



## December 9, 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Over the past few years, I have been especially drawn to the figure of St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a figure we often pay a little more attention to around this time of year.

He is not recorded as saying anything in the Scriptures, but his actions speak volumes. He was always attentive to the needs of Jesus and Mary and did what was necessary to provide for them and to protect them. This role did not cease when he died, however. From his place in Heaven, He continues to watch over Christ in His Mystical Body, which is the Church, thus his title as Patron of the Universal Church.

Recognizing his important role, I have been turning to him more frequently for various intentions, especially related to the Church. Every day, I pray the Thirty Day Novena to St. Joseph, choosing a different intention for each month. For the past two months, I have been asking St. Joseph to pray for our parish family. Last month, I was asking him to ask the Lord to help our parish grow in our participation at Mass, both in numbers attending and in the quality of our engagement at Mass. This month, I am asking him to ask the Lord to encourage us to encounter God's mercy more as it is made available to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I have never been disappointed when I have turned to St. Joseph, and I know he is already at work as he brings these prayers to the Lord.

I feel I also have to let you know that before I enter the confessional, I usually ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Guardian Angels to help bring people to encounter God's mercy in the confessional. Along with my regular (hopefully gentle) reminders about the goodness of going to confession, I have also enlisted some pretty heavy hitters in Heaven to help. The Lord is looking forward to sharing this great gift with all of us this Advent season. So go ahead, treat yourself to it!

Being fully aware that going to confession to a priest you know might be intimidating (though I promise that I am very gentle and usually forget what people tell me anyway), you might consider coming to our combined Parish Penance Service **this Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm at Little Flower in Springfield**. There will be other priests available to hear confessions. Also, the **Cathedral in Springfield has confessions at the following times every week: Monday thru Friday – 4:15PM to 5:00PM, Saturday – 9:00AM to 10:00AM and 2:30PM to 3:30PM, and Sunday – 4:00PM to 4:45PM**. If you are not afraid of going to confession to me, then keep an eye on the bulletin for additional confession times at St. Jude's during the Advent season.

- Father Alford

### Anointing of the Sick

If you are going to 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:

**Rene Runions**, parishioner  
**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 Dianne 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



**Thank you** to Greg and Kathy Park, who have provided the lovely 2019 calendars on the table in Church. Please help yourself and enjoy!

### →PSR NEWS←

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

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

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

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a Immaculate Conception Mass  
(Int: All Souls†)  
3:35 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass(Int:Frank & Celia Tomashavich†)

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Roth  
9:45 a Confessions  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)  
4-5:30 p Confessions

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a Counting Team #2  
5:00 p Confessions  
5:30 p Mass (Int: Jack Darby†)

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
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  
6:30 p Pre-Jordan Session

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
12:30 p Ladies Tea/Bunco Potluck  
6:30 p PSR  
7:00 p Choir Rehearsal  
7:30-8:30 p Confessions

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
6:30 p Combined Parish Penance  
Service at Little Flower, Spfld.

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: Leach Family members†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
9-10:30 a Confessions  
12:00 p Sew-n-Sews Potluck  
3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass(Int: Barbara Reid†)

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Krug  
9:45 a Confessions  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)  
12:00 p RCIA  
4-5:30 p Confessions

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

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collection (105)	\$ 11,841.72	\$125,124.22
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,000.30
Bldg. Dev. Fund (25)	\$ 868.00	\$ 5,293.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,115.00
Poor Fund	\$ 71.10	\$ 1,116.49
Children's Stewardship (0)\$	0.00	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers (4)	\$ 65.00	\$ 964.00
Childrens Home (2)	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Christmas Offering (3)\$	55.00	\$ 60.00
Retired Religious (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00
Immac. Conception (1)\$	10.00	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	142	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Riedle, Deacon Tom  
**Lectors:** Bertrand, Day  
**Servers:** M, M, H Weier  
**Hospitality:** Egizio, Foster, S & J Thull

#### **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, D & B Connolly, Dowding  
**Lectors:** Helling  
**Servers:** A Deen, Krug  
**Hospitality:** Brandis, Z & A Dahlkamp, Parnell

#### **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Clare, Warren,  
Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** Kerley, Warren  
**Servers:** Krug, A & A Livengood  
**Minister of Care:** Krug  
**Hospitality:** Brewerl Family  
**CLOW:** Livengood, Powell

