



September 23, 2018
25th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

This past week, most of the priests of our diocese were gathered for our annual Convocation of Priests, an annual event during which we catch up on some business, formation, and priestly fraternity. I always look forward to these few days, but this year the gathering meant so much more. Given all of the challenges that the Church is facing at this time, it's encouraging to be together and to support one another in our efforts to serve all of you with greater fidelity and love, for it is because of you that we are priests.

Our first night had us joining together in a prayer service for repentance and healing for those harmed in the Church. We held this service at Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville. While I consider St. Jude my home now, Mother of Perpetual Help will always hold a special place in my heart. My parents were married at that parish 47 years ago. I was a parishioner there for the 5 years prior to my entering the seminary. And it was there that I celebrated my Mass of Thanksgiving as a newly ordained priest.

But the most special part of that church is the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. I spent many hours in that chapel before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It was in that chapel where I really learned what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It was in that chapel where I really learned what it meant to pray. And it was in that chapel where I really heard the Lord inviting me to seriously consider giving my life to Him and His Church as a priest. You can imagine how special it is for me, then, every time I return to that church and that chapel which were so foundational to whom I am as a son of God and a priest of Jesus Christ.

I write all of this as a way of inviting you to consider taking some time before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration in two weeks on the First Saturday of the month. I am not alone when it comes to witnessing to the power of Eucharistic Adoration in the life of discipleship. Many of our seminarians tell me that spending time in adoration was one of the keys for them in their discernment. Many laypeople have told me how adoration has changed their relationship with the Lord and their commitment to their Catholic faith. It would be a terrible failure on my part if I didn't invite you to come and have that same opportunity in your life.

I'm not going to say that you've got nothing to lose (though that is true). Rather, let me say it this way – you've got everything to gain, because you stand to deepen your love for Christ, which, in the eyes of our faith, is worth everything!

-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
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Jim Felts, husband of Diane Felts
Don Barrett, father of David Barrett
Tim Dunbar, nephew of Ginger Rentschler
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

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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 (94)	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 61,843.42
Electronic funds (22)	\$ 2,588.10	\$ 13,684.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 58.00	\$ 3,313.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 398.00	\$ 1,869.00
Poor Fund	\$ 144.00	\$ 652.27
Children’s Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	97	
Number of electronic contributions:	32	

Saturday, September 22nd
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass(Int: Lena Feraris†)

Sunday, September 23rd
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
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
Noon RCIA

Monday, September 24th
7:30 a No Mass
9:00 a Counting Team # 4

Tuesday, September 25th
7:30 a No Mass

Wednesday, September 26th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass(Int: Mary Ann Midden†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p NO PSR
7:00 p Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 27th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass(Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p “RISE” Men’s Meeting

Friday, September 28th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Jean Rosa†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, September 29th
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass(Int: Ray Chouquet)

Sunday, September 30th
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Calverts
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, Sept. 29th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, I. Long, S. Long Jr.,
Deacon Tom
Lectors: Bertrand, Day
Servers: J & J Western, Zack
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, D & J Kratz

Sunday, Sept. 30th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, N & J Calvert, Godar
Lectors: H & J Hendrickson
Servers: A & R Deen, Lauwerens
Hospitality: D & M Anderson, Brandis, Roland

Sunday, Sept. 30th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, L Fjelstul,
Deacon Tom
Lectors: Petty, A Toliver
Servers: Delgado, H & E Toliver
Minister of Care: J & N Calvert
Hospitality:
CLOW: B Toliver, Kerley

Volunteer for this week Sept. 24th – Sept. 30th

Church Duster: Laurie McWard
Sept. Recycling Vol.: Del Reeves
Sept. Food Volunteer: Lenna DeGroot
Coffee & Donuts: Sun. Sept. 30th:
 Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

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: Sept. 23rd – Sept. 30th

Sunday: WIS 2:12, 17-20	JAS 3:16-4:3
	MK 9:30-37
Monday: PRV 3:27-34	LK 8:16-18
Tuesday: PRV 21:1-6, 10-13	LK 8:19-21
Wednesday: PRV 30:5-9	LK 9:1-6
Thursday: ECCL 1:2-11	LK 9:7-9
Friday: ECCL 3:1-11	LK 9:18-22
Saturday: DN 7:9-10, 13-14	JN 1:47-51
Sunday: NM 11:25-29	JAS 5:1-6
	MK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

→PSR NEWS←

During September, the PSR classes will be collecting Pasta and Sauce to benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

