



December 31, 2017 Feast of the Holy Family

As we reach the end of another calendar year, it is a good opportunity for us to look back in gratitude at the many blessings the Lord has given to us. Gratitude is an essential part of being a disciple, because it is out of our gratitude that we feel the desire to be more committed in our journey with Jesus in our daily lives.

As the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family today, we are invited first and foremost to give thanks for the gift of our families. I'm not so naïve as to think that all of our families are perfect. In fact, it is within our families that we find some of our most significant struggles. When we think of those challenges, it becomes a little more difficult for us to identify the blessings. But, I think if we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us, He will help us to see how He has been using our families as a means for us to grow in many virtues. Whether we have taken the opportunity to practice those virtues is another thing! Remember the words of St. Paul: "we know that all things work for the good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). Let's ask the Lord for the supernatural outlook to see even our difficult moments as invitations for growth. When we see things from this point of view, how can we not thank God?

I'd also like to invite you to give thanks to God for our extended family which is our parish community. In my prayer over the past few days since Christmas, I've been reflecting on the gift that this family is to me. It's been a year and a half now that I've been your Pastor, and I am feeling more and more comfortable in my role. This is due not so much to knowing *how* to serve you, but knowing *who* I serve. I can't thank you enough for your prayers and words of support to me. I'm so happy to be here and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.


Finally, coming to the end of a year means the beginning of another year. That should move us to look to the future with hope and enthusiasm. I'm excited to think about the things that the Lord wants to do in our parish and in our diocese. I pray that our recent Synod will be the catalyst to inspire all of us to recommit to following Jesus more faithfully and investing ourselves in the life of our parish so as to continue to strengthen our identity as children of God and brothers and sisters to one another.

- Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament 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:



Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
John & Co Fox, son & daughter-in-law of John & Mary Fox
Bob Goin, father of Vicki Walker
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Diane Bartlett, sister of Jeannette Waters
Adam Garrett, brother of Carrie Zucco
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
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Mary Alice Tuxhorn, friend of JoAnn Camille
Louise Cardoni, aunt of Frances Tomashavich
Paul Huber, brother-in-law of Marie Ginter
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec. 31-Jan. 7

Sunday:	SIR 3:2-6, 12-14	COL 3:12-21 LK 2:22-40
Monday:	NM 6:22-27	LK 2:16-21 JN 1:1-18
Tuesday:	1JN 2:22-28	JN 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1JN 2:29-3:6	JN 1:29-34
Thursday:	1JN 3:7-10	JN 1:35-42
Friday:	1JN 3:11-21	JN 1:43-51
Saturday:	1JN 5:5-13	MK 1:7-11
Sunday:	IS 60:1-6	EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6 MT 2:1-12

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

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

Last Week Year to Date

3:30 p **Saturday, December 30th**
Confessions
4:30 p **Mass (Int: Robert Dees†)**
Sunday, December 31st
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass (Int: For the Parish)**
9:10 a **NO PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)**

Collection (117)	\$ 12,446.00	\$140,281.13
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,255.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 60.00	\$ 7,089.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,628.00
Poor Fund	\$ 67.00	\$ 1,445.33
Children's Stewardship(1)	1.00	\$ 16.00
Retired Religious (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,261.00
Immac. Conception (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,071.00
Cath. Childrens Home(36)	\$1,021.00	\$ 1,213.00
Christmas Offerings (93)	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 4,145.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	253	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

Monday, January 1, 2018

Parish Office Closed
9:00 a **Mass (Int: For the Parish)**

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)**
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a **Counting Team 1**

Wednesday, January 3rd

7:00 a **Mass (Int: All Souls†)**
7:30 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **NO PSR**

Thursday, January 4th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass (Int: John Blasko†)**
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **Mission Trip meeting**

Friday, January 5th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass (Int: Leonard Howard†)**
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, January 6th

8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)**
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass (Int: Robert Green†)**

Sunday, January 7th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass (Int: Mickey McKinzie†)**
9:10 a **NO PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass (Int: For the Parish)**

PLEASE NOTE: For 2017 Financial Contributions to the parish, envelopes must be turned into the parish office by **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, January 6th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Maynerich, Riedle, Scheufele

Lectors: Auxier, Day

Servers: J, J, A Western

Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, January 7th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, R & L Eifert, Godar

Lectors: H & J Hendrickson

Servers: Newman, Zeidler

Hospitality: Brandis, McWard, G & K Park

Sunday, January 7th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Clare, Fjelstul, Kerley

