



## January 5, 2020 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Right around this time twenty  
years ago, the world was

breathing a big sigh of relief. The reason for that was that the world did not come to a screeching halt as soon as the calendar switched to the Year 2000. We often speak about Y2K humorously, but in the years, months, and days leading up to it, there was a lot of people worried about what *might* happen. What resulted was a massive effort to ensure being prepared for that big moment, and it paid off.

This is one example of the all-too-common experience of how we look at the future. There are a lot of unknowns about what to expect which can leave us with a sense of anxiety. We like when we can control things and we fear those things which we cannot control. One such future event that we know will happen to each and every one of us is the end of our lives. When we first hear that, it can strike fear into our hearts. But our faith in Jesus Christ gives us some consolation in this regard. Jesus said the following words to His disciples before He died on the Cross, and they are words that speak very well to our anxiety about the end of our lives:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. (John 14:1-3)

As I said, these are very consoling words for us to hear. But they are words that we cannot just hear in isolation. Jesus tells us: "stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13) As with Y2K, the key to our being awake when that unknown day and hour comes is our being prepared. The Gospel that Jesus preached was not one of passive participation. He expected us to *do* things – loving our neighbors and enemies, repenting of our sins, praying, just to name a few. Doing these things do not *earn* us salvation, but they are expressions that *prove* we accept and live this faith which promises us salvation.

When we actively live our faith day in and day out, following the Lord's teachings, striving to always

stay in the state of grace (free from grave sin), we have much less to be worried about regarding our future, because those are the conditions He lays out for those promises to be fulfilled in our lives. Here is some good news – even if you have not been living a life of staying awake and being prepared, if you are reading this, it is not too late to start or to begin again. So, as I keep reminding us – *nunc coepi* – begin again!

- Fr. Alford

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Egizio  
Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** Day, DeGroot  
**Servers:** C & D Sommer, Zucco  
**Hospitality:** Foster, V Walker, C & M Zucco

#### Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, R & L Eifert, Deacon Roth  
**Lectors:** Deimel, Helling  
**Servers:** Delgado, P & H Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** Brandis, McClintock Family

#### Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Kerley, Kuntzman, Warren  
**Lectors:** Crusen, Kohlrus  
**Servers:** Kerley, Martyn, Schudel  
**Minister of Care:** Roth  
**Hospitality:** S & D Decker, A & V Powell  
**CLOW:** Martyn Family

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (80)	\$ 3,604.67	\$ 145,555.36
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 26,938.60
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,177.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 185.00	\$ 3,983.00
Poor Fund	\$ 221.68	\$ 1,539.91
Children's Offering (1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 15.60
Christmas Offerings(109)	\$6,326.91	\$ 6,881.91
Christmas-EFT (15)	\$ 390.00	\$ 390.00
Children's Home (66)	\$ 3,210.15	\$ 3,502.15
Child. Home-EFT (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Latin America (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Catholic Times (1)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
All Saints (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,905.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 95.00	\$ 155.00

### Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to 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:

**Barb Sinkus**, parishioner  
**Steven Long**, parishioner  
**Gary Dumonceaux**, parishioner  
**Jillian Kohlrus**, parishioner  
**Shirley Crawford**, parishioner  
**Rene Runions**, parishioner  
**Ray Roland**, parishioner  
**Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Camille**, parishioner  
**Betty Rowden**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Barber**, parishioner  
**Glen Butcher**, parishioner  
**Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling  
**Yvonne Butcher**, mother of Barrie Blough  
**Katherine Torricelli**, mother of Jeff Torricelli  
**Aloysius Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull  
**Ken Cardoni**, cousin of Frances Tomashavich  
**John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler  
**Glen Limper**, son of Al & Betty Limper  
**Hope Power**, daughter of Yvonne Brandis  
**Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer  
**Jim Felts**, husband of Dianne Felts  
**Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker  
**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  
**John Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White  
**Bob Etherton**, friend of Mary Bruno  
**Cherie Peterson**, niece of Peggy Parnell  
**David Brogdon**, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover  
**Judy Conway**, friend of Maggie Patterson  
**Carolyn Carmichael**, mother of Leanne Collings  
**Stephanie Zimmerman**, friend of Sarah Clare  
**Button Pemberton**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Teresa Cieciora**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Ziggie Cieciora**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Aliana Marecki**, friend of Guerrettaz family



#### In Memory:

**Charles Limper**, brother of Alfred Limper

#### Volunteers for this week: Jan. 6-Jan. 13:

**Church Duster:** Michelle Bertrand

**Jan. Recycling Volunteer:** Gleason Family

**Jan. Food Volunteer:** Carlo Catalano

**Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Don & Roberta Vanover

### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

#### Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 a** Confessions  
**9:00 a** Mass (Int: Kathy Smith†)  
**9:30 a-4:15 p** Eucharistic Adoration  
**3:30 p** Confessions  
**4:30 p** Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)

#### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 a** Confessions  
**8:00 a** Mass (Int: In thanksgiving)  
**9:30 a** Wyndcrest:  
**9:45 a** Confessions  
**9:45 a** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:00 a** Rosary  
**10:30 a** Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a** Counting Team #1  
**5:00 p** Confessions  
**5:30 p** Mass (Int: Jean Seward†)  
**6:30 p** Pastoral Council meeting

#### Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 a** Morning Prayer  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Charles Limper†)  
**8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary  
**1:00 p** Ladies Tea/Bunco  
**6:30 p** PSR  
**7:00 p** Youth Group

#### Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 a** Morning Prayer  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Mary Kates†)  
**8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary  
**7:00 p** Men's Prayer Group  
**7:15 p** Mission Trip Meeting

#### Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 a** Confessions  
**8:00 a** Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)  
**9:30 a** Wyndcrest: Roth  
**9:45 a** Confessions  
**10:00 a** Rosary  
**10:30 a** Mass (Int: For the Parish)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>– Jan 12<sup>th</sup> :**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>IS 60:1-6</b>	<b>EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6</b>
		<b>MT 2:1-12</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>1JN 3:22-4:6</b>	<b>MT 4:12-17, 23-25</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1JN 4:7-10</b>	<b>MK 6:34-44</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>1JN 4:11-18</b>	<b>MK 6:45-52</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>1JN 4:19-5:4</b>	<b>LK 4:14-22A</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>1JN 5:5-13</b>	<b>LK 5:12-16</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>1JN 5:14-21</b>	<b>JN 3:22-30</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>IS 42:1-4, 6-7</b>	<b>ACTS 10:34-38</b>
		<b>MT 3:13-17</b>

**PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS**

Each year three to four persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three-year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, please use the form below, contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office by Friday, January 6, 2020. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 3, 2020.

**St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times**

**Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.**  
**Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.**  
**Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

**→PSR NEWS←**

**The PSR classes will continue their Annual Monthly Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The January food item is Cereal. Thank you in advance for your continued support.**

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events**

Jan. 6 – 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting  
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA  
Jan. 8 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco  
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 – 6:30 p.m. PSR  
Jan. 8, 22 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group  
Jan. 9,16,23,30 – 7:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Group  
Jan. 11 – 1:00 p.m. Sew-n-sews  
Jan. 14 – 6:30 p.m. – PGC Session  
Jan. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting

**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 14, 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.**

**Elite Autobody & Paint Works**  
**3901 Yucan Dr. Spfld 726-6200**  
**1901 N. Dirksen Pkwy. Spfld 744-0500**

**Recommendation for Pastoral Council**

I would like to be considered to serve a three-year term on the St. Jude Pastoral Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the St. Jude Pastoral Council:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Trip meeting** - Our next mission trip meeting will be in the St. Jude Parish Center on **Thursday, January 9 at 7:15.** We will be providing information on the Take n Bake lasagna fundraiser. We will be prepping for the lasagna assembly on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6 and 7 and assembling Saturday, Feb. 8. Please plan to attend. Many hands make for light work!



**Volunteer needed** – one of our Church dusters is unable to continue, and we are looking for a replacement. If you would like to help, please contact the Church office (498-9197). Many thanks to all our volunteers!

## Area Events

The St. Raymond K. of C. Council #4696 will hold their Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 12, 2020, in the Raymond K. of C. Hall. Serving will be from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, dessert, and drink. Adults \$10.00, children 12 & under \$5.00, and pre-school free. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will also be Drive-Thru service and carry-outs available.

### **Alpha Course at Cathedral – A chance to explore a relationship with Jesus**

Are you someone who might enjoy learning a little more about Christianity? Have you or a friend drifted away from the faith? Why not try Alpha? Alpha is a no pressure opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an atmosphere of warm hospitality. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a talk, and conversation. No cost, no obligation. If you or someone you know is interested, the next course begins on Monday, January 13 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral school basement. Please make sure to RSVP at 522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or online at <https://spicathedral.org/alpha/> You are welcome!

### **Bereavement Ministry**

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception hosts a weekly bereavement group, Grief Share, on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 (except 12/26) in the Cathedral School Library. Grief Share offers a faith filled opportunity to grieve and heal in company with others. You are most welcome to join us at any time. No RSVP necessary. For more information contact Berni Ely at 899-6637 or [jackandberni96@yahoo.com](mailto:jackandberni96@yahoo.com)

### **Epiphany Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral**

In the continued joy of the Church's celebration of Christmas, you are invited to again join Mark Gifford and the Cathedral Choir for an evening of Scripture, music, and prayer as we reflect on the events surrounding the birth of our Savior at Christmas. Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

**The Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.** and Trivia Workshop invite you to attend Trivia Night on January 11, 2020 at the Prairie Heart Dove Conference Center from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, or \$160 for a table of 8. Bring your own snacks. There will be soda, water, beer and wine available for purchase. Registration for the event can be done by calling the Center at 525-5630.

You are invited to attend our 2020-2021 Open House at St. Aloysius School on Wednesday, February 12, 6:30-8:00pm. Mrs. Denise Reavis, along with our Pre-K through 8th grade teachers will welcome parents to classrooms to see where their children will learn and how they will be taught. Music, Art, Computer, and PE teachers will also be on hand. Tours of the school will be provided. Mark your calendar now and come see all we have to offer at St. Aloysius School! All are welcome! Questions? Call Mrs. Denise Reavis at 217-544-4553 or visit [www.staloyisus.org](http://www.staloyisus.org). Find Your True North at St. Aloysius!

**Season Two of Dive Deep Podcast** – Season two Dive Deep, the official podcast of Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has launched. Join Andrew Hansen, Amber Cerveny, and Father Christopher House as they explore interesting and controversial topics surrounding our faith. Diving deep into Season two, they explore what the Catholic Church says about ghosts and aliens, what are the last four things, annulments, why Archbishop Fulton Sheen's beatification Mass in Peoria was postponed, the 10 things you didn't know about Christmas, and much more. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) and click "listen and subscribe." Each Friday, a new episode will be available. You can also find the podcast on your favorite podcast platform, such as Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, Spotify and Overcast, among others. Just search "Dive Deep Diocese of Springfield in Illinois."

**9 Days for Life Novena** - 9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2020) is a novena for the protection of human life. Participants can receive novena prayers each day by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages at: <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>. Each day there is an intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life.