



January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday of Ordinary
Time

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Student Leadership Summit in Chicago hosted by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). It was truly inspiring to see the deep faith that so many young people have and to witness their desire to share this faith with their peers.

One of the keynote speakers was Sister Bethany Madonna of the Sisters for Life. She shared a story about a couple who found out, just prior to their wedding, that the groom had cancer. They had to cancel their honeymoon plans so that he could begin treatments right away. While undergoing treatments, the couple received the happy news that they had conceived a child. The doctors were quick to urge the couple to abort their child, fearing that the husband's cancer treatments would introduce abnormalities with the child. The couple chose to reject this advice and to trust in God. When their child was born, the only anomaly was that the child was born with two fingers fused together in such a way that his hands formed the sign for "I love you" in sign language.

Sister Bethany Madonna said: "It was remedied with a simple surgery, but Matt and Lucy received it as a message from their Father, brought to them through a son, the Gospel in miniature."

This is a beautiful story of the precious gift of life and how the Lord, even in the face of uncertainty, will never disappoint us when we place our trust in Him. I've been thinking of this story as I prepare to attend the annual March for Life in Washington, DC this Friday. It reminds me that even though working for a change of laws is badly needed in order to protect children from abortion, what is even more important is a change of heart, specifically a change of heart to trust in God and to recognize that every life that is created is from Him and that He never makes mistakes.

In that regard, I would like to invite you to join me in praying for these intentions for life on the actual anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Monday, January 22. We will have our normal Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Never underestimate the change that can be effected through the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, especially as it concerns this wonderful gift of life.

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
Aidan Horstman, son of Laura & Terry Horstman
John Riedle, father of David Riedle
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
John & Co Fox, son & daughter-in-law of John & Mary Fox
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
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: Jan. 14– Jan 21

Sunday:	1SM 3:3B-10, 19	JN 1:35-42
	1COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20	MK 2:18-22
Monday:	1SM 15:16-23	MK 2:23-28
Tuesday:	1SM 16:1-13	MK 3:1-6
Wednesday:	1SM 17:32-33,37,40-51	MK 3:7-12
Thursday:	1SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7	MK 3:13-19
Friday:	1SM 24:3-21	MK 3:20-21
Saturday:	2SM 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27	MK 3:20-21
Sunday:	JON 3:1-5, 10	1COR 7:29-31
		MK 1:14-20

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

Collection (100)	\$ 5,271.26	\$151,178.92
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,260.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (23)	\$ 674.00	\$ 7,848.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,853.00
Poor Fund	\$ 77.00	\$ 1,555.39
Children's Stewardship(0)	0.00	\$ 16.00
Catholic Times (3)	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00
Cath. Childrens Home(2)	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,518.50
Christmas Offerings (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,385.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 576.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	130	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

Saturday, January 13th
1:00 p Sew-n-Sews
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Jim Waters†)
Maynerich Baptism
Sunday, January 14th
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, January 15th
Parish Office Closed
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Leach Family members†)
6:00 p *The Bible Timeline*
Tuesday, January 16th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a Counting Team #3
Wednesday, January 17th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p PSR
7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 18th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Mercedes Fleck†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
Friday, January 19th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Jerry Welsh†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
Saturday, January 20th
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Barbara Reid†)
Sunday, January 21st
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Goin†)
9:10 a PSR
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Walker
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

PLEASE NOTE: 2017 Financial Contributions Statements will be mailed before January 31, 2018.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, January 20th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Krug
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Bertrand, Blumhorst

Servers: Heiple, Sommer, Torres

Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, January 21st – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, R & L Eifert,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Helling, Newman

Servers: McClintock, Newman, Zeidler

Hospitality: MB & R McClintock, Parnell

Sunday, January 21st – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, Livengood,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Kohlrus, Maynerich

Servers: E & E Carlson

Minister of Care: Walker

Hospitality: Fjlstul Family

CLOW: Kohlrus, A Toliver

Volunteer for this week –Jan. 15th - Jan. 21st

Church Dusters: Donna Spurlock

Recycling Vol. Jan.: Gleason Family

Jan. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano

Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Jan. 21st

Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

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.

