



August 19, 2018
20th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

August

Earlier this week, I found myself in bed after suffering some sort of nasty stomach bug. It is the sickest I have been in a long time, but thanks be to God, it only lasted for just over a day and the following day was spent resting, rehydrating, and building up my strength again.

While I was lying in bed, feeling miserable, I had a strong desire to call my mother. Why? I knew she couldn't do anything about my being sick, as she was more than five hours away. But I remembered the times when I was sick as a child and how consoling her presence was to me, taking care of all my needs and helping me to return to health as quickly as possible.

As I was sitting, listening to the readings at the 6:00 pm Mass on Wednesday evening for the Holy Day Mass, I realized – "Wait, I do have a mother that I can turn to when I feel ill, scared, or discouraged. I can turn to my Blessed Mother in Heaven to come to my assistance." With that thought fresh in my head, I called an audible and abandoned my prepared homily and preached on this experience (so I apologize if this is a repeat for those of you who were at that Mass, though now you know the secret that I preached that homily off the cuff, something I rarely do!)

I have preached, written, and spoken a lot about how having a personal relationship with Jesus is for us as Christians, but it's also very important to develop a personal relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. Having a relationship with her never takes away from our relationship with Jesus, but it always enhances it because she always wants to lead us to her son.

I mentioned in my homily last Sunday about the profound experience of returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long time, and I credit a lot of that to Mary, as I had just started to pray the Rosary on a regular basis and it didn't take long for her to lead me to the healing mercy of her Son. Therefore, I can't encourage turning to Mary enough.

If you are in need of healing because of past sins, turn to Mary, ask her to lead you to that same love of Jesus that I experienced. If you're scared of

going to confession, ask Mary to give you courage! Whatever our sickness or discouragement may be, turn to Mary and see how she wants to show herself a Mother to us, always giving us just what we need to encourage us in our times of trial.

-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:



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
Trish Leach, parishioner
Jim Felts, husband of Diane Felts
Don Barrett, father of David Barrett
Tim Dunbar, nephew of Ginger Rentschler
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

Attention Lectors -

The **2019 Lector Workbooks** are available at the back of the Church. Please pick up your copy.

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

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| Collection (98) | \$ 4,685.00 | \$ 34,580.24 |
| Electronic funds (22) | \$ 2,588.10 | \$ 9,056.20 |
| Bldg. Dev. Fund (6) | \$ 223.00 | \$ 1,730.00 |
| EFT – Dev. Fund (10) | \$ 398.00 | \$ 1,246.00 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 58.75 | \$ 299.22 |
| Children's Stewardship (0) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Assumption (1) | \$ 20.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| Number of collection envelopes used: 95 | | |
| Number of electronic contributions: 32 | | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, Aug. 25th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Scheufele, White,
Deacon Ray

Lectors: Bertrand, Blumhorst

Servers: Weier family

Hospitality: J & S Thull

Sunday, Aug. 26th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, B & D Connolly, Godar

Lectors: Deimel, Krug

Servers: Lauwerens, Long Jr., Zeidler

Hospitality: D & M Anderson, McWard, Yong

Sunday, Aug. 26th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Crusen, Kuntzman,
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Krug, Petty

Servers: Ryan, E & H Toliver

Minister of Care: Krug

Hospitality: Fjelstul Family

CLOW: A & B Toliver

Volunteer for this week Aug. 19th – Aug. 26th

Church Duster: Laurie McWard

Aug. Recycling Vol.: Greg Park

Aug. Food Volunteer: Jerry Calvert

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. Aug. 26th:

Roger & MaryBeth McClintock

Saturday, August 18th
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Jack & Marilyn Merkley-
50th Anniversary)

Sunday, August 19th
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: Evelyn Cannon†)

Monday, August 20th
9:00 a Counting Team # 3
5:30 p Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
6:00 p Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, August 21st
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

7:00 p Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, August 22nd
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p PSR Catechist meeting

Thursday, August 23rd
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p CHWC meeting

Friday, August 24th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Raymond Roth, Sr.†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, August 25th
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Ray Chouquet)

Sunday, August 26th
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Mickie McKinzie†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)
 Goldsberry Baptism
12:00 p RCIA

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.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:

Aug. 20 – 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Aug. 21 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting
Aug. 22 – 6:30 p.m. PSR Catechists meeting
Aug. 23 – 6:30 p.m. CHWC meeting
Aug. 26 – noon - RCIA

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Aug 19th – Aug 26th

Sunday: PRV 9:1-6 EPH 5:15-20
JN 6:51-58
Monday: EZ 24:15-24 MT 19:16-22
Tuesday: EZ 28:1-10 MT 19:23-30
Wednesday: EZ 34:1-11 MT 20:1-16
Thursday: EZ 36:23-28 MT 22:1-14
Friday: RV 21:9B-14 JN 1:45-51
Saturday: EZ 43:1-7AB MT 23:1-12
Sunday: JOS 24:1-2A,15-17,18B
EPH 5:21-32or5:2A,25-32
JN 6:60-69

CHWC 2019

There will be an informational meeting regarding the Summer 2019 CatholicHeart Work Camp on **Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 pm.** in the St. Jude parish center. Registration for the camp is only a few weeks away, so be prepared to discuss and vote on a location. More information about locations and dates can be found by googling CHWC 2019.