**Volunteer for this week – Dec. 10-Dec. 16**

**Church Duster:** Mary & John Fox

**Dec. Recycling Volunteer:** Jeannette Waters

**Dec. Food Volunteer:** David Waters Family

**Coffee & Donuts – Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden



**St. Jude Ladies Bunco/Tea Christmas Potluck**

The St. Jude Ladies bunco/Tea Group will have its annual Christmas Potluck on **Wednesday, December 12 at 12:30 p.m.** All are welcome to bring a dish to share and join the fun.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS DEC. 9<sup>th</sup> – DEC. 16<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>BAR 5:1-9</b>	<b>PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11</b>
		<b>LK 3:1-6</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>IS 35:1-10</b>	<b>LK 5:17-26</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>IS 40:1-11</b>	<b>MT 18:12-14</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>ZEC 2:14-17</b>	<b>LK 1:26-38</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>IS 41:13-20</b>	<b>MT 11:11-15</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>IS 48:17-19</b>	<b>MT 11:16-19</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>SIR 48:1-4, 9-11</b>	<b>MT 17:9A, 10-13</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ZEP 3:14-18A</b>	<b>PHIL 4:4-7</b>
		<b>LK 3:10-18</b>



**The St. Jude Sew-n-sews** will have their Christmas potluck on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.** Please join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Thanks to the creative work of the ladies of the parish and the Sew-n-Sews, we donated another 27 sets of hats, gloves and scarves this week!

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events**

Dec. 9, 16 – Noon – RCIA

Dec. 11 – 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Dec. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan Session

Dec. 12 – 12:30 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco

Dec. 12, 19 – 6:30 p.m. PSR

Dec. 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Dec. 13 – 6:30 p.m. Combined Penance Service

At Little Flower Church, Springfield

Dec. 15 – Noon – Sew-n-Sews

Dec. 18 – 6:45 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Dec. 18 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting

The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 1.

**SHG PLACEMENT TEST-** The SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O’Connor, President, will be available to answer parents’ questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 217-787-1595 ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators will be allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday January 11. Use the following link to register: <http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019>.



Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today our second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for**

**Religious.** Many of our religious are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please be generous!

**Should we have a youth group?**

We are a “both/and” church which means we need BOTH opportunities to minister to teenagers on their own AND parents taking an active role in their Catholic formation. **I’d like to invite all high school age individuals to join me on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for an indoor snowball fight (marshmallow dodgeball), cookie decorating, and Christmas fun at 7pm in the Parish Center. Feel free to invite friends! It’ll be a great study break!** I’d like to hear from the teenagers as to what they would want out of a youth group. But before that happens, I’d like to hear from parents as well—why we should or shouldn’t have a youth group, how you’re willing to pitch in, what you’d like for your own formation, etc.

Please visit me in my office weekdays from 10-3 or email me at [tgwardys@stjude.dio.org](mailto:tgwardys@stjude.dio.org)

**Elite Autobody & Paint Works**  
**John Conlon, Co-owner**  
**Southwest Spfld. - 217-726-6200**  
**Northeast Spfld. - 217-744-0550**





The Pizza Ranch fundraiser for the Mission Trip was a success! A huge "Thank you" to everyone who came out and support our Youth. They earned \$482.00 to put toward the costs of their trip in June 2019.

One other year-round fundraiser is the **Scrip Gift Card Program**. If you are planning to order gift cards for Christmas, please have your order turned in **no later than Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. The delivery date for that order will be Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.



### 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. The gifts that you purchase for your adopted individual can be dropped off in the Parish Center after the Masses or during office hours. If you are interested in helping with the sorting and delivery process, please contact Deacon Tom at [twalker@stjude.dio.org](mailto:twalker@stjude.dio.org) with your name, phone number and email address. **Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God's Children Program to volunteer with the Christmas Friends Program.**

#### The schedule for the Christmas Program is:

- Dec. 8 & 9 – Gift drop-off week #2
- Dec 14 – 7:30 a.m. – Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer and vehicles.
- 8:00 a.m. – St. Patrick's School gift delivery
- 9:30 – Aperia Care Center gift delivery

- Deacon Tom Walker



Many thanks to those who have generously given their time to help with the Recycling Program and the St. Martin DePorres Food Collection. Many are returning to help next year. We do need to fill

February and March in the Food Program. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office (217-498-9197). Thank you!

### 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.

Resolve to make your marriage even better in 2019! Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and your good marriage will become **even better**. Just ask a couple who has attended the weekend. Apply for the weekend you deserve on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided); or Feb. 8-10, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 1-314-649-7317.

Christ the King Parish, Springfield, is pleased to announce an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage.

**Surviving Divorce** features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced, and those still struggling with issues many years later. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. The cost of the program is \$15.00, which includes all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

The program begins on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7 PM, at Christ The King Parish Library. Please call the Parish Office, at 217-546-3527 to register. For additional information, contact John Marruffo, (217) 494-3366.

### 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.