Date change for Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, January 22 beginning at 5:30 pm. We will be praying in a special way for the protection of all human life, especially the unborn. January 22 marks the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion in our county. Please consider taking some time to ask the Creator of all human life to protect this special gift at every stage, from conception to natural death.

Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Parish Center, Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office (498-9197) to register for this session. Please assist the parish in providing various services for our youth and children by fulfilling the requirement for all parish volunteers. **The Protecting God's Children Adult Training Session is a requirement for anyone age 18 or older who is volunteering within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.**

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon., Jan. 22 5:30 pm Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Tues., Jan. 23 6:30 pm Protecting God's Children Session in Parish Center
Thurs., Jan. 25 6:30 pm RCIA

Catholic Times subscription renewal – We have received the billing of the renewal fee for the Catholic Times newspaper, which is delivered to each Parish household, in the amount of **\$6,606.00**.

Please use the envelope you received in your monthly packet to help defray the cost charged to the parish this year.

Thank you.

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



The 2018 Mission Trip team is taking orders for freshly-made **LASAGNA!**

If you are going on the Mission trip and have not yet signed up to help sell and make the lasagnas, please contact Kay Foster at yakyakf@comcast.net.



The Meal Train is leaving the station!

Beginning in January, parishioners will have the opportunity to sign up to provide a dinner meal for Fr. Alford through the "Meal Train" website. Organized by parishioners who acknowledge the heightened duties he has been asked to shoulder for our parish and the wider diocesan church, this is an opportunity to show support and gratitude for all that Fr. Alford does for others. (FYI – Fr. Adam has other meal arrangements.) To sign up, go on-line to <https://mealtrain.com/3lk360> and scroll on down to the calendar. You'll be able to select one of the open dates when you're able to provide dinner. There are details on suggested items along with instructions for how to deliver the meals. Thanks for helping to demonstrate HOSPITALITY which is the first pillar of discipleship and stewardship for our diocese.

PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Many thanks to Joe Biesiada, Laura Fjelstul, Lenna DeGroot, Katey Staley and Phil Van Dyke, who have fulfilled their terms as Pastoral Council members. We appreciate your dedication.

We would like to welcome the new members, Tom Bertrand, Vince Guerrettaz, and Carrie Zucco, who will begin their terms as Pastoral Council members at the next meeting on February 12th.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

“For the world in its present form is passing away.” If change is our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend in Springfield, IL on March 23-25, 2-18. 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.

FORMED.ORG is the newest offering from our Parish to you. FORMED.ORG is an online Catholic media center, offering movies, talks, ebooks, and Bible Studies.

It's easy to register for and easy to use.

Get FORMED Now!

It's EASY and FREE to Register!

- Visit stjude.formed.org with a web browser
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: 3VFNXZ
- Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
- Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



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. please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@stjude.dio.org to schedule a session.

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are donated to St. Patrick School!

We are in need of a volunteer for February. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you.



Education Pays!

When beginning a career, education is invaluable. Learning often translates into higher income and increased opportunities. When ending a career, education is also invaluable. Retirement today is complicated and requires making many decisions. Becoming more informed lessens the risk of making life-impacting mistakes. **Retirement Peace University** is a one-weekend crash course sponsored by the Diocese Office of Marriage and Family life. It covers over 40 critical decisions concerning retirement. A limited number of full-ride scholarships are available. Learn more by picking up a **“Your Retirement Ducks”** brochure available at the back of the sanctuary. **Attend Retirement Peace University** and prepare for your best retirement possible!

FEBRUARY 10-11TH

Saturday 9-3pm and Sunday 1-4pm

St. Jude Parish Center

Enroll online (instruction in the brochure)

www.retirementpeace.org/events

or with the Church office

Games & Eats for “Girls”

Chase away the winter blahs with an evening of comfort food and games at Sacred Heart Convent! The Dominican Sisters welcome young women ages 18-35 to join them, 6:00 p.m., Saturday January 20th, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield. Bring a friend, a favorite game, and a snack to share; we'll provide the main dish. Please let us know you are coming at our Facebook event page, or by calling Sr. Beth Murphy at 217-787-0481 x6023.

United Community Bank

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217-483-2491

Jim Lauwerens, VP Lending