



What a difference a week makes! When I sat down to write my bulletin article for last week, we had just come off a weekend of extra precautions at Mass to help “slow the spread”, as the CDC calls it. Now, we are coming off a weekend in which no Catholics in the United States were able to attend Mass in person, having to settle for virtual participation at Mass.

One of the keys to accepting this new (though hopefully short-lived) reality gracefully is to embrace the time-honored tradition of making a Spiritual Communion. I have included a suggested prayer for making a Spiritual Communion with the videos of Mass that I have posted, but I wanted to take a brief opportunity to speak more about this very powerful prayer.

The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our entire lives. To live without that nourishment can have very detrimental effects on our spiritual lives. Jesus told His disciples as much when He said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.” (Jn 6:53) So what about when we are unable to receive Him physically in the Eucharist? Will our spiritual lives wither and die? Here is some good news. While God has chosen to use the sacraments as the normal means by which He gives us grace, He is not bound by them, and can give His grace to His people who cannot otherwise receive the sacraments. For example, if one is at the end of their lives and does not have the opportunity to go to Confession to a priest, making a perfect Act of Contrition (rooted in love for God and desiring forgiveness) can be forgiven without Confession (but they have to resolve to go to confession if they have the opportunity). So too with the Eucharist. The Lord can and does still pour out graces on His people who cannot physically receive Holy Communion, but who desire in their hearts to be united to the Lord’s Body and Blood, even if that can only be done spiritually.

I came across a beautiful quote from St. Teresa of Jesus on Spiritual Communion: “When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.”

I look forward to being with you virtually at Mass for as long as we need, which is increasing my longing to be with all of you physically at the first Mass we will be able to celebrate together in person and together to be fed spiritually *and* physically with the Bread of Life in the Holy Eucharist.

- Fr. Alford

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.  
*St. Francis*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>EZ 37:12-14</b>	<b>ROM 8:8-11</b>
		<b>JN 11:1-45</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62</b>	<b>JN 8:1-11</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>NM 21:4-9</b>	<b>JN 8:21-30</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95</b>	<b>JN 8:31-42</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>GN 17:3-9</b>	<b>JN 8:51-59</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>JER 20:10-13</b>	<b>JN 10:31-42</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>EZ 37:21-28</b>	<b>JN 11:45-56</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>MT 21:1-11</b>	<b>IS 50:4-7</b>
	<b>PHIL 2:6-11</b>	<b>MT 26:14-27</b>

**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.**

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

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year-To-Date</b>
Collections (35)	\$ 1,816.00	\$ 204,352.07
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,242.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 10,855.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,652.00
Poor Fund	\$ 44.10	\$ 2,202.78
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 34.60
Catholic Relief Serv(15)	\$ 455.00	\$ 506.00
EFT-Cath. Relief (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 112.00

**HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!**

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

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. Diocesan Priests)

**10-11:00 a** Confessions

**3:30-4:15 p** Confessions

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. For the Parish)

**7:30-7:50 a** Confessions

**9:45-10:15 a** Confessions

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. Isaac Weitekamp†)

**5:00 p** Confessions

**6-7:00 p** Confessions

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. Limper/Engeling Families)

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. Joyce Hogan†)

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. Ruthie Likent†)

**6-7:00 p** Confessions

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. Carol J. Gadert†)

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. All Souls†)

**10-11:00 a** Confessions

**3:30-4:15 p** Confessions

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass** (Int. For the Parish)

**7:30-7:50 a** Confessions

**9:45-10:15 a** Confessions

**5-6:30 p** Confessions

**Additional Confession Times during Lent**

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

**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, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy**

**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  
**Aloysious 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

**Bentley's Hair and Nails Co.  
126 N. John St. Rochester, IL  
217-498-1081**

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:



**Prayer & Fasting Abstinance** – (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.

## 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](http://stjude.dio.org)) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. **Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by April 15, 2020.** The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

**Please note:** Effective this year, there has been a significant change in the scholarship application regarding the required essay.

## BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Your generous support to Loving Arms helps meet the needs of both young mothers and young fathers. In addition to funding pregnancy care, abstinence education, and post-abortion recovery, donations received from the Baby Bottle Boomerang also help young dads learn about fatherhood, legacy building, honoring their child's mother, job seeking, budgeting, and many other important family skills and values – all built on the foundation of God's design for families while reaching out with the love of Jesus.

**Second Collection** – Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services, and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. We will be sending **\$506.00** to the Diocese.

This Lenten Season the Church of St. Jude will be doing an **Almsgiving Mission Project** in serving our less fortunate neighbors. This is similar to our Christmas Friends Program with St. Patrick School and Aperion Care.

Our **Almsgiving Mission Project** will be baking cookies or cupcakes for area NFP agencies who help families in need. You may have a favorite family recipe you would like to share! This is a great opportunity for families to practice almsgiving and show Love to those less fortunate.

