

**June 24, 2018**  
**Solemnity of the Nativity**  
**Of St. John the Baptist**

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Last week, I began a short series on how to get small groups started here in our parish. As I mentioned, what is so attractive about these groups is that they take very little effort to start, just the desire to be a part of one and to find others whom you would like to journey with on your way to a deeper place in your life of faith.

One of the most important steps in organizing a small group is identifying the members for the group. I think that most of us can think of some fellow parishioners with whom we wouldn't mind spending some time together. Here a few ideas of groups of people you might think about inviting to be a part of a small group:

- Other married couples
- Other mothers / fathers
- Young adults (married or single)
- Middle age or retired adults
- Men or women only groups
- Families (parents and kids together, or parents with kids doing another activity)

These are just a few suggestions to consider. Feel free to be creative. And as I mentioned in my bulletin article last week, if you honestly can't think of somebody, but are still interested, just send me an e-mail ([balford@dio.org](mailto:balford@dio.org)) or give the parish office a call (217-498-9197) and we can try to collect names and help match individuals.

Next week, I'll address some of the logistics of how to meet as a small group, but until then, keep thinking about a few people you might like to join with for a small group. The week after that, I'll address the topic of possible content to use as a small group. I'm very hopeful that this can be the beginning of something wonderful for our parish, something that will help us to be better equipped to more fully embrace the life of discipleship that the Lord calls each of us to.


As you know, this weekend is Father Adam's final weekend before he packs up and moves to his new assignment at St. Paul's Parish in Highland. Please join me in thanking God for the gift that he has been to our parish and asking the Lord to bless the many new opportunities that he will have for ministry among his new flock.

-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:**



**Teresa Witcik**, parishioner  
**Karen Yoggerst**, parishioner  
**Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner  
**Kathy Smith**, parishioner  
**Evelyn Conboy**, parishioner  
**Mary Kates**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Camille**, parishioner  
**Harold Sheppard**, parishioner  
**Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners  
**Jim Felts**, husband of Diane Felts  
**Josh Cable**, student at Rochester H.S.  
**Al Fox**, son of John & Mary Fox  
**Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker  
**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  
**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. John Burnette**, Diocesan Priest

***In Memory:***

**Richard Newland**, parishioner

**Our Parish Directory won't be complete  
without you!**

You are invited to participate in our upcoming new church directory. Our dates for pictures with Lifetouch will be **July 17 – 20 2-9:00 p.m.**, **July 21 9:30-4:00 p.m.**, and **August 1- 3 2-9:00 p.m.** To schedule your appointment, please visit our website and click on the "Sign Up Now" link on our home page. Signs ups will be available at church after all masses next weekend. Be sure to get your discount coupons in the back of the Church.

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

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

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**3:30 p Confessions**  
**4:30 p Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)  
 Farewell Potluck for Fr. Adam  
 After Mass

**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 a Confessions**  
**8:00 a Mass** (Int: Leonard Surina†)  
 Howard baptism during Mass  
 Bortmess baptism after Mass  
 Reception for Fr. Adam after Mass

**9:30 a Wyndcrest:** Krug  
**9:45 a Confessions**  
**10:00 a Rosary**  
**10:30 a Mass** (Int: For the Parish)  
 Reception for Fr. Adam after Mass

**Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a Counting Team #4**  
**5:00 p Confessions**  
**5:30 p Mass** (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)  
**7:00 p Finance Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a Morning Prayer**  
**7:30 a Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)  
**8:00 a Scriptural Rosary**

**Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a Morning Prayer**  
**7:30 a Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)  
**8:00 a Scriptural Rosary**

**Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a Morning Prayer**  
**7:30 a Mass** (Int: Raymond Roth, Sr.†)  
**8:00 a Scriptural Rosary**

**Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a Morning Prayer**  
**7:30 a Mass** (Int: Carrolyn Anderson†)  
**8:00 a Scriptural Rosary**

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:30 p Confessions**  
**4:30 p Mass** (Int: Leonard Howard†)

**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 a Confessions**  
**8:00 a Mass** (Int: For the Parish)  
**9:30 a Wyndcrest:** Wrincik  
**9:45 a Confessions**  
**10:00 a Rosary**  
**10:30 a Mass** (Int: Helen Morrow†)

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (97)	\$ 4,205.00	\$261,630.13
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 63,921.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 155.00	\$ 14,516.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,231.00
Poor Fund	\$ 33.05	\$ 2,702.48
Children’s Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00
Mission Co-op (2)	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,857.80
Pentecost (2)	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,197.00
Cath. Commun. (2)	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,365.76
Cemetery Support (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 878.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 110		
Number of electronic contributions: 1		

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Tomashavich, White

**Lectors:** Blumhorst, Day

**Servers:** Heiple, J & J Western

**Hospitality:** H & M Bruno, Egizio

#### Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, B Connolly, Rayhill  
Deacon Ray

**Lectors:** Merriman, Nelson

**Servers:** Lauwerens, McClintock, Zeidler

**Hospitality:** Dowding, McWard, B & R Yong

#### Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Crusen, Livengood, Warren

**Lectors:** Petty, Warren

**Servers:** A & A Livengood, Martyn

**Minister of Care:** Wrincik

**Hospitality:**

**CLOW:** Martyn Family

#### Volunteer for this week – June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Church Duster:** Debbie Decker

**June Recycling Vol.:** John Fox

**June Food Volunteer:** Steve & Debra Decker

**Coffee & Donuts: Sun. July 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
Joe & Sarah Deen

#### 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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: June 24th – July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday:** IS 49:1-6 ACTS 13:22-26  
LK 1:57-66, 80  
**Monday:** 2KGS 17:5-8, 13-15A MT 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** 2KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36  
MT 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** 2KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3  
MT 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** 2KGS 24:8-17 2KGS 24:8-17  
MT 7:21-29  
**Friday:** ACTS 12:1-11 2TM 4:6-8, 17-18  
MT 16:13-19  
**Saturday:** LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 MT 8:5-17  
**Sunday:** WIS 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2COR 8:7, 9, 13-15 MK 5:21-43