It is almost time to get your flu shot! Mark your



Get Your Flu Vaccine!

calendars, the Sangamon County Health Department will be holding a flu shot clinic in the St. Jude Parish Center on Tuesday, September 11th from 11:00 a.m. – noon. Multiple insurances are accepted.



We are pleased to welcome Evan James Woosley, son of James & Emily Woosley, who received the Rite of Baptism on Sunday, August 12, 2018.

PSR 2018-19 NEWS

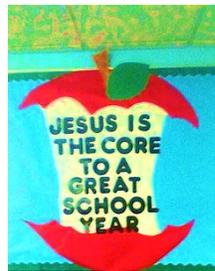
All PSR classes will be on Wednesday evenings (K thru 8th grade), beginning on September 5th.



We recently heard about Elijah in the

desert who was speaking his last words of hope when a raven brought him some food. Thankfully things aren't that desperate for our own pastor but YOU can be a messenger of gladness and hospitality by taking part in the "Meal Train," where parishioners take turns providing dinner several times each month for Fr. Alford. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to take a date on the "St. Jude Rectory Meal Train" website, you can visit <https://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.

Pictures available – If you had your picture taken and are waiting for your 8x10, please check the table at the back of the Church. Thank you for participating in the new Parish Directory.



Believe it or not – a new school year has begun. Starting a new school year is always a challenging, exciting time for our young people. As a parish family we can show our support for our youngest members by remembering them in our prayers as they begin their new school

year. This weekend at all the Masses we will be asking God to bless all of our young people as they prepare for the new school year.



As a parish family we especially need to remember and pray for our young people who will be heading off to college.

We want to keep all our young college students in our prayers as they begin this next step in their lives.

THE PARISH PICNIC:



We hope you will join us for the St. Jude Annual Parish Picnic on **Saturday, September 15th, 2018** in

the Parish Pavilion. The Picnic Meal will begin at approx. **5:30 p.m.**, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The Parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and table service. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share: **A-H Dessert; I-Q Salad, potato or pasta; R-Z Vegetable Dish.**

The St. Jude Adult Choir will begin rehearsing on **Wednesday, September 5th** at **7 p.m.** in the Parish Center, and **Sunday, September 9th** at **10:00 a.m.** We welcome any singers **ages 13 and up** to join us as we seek to grow and strengthen our music ministry through worship in song. The choir sings weekly at the Sunday, 10:30 AM Mass, as well as at various Holy Day Masses throughout the liturgical year, including Christmas and Holy Week.

For more information, please contact director Mike Spainhour at **(217)816-3780** or by email at msid6033@outlook.com

Bring your pixie dust to the Prairie Heart Dove Conference Center on Saturday, September 8th to help the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. for their **DISNEY Trivia Night**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. Prize for the best Disney decorated table. Bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. Cash bar will be available. Tickets are \$20 or \$160 for a table of eight. Receive a free Mulligan if you register your entire team by August 28th. Register for the event by going to the Center's website at springfieldpregnancy.org or by calling (217) 525-5630. We hope to "See ya real soon!"

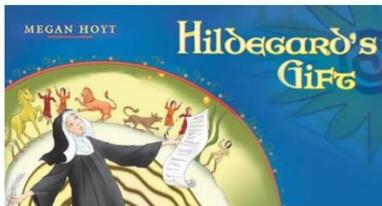
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Returns to Springfield - November 16-18, 2018



For the second time in the past six months, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a Weekend at the beautiful and peaceful Chiara Center in Springfield. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity for married couples to come away for a weekend and spend some quality time together, a special weekend away from all of the very good things in your lives, but things that sometimes pull you away from each other. Bring back that time in your life when you had time only for each other. Leave renewed in your commitment to love each other and return to your family and friends refreshed and ready to face the world together. The weekend at the Chiara Center in Springfield is scheduled for **Nov. 16-18, 2018**. There are also weekends in St. Louis on **Sep. 21-23, 2018** or **Nov. 30-Dec 2** at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wme or call 314.649.7317.

Resurrection Parish of Illiopolis will be hosting a fried chicken dinner and raffle on Sunday, September 9, 2018 on the parish grounds at 5th & Anne streets. in Illiopolis. The price is the meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 yrs. of age and younger. The raffle will take place at 2:00 p.m., there will also be a Country Store stocked with baked goods and craft items. For more information, please call 217-486-3851.

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Hildegard's Gift

Discovering the Hidden Talent Within

In this video version of the beloved picture book, St. Hildegard (feast day Sept. 17) receives a very special gift. It takes a lifetime to understand it, but when she does, this gift changes her whole world.

More Kids' Content



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