If you have not yet registered for PSR, please contact Frances Tomashavich for registration information by calling the parish office (498-9197) or by emailing ftomashavich@stjude.dio.org.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:

Sept. 26 – **NO PSR**
Sept. 26 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Sept. 27 – 7:00 p.m. “RISE” Men’s Group
Sept. 30 – 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Oct. 2, 16 – 6:45 p.m. – Women’s Small Group
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
Oct. 4, 11 – 7:00 P.m. – “RISE” Men’s Group
Oct. 6 - 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Oct. 9, 23 – 10:00 a.m. Women’s Small Group
Oct. 9 - 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting
Oct. 10 - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco
Oct. 14, 28 – noon RCIA
Oct. 20 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sew-n-Sews retreat
Oct. 23 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting
Oct. 31 – 6:30 p.m. All Saints Day Vigil Mass

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are

donated to St. Patrick School!



**Monthly First Saturday
Eucharistic Adoration**

Starting on Saturday, October 6, we will begin making available Eucharistic Adoration to the St Jude Parish Community. Adoration will begin immediately after First Saturday Morning Mass (approximately 9:30 am) and will end at 4:15pm (just before the Saturday evening 4:30 Mass)

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Father removes the sacred host from the tabernacle and places it in the Monstrance on the Altar for adoration by the faithful. *Once the Monstrance has been placed on the Altar, the sacred host cannot be left alone.* Someone must be present at all times until the sacred host is returned to the tabernacle at approximately 4:15 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the church for anyone who would like to come spend some quiet time praying with our Lord. We encourage you to set aside this time once a month to watch and to pray.

2019 CHWC Mission Trip

The 2019 Mission trip will be to Indianapolis, IN, June 9-15, 2019. We have registered for 30 spots, and there are still spots available. If you are interested in going, please contact Deacon Ray (sroth1952@aol.com), Kay Foster (yakyakf@comcast.net) or the parish office to receive a registration form. The form and registration fee must be turned in before you are considered registered. As in the past, any checks written for the Mission Trip need to **made payable to St. Jude Church, not CHWC.**

The next Mission Trip meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please be sure to attend, we will be giving out the forms for the first fundraiser, the Butterbraid sale.



Women's Small Groups

I've been thinking a lot about **why being a disciple of Jesus Christ is the most important thing in my life.** First, I had to ask myself, "Is it?"

Does my life reflect the desire to know Christ Jesus and make Him known?

With the transition of leaving campus life behind, moving to a new city, starting a new job, and living in a new apartment, I've barely had time to wrap my head around all the "new" which has made prayer difficult. I focus more on a to-do list than I do on my relationship with Jesus. But Jesus gives us desires that He wants to fulfill. He gives us the grace to do His will. One of my great desires is to make friends in this new place, to have a community of support and understanding, but also friendships that challenge me to be better and inspire me to pursue holiness.

I'd like to invite all the women in the parish to join me for women's small groups. This is for ages 18+. It is my hope that we can gather as women who are in different stages of life to learn from one another and pray with one another. We'll begin by discussing the question I started with – Why be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Small groups will meet alternating Tuesday mornings, 10:00 a.m., on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, and Tuesday evenings, 6:45 p.m., on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, and will meet 5-6 times starting in October. If interested, sign up after Mass or email Teresa Gwardys at twardys@stjude.dio.org.

Please join the faithful throughout the Diocese on **Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** for a liturgical service of "Repentance and Prayer for those Harmed in the Church". The prayer service for the Springfield Deanery will take place at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.** Please consider joining in this Diocesan-wide effort as we are united in prayer for healing, repentance and purification for our diocese and in the Church throughout the country.



Adult Formation Series at the Cathedral

The Mystery of God: Who is God and Why He Matters – Join Fr. House for a DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron followed by discussion. This series will explore the mystery of the Triune God as understood in the Church's Tradition and taught by such individuals as St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Pope Benedict XVI. **Tuesdays 9/25, 10/2, & 10/9.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is for husbands and wives who love each other, have a good marriage, and want an even better marriage. So why not plan to have one of the greatest weekends you will ever experience! The next WWME weekend away is Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2018 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO; and Nov. 16-18, 2018 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 1-314-649-7317.



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. All young adults are welcome. This month:

Men's Bible Study – Monday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Finleys' Tap House in Springfield
Women's Bible Study – Tues, Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m.
505 Wingate Dr. in Sherman

Special Event: Stump the Priests! Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. – Cathedral Atrium. Have questions about our faith, church history, the sacraments, or anything else? Come see if you can stump the priests!

More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>, email contact: Andrew Hansen – andrewhanson1@yahoo.com