



March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent

This coming Thursday will make the halfway point of Lent. I don't know about you, but for me, it seems like we just started. For some of us, maybe this first half has been a very fruitful time. For some, maybe it's been a struggle. Whatever the case may be, we still have half of the season ahead of us. I'd invite you to see this as an opportunity to course correct if needed, or to keep pushing down on the spiritual gas pedal if you're already cruising along at a good pace so far. Remember, the better we live Lent the better we will celebrate Easter! To help you with that, it's time for another weekly Lenten challenge!

Challenge: Take 10-15 minutes of silence for prayer each day
Fruit: Love of God

As you are well aware, one of the three spiritual disciplines of Lent is prayer. When I ask students to define prayer, one of the most common answers is: "Talking to God." After affirming them for that answer, I invite them to consider it further. I use the old saying that many parents and teachers love to use – "God made you with two ears and one mouth, so you should listen twice as much as you speak." And so prayer is also (and really more importantly) about listening to God.

Admittedly, listening to God can be a lot more difficult than talking to God, so learning to listen to God takes some practice and discipline. There are many distractions that we face on a daily basis, so in order to listen to God well, we need to remove as many of those distractions as possible. Therefore, finding some time for silence is one of the best ways to be open to listening. If that is not something you used to doing, this can be a very difficult practice indeed! That's what makes this a challenge, but one I can guarantee will be worth the effort.

While this may seem intimidating, there are some things that can help. The best aid to hearing God is by praying with the Scriptures. Look up the readings for the day (they're listed each week in the bulletin) and spend some time reading them. But when you read, do so slowly, letting yourself hear each word or phrase, then stopping on anything that catches your attention. This is a practice known as *lectio divina*, or sacred reading. You can do a Google search to learn more about this practice, or, if you're really interested, you can check out the *Lectio* resource listed later the bulletin as the FORMED.org Pick of the Week.

As reminder, if you'd like to receive a daily Lenten challenge from me, sign up through our parish Flocknote account by texting the word **STJUDE2018** to the number **84576** or by going to the link: <https://app.flocknote.com/stjuderochester>

-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 receiver 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
- 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
- Cherie Peterson, niece of PeggyParnell
- Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest

CALVARY CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP –

Please remove **ALL** decorations that you would like to save by March 18th. Cemetery staff will remove **ALL** decorations during the period of March 19th-31st. Decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the cemetery office at 523-3726. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery well-kempt and beautiful.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 4th - Mar. 11th

Sunday: EX 20:1-17 COR 1:22-25
JN 4:5-42
Monday: 2KGS 5:1-15B LK 4:24-30
Tuesday: DN 3:25,34-43 MT 18:21-35
Wednesday: DT 4:1,5-9 MT 5:17-19
Thursday: JER 7:23-28 LK 11:14-23
Friday: HOS 14:2-10 MK 12:28-34
Saturday: HOS 6:1-6 LK 18:9-14
Sunday: 2CHR 36:14-16,19-23
EPH 2:4-10 JN 3:14-21

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, March 3rd

8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: Robert Dees†)
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Leonard Howard†)

Sunday, March 4th

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: Brian Heissinger†)

Monday, March 5th

9:00 a **Counting Team #1**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Leonard Surina†)
6:00 p **The Bible Timeline**
7:00 p **Pastoral Council Meeting**

Tuesday, March 6th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper&Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, March 7th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls)
8:00 a Scripture Rosary
6:30 p **PSR**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, March 8th

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

Friday, March 9th

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

Saturday, March 10th

1:00-3 p Sew-n-Sews
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Robert Green†)

Sunday, March 11th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
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 (104)	\$ 5,264.25	\$183,237.47
Electronic funds (18)	\$ 1,930.00	\$ 48,735.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 70.00	\$ 9,804.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 225.00	\$ 5,149.00
Poor Fund	\$ 32.00	\$ 1,937.32
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Eastern Europe(3)	\$ 40.00	\$ 182.00
Catholic Charities(51)	\$ 2232.00	\$ 2232.00
EFT-Cath.Charities(1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 162		
Number of electronic contributions: 21		

