

April 29, 2018 5th Sunday of Easter



Now that we have reflected on our resolutions about what we, as Christians, renounce, it's time for us to turn to those articles of the faith that we believe. In a sense, you could say that by first renouncing the devil and all of his tricks, our souls are swept clean and are ready to be filled with those good things that God desires to give to us as His beloved children.

The first of this next set of baptismal promises asks the following: "Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?" The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that stating our belief in God is the foundation for everything else that we believe. Everything else in the Creed helps "us to know God better as he revealed himself progressively to men." (CCC 199) I've been racking my mind on how to summarize such a huge topic in such a short space! There's so much that can be said about believing in God, so I've settled on sharing a quote that has stuck with me for a long time now when reflecting on the topic of belief. It comes from St. Augustine, one of the Church's greatest thinkers. He said the following: "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe."

Notice the starting point here – "I believe." There are many people in our scientifically-minded world that take the opposite approach, basically saying – "When I understand, then I'll believe." As people of faith, we acknowledge that we don't understand the ways of God fully, and that's not a bad thing. By making this humble admission, we cooperate with the gift of faith which gradually leads us to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. And with that greater understanding, our faith is strengthened to trust the truths of the other aspects of our faith that we don't understand, and the cycle continues.

There are many times when I come before the Lord in prayer, trying to figure out what He's doing or why He's allowed this or that to happen. In many cases, I have to stop and admit – "Ok, I don't understand this. But I believe in you, and I know you know what you're doing, far better than I do! I hope to understand this better someday, but for now, I'm content to trust in you." Maybe that sounds like blind faith to you, but I can tell you that when I've done that, the Lord has blessed me with

great peace, giving me the freedom to continue moving forward without agonizing over something I probably don't need to understand anyway!

-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
Mary Kates, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Al Fox, son of John & Mary Fox
Terry Tinsley, brother-in-law of John & Mary Fox
Jean Seward, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
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
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Sara Graue, sister of Barb Sinkus
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



In Memory:

Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn

St. Jude Parish Weekly 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.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, April 28th

3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Judy Arbise†)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Hanna Vanderhoof, Rylee Henry,
Paityn Henry

Sunday, April 29th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Mickie McKenzie†)
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: For the Parish)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Carter Nieders, Levi Toliver,
Walker Hanna

Monday, April 30th

9:00 a **Counting Team #2**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Leonard Howard†)

Tuesday, May 1st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, May 2nd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **PSR**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, May 3rd

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

Friday, May 4th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Roy Douglas Olson†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, May 5th

8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Ray Roth, Sr.†)

Sunday, May 6th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Calverts
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Helen Morrow†)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Adam Anderson, Josephine
Hendricks

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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (85)	\$ 4,098.10	\$222,364.91
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 54,524.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,218.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,965.00
Poor Fund	\$ 35.00	\$ 2,477.35
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 23.00
Easter Collection (2)	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,035.00
Seminarians (4)	\$ 70.00	\$ 2,491.30
Cath. Home Missions (3)	\$ 45.00	\$ 195.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	98	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, May 5th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Maynerich, Deacon Ray Scheufele

Lectors: Blumhorst, Day

Servers: Heiple, Myers

Hospitality: Auxier, Egizio, J & S Thull

Sunday, May 6th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, J & N Calvert, Nelson

Lectors: Helling, Newman

Servers: Deen, McClintock, Newman

Hospitality: M & D Anderson, Brandis, Parnell

Sunday, May 6th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Deacon Tom, Kerley, Guerrettaz

Lectors: D & S Kuntzman

Servers: E & E Carlson, Long Jr.

Minister of Care: J & N Calvert

Hospitality: Decker Family

CLOW:

Volunteer for this week –April 30th- May 6th

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock

May Recycling Vol.: Jan Pietras

May Food Volunteer: Mary Fox

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. May 6th:

Lenna DeGroot & Joe & Sarah Deen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Apr. 29th – May 6th

Sunday:	ACTS 9:26-31	1JN 3:18-24
		JN 15:1-8
Monday:	ACTS 14:5-18	JN 14:21-26
Tuesday:	ACTS 14:19-28	JN 14:27-31A
Wednesday:	ACTS 15:1-6	JN 15:1-8
Thursday:	1COR 15:1-8	JN 14:6-14
Friday:	ACTS 15:22-31	JN 15:12-17
Saturday:	ACTS 16:1-10	JN 15:18-21
Sunday:	ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	
	1JN 4:7-10	JN 15:9-17

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon, May 7 – 6:00 p.m. Fishes & Loaves
Mon, May 7 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting
Tues, May 8 – 6:30 p.m. Protecting God's Children
Mon, May 21 – 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Mon, May 21 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting
Mon, May 28 – Memorial Day, Office closed

The sharing of new life through our Catholic faith continues in the sacraments of initiation as we celebrate infant Baptisms and the First Reception of Holy Communion throughout the next 7 weeks of Easter as we approach the great feast of Pentecost.

Schedule of First Communions:

April 28: Hanna Vanderhoof, Rylee Henry, Paityn Henry
April 29: Carter Nieders, Levi Toliver, Walker Hanna
May 6: Adam Anderson, Josephine Hendricks
May 19: Gianna Capriotti, Ehren Woehrmann, Nathan Bullock
May 20: Lydia Megginson

PSR NEWS –

It's that time of year when we will be going early **PSR Registration (pre-registration) for the 2018-2019 PSR year.** PSR registration forms have been sent out and the pre-registration dates are April 29th, May 2nd, and May 6th. By registering early, you will help us have a good start in figuring out next year's classes. We will still have Wednesday evening classes just like this year. How many Sunday classes will depend on the number of children pre-registered for each class. We will make the determination about the number of Sunday classes after Sunday, May 13th.