Please visit the table at the back of the church to see what a difference we can make in serving others! You, your family and/or your friends can help, it's easy! Pick up an Almsgiving Card with a name of an NFP agency to BLESS! Then you, your family or friends can get together at home and bake up the items. If you wish to deliver the goodies, that would be great. If not, we have volunteers who can help with delivery.

**Although we are currently unable to attend Mass, Our Lenten Project is still collecting donations of board games, puzzles, color books/crayons and card games for our Lenten Project.** We will accept gently used or new items. This promotes family time and fun for the kids. The best music is a child's laughter. When the kids are laughing and having fun, they are not worrying about the grown-up issues in the family.

**We are asking for additional donations of food so that we can help the SIU Emergency Food Pantry to feed some of the children that are seen, as well as the homeless, seniors and disabled.**

Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannette Waters at 652-4039 or 529-7280.



Even though we cannot attend Mass in person, you can watch Mass online. Go to our parish home page ([stjude.dio.org](http://stjude.dio.org)) and click the Resources Link in the top menu to connect to our Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

## April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Jack Bassett Susan Gleason Christine Nickles Alex Stead	<b>2</b> Tom Beeve Abigail Cochran Jessica Foster Kenneth Livengood Nick Palazzolo <i>John &amp; Sarah Kerley</i>	<b>3</b> Camdyn Clarke Brenda Larson	<b>4</b> Karlie Schnepf Christine Zack <i>Gary &amp; Paulette Dumonceaux</i>
<b>5</b> Cathy Carlson Benjamin Duban Alicia Harney Jamie Merritt	<b>6</b> Nathaniel Houmes Griffin Leach Jenna Martin Taylor Trello Bo Emannuel Wetherell <i>Randall &amp; Suzann Segatto</i>	<b>7</b> Chris Gleason Lance Ingold Callie Morgan Heather Nieders Deacon Tom Walker	<b>8</b> Diane Bortmess Mary Callahan Jillian Capriotti Dan Ernst Mickael Hickey Amy Trello Jonathon Vollmer Paul Western <i>Jasper &amp; Kelly Capriotti</i>	<b>9</b> Claire Gray Ken Oldfield Madelyne Rayn Abby Vose	<b>10</b> Evan Cornett Reilly Martyn Tami Walcher	<b>11</b> Elaine Hundley Cara Reiser Lauren Stead <i>Ed &amp; Judy Bedore</i>
<b>12</b> Ryan Houmes Clayton Marx Emma Van Dyke	<b>13</b> Kaleb Broughton Joseph Heiple Chase Kuntzman Meghan Melton Sylvia Thull <i>Dan &amp; Sherry Frachey</i>	<b>14</b> Jim Allen Janet Leinum Alex Merriman Mary Kathryn Palazzolo Jenna Spurlock <i>David &amp; Ellen Fischer</i> <i>Josh &amp; Kim Veach</i>	<b>15</b> Jennifer Crouch Kelley Stephens Zeke Weitekamp <i>Derek &amp; Amy Bruno</i>	<b>16</b> Hannah Eichholz Jan Militello Sabrina Nolan Luke Settles Vicki Sutker <i>Tom &amp; Judy Maloney</i>	<b>17</b> Harold Nickles <i>Bob &amp; Debbie Jemison</i>	<b>18</b> Justin Harris Alecia Mantei John Runions Rebecca Zeibert
<b>19</b> Lydia Batten Joseph Faloon William O'Sullivan	<b>20</b> Elizabeth McCall Shannon Ryan	<b>21</b> Brian Brewer Cecelia Schurman Brian Stephens	<b>22</b> Laura Fjelstul Jeff Harrison James Owens Erik Woehrmann <i>Adam &amp; Mallory Nickel</i>	<b>23</b> Anna Auxier David Bruno John Jones Jeremy Maggiore Kevin Ward <i>Phillip &amp; Emma Van Dyke</i> <i>John &amp; Marcey Werthwein</i>	<b>24</b> Danielle Marinelli Grace Petty	<b>25</b> Imelda Garcia Rita Harper
<b>26</b> Ryan Dietrich Maureen McWard Jerry Parsons Bill Rodgers <i>Jason &amp; Brenda Schnepf</i>	<b>27</b> Jim Hagerman Alan Howard Jim Joyce Cathy Manning <i>Garrett &amp; Alicia Harney</i> <i>Dennis &amp; Charlene Weitekamp</i>	<b>28</b> Caitlin Lauwerens Lynnette Ramsey <i>William &amp; Mary McKenzie</i> <i>Mark &amp; Mary Palazzolo</i>	<b>29</b> Ethan Clarke Elizabeth Siders Lula Grace Staley	<b>30</b> Sage Gass Jim Kratz Patty Oldani		

### 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! **Please put only aluminum cans in the box!**



### Food Collection

FOR ST. MARTIN De PORRES  
Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin de Porres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry. Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.