



February 18, 2018 1st Sunday of Lent

Several years ago, I remember hearing some advice that the best sacrifices to offer up are those we don't choose for ourselves. If we're honest, don't we sometimes choose things to do or give up for Lent that we are pretty confident we can be successful at? I'm not saying that is necessarily bad, but a true sign of our willingness to make sacrifices is to accept something we have not chosen.

With that in mind, I'd like to provide the opportunity for you to do just that. Each Sunday of Lent in my bulletin article, I am going to invite you to participate in a weekly challenge, sort of a micro-Lenten sacrifice or practice. The purpose is to add a little variety to your Lent and to challenge you to follow something not of your choosing. Each week, I'll provide the challenge, list one of the fruits of undertaking that challenge, and some commentary on the challenge. So, are you up for the challenge(s)? Here we go, then...

Challenge: Give up hitting the snooze button
Fruit: Conquering your will

One of the great promoters of this practice is a fairly modern saint, Saint Josemaría Escrivá. He calls this practice "the Heroic Minute" and describes it with these words:

Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, getting up on the dot, at a fixed time, without yielding a single minute to laziness. If, with God's help, you conquer yourself, you will be well ahead for the rest of the day. (*The Way*, 191) ... The heroic minute. It is the time fixed for getting up. Without hesitation: a supernatural reflection and... up! The heroic minute: here you have a mortification that strengthens your will and does no harm to your body. (*The Way*, 206)

Give it a shot, and feel free to share your experience with me next Sunday as you walk out of Mass. And don't worry, see these challenges as opportunities, not obligations. I'm not requiring anybody to do anything, just inviting. And if you stumble in the challenge, don't beat yourself up. Get back up, ask for God's help, and try again!

BONUS: Sign up for a Daily Lenten Challenge from me by texting the word **STJUDE2018** to the number **84576**

-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:

Danny Tinsley, parishioner
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
Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Diane Bartlett, sister of Jeannette Waters
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
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
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
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Elizabeth Moose, friend of Barb Scoggins
Barb Scoggins, St. Jude Secretary
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



In Memory:

Robert Langdon, parishioner

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 18– Feb. 25

Sunday:	GN 9:8-15	1PT 3:18-22 MK 1:12-15
Monday:	LV 19:1-2	MT 25:31-46
Tuesday:	IS 55:10-11	MT 6:7-15
Wednesday:	JON 3:1-10	LK 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 PT 5:1-4	MT 16:13-19
Friday:	EZ 18:21-28	MT 5:20-26
Saturday:	DT 26:16-19	MT 5:43-48
Sunday:	GN 22:1-2,9A,10-13,15-18 ROM 8:31B-34	MK 9:2-10

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, February 17th

3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Marilyn Bertrand†)
Doehring Baptisms

Sunday, February 18th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: J&N Calvert
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)

Monday, February 19th

Parish office closed

5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)
6:00 p **The Bible Timeline**
6:00 p **Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions**

Tuesday, February 20th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Jim Hundley†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a **Counting Team #3**
7:00 p **K of C meeting**

Wednesday, February 21st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass**(Int: Limper&Engeling families)
8:00 a Scripture Rosary
6:30 p **PSR**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, February 22nd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Mary Calvert†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **RCIA**

Friday, February 23rd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Bob Alewelt†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
5:00 p **Stations of the Cross**
5-7:30 p **K of C Fish Fry**

Saturday, February 24th

3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: All Souls)

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Ben Lake†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: L Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
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 (84)	\$ 6,254.00	\$177,339.97
Electronic funds (24)	\$ 2,728.10	\$ 46,605.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (5)	\$ 261.00	\$ 9,614.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (12)	\$ 423.00	\$ 4,924.00
Poor Fund	\$ 57.00	\$ 1,854.82
Children’s Stewardship(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 142.00	\$ 142.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	89	
Number of electronic contributions:	36	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, February 24th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Ray, Scheufele
Lectors: Bertrand, Dwyer
Servers: J, J, A Western
Hospitality: Auxier, Thull

Sunday, February 25th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Godar, Krug, Rayhill
Lectors: Deimel, Nelson
Servers: Lauwerens,
Hospitality: Anderson & Park

Sunday, February 25th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Tom, Kohlrus, Krug
Lectors: Kerley, Petty
Servers: E & E Carlson, Long
Minister of Care: L Wrincik
Hospitality: Fjelstul family
CLOW: Kohlrus & Toliver

Volunteer for this week – Feb. 19th – Feb. 25th

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock
Recycling Vol. Feb.: Ron Wojcicki
Feb. Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher
Coffee & Donuts: Sun., February 25th:
Roger & Mary Beth McClintock family

LENTEN REGULATIONS:



Abstinence – (1) Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fast – (2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed.

