



**July 23, 2017
16th Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

As promised, I would like to return to our consideration of some of the points being discussed during our Diocesan Synod that is currently taking place. In our first meeting, the Synod delegates were invited to consider seven proposed declarations. The first one is as follows:

1. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship, namely:
 - a. **Hospitality** – to **invite** people proactively to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;
 - b. **Formation** – to **study** the Bible and **learn** more about Jesus and our Catholic faith;
 - c. **Prayer** – to **provide** well-prepared celebrations of the sacraments and other occasions for **prayer** as signs of hope and paths of grace to heaven; and
 - d. **Service** – to **serve** those in need by practicing charity and justice.

While not giving preference to any one pillar over the other, I'd like to reflect a little on the Pillar for Formation. There has been an overwhelming response from the faithful of the diocese on this pillar. People are very hungry to learn more about our Catholic faith. But the formation envisioned is not just about learning content, which would more properly be called catechesis. Formation is more about helping people to understand their identity as disciples who are being invited to embrace a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, letting Him guide their lives in a meaningful and sometimes radical way. It's only after we embrace that identity as intentional disciples that we will truly benefit from learning the contents of our Catholic faith and our understanding of the Bible.

This week, many young people from our parish will be participating in Vacation Bible School. We pray that their experience this week will indeed be a time of formation during which they encounter the love of Jesus Christ in a personal way so as to build a firm foundation upon which to live their lives as intentional disciples.

Father Alford

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:

Harry Hendrickson, parishioner
Randy Bruso, parishioner
Rene Runions, parishioner
Joyce Hogan, parishioner
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
Evelyn James, cousin of Barbara Hattes
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Mike Leach, son of Trish Leach
Nick Riordan, cousin of Amy Zack
Jerry Wessling, father of Peggy Gunter
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. Dan Bergbower, Diocesan Priest
Elizabeth Moose, friend of Barb Scoggins
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Madeline Conant, friend of Laurie White



Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

July 23-27 VBS 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 7 9:00 a.m. Fishes & Loaves Team 2
Mon., Aug., 7 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Mtg.
Tues, Aug. 8 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan Session
Wed., Aug. 9 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco
Sat., Aug. 12 1:00 p.m. Sew-n-Sews
Mon., Aug 14 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
Tues., Aug 15 7:00 p.m. K of C meeting

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

	<u>Saturday, July 22nd</u>
3:45 p	Confessions
4:30p	Mass (Int: David Kincaid†)
	<u>Sunday, July 23rd</u>
7:30 a	Confessions
8:00 a	Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a	Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a	Confessions
10:00 a	Rosary
10:30 a	Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)
4:45-5:45 p	VBS picnic
6-8:30 p	VBS
	<u>Monday, July 24th</u>
9:00 a	Counting Team #4
5:00 p	Confessions
5:30 p	Mass (Int: Kenneth E. Long†)
6-8:30 p	VBS
	<u>Tuesday, July 25th</u>
7:00 a	Morning Prayer
7:30 a	Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a	Scriptural Rosary
6-8:30 p	VBS
	<u>Wednesday, July 26th</u>
7:00 a	Morning Prayer
7:30 a	Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a	Scriptural Rosary
6-8:30 p	VBS
	<u>Thursday, July 27th</u>
7:00 a	Morning Prayer
7:30 a	Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
8:00 a	Scriptural Rosary
6-8:30 p	VBS
	<u>Friday, July 28th</u>
7:00 a	Morning Prayer
7:30 a	Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a	Scriptural Rosary
	<u>Saturday, July 29th</u>
3:45 p	Confessions
4:30p	Mass (Int: Mary Catherine Blank†)
	<u>Sunday, July 30th</u>
7:30 a	Confessions
8:00 a	Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a	Wyndcrest: DeGroot & Wrincik
9:45 a	Confessions
10:00 a	Rosary
10:30 a	Mass (Int: Fred Bartlett†)

