



## May 17, 2020 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Earlier this year, at a meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council, I proposed an idea for us to consider as a parish. It

was a plan for getting more parishioners engaged in the life of the parish. It is something that every pastor wrestles with, no matter how active a parish is. We are never content with a certain percentage of people being involved; we want *everybody* involved in the life of the parish. That might sound idealistic, and from a human assessment, it is, and even a little foolish. But, through the eyes of faith, we believe that it is possible, because the Lord desires it for His people. So, if that is what the Lord desires, we desire it as well.

There has been no shortage of ideas that I have thought of or have been proposed to me as something to consider. Many of them have been great ideas and have even yielded some fruit. But as I was thinking about this topic again, a line from the Psalms kept coming to me: "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor." (Ps. 127:1) It was a reminder to me that I had not been giving enough emphasis to the one thing that will benefit renewal over any program or idea: prayer.

That might sound simplistic, but again, through the eyes of faith, it means everything. The Lord constantly reminds us to pray, and to keep praying, to keep knocking at the door, trusting that the He will grant us what we are most in need of. With that in mind, I was convicted that the most important and most necessary thing was for us to pray – and not just me, but all of us as a parish family. The Lord further prompted me to look to the original novena of the Church, the nine days before Pentecost, as a time to implore the Lord to bring about a renewal in our parish. Just as on the day of Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church, so too can we look forward to that day as a day of rebirth for our parish. Such an idea sounds great under normal circumstances, but we are not even back in church for public masses! Should we maybe wait for another time? Here is another line from the Scriptures to consider: "Behold, now

is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor 6:2)

So, beginning this Friday (May 22) and concluding on the following Saturday (May 30), I invite you to join me in praying the Novena Prayer that you will see following this bulletin article. It comes from the Amazing Parish website, and I could not think of a better prayer for all of us to be praying together, inviting the Holy Spirit to set our hearts on fire and to already begin to bear fruit in our lives and our parish, despite those thoughts that try to tell us it will never work or that the time is not right. Let us never doubt the power of the Holy Spirit and what He can do when we open our hearts to let Him lead us. Come, Holy Spirit!

- Fr. Alford

### Novena Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish. Amen.

### 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*

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

- 7:30 a** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Kathy Smith†)
- 3:30-4:15 p** **Confessions**
- 7:30-7:50 a** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Confessions**
- 8:00 a** **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. For the Parish)
- 9:15-10:15 a** **Distribution of Holy Communion**
- 10:45-11:15 a** **Confessions**
- 11:45-12:45 p** **Distribution of Holy Communion**
- 7:30 a** Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. All Souls†)
- 5:00 p** **Confessions**
- 7:30 a** Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Limper/Engeling Families)
- 7:30 a** Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Noah Guerrettaz†)
- 7:30 a** Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Susan Denton†)
- 7:30 a** Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Kathy Blasko†)
- 7:30 a** Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Allan† & Zana Dahlkamp)
- 3:30-4:15 p** **Confessions**
- 7:30-7:50 a** Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Confessions**
- 8:00 a** **Mass Livestream**  
(Int. Jim & Mary Kates†)
- 9:15-10:15 a** **Distribution of Holy Communion**
- 10:45-11:15 a** **Confessions**
- 11:45-12:45 p** **Distribution of Holy Communion**

**THE DIOCESE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU**  
A TEXT MESSAGE THAT IS



TEXT: DIOSPRINGFIELD TO 84576 TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES, UPDATES FROM BISHOP PAPROCKI, AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Do you want to stay up-to-date on news surrounding our diocese, Bishop Paprocki, diocesan events, and spiritual opportunities? Sign up to receive text messages or email

messages by going to [dio.org](http://dio.org) or text [diospringfield](tel:84576) to 84576.

## 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

**Sue Bozarth, 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  
**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

## 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**

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (41)	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 231,114.07
Electronic Funds (26)	\$ 2,338.10	\$ 48,064.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (8)	\$ 233.00	\$ 12,431.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (9)	\$ 413.00	\$ 6,908.00
Poor Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 3,259.00
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 46.10
Cath. Communications(2)	\$ 6.00	\$ 26.00
EFT-Cath. Commun. (7)	\$ 102.00	\$ 102.00
Cath. Home Mis (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 661.00
Easter (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,655.00
Missionary Co-op (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,389.35
Pentecost (2)	\$ 7.00	\$ 97.00
EFT-Pentecost (8)	\$ 172.00	\$ 172.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 8:5-8, 14-17	<b>1PT</b> 3:15-18 <b>JN</b> 14:15-21
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 16:11-15	<b>JN</b> 15:26-16:4A
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 16:22-34	<b>JN</b> 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 17:15, 22-18:1	<b>JN</b> 16:12-15
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 1:1-11	<b>EPH</b> 1:17-23 <b>MT</b> 28:16-20
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 18:9-18	<b>JN</b> 16:20-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 18:23-28	<b>JN</b> 16:23B-28
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ACTS</b> 1:12-14	<b>1PT</b> 4:13-16 <b>JN</b> 17:1-11A

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**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.

## Second Collections

WITHOUT MASS, WE MISS SECOND COLLECTIONS. SECOND COLLECTIONS SUPPORT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (MARCH 22)

SEMINARIAN'S COLLECTION (APRIL 12) 100% STAY LOCAL

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL (APRIL 26)

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (MAY 17) 50% STAY LOCAL

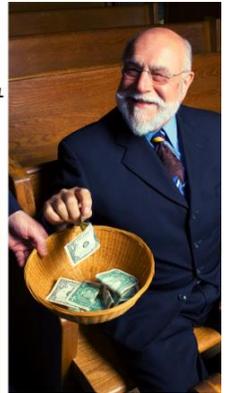
RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS (MAY 31) 100% STAY LOCAL

GIVE TODAY AT:

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Without Mass, we miss second collections. Second collections support local, national, and international efforts that are critical to the Universal Church.

Please support the Second Collections using your envelopes or online at

[parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections](http://parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections). Your generosity is appreciated.



**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!**



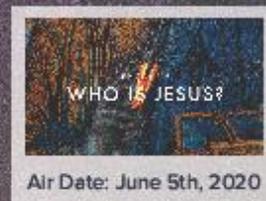
PSALM 47:3, NRSV

# THE SEARCH

## episode schedule

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Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What's our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God? We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

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