

May 6, 2018 6th Sunday of Easter



I don't know about you, but it's hard to believe how quickly the time after Easter goes! The 40 days of Lent seemed to drag on, while the 40 days after Easter have flown by. In just two weeks, we'll be celebrating the great birthday of the Church on Pentecost Sunday. Before we reach that point, though, we've got two more of our Baptismal promises to consider before we conclude this Easter series of reflections.

Having affirmed our belief in God, the Father Almighty, we turn to the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Here is what we were asked: "Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?"

As with the previous promise, there's SO much that can be said about what it means to believe in Jesus Christ, so, as I did last week, let me share one quote with you that I think gives a nice summary of this promise. It comes from the first encyclical, *The Light of Faith*, written by Pope Francis shortly after he became pope in 2013. He wrote the following:

We "believe" Jesus when we accept his word, his testimony, because he is truthful. We "believe in" Jesus when we personally welcome him into our lives and journey towards him, clinging to him in love and following in his footsteps along the way. (*Lumen Fidei*, 18)

Somebody commented to me recently that I seem to preach a lot about having a personal relationship with Christ, something Catholics are not all that used to. We sometimes think such language is more a part of the vocabulary of our non-Catholic Christian brothers and sisters who don't really have the vast structure of the Church that we have. Well, here's the good news – having a personal relationship with Jesus, living it, and sharing it is for ALL Christians, Catholics included! In fact, if we don't have it, then we haven't really embraced this baptismal promise of our faith. Our acceptance of Jesus into our lives is not a one-time thing – we must do it every day of our lives, but especially when we receive Him into our lives in

Holy Communion. So, let me invite you the next time you receive Holy Communion, when you say 'Amen', say in your heart – "I believe in you, Jesus, I accept you into my life!"

-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
Mary Kates, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Josh Cable, student at Rochester H.S.
Al Fox, son of John & Mary Fox
Terry Tinsley, brother-in-law of John & Mary Fox
Jean Seward, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
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
Mary Alice Tuxhorn, friend of JoAnn Camille
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
Sara Graue, sister of Barb Sinkus
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

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.

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HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, May 5th

8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)
1:00 p **Sew-n-Sews**
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Ray Roth, Sr.†)

Sunday, May 6th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Calverts
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Helen Morrow†)
First Reception of Holy Communion:
Adam Anderson, Josephine
Hendricks

Monday, May 7th

9:00 a **Counting Team #1**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Mary Ann Ruppel†)
6:00 p **Fishes & Loaves**
7:00 p **Pastoral Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 8th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **Protecting God's Children Session**

Wednesday, May 9th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: Judy Kremer†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p **Ladies Tea/Bunco**
6:30 p **PSR & Mass**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, May 10th

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

Friday, May 11th

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

Saturday, May 12th

3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: All Mothers)

Sunday, May 13th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: All Mothers)
9:10 a **PSR & May Crowning**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Mothers)

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (100)	\$ 4,093.00	\$226,457.91
Electronic funds (17)	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 56,424.90
Bldg. Dev. Fund (2)	\$ 70.00	\$ 12,288.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 225.00	\$ 6,190.00
Poor Fund	\$ 13.00	\$ 2,490.35
Children's Stewardship (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 24.00
Cath. Home Missions (43)	\$1,134.00	\$ 1,329.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 144		
Number of electronic contributions: 23		

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, May 12th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Biesiada, Egizio
Williams

Lectors: Auxier, Bertrand

Servers: Rollins, J & A Western

Hospitality: H & M Bruno, D & J Kratz

Sunday, May 13th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, C & G Leach, Deacon Ray

Lectors: H & J Hendrickson

Servers: McClintock, Newman, Zeidler

Hospitality: Brandis, R & M McClintock

Sunday, May 13th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Deacon Tom, Crusen,
Warren

Lectors: A. Toliver, Warren

Servers: Ryan, H & E Toliver

Minister of Care: Wrincik

Hospitality:

CLOW: B. Toliver

Volunteer for this week – May 7th - May 13th

Church Duster: Laurie McWard

May Recycling Vol.: Jan Pietras

May Food Volunteer: Mary Fox

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. May 13th:

Don & Roberta Vanover

SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 6th – May 13th

Sunday: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 1JN 4:7-10 JN 15:9-17

Monday: ACTS 16:11-15 JN 15:26-16:4A

Tuesday: ACTS 16:22-34 JN 16:5-11

Wednesday: ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1 JN 16:12-15

Thursday: ACTS 1:1-11 EPH 1:17-23
 MK 16:15-20

Friday: ACTS 18:9-18 JN 16:20-23

Saturday: ACTS 18:23-28 JN 16:23B-28

Sunday: ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26
 1JN 4:11-16 JN 17:11B-19

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Mon, May 7 – 6:00 p.m. Fishes & Loaves
 Mon, May 7 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting
 Tues, May 8 – 6:30 p.m. Protecting God's Children
 Wed, May 9 – 1:00 Ladies Tea/Bunco
 Mon, May 21 – 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Mon, May 21 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting
 Mon, May 28 – Memorial Day, Office closed

The sharing of new life through our Catholic faith continues in the sacraments of initiation as we celebrate infant Baptisms and the First Reception of Holy Communion throughout the next 7 weeks of Easter as we approach the great feast of Pentecost.

