanne Collings

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon, May 29 – Memorial Day Office closed

Wed, May 31 – 6:30 pm RCIA

Mon, June 5 – 6:00 pm Fishes & Loaves

Wed, June 7 – 6:30 pm PGC Session

Wed, June 14 – 1:00 Ladies Tea/Bunco

**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

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!**

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.

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.

SUBWAY
Rt. 29, Rochester, IL
217-489-9475

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Our season officially begins next Sunday, June 4. The coed team plays at 1:45 on Diamond 3 vs Laurel United Methodist. The men's team plays at 3:15 on marshal Bell Field vs Chatham Christian.

Any men, women, or high school students interested in playing can 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 within the Parish?



*Protecting God's Children
Adult Training Sessions*

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

Our thanks to Fr. Richard Dickman, a priest from the Diocese of La Crosse, WI, working with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, for coming to St. Jude this weekend to share the Maryknoll vision in serving the poor and others in need in 22 countries including the United States. You can also visit www.maryknoll.org to learn more.

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.

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.

June 2017						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Harry Hendrickson Gage Marinelli Mark Molohon <i>Kelly & Michelle Bullock</i> <i>Nick & Stephanie Palazzolo</i>	2 Paul Jeffers Cooper Marx Mark Oldani Abigail Quinn Randy Siddens	3 Juan Garcia Perry Waters <i>Harry & Jane Hendrickson</i> <i>Jim & Christina Lauwerens</i> <i>Nick & Christina Rollins</i>
4 Kara Gray Megan Lee Isabella Maggiore Greg Trello Pat & Alice Londrigan	5 Ronald Matrisch Cole McMinn Janet McMinn <i>Del & Wendy Reeves</i>	6 Jackson Churchill Michael Harper Steven Patterson Emily Wetherell <i>Jeffrey & Laura Fjelstul</i> <i>Matt & Sue Martyn</i>	7 Aidan Faloon Paula Gibson Meghan Lindstrom	8 Jared Beckham Aaron Toliver	9 Mary Ann Egizio William Herr Connie Leach Christopher Merriman Colby Nolan <i>Mark & Jessie Cordes</i> <i>Mark & Becky Hanna</i> <i>Ryan & Lynn Leach</i> <i>Zeke & Chelsea Weitekamp</i> <i>Duane & Jill Whitney</i>	10 Steven Arnish Matt Martyn <i>James & Barbara Scheufele</i>
11 Skyler Kuntzman John Powell Matthew Ryan Brian Torres Francesca Torricelli <i>Barry & Lyndsey Houmes</i> <i>Philip & Emily Wetherell</i>	12 Camden Berberet Cameron Fairbanks BriAnne Lacy Jonathan Meadows <i>Douglas & Gabrielle Neuweg</i>	13 Jessie Cordes John McWard <i>Mark & Jane Molohon</i>	14 Austin Bales Megan Boarman Mike Burge Kathy Park Philip Wetherell <i>Jerry & Nancy Calvert</i> <i>Terry & Donna Day</i> <i>Ken & Linda Feraris</i> <i>Michael & Kelly Jones</i> <i>Kelsey & Anita Schwab</i>	15 Vicki Alewelt Ruth Liken Paul Mantei Kristen Schmitz Teresa Witcik	16 Carly Crouch <i>Ronald & Diane Bortmess</i>	17 Benjamin Fjelstul Jacqueline Foster Tyler Stephens <i>Greg & Kathy Park</i>
18 Jan Heissinger <i>Gael & Liana Kent</i>	19 Chris Egan Isabella Moriconi Maddie Owen	20 Keelin Wacaser Gionna Zaffiri <i>Jerry & Mary Frances Parsons</i>	21 Brian Blough Glen Butcher Gary Dumonceaux Marie VanDiver <i>Wayne & Conni Hutchinson</i> <i>Andrew & Alicia Messmore</i>	22 Evelyn Deimel Mary Jo Duesterhaus Greg Park Adam Reid Levi Toliver <i>Joe & Sarah Deen</i> <i>Aaron & Brandee Toliver</i>	23 Jeff Anderson Gael Kent Nicole Magro Susan Roth Angelo Zaffiri <i>James & Dianne Felts</i> <i>Will & Courtney Lovett</i> <i>Jeremy & Michelle Maggiore</i>	24 <i>Jill & John Reagan</i>
25 Stephanie Anguish Peyton Zeidler	26 Colin Amerson Devin Clarke Dena Colantino Joe Deen Kevin Spurlock Olivia Whitney <i>Brian & Kelley Stephens</i>	27 Angela Clarke Brynne Doherty Rianne Doherty <i>Mary & Henry Gartner</i>	28 Lyndsey Houmes Blakely Howard Jack Martin Karen Yoggerst <i>Tom & Helen Crusen</i>	29 Kelly Allen Laura Horstman Kathryn Londrigan <i>Paul & Valerie Presney</i>	30 Jason Judy Peggy Nordhoff Carolee Rigsbee <i>Serge & Liz Murer</i>	Notes: