



August 6, 2017
The Feast of the
Transfiguration of the Lord

August Last week, I mentioned that one of the experiences that has caused us to shift the focus of our catechetical programs to discipleship formation is the unfortunate situation of those who, upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, cease to be involved in any continuing formation and, in some cases, even cease to attend Mass on a regular basis.

In light of that, the third proposed declaration we as a diocese are being asked to consider reads as follows:

3. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation will be offered in the proper sequence and at the appropriate age most favorable to promoting the discipleship and stewardship way of life.

This is intentionally left a little vague as it is intended to promote discussion, but let me give some background. First of all, when we speak of a proper sequence of the Sacraments of Initiation, the proper theological order is Baptism, followed by Confirmation, followed by First Eucharist, which is the "source and summit" of our faith. The current practice is to switch the last two, making Confirmation the last to be received. This takes away from our firm belief that it is the Eucharist which expresses our full participant in the Church and our continued source of growth.

Under the current practice, Confirmation is sometimes seen as a sacrament of maturity. This is not the proper Catholic understanding of this sacrament. Confirmation completes and seals the graces we received at Baptism. It is not something that depends on our understanding or age. It is a freely given gift which strengthens us and enables us to live our vocation as Christian disciples most effectively.

If we restore the order or reception of these sacraments to their proper theological order, we remove Confirmation as an end in itself, but rather a means to assisting us in seeing our formation as Christian disciples to be a life-long task. I'm sure this has prompted some questions and maybe even some concerns, so I'll return to this topic in next week's bulletin.

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
- 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: August 6– August 13

Sunday:	DN 7:9-10, 13-14	2PT 1:16-19
		MT 17:1-9
Monday:	NM 11:4B-15	MT 14:13-21
Tuesday:	NM 12:1-13	MT 14:22-36
Wednesday:	NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29A, 34-35	MT 15:21-28
Thursday:	2COR 9:6-10	JN 12:24-26
Friday:	DT 4:32-40	MT 16:24-28
		MT 13:54-58
Saturday:	DT 6:4-13	MT 14:1-12
Sunday:	1KGS 19:9A, 11-13A	ROM 1:1-5
		MT 14:22-33

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

- Saturday, August 5th**
3:45 p Confessions
4:30p Mass (Int: Tim Kincaid†)
- Sunday, August 6th**
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Colin Family)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: J & N Calvert
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
- Monday, August 7th**
9:00 a Counting Team #1
9:00 a Fishes & Loaves Team 2
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting
- Tuesday, August 8th**
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, August 9th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco
- Thursday, August 10th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Friday, August 11th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Sandra Slingerland†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Saturday, August 12th**
1:00 p Sew-n-Sews
3:45 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Barbara Reid†)
- Sunday, August 13th**
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Mercedes Fleck†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Fr. Alford
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)



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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (91)	\$ 4,247.00	\$ 24,223.13
Electronic funds (17)	\$ 1,885.00	\$ 4,828.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 184.00	\$ 1,233.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 225.00	\$ 623.00
Poor Fund	\$ 43.80	\$ 238.63
Children's Stewardship(0)	0.00	\$ 5.00
Pentecost (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00
Mission Co-op (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00
Assumption (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Number of collection envelopes used:		102
Number of electronic contributions:		21

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, August 12th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Biesiada, Egizio,
Maynerich
Lectors: S & I Long
Servers: M, M, H Weier
Hospitality: J & D Kratz, J & S Thull

Sunday, August 13th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, C & G Leach, Deacon Ray
Lectors: Connolly, Deimel
Servers: Delgado, McClintock, Zeidler
Hospitality: G & K Park, R & B Yong

Sunday, August 13th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, V Walker, Warren
Deacon Tom
Lectors: Kohlrus, Warren
Servers: E & E Carlson, Farris
Minister of Care: Fr. Alford
Hospitality: Brewer Family
CLOW: Kohlrus, B Toliver

Volunteer for this week: Aug. 7th – Aug. 13th:
Church Dusters: Donna Spurlock
Recycling Vol. Aug.: Greg Park
Aug. Food Volunteer: Jerry Calvert
Coffee & Donuts: Sun, August 13th:
 Don & Roberta Vanover

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Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

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
Tues., Aug. 8 7:00 p.m. "The Face of Mercy"
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



This Tuesday, August 8th, at 7:00 p.m., join Fr. Adam in the parish center for the movie: "The Face of Mercy". This film was produced by the Knights of Columbus in 2016, and was inspired by Pope Francis. Join us for the movie, some popcorn, and perhaps some discussion about mercy in our lives.

