



March 11, 2018 4th Sunday of Lent

Today, the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* is the Latin word for "rejoice", and we rejoice in the fact that the celebration of Easter draws nearer. It's a hopeful reminder that our Lenten journey in the desert, with its various spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not ends in themselves. When practiced properly, they prepare us for the glory of the Resurrection, both in celebration on Easter Sunday and at the end of our desert journey of this life on earth.

This week, I'd like for us to focus on the spiritual practice of almsgiving. It is typical for us to think about money when it comes to this topic. And while that is indeed important, there are many other ways in which we can give to those in need. In fact, sometimes giving money is the *easiest* thing we can do. More difficult, at times, is giving of our time to others, such as visiting a loved one who cannot get out, or making a phone call to somebody who might be struggling. Those acts of charity involve giving something we often value more than money - time.

Almsgiving can also be practiced by giving things other than money. I don't know about you, but I have a fair amount of stuff lying around that's not really getting much use. This brings me to our challenge for the week:

Challenge: Each day, find at least one thing around the house to donate

Fruit: Detachment from earthly goods and love of neighbor

For many of us (myself included), the temptation is to look for those things that are used and worn out. But why not stretch yourself and consider donating something that will really feel like a sacrifice to give away? And instead of thinking of how unhappy you might be about not having that thing, think about the joy it will bring to somebody who has not been blessed with the opportunity to have the abundance that so many of us enjoy in our lives. Recall the words of St. Paul on this topic: "Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6-7).

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 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

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 Peggy Parnell

Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest

In Memory:

Diane Bartlett, sister of Jeannette Waters



Ellinger-Kunz & Park
217/498-7161
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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 11th - Mar. 18th

Sunday: 2CHR 36:14-16,19-23
EPH 2:4-10 JN 3:14-21
Monday: IS 65:17-21 JN 4:43-54
Tuesday: EZ 47:1-9,12 JN 5:1-16
Wednesday: IS 49:8-15 JN 5:17-30
Thursday: EX 32:7-14 JN 5:31-47
Friday: WIS 2:1A,12-2 JN 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday: JER 11:18-20 JN 7:40-53
Sunday: JER 31:31-34 HEB 5:7-9
JN 12:20-33

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

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)

Monday, March 12th
9:00 a **Counting Team #2**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: All Souls)
6:00 p **The Bible Timeline**

Tuesday, March 13th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper&Engling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **Pre-Jordan**
6:30-8 p **Confessions**

Wednesday, March 14th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Carrolyn Anderson†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p Bunco
6:30 p **PSR**
6:30 p **server training** (ALL servers)
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, March 15th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Bill Sinkus†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, March 16th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Jerry Welsch†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
4-4:55 p **Confessions**
5:00 p **Stations of the Cross**
5-7:30 p **K of C Fish Fry**

Saturday, March 17th
10-11:30a **Confessions**
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Judy Kremer†)

Sunday, March 18th
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Fr. Alford
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Issac Weitekamp†)

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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (93)	\$ 5,850.00	\$189,087.47
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 48,735.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (28)	\$ 813.00	\$ 10,617.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,149.00
Poor Fund	\$ 46.00	\$ 1,983.32
Children’s Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Eastern Europe(1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 207.00
Catholic Charities(3)	\$ 110.00	\$ 2,342.00
EFT-Cath.Charities(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	125	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Tue. Mar. 13th – 6:30 pm Pre-Jordan class
Wed. Mar. 14th – 1:00 pm Bunco
Wed. Mar. 14th - Server Training Meeting
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
Holy week Mar. 25-31

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, March 17th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Biesiada, Maynerich,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Bertrand, Krug

Servers: A & J & J Western

Hospitality: Auxier & Egizio

Sunday, March 18th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Rayhill, Godar,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: J & H Hendrickson

Servers: Deen, McClintock, Zeidler

Hospitality: Brandis & McClintock

Sunday, March 18th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Clare, Kohlrus,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: D & S Kuntzman

Servers: E & E Carlson, Long

Minister of Care: Fr. Alford

Hospitality: Decker family

CLOW: Kohlrus & Toliver

Volunteer for this week – Mar. 11th - Mar.18th

Church Duster: Michelle Bertrand

March Recycling Vol.: Greg Park

March Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher

Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Mar. 18th:

Jan Pietras & Diane Rowden

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 Weekly Confession Times

** See weekly calendar for additional times for Lent*

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.

