



November 18, 2018
33rd Sunday of
Ordinary Time

In my homily a couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that my parents recently moved from their home in Wisconsin to be close to my twin sister and her family in Houston, Texas. While I am very happy for them that they get to be closer to family (we have no family in Wisconsin), it is mixed with a bit of sadness because I know that it means that I will not be able to drive up to their house for Thanksgiving dinner with them, something I have been fortunate to do almost every year.

Since I mentioned that, I have had a lot of people ask me about what my plans are for Thanksgiving. It is a simple question, but it means a lot to hear people asking, wanting to make sure I do not spend such a family-focused day all alone. I am happy to report that I do indeed have plans, as I will be joining the family of one of my closest priest friends in the diocese. I have spent many holidays with them, as it is almost impossible for me to travel the long distances to visit my family during those hectic times of the liturgical year.

I share all of this not to make you feel sorry for me. Some people may think that it must be a sad or lonely thing to be away from family during those times of the year when families tend to gather together. And for some, it is very hard. But as the Pastor of the Church of St. Jude, I get to be with my family every day, especially when we are all together for Mass. I think that is why masses on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, and Easter are so special to me, because I get to be reminded of the blessing of the family that I get to be a part of in this parish family.

So, as we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, please consider joining me and the other members of our parish family for Mass at 9:00 am. We have the opportunity to come together to recognize that the source of all of our blessings is God. And one of those great blessings is this parish family, so I hope you can work this family celebration into your other family celebrations for that day.

This Thanksgiving, please know of my profound gratitude to God for His blessing me with the privilege of being your pastor. Because of my gratitude for all of you as members of this great family of ours, it is hard for me to feel sadness about being away from my family for the first time in a long time this year...but please do not tell my mom that I said that!

-Father Alford

Church of St. Jude ACSA report:

Parish Goal:	\$42,745.00
Amount pledged:	\$ 8,475.00
Parish balance:	\$34,270.00

Number of parish families:	517
Number of contributors:	49

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:

Ray Roland, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Mary Kates, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Trish Leach, parishioner
JoAnn Barber, parishioner
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Bill Yoggerst, brother-in-law of Karen Yoggerst
Julie Sinkus, daughter of Barb Sinkus
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Jim Felts, husband of Diane Felts
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

Many Thanks to everyone who helped to provide the wonderful Harvest Feast we enjoyed last Sunday. What a great way to celebrate Veterans' Day, with family and friends. God bless all our Veterans!

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 (93)	\$ 4,506.25	\$102,349.42
Electronic funds (23)	\$ 2,698.10	\$ 21,010.30
Bldg. Dev. Fund (5)	\$ 128.00	\$ 4,224.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 398.00	\$ 2,890.00
Poor Fund	\$ 39.00	\$ 930.21
Children's Stewardship (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.00
All Saints (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,202.00
All Souls (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 493.00
Calvary Cemetery (4)	\$ 50.00	\$ 528.00
Justice & Hope (10)	\$ 162.00	\$ 182.00
Christmas flowers (4)	\$ 57.00	\$ 82.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 112		
Number of electronic contributions: 41		

Saturday, November 17th
Sew-n-sews
 1:00 p Lee Baptism
 2:00 p
 3:45 p **Confessions**
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)

Sunday, November 18th
Confessions
 7:00 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)
 8:00 a **Wyndcrest:** Wrincik
 9:30 a **Confessions**
 9:45 a **Rosary**
 10:00 a **Choir Rehearsal**
 10:00 a **Mass** (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
 10:30 a **RCIA**
 12:00 p

Monday, November 19th
 9:00 a **Counting Team #3**
 5:00 p **Confessions**
 5:30 p **Mass** (Int: David Goraczkowski†)

Tuesday, November 20th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: James Kates†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:45 p **Women's Bible Study**
 7:00 p **Knights of Columbus meeting**

Wednesday, November 21st
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:30 p **NO PSR**
 7:00 p **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, November 22nd
Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)