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:**

Sat, June 23 – 5:30 p.m. Farewell Potluck for Fr. Adam  
Sun, June 24 – Reception after Masses for Fr. Adam  
Mon, June 25 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting  
Wed, July 11 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco  
July 22-26 – 6-8:30 p.m. VBS

**ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE**



Our schedule for this Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, the coed team will play at 1:45 on Field 3 vs Chatham Christians. The men's team will play at 3:15 on Field 2 vs. Sherman United Methodist. Come on out and enjoy the games!

Any men, women, or high school students interested in playing can 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.



**It's SIGN UP TIME for SHIPWRECKED VBS!**

If your child is entering kindergarten through 5th grade, here's your chance to bring them to an experience of church that will fire up their spirit!!! VBS runs Sunday, July 22nd through Thursday, July 26th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the Parish Center. We will kick-off VBS with a family picnic Sunday July 22nd at 5pm. To register, please visit

<https://vbspro.events/p/vbsstjude>. Please mail or bring in your VBS registration fee to the parish office by **JULY 1ST**. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family. For any other questions contact Frances Tomashavich @ the parish office ext. 105 or Carrie Zucco at [carriezucco@hotmail.com](mailto:carriezucco@hotmail.com). We can't wait to see you there!!!!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

One of the greatest gifts you can give your young or adult children is two parents who are very much in love with each other. Strengthen and polish your love for each other at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Aug. 3-5 or Sept. 21-23, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. If you would to apply or get more information, go to [www.stl-wwme](http://www.stl-wwme) or call 314-649-7317.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion – women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is July 20-22, 2018 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield. For more information contact Donna at [projectrachel@dio.org](mailto:projectrachel@dio.org), call 217-321-1161, or go to: [www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html](http://www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html). Scholarships are available for those not able to pay the registration fee.

**PSR 2018-19 NEWS**

If you have not yet registered for the **2018-19 PSR year**, please do so. By registering now, you will be helping us to figure out next year's class sizes. We will still have Wednesday evening classes, how many Sunday morning classes will depend on the number of children registered for each class.

**Steak n Shake**

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### **Forge – Young Adult Group**

The Forge is a Springfield based young Adult Catholic ministry that strives to bring young adults into an encounter with Jesus and authentic Christian community. For more information, you can find them at: @Theforge on Facebook or their website or email contact:

[andrewhansen1@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewhansen1@yahoo.com).

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### **St. Cabrini Garage Sale**

St. Frances Cabrini Church in Springfield will hold their Annual Garage Sale in the parish hall (1020 N. Milton Ave.) on July 12 & 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and July 14 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome!

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### **Cathedral School Library is having a Book Sale!**

On Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from noon-3:00 p.m. & 5-8:00 p.m., you can shop the Cathedral School Library (816 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Springfield). There are lots of children's books and series including Junie B. Jones, Nancy Drew, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Magic Tree House and more! Prices range from .50 for hardbacks, .25 for paperbacks and other materials priced as marked. Come by and see what we have!

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**TOTUS TUUS**, Latin for "Totally Yours," is a summer youth camp that combines Catholic religious instruction and having FUN!!! A team of college-age students and seminarians are coming to St. Katharine Drexel parish, Sacred Heart campus, the week of July 15 – 20. The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is an inspiring way to share the faith and their enthusiasm is contagious, so come out and join us!!! **TOTUS TUUS** is Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM for children going into grades 1-6 during the next school year. The day includes classroom instruction on our theme, The Apostle's Creed, as well as the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Each day includes encounters with the sacraments and time for games and recess. For middle school and high school youth, **TOTUS TUUS** is Sunday-Thursday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM with more in-depth discussions on our theme. All are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact Fr. Kevin Mann, (815) 451-8694. Or go online to <https://www.dio.org/youthministry/parish-information.html>

**Teens Encounter Christ** – Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) us a celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ for teens and young adults. This 3-day experience is a wonderful Opportunity for Young people to reconnect with our faith in a loving community that walks a spiritual journey of dying in Christ, so we can rise in Christ and, therefore, go in Christ as missionary disciples. Great River TEC has a retreat on July 21-23. TEC of Springfield will be hosting a TEC weekend on July 28-30 at the Life Center in Litchfield. More information about TEC can be found on the diocesan website at [www.dio.org/youthministry/retreats.html](http://www.dio.org/youthministry/retreats.html).

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**iTunes Gift Cards Scam Alert** - It has been brought to the attention of the Diocesan IT office that a scam is going around the country targeting Catholics with "Can you do a favor for a priest?" The way the scam works: someone makes up an email address that is approximate to a priest's name and then contacts ministers, staff and parishioners. The email contains a fake request from the priest asking that iTunes gift cards be sent to another address so they may be given to someone in need. It is very clever, because they are targeting faithful people who are typically generous people and using a public figure in the way of their pastor. For more information, please go to: [www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench/2018/06/action-alert-scam-from-priests-targeting-catholics/](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/deaconsbench/2018/06/action-alert-scam-from-priests-targeting-catholics/).

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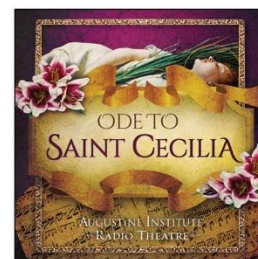
## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

### **Ode to Saint Cecilia**

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