



November 25, 2018
The Solemnity of Our Lord,
Jesus Christ

One year ago, on the Solemnity of Christ the King, our diocese concluded its Fourth Diocesan Synod, focusing on embracing a way of life rooted in discipleship and stewardship. There was a general sense of hope that the Synod would bring renewal to our diocese and our parish.

What we could not have anticipated at that time were the dark days that would fall upon the Church this past summer, as new reports of scandal in the Church, especially in her leadership, came to light. As a result of all of this, much of our attention has shifted from trying to embrace the hope from the Synod to trying to deal with the massive blow that has been inflicted upon our Church. A year ago, it felt like we were moving more rapidly toward the Kingdom, now it feels like we have slowed down, or even gone backwards.

Throughout all of this, there is a story from the famous English author G.K. Chesterton that keeps coming to my mind. The story goes that *The Times* sent the following question out to some of the most famous authors of the time: "What's wrong with the world?" Chesterton's response was two words: "I am." The reason this keeps coming to mind is because every time I find myself wanting to blame certain people or structures, the Lord always seems to remind me that focusing on others distracts me from focusing on myself and my own need for conversion, and that unless I take that call seriously, I cannot claim to be working for the betterment of the Church. I invite each of us to consider that call to conversion in our lives as one of the most effective things that we can do to bring about healing and renewal in the Church.

Please do not read this invitation as an attempt to deflect responsibility from the need for significant changes in the Church. That absolutely needs to happen, but if all of our focus is on what everybody else in the Church needs to do apart from ourselves, we are in trouble. We cannot claim to be working for the coming of the Kingdom if we ourselves do not let Him reign in our hearts by conquering our sins and submitting to His gentle yoke of love, humility, and peace. When the King comes to us at the end of our lives, He will not be looking at what the Pope has done or not done, or what the bishops have done or not done. He will ask each of us individually: "What have *you* done to bring about my reign in your life?" Bring that

question to your prayer on this Christ the King Sunday. Pray the Our Father nice and slow, stopping to dwell on that petition: "thy Kingdom come", asking His Kingdom to reign more fully in your life today.

-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:

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

Breadline Sunday

Thanks to your generosity, we are sending \$729.00 to Catholic Charities, to benefit St. John's Breadline in Springfield.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, November 24th
3:45 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Lucy A. Quinn†)
Sunday, November 25th
7:00 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: David Brandis†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Krug
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)

Monday, November 26th
9:00 a Counting Team #4
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Barbara Reid†)
Tuesday, November 27th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
10:00 a Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, November 28th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Goin†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p PSR
7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 29th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
Friday, November 30th
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, December 1st
8:30 a Confessions
9:00 a Mass (Int: Jean Rosa†)
9:30 a Eucharistic Adoration
3:45 p Confessions
4:00 p Rosary/Benediction
4:30 p Mass (Int: Nickie Maynerich†)
Sunday, December 2nd
7:00 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Catholic Was Veterans†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)

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

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (114)	\$ 5,983.00	\$108,332.42
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 21,210.30
Bldg. Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 156.00	\$ 4,380.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,890.00
Poor Fund	\$ 39.18	\$ 969.39
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
All Saints (2)	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,223.00
All Souls (2)	\$ 21.00	\$ 514.00
Calvary Cemetery (4)	\$ 95.00	\$ 623.00
Justice & Hope (20)	\$ 345.00	\$ 527.00
Christmas flowers (10)	\$ 190.00	\$ 272.00

Number of collection envelopes used: 158
 Number of electronic contributions: 1

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 1st – 4:30 p.m.

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

Lectors: Bertrand, Krug

Servers: Torres, J & J Western

Hospitality: Auxier, Foster, S & J Thull

Sunday, December 2nd – 8:00 a.m.

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

Lectors: Deimel, Nelson

Servers: R Deen, McClintock, Zeidler

Hospitality: Dowding, McWard, B & R Yong

Sunday, December 2nd – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, D Kuntzman
 Deacon Tom

Lectors: Guerrettaz, Schudel

Servers: Ryan, E & H Toliver

Minister of Care: Nelson

Hospitality: Brewer Family

CLOW: A & B Toliver

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. 26th – Dec. 2nd

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock

Nov. Recycling Vol.: Steve Jones

Nov. Food Volunteer: Susan & Victoria Arnish

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. Dec. 2nd :

Joe & Sarah Deen

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Nov. 25th – Dec. 2nd

Sunday: DN 7:13-14	RV 1:5-8
	JN 18:33B-37
Monday: RV 14:1-3, 4B-5	LK 21:1-4
Tuesday: RV 14:14-19	LK 21:5-11
Wednesday: RV 15:1-4	LK 21:12-19
Thursday: RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A	LK 21:20-28
	MT 4:18-22
Friday: ROM 10:9-18	LK 21:34-36
Saturday: RV 22:1-7	1THES 3:12-4:2
Sunday: JER 33:14-16	LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:

Nov. 27 – 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
Nov. 28 – PSR
Dec. 1 – 9:00 a.m. – First Saturday Mass
9:30 a.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
Dec. 2, 9, 16 – noon – RCIA
Dec. 3 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting
Dec. 4, 18 – 6:45 p.m. – Womens Bible Study
Dec. 5, 12, 19 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
Dec. 5, 12, 19 - 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Dec. 6, 20 – 7:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Group
Dec. 11 – 10:00 a.m. Womens Bible Study
Dec. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan Session
Dec. 12 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco
Dec. 13 – 6:30 p.m. Combined Penance Service at Little Flower Church, Springfield
Dec. 15 – 1:00 p.m. Sew-n-Sews
Dec. 18 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting

BUTTERBRAIDS, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas for Thanksgiving/Christmas

The 2019 Youth Mission Trip Group Butterbraids, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas orders have come in. If you ordered from a camper, he/she will deliver it to you. Otherwise, you can pick up your order after the Masses or during office hours.

Remember the **Pizza Ranch** fundraiser on December 2nd. The Mission Trip group will be bussing tables to earn funds toward their trip. Please take the flyer with you when you enjoy your meal, 15% of your meal cost will be given to our group. Thank you for your generous support!

→PSR NEWS←

During November, the PSR classes will be collecting Soup to benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Bentley’s Hair & Nails Co.
126 John St., Rochester, IL
217-498-1081



CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

Kellie Brewer and I would like to extend a HUGE “Thank You” to all who have helped in any way in years past with the Christmas Friends Program. This program has been a success due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. Parishioners will be able to adopt an individual to provide gifts/food within the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@stjude.dio.org with your name, phone number and email address. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** to make this program a success. **Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God’s Children Program to volunteer for the Christmas Friends Program.**

The schedule for the Christmas Program is:
Nov. 24/25 – Adoption Week #3
(Volunteers needed before and after each Mass)

Dec. 1/2 – Gift Drop-off Week #1
Dec. 8/9 – Gift Drop-off Week #2

Dec. 14 – 7:30 a.m. Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer & vehicles.
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick’s School to deliver gifts.
9:30 a.m. Aperia Care Center to deliver gifts.

- Deacon Tom Walker



We are pleased to welcome Charles Christopher Scott Lee, son of Ryan & Megan Lee, who received the Rite of Baptism on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Adult Formation at the Cathedral

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew & Luke

While many people are getting caught up in the secular frenzy of Christmas, take a break from the holiday hustle and join Father Friedel in focusing with the Church on preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

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:

Holy Hour - Monday, Nov. 26 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

December 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Miranda Ernst Glenna Kulek <i>Scott & Meghan Melton</i>
2 Steven Decker Molly Knoepfle Charles Kuntzman III Raymond Rowden Laurie White <i>Russ & Jan Militello Frank & Linsay Stefano</i>	3 Katie Harris Alexandria Judy Gregory Long Bob McDermott <i>Jerry & Helena Lafferty</i>	4 Barbara Hattes Elizabeth Livengood Del Reeves	5 David Potter	6 Brenda Jeffers	7	8 C. Brett Callahan Ryan Fitzsimmons Andrew Gladson Lance Megginson Gina Siddens Donald Vanover Jim Woosley
9 Lindsay Alewelt Diane Arthur John Hogan Carla Houser	10 John Conlon Jared Cullen Megan Eairheart Lincoln Schudel	11 Dawson Gladson Ruth Ann Helling Joseph Leonard Lane Megginson <i>James & Rita Owen</i>	12 Mayme Benson Alanna Gillespie Jonah Guerrettaz <i>Jeffrey & Melissa Gass</i>	13 Jarod Altadonna Dan Connolly Holly Weitekamp Jude Wetherell	14 Debra Decker Anthony Livengood William Livengood Karter Reiss Ginger Rentschler Edna Saputo Emily Tweed	15 JP Kain Christina Marx Grace Winkler
16 Shannon Harrison Jessica Ingold <i>Charles & Dorothy Beeman David & Dawn Bruno</i>	17 James Cray Makenzie Dowding Gary Leach Hannah Matrisch Carmel Settles	18 David Lindstrom Courtney Ostowski <i>Josh & Marie Bales Ronald & Karen Wojcicki</i>	19	20 Lauren Dambacher Karen Ramsey Kathleen Staley	21 Patrick Londrigan Isabel Long Bridgett Rayhill Donald Rayhill <i>Eric & Anne Judy Richard & Judy Sprinkel</i>	22 Fiona Ostrowski Yolanda Saxbery
23 Jordan Cornett	24 Sue Martyn Nick Rollins	25 Viada Keen	26 David Lacy Dan Thompson <i>Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski</i>	27 Josh Bales Denisse Garceau Joseph Streder <i>John & Mary Fox</i>	28 Ryan Amerson Ayden Doehring <i>Joe & Carrie Ross</i>	29 Lori Bartolozzi
30 Steven Brown	31 Leo Crawford Wendy Follin <i>Charles & Deona Kuntzman III</i>					

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.