Schedule of First Communions:

May 6: Adam Anderson, Josephine Hendricks
 May 19: Gianna Capriotti, Ehren Woehrmann
 Nathan Bullock
 May 20: Lydia Megginson

PSR NEWS –

It's that time of year when we will be going early **PSR Registration (pre-registration) for the 2018-2019 PSR year.** PSR registration forms have been sent out and the pre-registration is May 6th. By registering early, you will help us have a good start in figuring out next year's classes. We will still have Wednesday evening classes just like this year. How many Sunday classes will depend on the number of children pre-registered for each class. We will make the determination about the number of Sunday classes after Sunday, May 13th.

Please help us to prepare by registering early!



Attention: Knights of Columbus

Our Appreciation Dinner for those Knights & Parishioners who assisted in our many projects will be held at the Chesapeake Seafood Restaurant on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. There will be a cash bar from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and dinner will follow at 6:00 pm with choices from their banquet menu. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in foyer of the Church before the deadline of May 11th.

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, May 8th, 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.**

St. Jude Women's Tea



St. Jude's Women's Tea Group will meet on Wednesday, May 9th at 1:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited.

Bring a friend!

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nurse Baby Shower

During the month of May, you are invited to participate in a Baby Shower to benefit the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. Just bring items from their wish list and place them in the back of the church. The Sew-n-Sews are making blankets to give to the children, as well as the donations. Please give a little something to help these children.

Wish List: 100% juice, Canned oranges, Enfamil Gentlease formula, Enfamil Infant Formula, Paper Towels, Shop n Save gift cards, WalMart gift cards, Baby Wipes, Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Finish dishwasher soap, Gerber Graduates Yogurt melts, Goldfish crackers, Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Leaf bags, Microwave popcorn, Peanut Butter.



ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Join fellow parishioners for fun and fellowship playing on Softball Team on Sunday afternoons this summer! All men, women, and high school students are invited. We would like to field both men's and co-ed teams, so tell your friends!

Sign up in the back of the church or contact Barry Houmes at 971-1631. **Adult players (over 18 years of age) must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.**

Mission Trip News

Thank you to all who donated goods and made purchases at our Mission Trip Annual Garage Sale. Your continued support helps to make our Mission trips such a success!



The youth going on this year's mission trip are selling raffle tickets after each Mass this weekend. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Only 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Mother's Day, May 13th. The winner will receive their choice of: 1) \$650.00 cash, 2) \$650.00 shopping spree at Scheels, or 3) a whole hog, processed by Magro's Meats. In addition to the chosen prize, the winner will also receive a new Weber charcoal grill. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, contact Kay Foster at yakaykf@comcast.net or 217-494-2984.



Help needed with Baptismal garments –

We are looking for help in making the baptismal garments used here for baptisms. If you have helped in the past, or would like to, please contact the parish office or Ruth Ann Helling (529-4259). The materials and instructions are provided.

SHG Employment Opportunities –

SHG IS HIRING! SHG is currently seeking qualified candidates for the 2018-2019 school year in the following positions: Full-time Psychology, Advanced Biology, French, and Math, and Part-time Band and Spanish. Please send resumes to Sacred Heart-Griffin H.S., c/o Kara Rapacz, or email rapacz@shg.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends - Are you uncomfortable about going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend because you are unsure if it involves group discussions or group sharing? Relax! It is a private time between you and your spouse that helps you rekindle your marriage. The next weekends are August 3-5, or September 21-23 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314-649-7317.



SPIRIT HOCKEY CAMP June 18-20, 2018 Nelson Center, Springfield, IL

Featuring Bishop Paprocki (The Holy Goalie) and Christopher & Richard Gomez of the University of Illinois Illinois Hockey. This is a three-day camp where leaders are built, hockey is played and faith is strengthened. Every child (ages 7-17) can attend through sibling discounts and scholarships. Register at SpiritHockey.org.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

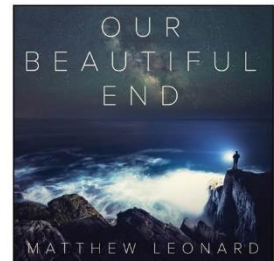
Our Beautiful End

By Matthew Leonard

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