

# JULY

**July 8, 2018**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time**

Ever since I started writing about forming small groups, you may have been thinking: "What are we going to *do* as a small group?" Before I can answer that, I need for us to take a slight, but important detour.

A few months ago, I listened to an audiobook by a popular author and speaker by the name of Simon Sinek. The book was titled *Start with Why*. One of the key points he makes is that the success of a person, team, or organization starts with identifying the *why* for their existence. Beginning with a small group is no different, so before we focus on the *what*, we need first to look at our *why*.

I think the answer to this question can be found in the mission statement adopted by our recently concluded diocesan synod. Here's what it says: "The mission of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is to build a fervent community of intentional and dedicated missionary disciples of the Risen Lord and steadfast stewards of God's creation who seek to become saints."

In my mind, the *why* of small groups is to facilitate our growing as intentional and dedicated missionary disciples who seek to become saints. We should see the primary goal of our small groups to be deepening our love for Jesus Christ, as we encounter Him and His teachings from various perspectives. What we *do* in these groups should always be directed to that end in some way. That doesn't mean that we can't combine some fun elements to our small groups, like sharing a meal or enjoying a card game. Being members of a community is an essential part of growing as intentional disciples – Jesus gave us that model with His first disciples, so it's no different for us now. But let's never forget the *why* of our gathering and let it guide the choices that we make on how to spend our time together as a small group.

Now, admittedly, focusing on the question of *why*, now that I'm nearing the end of these reflections seems like a bit of an afterthought. Well, that may be the case, but regardless, I think it's still an important point to bring up. For those of you who were hoping that I would give some more specific direction on content for small groups this week (as I had promised last week), I won't let you down next week, as I will focus my attention on that very topic then.

-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  
**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



### **Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:**

Wed, July 11 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco  
Sun, July 15 – noon RCIA  
July 17-21 – Parish directory pictures by appointment  
July 22-26 – 6-8:30 p.m. VBS

**Lincolnlnd Concrete**  
**Matt Anderson, Plant Manager**  
217-697-8566 or [redimix910@aol.com](mailto:redimix910@aol.com)

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

## Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/18-6/30/19

Last Week    Year to Date

Collection (95)	\$ 5,407.00	\$ 5,407.00
Electronic funds (16)	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 1,840.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund (22)	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Poor Fund	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
Children’s Stewardship (0)	\$ .00	\$ .00
Peter’s Pence (49)	\$ 1,929.00	\$ 1,929.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	165	
Number of electronic contributions:	21	

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Maynerich, Riedle, White  
**Lectors:** S & I Long  
**Servers:** Heiple, Torres, Zack  
**Hospitality:** J & D Kratz, J & S Thull

#### Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, D & B Connolly,  
Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** N & J Calvert  
**Servers:** Delgado  
**Hospitality:** G & K Park, R & B Yong

#### Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Kerley, Livengood,  
Deacon Tom  
**Lectors:** D & S Kuntzman  
**Servers:** A & A Livengood, Martyn  
**Minister of Care:** J & N Calvert  
**Hospitality:** Fjelstul Family  
**CLOW:** Martyn Family

#### Volunteer for this week – July 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>:

**Church Duster:** Donna Spurlock  
**July Recycling Vol.:** Kevin Spurlock  
**July Food Volunteer:** Kevin Spurlock  
**Coffee & Donuts: Sun. July 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

#### 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.

#### Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a **Confessions**  
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joanne O’Connor†)  
3:30 p **Confessions**  
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Lucy A. Quinn†)

#### Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a **Confessions**  
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: James Kates†)  
9:30 a **Wyndcrest:** Wrincik  
9:45 a **Confessions**  
10:00 a **Rosary**  
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

#### Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
9:00 a **Counting Team #2**

#### Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Mary Ann Midden†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

#### Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco

#### Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Raymond Roth, Sr.†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

#### Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

3:30 p **Confessions**  
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Barbara Reid†)

#### Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a **Confessions**  
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish†)  
9:30 a **Wyndcrest:** Calverts  
9:45 a **Confessions**  
10:00 a **Rosary**  
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)  
12:00 p **RCIA**



## Employment Opportunity

St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham has a job opening for a teacher's aide position. We are seeking someone to assist the preschool teacher and students in the classroom. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to, assisting with student activities and general classroom housekeeping. The working hours are 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., up to three days per week throughout the school year. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, you may pick up an application in the St. Joseph the Worker office at 700 E. Spruce St., Chatham, IL. Applications are due by July 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass"

Bishop Robert Barron's highly anticipated all new 6-part film series on the Mass will be shown at the St. Katharine Drexel (Sacred Heart) Parish Center (parking lot Entrance at 13<sup>th</sup> & Cook Streets, Springfield). All are welcome. Admission is free. For more information and to RSVP, please email [CatholicVideo@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicVideo@gmail.com) or call 217-415-1514. Hosted by St. Aloysius and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes. Episode schedule:

Episodes 1 & 2, 6:30-8 p.m. 7/9/2018  
Episodes 3 & 4, 6:30-8 p.m. 7/16/2018  
Episodes 5 & 6, 6:30-8 p.m. 7/23/2018

## ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Our schedule for this Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the coed team will play at 1:45 on Field 2 vs Laurel United Methodist. The men's team has a Bye week. Come on

out and enjoy the game!

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.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are you thinking about your summer vacation? A Worldwide Marriage encounter weekend, away from all the distractions and pressures in your life right now, would be the BEST vacation of your life. You and your spouse will always remember this WWME weekend away as a great time together that strengthened your marriage. 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.

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

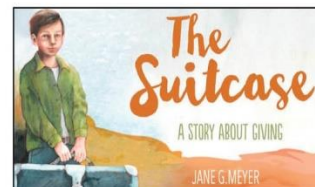
### The Suitcase

*A Story About Giving*

#### A Beautiful Tale for the Whole Family

Christ said: "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). In this animated storybook narration, young Thomas's pure heart helps him to see the path to heaven and inspires his family to join him on the journey.

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



*"This is an absolutely delightful story, with a much deeper meaning than what appears on the surface! I loved it for many reasons, but especially because it reminded me of several incidents with some of my own grandchildren . . ."*

—Deborah M, Laconia, NH



Parish Access Code: 3VFNXZ

## 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!

## 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).

**Football Camp - The SHG Football Padded Camp** will be July 16-19 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for students in grades 4-8. Cost \$75.00.

For more information or to register, contact Bob Brenneisen at 414-8874 (cell), or 787-1595 ext. 104 (work). Online registration form can be downloaded at [www.shg.org](http://www.shg.org).