



March 18, 2018 5th Sunday of Lent

When coming to the finish of something, we often say that we're on the downhill stretch, but with Lent, it's the other way around. It's more appropriate to see it as an upward climb as we journey with Jesus on His way up to Jerusalem.

In light of that upward climb, I'd like to offer you our next challenge, one that I think you will find more difficult than you think:

Challenge: Fast from using the word 'busy'
Fruit: Detachment from self

When I was in the seminary, our Rector would constantly remind us not to use the word 'busy'. He reminded us of the privilege we had as seminarians to dedicate so much time to study and prayer, a luxury many people would love to have. He further encouraged us to take that practice into the priesthood. He wanted us to remember that as priests, we're really no busier than anybody else, and in fact, there are many people who are much busier than we are. That's a lesson that has stuck with me and one I try to live by.

Let me be clear that using the word 'busy' is not like using foul language! But I think we have to examine what motivates us to use that word. Oftentimes, don't we use the word for self-serving motives, telling people how important we are or how they should have sympathy on us for all that we are doing? If we use 'busy' in that sense, we tend to have a negative view of things going on around us, as though they are a burden, and the situation just seems worse! Why not replace the word with something like 'blessed'? That allows us to see all of the things that we are busy about as blessings from God, not burdens to bear. Then, we will be renewed to see everything before us as an opportunity to joyfully glorify God through those many activities.

As an added challenge, why not drop a quarter or two into your Rice Bowl for each time you slip and use the word 'busy' in a self-seeking way this week?

As a 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



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

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†)

Monday, March 19th

9:00 a **Counting Team #3**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)
6:00 p **Eucharistic Adoration**
6-7:00 p **Confessions**
6:00 p ***The Bible Timeline***

Tuesday, March 20th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: James Hundley†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:00 p **K of C mtg**

Wednesday, March 21th

No mass
6-8:00 p **Confessions**
6:30 p **PSR**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, March 22nd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **RCIA**

Friday, March 23rd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass**(Int:Celia&Frank Tomashvich†)
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 24th

10-11:30a **Confessions**
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Ellan Dahlkamp†)

Sunday, March 25th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Fr. Adam
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 (85)	\$ 5,120.70	\$194,208.17
Electronic funds (23)	\$ 2,698.00	\$ 51,433.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (28)	\$ 374.00	\$ 10,991.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (11)	\$ 408.00	\$ 5,557.00
Poor Fund	\$ 66.51	\$ 2,049.83
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Catholic Relief (47)	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 1,570.00
EFT-Cath.Relief(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Land (2)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
EFT- Holy Land (8)	\$ 122.00	\$ 122.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 160		
Number of electronic contributions: 34		

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 18th - Mar. 25th

Sunday:	JER 31:31-34	HEB 5:7-9
	JN 12:20-33	
Monday:	2SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A,16	
	ROM 4:13,16-18,22	
	MT 1:16,18-21,24A or LK 2:41-51A	
Tuesday:	NM 21:4-9	JN 8:21-30
Wednesday:	DN 3:14-20,91-92,95	JN 8:31-42
Thursday:	GN 17:3-9	JN 8:51-59
Friday:	JER 20:10-13	JN 10:31-42
Saturday:	EZ 37:21-28	JN 11:45-56
Sunday:	MK 11:1-10 or JN 12:12-16	
	PHIL 2:6-11MK 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39	



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, March 24th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Egizio, Tomashavich,
Deacon Ray

Lectors: Auxier, Day

Servers: Heiple, Torres, Zack

Hospitality: S&J Thull

Sunday, March 25th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Krug, Nelson
Deacon Ray

Lectors: Deimel, Merriman

Servers: Deen, Delgado, Zeidler

Hospitality: Deen, Dowding, Parnell

Sunday, March 25th – 10:30 a.m.

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

Lectors: Guerrettaz, Warren

Servers: Marinelli, Toliver

Minister of Care: Fr. Adam

Hospitality: Brewer family

CLOW: A & B Toliver

Volunteer for this week – Mar. 18th - Mar. 25th

Church Duster: Diane Felts

March Recycling Vol.: Greg Park

March Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher

Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Mar. 25th:

Roger & MaryBeth McClintock family

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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter Weekends are for husbands and wives who love each other and who already have a good marriage – but they want to grow closer and stronger still. You can find this renewed relationship on Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends being presented 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.stl-wwme or call 314.649.7317.

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

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

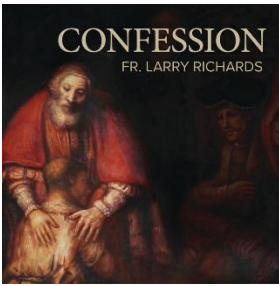
Mon. April 2 – Easter Monday – office closed , no mass

St. Therese Guild, Church of the Little Flower Geranium Sale.

Download the order

forms: <http://littleflowerchurch.net> or obtain from the Little Flower church office. Order with payment due Friday, April 13.

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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.

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.



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.

- 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

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

The annual Good Friday Way of the Cross for Peace and Justice will be held on March 30, 2018 beginning at noon at the Supreme Court Building, 2nd & Capitol. The 1.5 hour prayerful walk remembers Jesus' passion and its connection with the sufferings of injustice experienced in God's people in our world today. Join with others in this ecumenical experience of prayer.

The walk is sponsored by Pax Christi Springfield, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Springfield Dominican Sisters, and Church of the Brethren. For more information, call/text 217-652-3567 or contact susaneby5@gmail.com. Alternate location if raining – Little Flower Church, 800 Stevenson Drive.

Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - Wed., Mar. 21, 2018, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Church of the Little Flower will host the Springfield Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women meeting. The meeting will focus on sharing of happenings in your parish, deanery, diocese and National DCCW and its relationship to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Meetings are 3 times a year. In order to have enough hand-outs, if you plan to attend, please contact Sue Warner at or 217-789-0373, President of the Springfield Deanery DCCW. All are welcome to stay for Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross and soup supper.

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 and April 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!