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Fri., Mar. 2nd – 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
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Mon. Mar. 4th – 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Thu. Mar. 8th – 6:30 pm RCIA
Sat. Mar. 10th – Sew-n-Sews
Tue. Mar. 13th – 6:30 pm Pre-Jordan class
Wed. Mar. 14th – 1:00 pm Bunco
Mon. Mar. 19th – 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
Tue. Mar. 20th - 6:00 pm K of C Meeting
Thu. Mar. 22nd – 6:30 pm RCIA

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, March 10th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Riedle, Scheufele, White

Lectors: I & S Long

Servers: M & M & H Weier

Hospitality: Bruno & Thull

Sunday, March 11th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Rayhill, Godar,
Deacon Ray

Lectors: Helling & Newman

Servers: Delgado, Newman, Zeidler

Hospitality: Dahlkamp & Yong

Sunday, March 11th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Fjelstul, Kerley
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Petty, Schudel

Servers: Martyn, E & T Schudel

Minister of Care: Nelson

Hospitality: Decker family

CLOW: M & R & S Martyn

Volunteer for this week – Mar. 4th - Mar. 11th

Church Duster: Mary & John Fox

March Recycling Vol.: Greg Park

March Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher

Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Mar. 11th:

Don & Roberta Vanover

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Prayer & Fasting **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 – March is when we collect boxes of **canned fruit** to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Lent is a good time to decide to deepen your faith, and your relationship with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends offer you new tools to improve your communication, and open a whole new world of closeness. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Apr. 20-22 in St. Peters, MO; and Mar. 23-25, 2018 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.



Ayden & Madeleine Doehring

were recently baptized and became the newest members of our St. Jude Parish family. We welcome them and ask God to bless their parents, that they may assist them as they grow to become disciples of Jesus Christ

Springfield Catholic Charities presents

Together We.....

We invite you to join us for the opportunity to change lives!

Raffle tickets available after all weekend masses on **March 3 & 4 for a chance to win \$10,000.**

1 ticket for \$20 or 6 tickets for \$100.

Or all tickets can be purchased online at cc.dio.org

Then join us for the drawing, dinner, drinks and delightful entertainment. The evening begins at 6 pm at the Crown Plaza. Tickets are \$65 prior to April 1st and \$75 after.

SHG's 59th Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

The 59th annual Mostaccioli Dinner will be held Sunday, March 4 at SHG's West Campus from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to the delicious food, the dinner will feature a cash raffle with top prize of \$10,000, exhibits, baked goods and children's games. Credit cards accepted. Extra meatballs for sale! Thank you for your support of SHG!

The Women of the **Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** are offering four \$500.00 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic Senior Girls. Deadline to enter is March 30, 2018. Winners will be announced in May and honored at the Woman of Distinction Banquet in June. See the bulletin board for application.



Flocknote is a new tool that we have started to use here at St. Jude's to improve our communication with members of the parish. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. You can connect by texting the word **STJUDE2018** to the number **84576** or by going to the link: <https://app.flocknote.com/stjuderochester>



All are welcome to join the **St. Jude's sew-n-sews** group! Saturday March 10th. Bring a project, enjoy some snacks and good company! Hope to see you and bring a friend!

Next weekend, **March 10-11**, we will be taking up a second collection to benefit the work of **Catholic Relief Services**. Proceeds from this national collection provide services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters and advocacy for peace and justice around the world.

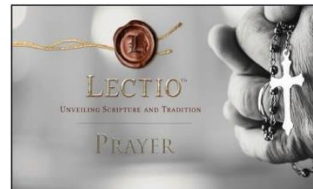
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Lectio: Prayer

"God, are you there?"

How often do we feel like our prayer is a one-sided conversation? In this moving and informative presentation on the art of Lectio Divina, Dr. Tim Gray reveals how praying with Scripture can be a powerful means of entering into an authentic dialogue and intimate encounter with God.

[Watch on formed.org](http://watchonformed.org)



"Makes understanding HOW to pray much clearer... I now understand why many "prayers" have gone unanswered—I simply talked AT God instead of listening first and then responding... Great course."

—Michael A, Clarksburg, MD



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OPEN DATES for the Meal Train! During Lent we try to be more charitable and find ways to widen our hearts. One sure way right here is to take one of the unclaimed dates in March to provide a meal for Fr. Alford. 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 asks of him. Contact the parish office with any questions you might have about getting involved. Thank you for helping to keep the Meal Train on track!

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