Please help us to prepare by registering early!

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



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Join fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship playing on Softball Team on Sunday afternoons this summer! All men, women, and high school

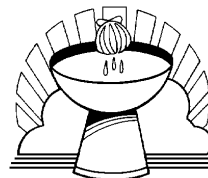
students are invited. We would like to field both men's and co-ed teams, so tell your friends!

Sign up in the back of the church or contact Barry Houmes at 971-1631. **Adult players (over 18 years of age) must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.**



Attention: Knights of Columbus

Our Appreciation Dinner for those Knights & Parishioners who assisted in our many projects will be held at the Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and dinner will follow at 6:00 pm with choices from their banquet menu. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in foyer of the Church before the deadline of May 11th.



Help needed with Baptismal garments – We are looking for help in making the baptismal garments used here for baptisms. If you have helped in the past, or

would like to, please contact the parish office or Ruth Ann Helling (529-4259). The materials and instructions are provided.

Mission Trip News



The youth going on this year's mission trip are selling raffle tickets. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Only 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Mother's Day, May 13th. The winner will receive their choice of: 1) \$650.00 cash, 2) \$650.00 shopping spree at Scheels, or 3) a whole hog, processed by Magro's Meats. In addition to the chosen prize, the winner will also receive a new Weber charcoal grill. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, contact Kay Foster at yakaykf@comcast.net or 217-494-2984.

Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council 9640
Monthly meetings – 3rd Tuesday
See any Knight for more information

Little Flower Community Open House

Join us for our Pre-K-8th grade **Open House on Wednesday, May 2nd, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Visit our classrooms, meet our teachers, and check out the awesome Science and history Fair projects on display. Learn about our Flex Preschool Program, which offers your children a variety of PART-TIME PreK options. Tour with a current family, and let your children hear from our students why they love Little Flower School! We are located at 900 Stevenson Drive, Springfield (529-4511).

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Zachary Bax Douglas Neuweg	2 Lynn Alewelt Michael Jones Jennifer Merriman Justin Merriman	3	4 Marissa Eifert Beck Reid	5 Sebastian Adams J. Michael Jeffers Jared Lauwerens <i>Bob & Jan Pietras</i>
6 Ellen Fischer Frances Kincaid James McGrath Jill Whitney Amy Zack <i>Mike & Dottie Anderson</i>	7 Anthony Marinelli Emily Peacock Kristen Reiss Doug Williams <i>Dan & Lori Ernst</i>	8 Marshall Ingold <i>Philip & Elizabeth McCall</i> <i>Michael & Linda Wrincik</i>	9 Kristi Adams <i>Ryan & Megan Lee</i> <i>Greg & Mary Matheny</i>	10 Kelsi Bales Emily Brewer Donna Gardner Lily Reid	11 Dawn Bruno Helen Crusen Aiden Culbertson James Kohlrus Stephen Lach Wendy Reeves Grant Sterling <i>Gary & Marcy McBride</i>	12 Nathan Bertrand Rachel Deen Mark Hanna Eric Judy Glen Kruse Julie Lohmar <i>John & Tammy Perona</i>
13 Julie Carrigan Marilyn Merkley	14 Molly Eichholz Adam Nickel Jeff Torricelli <i>Brian & Kellie Brewer</i> <i>Matt & Abbey Wacaser</i>	15 Carrie Downey Karen Keen David Knoepfle Maggie Long Mike Spainhour	16 Dave Barkus Carson Berberet Lukas Gragert Wilma Howard Sydney Neuweg <i>Ian & Vicki Sutker</i>	17 Megan Keen Judy Sprinkel Alana Veach	18 Brinley Amerson Michelle Bertrand Mary Gegen Amelia Lafferty <i>Jeff & Lori Bartolozzi</i> <i>Robert & LuAnn Eifert</i>	19 Donald Farris Kristin Kohlrus Braden Stock
20 Kelsey Bruno Sarah Deen Carson Myers <i>Mike & Pam Burge</i>	21 Mary Bruno Aubrey Magro Carson Wacaser	22 Jordan Rayhill <i>Leroy & Sue Bozarth</i> <i>David & Robin Knoepfle</i>	23 Tammy Perona Jill Reagan Joseph Zeibert <i>Allan & Zana Dahlkamp</i> <i>Terry & Kay Foster</i> <i>Mark & Laci Maynerich</i>	24 Helena Rose Lafferty Tyler Miller Elizabeth Newman <i>Kevin & Stephanie Anguish</i> <i>Melvin & Teri Dambacher</i>	25 Ellen Bortmess Jack Hanna	26 Abigail Alewelt Brice Auxier Tony Magro Richard Yong <i>Peter & Juli Dowding</i> <i>David & Rita Harper</i>
27 Dirk Doehring Megan Ramsey Al Urbanckas <i>Andrew & Theresa Gladson</i> <i>Joe & Sylvia Thull</i> <i>Patrick & Teresa Witcik</i>	28 Tina Bax <i>Richard & Amy King</i> <i>Brandon & Rachel Rose</i> <i>Marc & Carrie Zucco</i>	29 Annie Hardiek David Laub Seth Warren <i>Joe & Kate Harris</i> <i>Raymond & Sue Roth</i>	30 Adam Anderson Molly Anderson Lucas Anguish Mallory Fairbanks Rene Runions Jon Tweedt <i>Anthony & Kristina Martin</i>	31 Megan Bruso Diego Garcia Evan McMinn <i>Richard & Beth Yong</i>		