Hansen Heating & Cooling
Home of the \$50 Service Call
217-525-8452

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (98)	\$ 4,651.00	\$ 15,354.60
Electronic funds (25)	\$ 2,943.10	\$ 2,943.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (1)	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,014.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 398.00	\$ 398.00
Poor Fund	\$ 24.42	\$ 141.42
Children’s Stewardship(0)	0.00	\$ 5.00
Peter’s Pence (1)	\$ 50.00	\$ 130.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	100	
Number of electronic contributions:	35	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, July 29th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Biesiada, Riedle,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Blumhorst, Dwyer

Servers: A, J, J Western

Hospitality: D & J Kratz

Sunday, July 30th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Godar,
Deacon Ray

Lectors: C & D Merriman

Servers: Delgado, Heiple

Hospitality: Brandis, McClintock Family

Sunday, July 30th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Clare, L Fjelstul, Warren

Lectors: Kerley, Warren

Servers: Garcia, Martyn, Ryan

Minister of Care: DeGroot & Wrincik

Hospitality: J Fjelstul

CLOW: Martyn Family

Volunteer for this week: July 24th – July 30th:

Church Dusters: Michelle Bertrand

Recycling Vol. July: Kevin Spurlock

July Food Volunteer: Kevin Spurlock

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, July 30th:

Don & Roberta Vanover

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **July 23rd – July 30th**

Sunday: **WIS** 12:13, 16-19 **ROM** 8:26-27

MT 13:24-43

Monday: **EX** 14:5-18

MT 12:38-42

Tuesday: **2COR** 4:7-15

MT 20:20-28

Wednesday: **EX** 16:1-5, 9-15

MT 13:1-9

Thursday: **EX** 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20B

MT 13:10-17

Friday: **EX** 20:1-17

MT 13:18-23

Saturday: **EX** 24:3-8

MT 13:24-30

Sunday: **1KGS** 3:5, 7-12

ROM 8:28-30

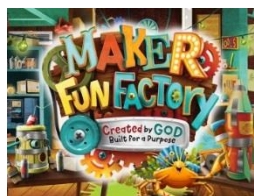
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→PSR NEWS←

The 2017-18 classes will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., grades 2nd – 8th. Sunday classes will be at 9:10 a.m., grades K, 1, 3, & 5. **If you have not yet registered**, please contact Frances Tomashavich for registration information by calling the parish office (498-9197) or by emailing ftomashavich@stjude.dio.org.

It's SIGN UP TIME for Maker Fun Factory VBS!

VBS Maker Fun Factory is kicking off! We begin Sunday evening, July 23, with a family picnic from 4:45-5:45 p.m.



Needed: our Game Makers station is in need of **12 large coffee-type cans** (metal or plastic) with lids. Please drop off in the kitchen with the other VBS food supplies.

Help support Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, our chosen project for *Operation Kid to Kid* this year, by shopping for items on their list of needs.

Thank you for supporting the young people of St Jude with your time, donations and prayers."

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Our schedule for next Sunday, July 30: The coed team plays Tournament Quarterfinals at 1:45. The men's team plays Tournament Semifinals at 3:15. Come on out and enjoy the

games!

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.

Church of St. Jude Fan Drive July 22 - August 31, 2017

God provides for all our needs! Let's help to provide some comfort for those suffering from the heat, especially the elderly, small children and the disabled. Monetary donations, fans and air conditioners (new or used in working order) will be accepted throughout the summer months. Please call Jeannette Waters for details (529-7280 or 652-4039).

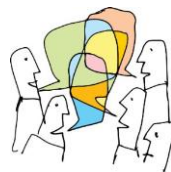


Sacred Heart-Griffin is seeking a Band teacher. Please direct resumes/inquires to Mrs. Kara Rapacz, Principal, at rapacz@shg.org or 787-1595.

