



February 23, 2020
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

LEAP YEAR

The seventh and final sacrament for our consideration is the second of the Sacraments at the Service of Communion – the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Other than the Sacrament of the Eucharist (which I celebrate every day), the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a sacrament that occupies many of my waking hours each day. As you know, one of my diocesan duties is as Vocation Director, in which I help young men discern and prepare for receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. My other diocesan duty is as Vicar for Priests, in which I serve as an extension to the bishop on matters related to priestly life in our diocese. In fact, as I write this article, I am at a conference in New Jersey which focuses on the Ongoing Formation of priests.

On the opening afternoon of our conference, the homilist at the Mass we were at referenced an article published recently in *USA Today* that called out the real challenge that many priests are facing today, especially in the face of the scandals involving priests that have been widely publicized in the media. The author of the article wrote about how many good and faithful priests are struggling with the negativity from those scandals, but they are also struggling with more and more responsibilities with less help. I was very shaken recently when I heard the news that a priest from another diocese who was just a year ahead of me at the seminary where I studied took his own life. And I have heard too many stories from around the country where priests have burned out under the pressures they are facing.

I thank God profoundly because that has not been my experience, even though I have been around a lot of difficult things in my priestly ministry. I feel extremely supported by all of you and I am very fulfilled in my ministry – all of it. And so, while I certainly hope that you will continue to pray for me, can I please ask you to also pray each day for the priests of our diocese? I remember saying to all of you my first weekend that a priest is only as good as the prayers of his people for him. Those prayers are not just so that we can feel good, they are so that we can *be* good – meaning that we can be good, holy, faithful priests who imitate Jesus “who came not to be served, but to serve” (Mt 20:28) and to help the faithful grow in holiness in this life and so one day be with the Lord forever in Heaven, especially through our joyful celebration of the sacraments which are those channels which will lead us all to our heavenly home.

As a reminder, to receive a daily reflection and challenge in your inbox, text the word STJUDELENT to 84576. If you received these messages in the past, you are likely already signed up.

- Fr. Alford

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:

Parishioners

Megan Lee, Steven Long, Gary Dumonceaux, Jillian Kohlrus, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Barb Kiel, Mary Rodgers

Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
Robert Goin, father of Vicki Walker
Harry Buck, brother of Teri Dambacher
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Aloysius Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
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
Frank Stroble, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Stephanie Zimmerman, friend of Sarah Clare
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, February 22nd
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Ben Lake†)
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Following Mass
Sunday, February 23rd
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Auxier
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Steven Long)
Monday, February 24th
9:00 a Counting Team #4
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Nola LeFever†)
Tuesday, February 25th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass(Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
5:30 p Mardi Gras
7:00 p RCIA
February 26th- Ash Wednesday
7:00 a Mass(Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p Mass (Int: For the Parish)
Thursday, February 27th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass(Int: Ziggie Cieciura†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p Men's Prayer Group
7:00 p No Choir rehearsal
Friday, February 28th
7:30 a No Mass
8:00 a Stations of the Cross
5:00 p K of C Fish Fry
Saturday, February 29th
10-11:00 a Confessions
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Muriel Gatschenberger†)
Sunday, March 1st
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Roth
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Feb. 29th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Scheufele, Tomashavich
Lectors: Day, DeGroot
Servers: C & D Sommer, Zack
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, T & K Riedle

Sunday, March 1st – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, J & N Calvert,
 Deacon Roth
Lectors: Deimel, A Deen
Servers: Delgado, R Deen, McClintock
Hospitality: Dowding, Vogt, R & B Yong

Sunday, March 1st – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, Kohlrus, Kuntzman
Lectors: A & K Livengood
Servers: A & M Livengood, E Schudel
Minister of Care: Deacon Roth
Hospitality: Brewer Family
CLOW: A & B Toliver

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

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (83)	\$ 4,267.00	\$ 183,700.77
Electronic Funds (20)	\$ 2,188.10	\$ 33,144.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (2)	\$ 50.00	\$ 9,721.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (9)	\$ 413.00	\$ 5,024.00
Poor Fund	\$ 61.52	\$ 1,878.21
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.60
Central/East. Europe(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 45.00
EFT-East Europe (8)	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
EFT-Cath. Charities(8)	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00

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.

Volunteers for this week: Feb. 24-Mar. 1:

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock
Feb. Recycling Volunteer: Ron Wojcicki
Feb. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano
Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, March 1:
 Joe & Sarah Deen

Steak n Shake

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Locations in Springfield, Taylorville & Jacksonville

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 23rd– Mar. 1st:

Sunday:	LV 19:1-2, 17-18	1COR 3:16-23
		MT 5:38-48
Monday:	JAS 3:13-18	MK 9:14-29
Tuesday:	JAS 4:1-10	MK 9:30-37
Wednesday:	JL 2:12-18	2COR 5:20-6:2
		MT 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	DT 30:15-20	LK 9:22-25
Friday:	IS 58:1-9A	MT 9:14-15
Saturday:	IS 58:9B-14	LK 5:27-32
Sunday:	GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7	ROM 5:12-19
		MT 4:1-11



Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, March 7th

Come spend time with Jesus this Lent during our regularly scheduled First Saturday Adoration. Adoration follows

Mass, beginning around 9:30 am, and continues until 4:15 pm, just before the Saturday Vigil Mass. See the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to commit to one of the slots, but no commitment is necessary to attend.



