



September 17, 2017
24th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

Last week, I concluded my article saying that the Synod is helping us with understanding the vision of the call to discipleship and stewardship as a way of life. Having that vision makes it a little easier when trying to take concrete steps to make it a reality.

This brings me to the next proposed Synod declaration, which reads as follows:

6. Our Catholic faithful will be expected to fulfill the Biblical command to tithe by donating 8% of their income to their parishes and 2% to other charities.

Reading this, some might be thinking: "Aha! I knew this was just a crafty way of asking for more money!" This is hardly the case. Tithing has to do with the Biblical notion of offering a portion of our goods to God. Sometimes Catholics think that their weekly contribution is just about paying the bills. And while that is partly true, it's better for us to see our support of the parish (financially, with our time, and with our skills) as supporting the vision of the parish. This doesn't mean that we don't need to be transparent with what we are doing with our resources, but it does mean that we see it as an act of gratitude to God for the abundant blessings that He has given to us. And that giving takes many forms, because it is a gift of ourselves and all that we have been given by Him.

Being in a relatively comfortable position financially (as we are blessed to be) it can also be tempting to think that everything is taken care of and the parish doesn't really need any more support. Once again, we go back to the notion of supporting the vision of growing as disciples and seeing that our abundance as a parish can also contribute to the vision elsewhere in our community, in the diocese, and in the world.

In the end, we are all members of one Church, not just confined to this parish. Sure, we need to care for living the vision here, but we also have the opportunity to live the vision to which Jesus called us to when He said: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40).

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:

Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Goin, mother of Vicki Walker
Bill White, 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.
Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Adam Garrett, brother of Carrie Zucco
Evelyn James, cousin of Barbara Hattes
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Nick Riordan, cousin of Amy Zack
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
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Madeline Conant, friend of Laurie White
Zach Reichen, friend of Allen Family

**Feeling the call to become more active
within the Parish?**

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Church, **September 28th 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.**

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

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

Saturday, September 16th
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Tim Kincaid†)
 Rose Baptism after Mass
5:30 p Parish Picnic after 4:30 Mass

Sunday, September 17th
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
 Wyndcrest: Deacon Walker
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Fred Bartlett†)

Monday, September 18th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass**(Int: Limper/Engeling families†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 9:00 a **Counting Team #3**

Tuesday, September 19th
 7:30 a **NO Mass**
 7:00 p **K of C Meeting**

Wednesday, September 20th
 7:30 a **NO Mass**
 6:30 p **PSR**
 7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, September 21st
 7:30 a **NO Mass**

Friday, September 22nd
 7:30 a **NO Mass**

Saturday, September 23rd
 3:30 p **Confessions**
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jim Waters†)
 Ostrowski Baptism during Mass

Sunday, September 24th
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:10 a PSR
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (110)	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 54,815.83
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,936.20
Bldg. Dev. Fund (14)	\$ 430.00	\$ 3,214.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,261.00
Poor Fund	\$ 72.00	\$ 685.13
Children’s Stewardship(2)	2.00	\$ 10.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 3,273.00	\$ 6,422.00
Assumption (1)	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,084.00

Number of collection envelopes used: 115

Number of electronic contributions: 0

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, September 23rd – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Riedle, White, Williams
Lectors: S & I Long
Servers: H, M, M Weier
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, September 24th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, B & D Connolly,
 Deacon Ray
Lectors: Krug, Helling
Servers: Delgado, Lauwerens, Zeidler
Hospitality: Brandis, McWard

Sunday, September 24th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Kerley, Warren.,
 Deacon Tom
Lectors: Warren, Krug
Servers: G, K, J Petty
Minister of Care: Wrincik
Hospitality: Decker Family
CLOW: J & S Deen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Sept.17 – Sept. 24

Sunday: SIR 27:30-28:7 ROM 14:7-9
 MT 18:21-35

Monday: 1TM 2:1-8 LK 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1TM 3:1-13 LK 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1TM 3:14-16 LK 7:31-35

Thursday: EPH 4:1-7, 11-13 MT 9:9-13

Friday: 1TM 6:2C-12 LK 8:1-3

Saturday: 1TM 6:13-16 LK 8:4-15

Sunday: IS 55:6-9 PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A
 MT 20:1-16A

Fr. Alford and Fr. Adam will be out this week for the Annual Convocation of Priests.

Volunteer for this week: Sept. 18th- Sept 24th:

Church Dusters: Laurie McWard

Recycling Vol. Sept.: Del Reeves

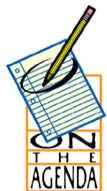
Sept. Food Volunteer: Lenna DeGroot

Coffee & Donuts: Sun, Sept 24th:

Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort

Due to your generosity, St. Jude Parish will be sending \$7,000.00 to help in the Hurricane Relief efforts. You can still donate to the effort at Church or online at our Catholic Charities website, www.cc.dio.org. Please include the people devastated by Hurricane Harvey in your prayers as the long road to recovery begins.



Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Sat., Sept 16 – Parish Picnic after Mass
Mon., Sept. 18 – Mass at 7:30 a.m.

September 19-22 – No Masses due to Priests Convocation

Tues., Sept. 19 – 7:00 p.m. K of C meeting

Wed., Sept. 27 – 6:30 p.m. RCIA

Thur., Sept. 28 - 6:30 p.m. **Protecting God's Children Session**

It's Here!! The **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** Weekend!! The programs, services and ministries supported by the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** meet the larger diocesan needs of Catholics and others in need in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The theme this year is **“Go Therefore and Make Disciples.”** This coming week a letter will be sent to each Catholic household in the diocese asking for your support. The diocese serves each of us and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in the diocese.

→PSR NEWS←

Starting September 17th & September 20th, the PSR classes will begin their Annual Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The September food item is Pasta and Sauce. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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

**United Community Bank
Jim Lauwerens, VP Lending
301 N. Main, Chatham 483-2491**

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is coming up, soon! This year, NCYC is November 16th-18th, in Indianapolis. NCYC is an event where thousands of high school students, and their chaperones come together with hundreds of priests and bishops, come together for an amazing experience of talks, fun, and prayer. The cost is \$390.00. Fr. Adam is going this year, and he would love to have some company from the parish, both high schoolers and chaperones. For more information and the forms go to <http://www.dio.org/youthministry/ncyc>. Registration is due September 15th to our diocesan offices, with Late Registration open till October 31st (with a \$40 late fee).

We have received an offer from a St. Jude family to sponsor up to 10 participants. Please contact Fr. Adam as soon as possible if you are interested.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

The St. Jude Adult Choir has begun rehearsing on **Wednesdays** at **7PM** in the Parish Center. We welcome any singers **ages 13 and up** to join us as we seek to grow and strengthen our music ministry through worship in song. The choir sings weekly at the Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass, as well as at various Holy Day Masses throughout the liturgical year, including Christmas and Holy Week.

For more information, please contact director Mike Spainhour at **(217)816-3780** or by email at msid6033@outlook.com.

ROCK FOR A CAUSE

A benefit concert for the Hurricane Relief and HEARTS Youth Group will be held in the Pavilion at St. Jude Church on September 23rd. Local group “2 O’Clock Deadline” will perform. The evening will start with a hamburger/hot dog dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the band beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. Get your wristbands at the gate! Bring a chair or get cozy on the lawn with a picnic blanket. RSVP to save a spot at mschurman99@gmail.com.

HEARTS are “Helping Everyone Around Rochester, Taylorville and Springfield.”

8th Annual Rochester Olde Towne Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 7th – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8th – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
located on South John Street

Local Artisans, crafters, live music, silent auction and food vendors will be featured. This year Sound Bites will join us and will be hosting a beer tent and 80's music along with a variety of food trucks, on Saturday night from 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." Help to encourage our compassion and forgiveness by working through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is on December 1-3, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

Springfield Right to Life News

Knights of Columbus Council #364 is hosting a Fundraiser Breakfast on Sunday, October 8th, 8 a.m. at the KC Hall located at 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road. All proceeds will benefit Springfield Right to Life.

Springfield Right to Life's Annual Fundraising Dinner will be Monday, October 30th, 6 p.m. at the Bank of Springfield Center. Please call Angela at 217-523-2700, e-mail: info@springfieldrtl.org, or visit our website: www.springfieldrtl.org. R.S.V.P. is required by October 16th at 4 p.m.

SHG Shop-A-Palooza is currently seeking vendors for their event, October 22, 2017 for 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Shop-A-Palooza is a premiere shopping event with over 1000 attendees. Sign up now to take advantage of Early Bird registration, until September 15, 2017, and save \$10.00 off the price of your booth. For more information about Shop-A-Palooza, email SHGShopAPalooza@gmail.com.

SHG Shop-A-Palooza is a fundraiser for Girls basketball & Golden Angel Poms teams.

You are invited to an exploration of the ancient practice of keeping Sabbath!

Time is a nonrenewable resource. Come and remember what God teaches us about Sabbath! Come and seek time proven practices for renewal, rest and balance! Come and see what a difference keeping Sabbath can make in your life!

Keeping Sabbath: The Joy of Sacred Rest

Presented by Madonna Jones, MAPS
Pastoral Associate at Christ the King Church
Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Christ the King Roesch Hall,
1930 Barberry Drive, Springfield, IL
Fee: \$10 for all three sessions for handouts &
materials (Make checks payable to Madonna Jones)
To Register or for more information: Contact
Madonna Jones, 217-546-3527, ext. 5,
Madonna@ctkparish.com



My church

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be!