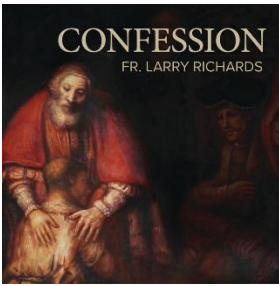
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Our marriage was brought to new life by our Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For the first time in a long time, our marriage was renewed and restored to the communication and spark that we had in our dating days. Life-changing weekends will be offered on Apr. 20-22 or Aug 3-5, 2018 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.stlwwme or call 314.649.7317.



Pre-Jordan Class.

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Therefore, our next Pre-Jordan Class will be on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@stjude.dio.org.



As you prepare for confession this Lent, FORMED.org has a wonderful talk by Father Larry Richards on this topic. If you're nervous about going to confession or need a good

explanation about how to prepare well for going to confession, this talk is well worth your time. If you haven't already signed up, just go to <http://stjuderochester.formed.org> Once signed up and logged in, click on the 'Community' link at the top and this talk will be listed at the top.



St. Jude Women's Tea

The "Women's Tea" will be held on Wednesday, March 14th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the parish center. Come share fellowship, delicious refreshments and Bunco

(or learn how to play). All women of the parish and community are invited to attend. **Bring a friend!**

Wed., Mar. 21, 3:00-5:00PM, Church of the Little Flower: Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Meeting. Sharing of happenings in your parish, deanery, diocese and National DCCW and its relationship to the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). In order to have enough hand-outs, if you plan to attend, please contact Sue Warner at suewarner@juno.com or 789-0373, President of the Springfield Deanery DCCW. Thank You.

SHG to Host Student Support Services Informational Gathering On Thursday, March 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will host an informational gathering for families who wish to learn about the various student support services that are offered at SHG. Attendees will meet the staff of the Learning Lab and the Writing Lab as well as parents of students who are receiving the services. The event will be held in the SHG Library, [1200 West Washington](http://1200WestWashington). Light refreshments will be served. No reservations needed. For more information, contact Jennifer Gronewold at gronewold@shg.org or 787-1595, ext. 112.

Catholic War Veterans Members of the Catholic War Veterans of the Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas Post #1916 Springfield Illinois, invite all Catholic veterans, men and women, to join us. Our meetings are at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Northenders Post #10302, 2349 Stockyard, Springfield, Illinois. If you have questions, please contact Officer of the Day Donald E. Werner at 217 899-6318.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship
Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the website (stjude.dio.org) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by 15 April 2018. The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.



Attention Altar Servers

"Therefore, in the liturgy, you are much more than simple "helpers of the parish priest". Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus.

Be determined to go deeper and to cultivate this friendship with Him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."

Pope St. John Paul II

Would you like to serve the parish by being an Altar Server? It's not too late!! There will server training sessions on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 (during PSR) Training will be for ALL old and new Servers. Training will be held in the Church.



As Easter draws closer, we will be offering additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please make a plan to come and experience the powerful gift of God's mercy in this sacrament.

- Tuesday, March 13 – 6:30-8:00 pm
- Friday, March 16 – 4:00-4:55 pm
- Saturday, March 17 – 10:00-11:30 am
- Monday, March 19 – 6:00-7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 21 – 6:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, March 23 – 4:00-4:55 pm
- Saturday, March 24 – 10:00-11:30 am
- Wednesday, March 28 – 6:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, March 30 – 5:00-7:00 pm