Our Patron Saint, St. Jude, is coming to Springfield this Lent! At least a part of him is coming, as some of his relics will be here. During the first week of Lent (March 2-4, 2020) the major relic of St. Jude and its smaller companions will be visiting St. Aloysius Parish in Springfield. Fr. Patrick Tobin, O.P., the caretaker of the relic and Spiritual Director of the Shrine of St. Jude

(Chicago), will bring the relic to Springfield and make it available for veneration. **Masses which will incorporate veneration will be held at 7:00 PM on March 2, 3, and 4.** This relic of St. Jude is reportedly the largest relic of an Apostle located outside of Europe. Please seriously consider making it to one of these masses to ask for St. Jude's intercession for your needs and for those of our parish.

Additional Confession Times during Lent

Sat. Feb. 29 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Sat. Mar. 14 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Mon. Mar. 16 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Sat. Mar. 21 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Mon. Mar. 23 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Tue. Mar. 24 - 6:30 pm - Combined Parish Penance Service at Little Flower
 Thu. Mar. 26 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Sat. Mar. 28 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Mon. Mar. 30 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Thu. Apr. 2 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Sun. Apr. 5 - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Fri. Apr. 10 - 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm

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.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

- Feb. 25 – 7:00 p.m. - RCIA
- Feb. 27 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- Feb. 25 – 5:30 p.m. – Mardi Gras
- Feb. 28 – 8:00 a.m.- Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 28 – 5:00 p.m. – K of C Fish Fry
- Feb. 29 – 10-11:00 a.m. – Confessions
- Mar. 2 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting
- Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 21 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- Mar. 4, 11, 18 – 6 – 5:45 p.m.-Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 4, 11, 18 – 6 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
- Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- Mar. 5, 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27- 5:00 p.m. Fish Fry
- Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 – 8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan
- Mar. 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Bunco

→PSR NEWS←

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



REMINDER: Bring in your old PALMS by Tuesday, February 25th, so they can be burned for the ashes used to mark ourselves as a sign of our repentance on Ash Wednesday.



Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive

This Lent, we have the opportunity to help the Taylorville Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center raise funds to help women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Did you know that in addition to free pregnancy tests, Loving Arms provides options counseling, education on fetal development, prenatal and parenting classes, life skill classes, referrals for housing, employment and legal services, as well as referral for prenatal care and ultrasound? They also provide emotional and spiritual support through peer counseling and Bible studies. Your contributions help them to continue to provide all of these free of charge.

Empty Baby Bottles will be available for St. Jude families to “adopt”. Take your adopted bottles home and fill them with loose change. Once the bottle is full it can be returned to the Church or to the parish center. All bottles should be returned during Easter week.

Empty Bottles will be available for adoption at the Tuesday, February 25th Mardi Gras celebration. Beginning Ash Wednesday, there will also be bottles available at the back of the Church.

This is a great opportunity for families to practice almsgiving and to support Pro Life efforts in our area.

Healthy Kids Running Series Coming to Rochester!

Healthy Kids Running Series (HKRS) is coming to Rochester this Spring! HKRS is a national, community-based non-profit that provides a fun, inclusive five-week running series for children ages 2-14, designed for kids to get active, feel accomplished and lay the foundation for a healthy lifestyle. The series will be held at the Rochester Park on the following Sundays at 4:00pm: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17. For more information on the series and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <https://healthykidsrunningseries.org/race-locations/rochester-il/> or contact Community Coordinator, Alex Batten, at rochesteril@healthykidsrs.org or (217)816-9378.



Mardi Gras Celebration Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday” – meaning it is the last opportunity to eat rich, fat foods before the fast of Lent begins. Here at St. Jude we celebrate Mardi Gras as a chance for the parish family to come together to share an evening of FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP. Everyone is welcome – there will be plenty of good food.

5:30 pm World Famous Nancy’s Jambalya dinner complete with Mac & Cheese and King Cupcakes

6:00 pm Bouya Parade kicks off GAMES for kids and adults

7:00 pm Join us in the Church for the Burying of the Alleluia.

Lots of help is needed to make our celebration a success. There are sign-up sheets on the Mardi Gras table in the back of the Church.



The party won’t be the same without YOU!



Mark your calendars now!

The K of C St. Jude Council 9640 annual Fish Fries are scheduled for Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr. 3rd.

If you would like to help with the Fish Fries, please contact Deacon Tom Walker or Jerry Calvert for more information.

Job Opening, St. Agnes Parish Business Manager

St. Agnes Parish in Springfield is now accepting applications for the position of a full-time Business Manager. This highly motivated self-starter would serve as a steward of Parish finances, properties and personnel resources. Supervision would include accounts payable and receivable, payroll, posting collections, contractual services, property management and HR for both the church and school. This person would ideally be a skilled professional with at least a Business degree and five years of business and accounting experience with knowledge of Quickbooks preferred. Email resume to Fr. Dan Bergbower at dbergbower@stagnescatholicparish.org