Friday, November 23rd
Office closed

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



Saturday, November 24th
 3:45 p **Confessions**
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Lucy A. Quinn†)

Sunday, November 25th
Confessions
 7:00 a **Mass** (Int: David Brandis†)
 8:00 a **Wyndcrest:** Krug
 9:30 a **Confessions**
 9:45 a **Rosary**
 10:00 a **Choir Rehearsal**
 10:00 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)
 10:30 a

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, November 24th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Maynerich, Riedle, Tomashavich

Lectors: Day

Servers: Heiple, Sommer, Trello

Hospitality: Egizio

Sunday, November 25th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, J & N Calvert, Deacon Ray

Lectors: B Connolly, Krug

Servers: Delgado, Deen, Lauwerens

Hospitality: M & D Anderson, A & Z Dahlkamp

Sunday, November 25th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Crusen, Guerrettaz, Warren

Lectors: Krug, Warren

Servers: Ryan, R & S Saxbery

Minister of Care: Krug

Hospitality: Decker Family

CLOW: Kerley, Powell

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.

Volunteer for this week Nov. 19th – Nov. 25th

Church Duster: Dianne Felts

Nov. Recycling Vol.: Steve Jones

Nov. Food Volunteer: Susan & Victoria Arnish

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. Nov. 25th:

Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

Adult Faith Formation Series at the Cathedral

The Last Things – As the church year comes to an end and the faithful are reminded to turn their attention to the Second Coming of Christ, Fr. Stock will explore the concept of the Four Last Things as taught by the Church: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell. Mondays – **November 19th & 26th**

Attention Young Adults!

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:

Forge Thanksgiving (potluck) - Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m.: 2133 S. Lincoln Ave. in Springfield

Men's Bible Study - Monday, Nov. 19 at 7:00 p.m.: Engrained in Springfield

Women's Bible Study - Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 p.m.: Christ the King Parish Center

Holy Hour - Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.: St Jude Church in Rochester

More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>/Email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com

Companions on the Journey is the name of the lunch-time for seniors that is held on the first Monday of each month. Our hope is to promote positive social connections, offer an array of speakers on relevant spiritual topics and to encourage people to enjoy the beautiful spaces at the Chiara Center. A delicious lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and followed by a presentation and discussion. Our presenter for December 3 is Norma Roberts a spiritual director and retired pastor who will talk about the benefits and practice of journaling. Following the presentation, participants are welcome to stay for the duration of the afternoon to walk the grounds or for some quiet reflection. We ask for a \$20.00 contribution to honor the support given by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis who sponsor the Chiara Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-523-0901 or sending an e-mail to info@chiaracenter.org. To learn more about the Chiara Center, visit www.chiaracenter.org.



Springfield Area Youth Group November Events – You Are Invited!

On Sunday, November 25 at 6:30pm the youth group will be meeting at King Pin Lanes, 3115 E Sangamon Ave for an evening of bowling. Games are \$4.00, shoe rental is free! Bring a friend. For more information and to RSVP, join the Remind group by texting @spi yg to 81010. Please RSVP by Nov 23 so we have enough lanes reserved.

Lessons and Carols

Celebrate the Advent season with Scripture and carols led by the Cathedral priests and the Cathedral choir.

Cathedral, Sunday, December 16, 7:00pm

Healthy Spaces for Helping

If you are interested in learning how to better care for those in need, please come on Monday, December 10, at 6:00pm to the Cathedral Atrium for a 45-minute presentation about the effects of trauma (abuse, neglect, living in poverty) on children and adults. You will also learn why being trauma-aware is essential to responding to the needs of our community, particularly people and populations who are homeless or live in poverty.

Contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org or 522-3342 for more information or to RSVP.

Almost all couples who attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** say: “We should have done this a long time ago!” Why? Their whole relationship became more alive on the Weekend, and the Weekend reminded them of what it was like as newlyweds. The next weekends are Nov. 30-Dec.2 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO; and Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided). If you would like more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 214-649-7317.



“Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie.”
—Jim Davis