

FIRST
SUNDAY

March 10, 2019
1st Sunday of Lent



In my bulletin articles last year for Lent, I offered a weekly challenge as a way of adding some variety to your Lenten journey. I cited some time-honored spiritual wisdom that says that the best sacrifices to offer are those we do not choose for ourselves, but those that we have not chosen. I would like to continue that practice this year as well.

Here is my challenge for this week, and it has to do with the Gospel that we heard two Sundays ago where Jesus said: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Lk 6:27-28) I want you to think of a person that you really find it hard to love. That could be somebody close to you or just somebody you know about. Once you have thought of that person, instead of listing off all of the reasons why you do not like / love them, say a prayer for them. Say something like this: "Lord, you love this person. You want them to become a saint. I find it hard to see the good you see in them, but I want, more than anything, for your will to be done. So, I pray for them, that you will bless them, and give them what they need in order to become a saint."

Say a prayer like that every day. I realize it might be hard, but it is not impossible, because Jesus does not command the impossible. There is a big difference between can't and won't. And if we are unwilling to do this, well, then we will have a very hard time trying to make the case that we are a true follower of Jesus Christ.

As an added challenge (I read this from a reflection from Bishop Barron), at the end of the week, list off all of the negative things you can think about that person, then go before the Lord and ask forgiveness for when you yourself have been guilty of those same things. That gives new weight to the words of Jesus from last Sunday: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye." (Lk 6:42)

As a reminder, to receive a daily reflection and challenge in your inbox, text the word **STJUDEL** to **84576**.

- Fr. 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:

- Robert Eifert**, parishioner
- Shirley Crawford**, parishioner
- Rene Runions**, parishioner
- Ray Roland**, parishioner
- Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner
- Kathy Smith**, parishioner
- Evelyn Conboy**, parishioner
- JoAnn Camille**, parishioner
- Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners
- JoAnn Barber**, parishioner
- Glen Limper**, son of Al & Betty Limper
- Hope Power**, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
- Terese Hurst**, sister of Diane Bortmess
- Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer
- Julie Sinkus**, daughter of Barb Sinkus
- Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling
- Jim Felts**, husband of Dianne Felts
- Tim Dunbar**, nephew of Ginger Rentschler
- Jerry McCormick**, brother of Tom Walker
- Jean Seward**, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
- 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
- Mike Geist**, brother-in-law of Ray & Sue Roth



In Memory:

Henry Torres, father of Brian Torres

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Mar. 10th – Mar. 17th

Sunday:	DT 26:4-10	ROM 10:8-13
		LK 4:1-13
Monday:	LV 19:1-2, 11-18	MT 25:31-46
Tuesday:	IS 55:10-11	MT 6:7-15
Wednesday:	JON 3:1-10	LK 11:29-32
Thursday:	EST C: 12, 14-16, 23-25	MT 7:7-12
Friday:	EZ 18:21-28	MT 5:20-26
Saturday:	DT 26:16-19	MT 5:43-48
Sunday:	GN 15:5-12, 17-18	PHIL 3:17-4:1
		LK 9:28B-36

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

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

Saturday, March 9th

1:00 p Sew-n-Sews
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Barbara Reid†)

Sunday, March 10th

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)
12:00 p NO RCIA
3:00 p Confirmation Formation

Monday, March 11th

9:00 a Counting Team #2
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
6:30 p Confirmation Formation

Tuesday, March 12th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Eric Park†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
10:00 a Women's Bible Study
6:30 p Pre-Jordan

Wednesday, March 13th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Mary Kates†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco
6:30 p Servers Training
6:30 p PSR
7:00 p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, March 15th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Hope Power)
8:00 a Stations of the Cross
5:00 p K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, March 16th

3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Christopher Weier†)

Sunday, March 17th

7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest:
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a Mass (Int: Helen Morrow†)
12:00 p RCIA

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

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collections (104)	\$ 6,277.00	\$193,222.31
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 36,386.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (28)	\$ 938.00	\$ 9,610.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 185.00	\$ 4,904.00
Poor Fund	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,725.40
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 11.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,011.00
Number of collection envelopes used :	133	
Number of Electronic contributions:	19	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, March 16th - 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Maynerich
Deacon Walker
Lectors: S & I Long
Servers: Rollins, Sommer, Zack
Hospitality: Egizio, Foster