Sacred Heart-Griffin High School is also seeking a Guidance Counselor with a bachelor's degree in Counseling and experience working in a high school. A master's degree in Counseling or Social Work is preferred. Please direct resumes/inquires to Mrs. Kara Rapacz, Principal, at rapacz@shg.org or 787-1595.

The Diocesan Office for Pro-Life Activities & Special Ministries invites you to attend the **Conference on Aging Annual Respect Life Seminar**, Saturday, August 26, 2017 in the Cathedral Atrium, Springfield. The registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$10.00. Please RSVP by Saturday, August 12th. Questions can be addressed to the Office for Pro-Life Activities & Special Ministries – 217-698-8500 ext. 161.

Neighbor & Citizen summer series at Chiara Center



Conversations on the news, Facebook or even in our own homes can at times become uncivil and mean-spirited. We invite you to take part in a 4-week series that will help promote healthy dialogue over the practice of fruitless debate. In the spirit of equipping people for discipleship, our aim is to impart some tools and skills to help you to seek and nurture understanding among those you interact with. To learn more about this, visit www.chiaracenter.org or call us at (217) 523-0901.

Unfolding Color's Mysteries at Chiara Center

Tuesday, August 2 from
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



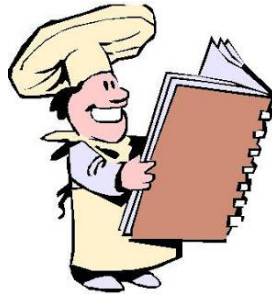
Local artist Jeff Garland will inspire participants to consider how color theory opens us to see how God speaks through all people in the most imperceptible ways. You'll never see color (or others) in the same way.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Belleville/Springfield Encounter

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is on August 4-6, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwwme.org.

The Tri-High (Sacred Heart, Ursuline and Griffin) Class of 1967 50th reunion will be held Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th, 2017. The \$50 cost per person covers both evenings; reservations must be made by August 28th. Contact mjowasser@gmail.com (SHA), mstrem6@gmail.com (UA) or jgoetz@rdlawrence.com (GHS) for more information."

The Rochester Women's Club has put together a Sesquicentennial Cookbook in celebration of Rochester's 150 years. This two volume set is available for purchase, the cost is \$25.00. To purchase, please call 217-415-0782.



Fr. Dean Probst is leading a group to the Holy Land and Jordan Nov. 5-17, 2018. The all-inclusive 12-day trip is \$3300 from St. Louis to Israel. For more info, contact him at dprobst@dio.org or 217-494-6326. Deadline for trip is August 5. Sponsored by Holy Land Arts.com.

Are you over-due for a relaxing weekend of peace, quiet, great food and spiritual nourishment? Take some time away and experience a retreat at King's House Belleville, just 15 minutes for St. Louis. Contact Barb Hattes at 529-7388 for more information, or see the information on the bulletin board in the Church.

Springfield Right to Life has moved its location to 536 N. Bruns Lane, Suite 2 in order to be present for women and families that are seeking guidance regarding the facts behind abortion. The new office is directly across the street from the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility.

"Springfield Right to Life is committed to informing the public on the many choices available to those seeking abortions," said Tim Moore, SRTL's President. Mr. Moore pointed to the many free or low cost alternatives to Planned Parenthood that are available via such organizations as First Step Women's Center, or The Pregnancy Care Center, aid and training for moms through Elizabeth Ann Seaton, or Beerlahai Roi, as well as Sangamon County Health Department.

The office is open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by appointment. Phone: 217-523-2700
E-mail: info@springfieldrtl.org
Website: www.springfieldrtl.org

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

The **Springfield in Illinois Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** (SDCCW) 89th Annual Convention is being held at Christ the King Church Parish Center on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Information and registration forms are available on the Church bulletin board.

The gift of grace

Grace is something you can never get but only be given. The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you.

There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach and take it is a gift too.

—Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*