(3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

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.



Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY each Friday ending March 23rd, serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. We welcome any parishioner who would like to assist. Your help is important for the success of our only fundraising event. Funds from our Fish Fry's benefit our parish and community.

PSR NEWS – February is when we collect boxes of **canned meats** to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!

Help Wanted!

St. Jude Parish Liturgy Ministries could use your help! We are in need of more people for Hospitality, particularly for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, and more people for the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). If you are interested in volunteering, we offer on the job training. All adult volunteers (18 years of age and older) must have attended a Protecting God's Children Session. Please contact the parish office (498-9197).

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon., Feb 19 – Parish Office Closed, Presidents Day
Tues., Feb. 20 – 7:00 p.m. K of C meeting
Thur., Feb. 22 – 6:00 p.m. RCIA
Fri., Feb. 23 – 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Fri., Feb. 23 - 5:00-7:30 p.m. K of C Fish Fry



Operation Rice Bowl is an opportunity to share money from our fasting with those who hunger and thirst, or those without clothing or shelter. Rice Bowls are available at the back of the Church. The collection for the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl will be gathered formally during the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

The Meal Train has room for new passengers!

Since late December, parishioners have provided 15 dinners for our pastor through the "Meal Train" website. We have a new set of dates now that would allow you to get on the train and provide Fr. Alford with a nice home-cooked dinner in late February and on through March. To participate, simply go to <https://mealtrain.com/3lk360>, scroll down the calendar to find the date that works. You can learn more details on what to prepare under the "Special Instructions" section. Your kind gesture allows Fr. Alford the ability to focus his energies and time on the many tasks that our diocese and our own parish ask of him. Contact the parish office with any questions you might have about getting involved. Thank you!

Catholic Charities Collection

During the weekend of February 24-25, a collection for Catholic Charities will be taken. Your gift to Catholic Charities helps to provide relief to people in desperate situations. The staff demonstrates the love of Christ on a daily basis to literally thousands of people, whether it is by delivering meals, sorting clothes, working with seniors, or providing pro bono legal and medical services. Please be as generous as you can in helping Catholic Charities sustain its Mission in helping our neighbors in need.

PARISH MISSION - Little Flower Parish at 800 Stevenson Dr. is inviting our parishioners and acquaintances to a renewal program entitled "Simply Live! True Religion for the 21st Century!" Beginning February 25th at 7:00pm. It is being conducted by Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. For more information call the parish office at 529-1606

Little Flower School is currently seeking a full-time classroom teacher for grades 6-8 for the 2018-2019 school year. The successful candidate must have strong Catholic values, appropriate certification, and a passion for working with children. Our preferred candidate must have an ability to teach science and English, a knowledge of how to implement technology to improve instruction, and a desire to work as a member of a junior high team.

To apply by mail, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Little Flower School
Attn: Dr. Bill Moredock
900 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

To apply by email, send your resume and cover letter to: bill.moredock@little-flower.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." As Jesus cured the leper, let the love of God heal and strengthen our marital bonds so we can live within our camp of joy. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend is in Springfield, IL on March 23-25, 2018. To register or for more information, call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

**Fullenwider-Park
Funeral home
Mechanicsburg & Illiopolis
217/498-7161**

Parish Mission - St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Sherman will be having a parish mission on the evenings of Feb 18-22, presented by nationally renowned Redemptorist priest, Fr. Pete Schavitz. Each evening mission session starts at 6:30 pm in the Church, located at 902 St. John Drive, and is open to the public at no charge. This is an opportunity to participate in a tremendous faith experience, which offers great fellowship, music and inspiring prayer. Please come join us for the entire mission, or on a nightly basis as time allows. If you have any questions, please contact Gina at 217-415-6392, or contact the parish office at 217-523-3816.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Chatham invites the public to come out for our **Living Stations** on February 23 at 7pm. Come witness, remember and reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ as our youth bring to life this contemporary version of the Stations of the Cross. You will not want to miss this moving performance! For more information please see our website at www.stjoschatham.org

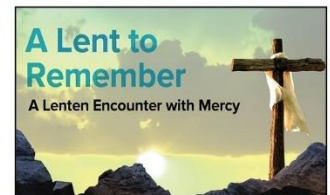
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

A Lent to Remember

A Lenten Encounter with Mercy

A Lent to Remember is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, using the Augustine Institute productions *Symbolon* and *Forgiven*. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent!

Watch on formed.org



"This presentation on forgiveness is about as good a lesson as any I have ever heard. The final lines closed the deal for me: 'One of the most powerful things that could happen to any of us is that moment when we know we do not deserve to be loved, and despite that, we are loved anyway.'"

—Mike M, Port Neches, TX



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