

JULY

**July 15, 2018
15th Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

Over the past few weeks, we're reflected on the basic reason for and format of small groups and how they can be a key ingredient in helping us in growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ and thus becoming more intentional disciples. But hearing about something and actually doing it are two very different things.

I'm reminded of a scene from the Acts of the Apostles when St. Paul visited the great city of Athens. He preached to a large crowd about the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, inviting them to turn to this new way of life made available to them as followers of Christ. After hearing this, the Bible recounts the following reaction from the people: "When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, 'We should like to hear you on this some other time.'" (Acts 17:32)

I share this with you because that can be our reaction after hearing about something new which invites us to take action. That could be the encouragement to form a small group, to begin a practice of reading the Bible each day, or going back to Confession. We can easily fall into the thought: "That sounds good, but now is not the time, maybe later." That's always a great danger in the spiritual life, to delay our following-up on the promptings of the Holy Spirit to follow the Lord more intentionally in our lives.

I don't speak as one who has this skill mastered by any means! I have resolutions from prayer, retreats, and reading all of the time, many of which never come to fruition. But when I do follow those promptings, the Lord has never been outdone in His generosity.

Whether you join a small group or not (and I sincerely hope you do), I hope you have a heightened awareness of the many ways that the Lord is inviting you to take the next step forward in your faith. I'd like to conclude with a quote from Pope Francis that came at the conclusion on the Homily for Canonization of St. Junipero Serra, a Franciscan missionary who brought the Catholic faith to many in the state of California. They are words which summarize how we as Catholics should view our journey of faith:

Father Serra had a motto which inspired his life and work, not just a saying, but above all a reality which shaped the way he lived: *siempre adelante!* Keep moving forward! For him, this was the way to continue experiencing the joy of the Gospel, to keep his heart from growing numb, from being anesthetized. He kept moving forward, because the Lord was waiting. He kept going, because his brothers and sisters were waiting. He kept going forward to the end of his life. Today, like him, may we be able to say: Forward! Let's keep moving forward!

-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
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
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
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
Fr. John Burnette, Diocesan Priest



Patricia Kornfeld
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
217-321-1155

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 (89)	\$ 4,892.75	\$ 15,442.25
Electronic funds (23)	\$ 2,788.10	\$ 4,628.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 33.00	\$ 340.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 398.00	\$ 623.00
Poor Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 113.00
Children’s Stewardship (0)	\$.00	\$.00
Peter’s Pence (2)	\$ 230.00	\$ 2,239.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	94	
Number of electronic contributions:	32	

Saturday, July 21st
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)

Sunday, July 22nd
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:30 a **Wyndcrest:** Nelson
9:45 a **Confessions**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
5:00 p **VBS Kick-off picnic**
6-8:30 p **VBS**

Monday, July 23rd
9:00 a **Counting Team #4**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: In gratitude to St. Anthony)
6-8:30 p **VBS**

Tuesday, July 24th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6-8:30 p **VBS**

Wednesday, July 25th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6-8:30 p **VBS**

Thursday, July 26th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Carrolyn Anderson†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6-8:30 p **VBS**

Friday, July 27th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, July 28th
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Leonard Howard†)

Sunday, July 29th
7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a **Wyndcrest:** Nelson
9:45 a **Confessions**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: George Russell†)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, July 28th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Egizio, Tomashavich,
Deacon Tom
Lectors: Auxier, Blumhorst
Servers: Heiple, Sommer, Torres
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, D & J Kratz

Sunday, July 29th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, L & R Eifert
Deacon Ray
Lectors: J & H Hendrickson
Servers: R & A Deen, Krug
Hospitality: Dowding, McClintock Family

Sunday, July 29th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, Krug, Warren
Lectors: Kerley, Warren
Servers: Farris, Long, Jr., Ryan
Minister of Care: Deacon Ray
Hospitality: Decker Family
CLOW: A & B Toliver

Volunteer for this week – July 23rd – 29th:

Church Duster: Mary & John Fox
July Recycling Vol.: Kevin Spurlock
July Food Volunteer: Kevin Spurlock
Coffee & Donuts: Sun. July 29th:
Don & Roberta Vanover

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.


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 or call 314-649-7317.

Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, September 28-30, 2018** for Catholic doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants considering Short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Medical School in Chicago. Working in partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical School, medical professionals will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend. Visit the website: www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola or call the office for more information (213-368-1872).

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.

 **meal train**® Isn't it wonderful to hear that someone wants to take you out to dinner? We have the chance to extend this gesture of ordinary hospitality to Fr. Alford in the form of offering him dinner in the midst of his many duties as our pastor. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to take a date on the "St. Jude Rectory Meal Train" website, you can visit <http://mealtrain.com/3lk360>, scroll down the calendar to find the date that works. You can learn more details on what to prepare under the "Special Instructions" section.

Looking for volunteers

Springfield Right to Life is asking for volunteers to staff our booth, as well as set-up and tear down at the Illinois State Fair. Great for Service Hours! The Fair runs from Thursday, August 9 -Sunday, August 19. Please email us info@springfieldrtl.org or call our office 217-523-2700 if you can help.

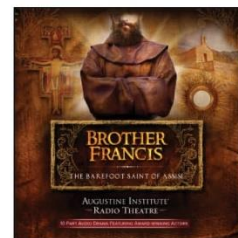
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Brother Francis

The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

If You Think You Know St. Francis, You're In For A Surprise

In this exciting audio drama from Augustine Institute Radio Theatre, follow the fun-loving son and celebrated soldier of Assisi as he is transformed by the Gospel. Captivated by Christ, Francis trades wealth for poverty, embraces lepers, shakes hands with the Pope, debates a Sultan, and touches the lives of millions.



"What a brilliant story, beautifully told. The production quality—from the writing and acting to the music and sound—is excellent. I was so moved and inspired..."

—Flor De Liz P, Astoria, NY

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Pre-Jordan Class

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Therefore, our next Pre-Jordan Class will be on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@stjude.dio.org.