



August 13, 2017 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

As promised, I would like to return to our consideration of the third proposed declaration for our Diocesan Synod. For your reference, here it is again:

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.

In suggesting that we restore the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation to their proper theological order (Baptism, Confirmation, and then First Eucharist), one of the obvious questions that comes to mind is the age to receive Confirmation and First Eucharist. Notice that the proposal does not make a commitment in this regard, but only says that it be done at the appropriate age. For almost a century, the Catholic Church has encouraged children to receive First Holy Communion as early as possible. In most cases, this happens at what is known as the age of discretion which is generally around the age of seven. The Church still very much wants children to begin receiving Holy Communion around this time, which would mean that Confirmation would need to take place around that time as well, as it is also to be received at any point past the age of discretion.

Since the bishop is the one who normally confers the Sacrament of Confirmation, this would possibly mean that children could receive their First Holy Communion at the same Mass at which they receive their Confirmation. Please note, however, that that is just one possible scenario that would need to be considered if we as a diocese decide to make this change. Take comfort, however, in knowing that we are not the first to consider such a change. Other dioceses have already done this with great success and many others are considering doing the same.

Next week, I will address another common objection raised when considering the restoration of the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation to their proper theological order. Until then, let's continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our diocese during this important time.

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

Welcome!

We are happy to announce that **Andy Krug** has been assigned to the Church of St. Jude for his pastoral formation assignment. Andy is in formation for the Permanent Diaconate and will be with us to get some experience in the various aspects of parish ministry. Andy is a parishioner at St. John Vianney Parish in Sherman and has been very involved with the Knights of Columbus. He will be at some of the masses here over the last two weekends in August and will begin helping in various liturgical roles in September. Please join in welcoming Andy to our parish community!

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is someone who is deceased.

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)

Monday, August 14th
 9:00 a **Counting Team #2**
 5:00 p **Confessions**
 5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Robert Green†)
 7:00 p **Finance Council Meeting**
Tuesday, August 15th
 7:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:00 p **Mass** for the Solemnity of
 The Assumption
 (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
 7:00 p **Knights of Columbus meeting**
Wednesday, August 16th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
Thursday, August 17th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Fred Danner†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:30 p **2018 Mission Trip meeting**
Friday, August 18th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, August 19th
 3:45 p **Confessions**
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: David Kincaid†)
Sunday, August 20th
 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: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Volunteer for this week: Aug. 14th– Aug. 20th:
Church Dusters: Volunteer needed
Recycling Vol. Aug.: Greg Park
Aug. Food Volunteer: Jerry Calvert
Coffee & Donuts: Sun, August 20th:
 Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (106)	\$ 6,070.00	\$ 30,293.13
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,828.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (24)	\$ 793.00	\$ 2,026.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 623.00
Poor Fund	\$ 54.00	\$ 292.63
Children's Stewardship(0)	0.00	\$ 5.00
Assumption (2)	\$ 75.00	\$ 105.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	132	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, August 19th– 4:30 p.m.
Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, White, Williams,
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Bertrand, Dwyer
Servers: Callahan, Gladson, Torres
Hospitality: J & D Kratz, A & D Urbanckas
Sunday, August 20th – 8:00 a.m.
Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, D & B Connolly,
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Nelson, Newman
Servers: Delgado, C & M Fairbanks
Hospitality: McClintock Family, McWard
Sunday, August 20th – 10:30 a.m.
Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, L Fjelstul, Livengood
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Schudel, A Toliver
Servers: T & E Schudel, Toliver
Minister of Care: Nelson
Hospitality: Decker Family
CLOW: J & S Deen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: August 13– August 20

Sunday: 1KGS 19:9A, 11-13A ROM 9:1-5
 MT 14:22-33
Monday: DT 10:12-22 MT 17:22-27
**Tuesday: Solemnity of the Assumption of
 The Blessed Virgin Mary**
 RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB 1COR 15:20-27
 LK 1:39-56
Wednesday: DT 34:1-12 MT 18:15-20
Thursday: JOS 3:7-10A, 11, 13-17 MT 18:21-19:1
Friday: JOS 24:1-13 MT 19:3-12
Saturday: JOS 24:14-29 MT 19:13-15
**Sunday: IS 56:1, 6-7 ROM 11:13-15, 29-32
 MT 15:21-28**

Rochester State Bank
 133 North John, Rochester, IL
 217-498-7111

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

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
Thurs., Aug 17 6:30 p.m. 2018 Mission Trip Mtg.
Mon., Aug. 21 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration



We had a nice turn out for the movie night for the "Face of Mercy" movie that we showed this past Tuesday night. Thank you to all who came out and

we'll see you on Tuesday Sept. 12th, at 7 pm for "In Her Footsteps: The Story of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha". Another invitation will be in the bulletin the weekend before. Thank you again!

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 **Thursday, August 17, 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.



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 Tomashavich for registration information by calling the parish office (498-9197) or by emailing ftomashavich@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.

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:

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



Fatima Rosary and Procession: A Rosary and Procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, prayed in Spanish, will be held on Sunday, August 13th at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 730 S. 12th St. in Springfield. A similar Rosary and Procession prayed in English will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 3:00

p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. These devotions are offered in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of our Lady's appearances in Fatima, Portugal. All are welcome.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Belleville/Springfield Encounter**

"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Help each other hear God's plan for our marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. 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.

**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).

St. Louise de Marillac is having a Bunco party on Sunday, August 20th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish Hall in Springfield. The cost is \$10.00 which includes lunch. There will be raffle items and a 50/50 drawing will also be available. Please call 217-529-7088 for reservations.

Resurrection Parish of Illiopolis will be hosting a fried chicken dinner and raffle Sunday, September 10 on the parish grounds at 5th & Anne Streets, Illiopolis.



Fried chicken, Mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw, applesauce, drink & dessert will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The price of the meal is \$5.00 for children 10 yrs and under, and 9:50 for adult dinners.

Carry out service is available using the alley off 4th St. A raffle drawing and country store will be available. For more information, contact Trisha Hildebrandt at 217-416-8546.

ALSO.....



Sacred Heart Church in Virden will be holding its 25th Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 10th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall at 1320 N. Dye St. in Virden. On

the menu is fried chicken, Mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce, slaw, rolls, dessert and a beverage. Adults and carry-outs are \$10.00, children 5-12 are \$5.00, and children 4 and under eat free. There will be a 50/50 drawing at 2:00 p.m. Holy Mass at 10:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Virden. We are renovating our 100 year-old building, come and see our progress and plans!



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.

Five gifts from God



Love makes our friends a little dearer.
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

—Author unknown