→PSR NEWS←

The 2017-18 classes will begin Sunday, September 10 at 9:10 a.m., grades K, 1, 3, & 5, and Wednesday September 13 at 6:30 p.m., grades 2nd – 8th.

We are in need of volunteers to be catechists for Wednesday 6th grade and Sunday 1st grade classes. Please contact the parish office if you are available.

If you have not yet registered, please contact Frances Tomashovich for registration information by calling the parish office (498-9197) or by emailing ftomashovich@stjude.dio.org.



I would like to thank everyone who donated to VBS's Kid2Kid program. All the donations this year went to the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. We collected \$120 in cash, \$180 in gift cards and a lot of the things that were on their wish list (baby diapers, baby wipes, Juice, etc.). I delivered all of the donations to Mini O'Beirne on Friday. They were so thankful because they were in great need right at this particular time.

In addition, we donated a whole table of food, like we do every year for VBS, to the Rochester Food Pantry. Every night we have the parents bring different foods that the pantry needs. It is such a great cause.

So, from the bottom of my heart thank you all very much.

- Frances Tomashovich

Mission Trip 2018

Mission Trip 2017 to Roanoke was a success! Now it is time to begin planning the 2018 Mission Trip. There is a meeting scheduled for August 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish center to discuss the available sites. If you think you are interested in going on the mission trip, please plan to attend.



Flu Shot Clinic

Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health will be at St. Jude Parish Center Thursday, September 7th from 11:00 – Noon to administer flu shots. Medicaid & Medicare B accepted, must have Insurance card at time of vaccination. Please check the notice on the bulletin board for other information.

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, August 8th 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

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.



The **2018 Lector Workbooks** are available on the table in the church. If you are a Lector, please be sure to pick yours up. Thank you for your continued service to your Parish.

Attention Young Adults!

The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry that is your hub for events, ministries, and movements that strive to bring young adults into an encounter with Jesus and authentic Christian community. This month:

Sunday, Aug. 6: Catholic Underground (Holy Hour) - Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - 6:30pm

Monday, Aug. 7: HeBrews Men's Bible Study - Brickhouse Springfield - 7:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 8: Fruit of the Vine Women's Bible Study - 9 Foresters Ln., Springfield - 7:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 17: The Forge Hangout - Southwind Park- 6:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 22: Fruit of the Vine Women's Bible Study - Location TBD - 7:00pm

Monday, Aug. 28: HeBrews Men's Bible Study - Obed and Isaac's Springfield - 7:00pm

More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>/Email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com

Fr. Dean Probst is leading a group to the Holy Land and Jordan November 5-17, 2017. The all-inclusive 12-day trip is \$3300.00 from St. Louis to Israel. For more information, contact Fr. Dean at dprobst@dio.org or 217-494-6326. **Deadline for the trip is August 12, 2017.** Sponsored by HolyLandArts.com.

Finding our Anchor in the Storm August 6, 7 & * at 7:00 p.m.



Don't lose your spiritual moorings in the tumult of the day's news cycle. Faith can ground us as we respond to life with hope, compassion and an abiding Love. Spend time with

Father Paul Chetcuti, SJ who served as Spiritual Director for the co-workers for the Missionaries of Charity and preached retreats for Mother Teresa of Calcutta. To learn more, visit www.chiaracenter.org To register, call the Chiara Center at 523-0901.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Belleville/Springfield Encounter

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Improve your listening skills by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekend is September 22-24, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

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he 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.

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Our schedule for this Sunday, the Co-ed team does not play this week. The men's team plays at 3:15 on Diamond 2 vs Sherman United Methodist. Come on out and enjoy the game!

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).

A new school year promises new adventures, challenges and friends — as well as new classes, homework and lessons. But the most important (and simplest) lesson we can learn is summed up by 19th-century hymn writer Jane Eliza Leeson:

Savior, teach me day by day
love's sweet lesson to obey,
sweeter lesson cannot be,
loving him who first loved me.