Lectors: Petty, Schudel

Servers: Long Jr., Marinelli, Toliver

Minister of Care: Wrincik

Hospitality: Decker Family

CLOW: A & B Toliver

Volunteer for this week – Dec. 31st – Jan. 7th

Church Dusters: Michelle Bertrand

Recycling Vol. Jan.: Gleason Family

Jan. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano

Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Jan. 7th

Lenna DeGroot & Joe & Sarah Deen

St. Jude Parish Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.
Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.
Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Mon., Jan. 1 – Office closed
Thur., Jan 4 6:30 p.m. – Mission Trip meeting
Mon., Jan 8 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Mtg.
Mon., Jan 8 6:00 p.m. – the Bible Timeline
Thur., Jan 11 6:30 p.m. – RCIA

SHG Placement Makeup Test for 8th gr. Students

All area 8th graders are invited to SHG on Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. for the Placement Test makeup for incoming freshmen. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Students should enter through the circle drive entrance at 1200 W. Washington St., and bring two #2 pencils and a \$10.00 testing fee. Calculators are allowed. **Pre-registration for the makeup test is required.** Please call Stephanie Phillips at 787-1595, ext. 126, or email phillips@shg.org to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – “They prostrated themselves and did him homage. As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next Weekend in Springfield, IL is on March 23-25, 2018. The next Weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2-4, 2018. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

March for Life 2018

The Diocesan March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC is January 17-21, 2018. With the early deadline for registration now past, space may be limited for the trip. Contact Kyle Holtgrave in the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for availability and rates. Kyle can be reached at (217) 698-8500 ext. 154 or by email kholtgrave@dio.org.

Catholic Children’s Home Collection

For the past 138 years, the Catholic Children’s Home in Alton has served as a ‘beacon of hope’ for thousands of children who have needed the love and compassion of God’s mercy in their lives. Today, the Catholic Children’s Home continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic needs of all the children sent for care and professional services, including a new program designed to serve the needs of children faced with the struggles of Autism. Please help to continue the good work by using your envelope and being as generous as you can. Thank you.

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Mary of Nazareth

Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah?

Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary’s special role in God’s plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith.

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—Alfredo N., Buda, TX



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PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Each year three to four persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three-year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, please contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office by Friday, January 5, 2018. The names of those willing to serve on the Council will be placed in a bowl and four names will be drawn during the 5:30 Mass, Monday, January 8th. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 5, 2018.

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Carol Foltz Brad Hardiek Josephine Hendricks Anna Lindstrom Steve & Kara Gray Chad & Jessica Megginson	2 Wesley Ferrill Henry Patterson <i>Al & Diane Urbanckas</i>	3 Matt Cochran Carroll Heissinger Jr. Christina Rollins Frankie Stefano <i>Tony & Teresa Paulek</i>	4 Kathryn Felts Jason Feraris Dennis Godar Sarah Petty <i>Donald & Alyce Ferrill</i>	5 Linda Brandis Raymond Bruzan Zenia Garcia Ilana Grenda Jerry Lafferty Hannah Weier	6 Stanley Gunter Jan Pietras Anna Staley
7 David Ramsey Charlene Weitekamp	8 Steve Gray Jenelle Ishmael Kelly Warren Marc Staley	9 Mary Kates Carrie Ross Kathryn Ryan	10 Jillian Anderson Jenna Bales Julie Bruso Elizabeth Fjelstul Gary McBride John Perona Daniel Ryan <i>Mark & Theresa Oldani Henry & Margaret Patterson Brian & Angy Torres</i>	11 Daniel Eichholz Jeff Hendricks Dashiell Ostrowski	12 Lloyd Hovey Gianna O'Sullivan Paul Presney Jeannette Waters Devan Whitney Patrick Witcik Eli Woehrmann	13 Cheryl Churchill <i>Paul & Dawn Kearney</i>
14 Jessica Schudel Jeff Vose	15 Marc Zucco	16 Mary Gartner	17 Jill Beckham Raeanna Jones Jackson Siders Angy Torres	18 Brad Clare Theresa Gegen	19 Jim Trepanier	20 Jasper Capriotti
21 Evelyn Conboy Margaret Martyn <i>Joe & Laura Dorman</i>	22 JoAnn Camille Emma Eairheart Joshua Ferrill Olivia Heiple Paula Jones	23 Marie Bales Robby Gillespie Molly Godar Mitch Ingold Monroe McWard Dylan Patton	24 Aniston Farris Henry Gartner Margaret Possley Abby Riedle Michael Wrincik	25 Cassandra Bax Harold Hurley Pat Keen Raegan Reynolds Kathy Smith Marlee Trame	26 Chris Bax Joe Harris Gary Helling Randy Western <i>Bob & Cathy Davis</i>	27 Kathi Best Tom Hagerman William Newman Kiley Torres <i>Mike & Jan Sponsler</i>
28 Jasper Capriotti Tony Colantino Scott Melton	29 John Dietrich Jacob Duban	30 Kathryn Long	31 Carrie Auxier			