Sunday, March 17th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Godar, Rayhill
Deacon Walker
Lectors: Helling, Krug
Servers: McClintock, Zeidler
Hospitality: A & Z Dahlkamp, G & K Park

Sunday, March 17th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Clare, Livengood
Deacon Walker
Lectors: Krug, Livengood
Servers: A & A Livengood
Minister of Care: Krug
Hospitality: V & A Powell, M & C Zucco
CLOW: Kerley, B Toliver

Volunteer for this week – March 11- 17

Church Duster: Mary & John Fox
March Recycling Volunteer: Greg Park
March Food Volunteer: Horstman Family
Coffee & Donuts – Sun., March 17th:
Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

It is with great joy that we send forth our Catechumens and Candidates to the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. **Our Catechumens are:** Amy Ebeling, Haylee Vaughn and Mike Mathias. **Our Candidates are:** Brooke Pasley and Melissa Curtin. Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates on their journey to the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.
 Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.
 Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m.
 Sunday – 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Several people have contacted the office requesting Kathy Smith’s address. If you would like to send Kathy a card or letter, please use this address:

Kathy Leavy Smith
 115 C Fifer Infirmary
 IL Veteran’s Home
 1707 N. 12th St.
 Quincy, IL 62301

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

- Mar. 10, 31 – 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Formation
- Mar. 11 – 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Formation
- Mar. 12, 26 – 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- Mar. 12 – 6:30 p.m. Pre-Jordan Session
- Mar. 13 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco
- Mar 13, 20 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
- Mar 13, 20 – 6:30 p.m. Servers Training
- Mar. 15, 22, 29 – 5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry
- Mar. 15, 22, 29 – 8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 17, 24, 31 – Noon - RCIA
- Mar. 19 – 6:45 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
- Mar. 19 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Mar. 21 – 7:00 p.m. Men’s Prayer Group
- Mar. 23 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Adoration
- Mar. 27 – NO PSR



Our Annual Mardi Gras was such a success! Thanks to everyone who helped cook & serve dinner, decorate & clean up the parish center, lead the games, take the tickets, bake & frost the cupcakes, etc. Thank you to Fr. Alford, who closed out the evening by helping us thoughtfully transition from the night’s festivities towards an embrace of the Lenten season at hand.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Prayer & Fasting **Abstinence –** (1) Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fast – (2) Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed.

(3) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

→PSR NEWS←

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

Fr. Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Announcement

Attention Graduating High School Seniors:

If you are a graduating H.S. Senior in 2019 and are interested in some extra money for college, please apply for the **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship**. Paid annually for four years, the 2019 winner will receive \$750.00 toward educational expenses. To apply, contact the St. Jude Parish Office or go online to www.stjude.dio.org to apply. **Please submit applications by Monday, April 1, 2019.**



St. Jude’s Women’s Tea Group will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. **Bring a friend!**

This week our special collection supports the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous to the collection today.

Feeling the call to become more active within the Parish?

A **Protecting God's Children** session has been scheduled at St. Jude Parish Center, **Tuesday, March 26th, 6:30 p.m.** Please contact the Parish Office (498-9197) to register for this session. Please assist the parish in providing various services for our youth and children by fulfilling the requirement for all parish volunteers. **The Protecting God's Children Adult Training Session is a requirement for anyone age 18 or older who is volunteering within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.**



Mark your calendars now!

The K of C St. Jude Council 9640 annual Fish Fries are scheduled for March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th and 12th. **If you would like to help with the Fish Fries, please contact Deacon Tom Walker or Jerry Calvert for more information. All are welcome!**



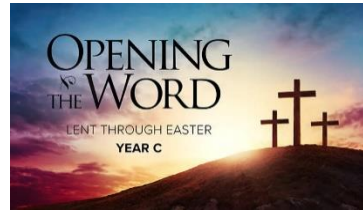
"Therefore, in the liturgy, you are much more than simple "helpers of the parish priest". Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus. Be determined to go deeper and to cultivate this friendship with Him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."

- Pope St. John Paul II

Would you like to serve the parish by being an Altar Server? It's not too late!! There will server training sessions on Wednesday, March 13th & 20th at 6:30 (during PSR) Training will be for ALL old and new Servers. Training will be held in the Church.

An Historical, Theological, and Liturgical Look at Lent

Ashes. Fasting. Veiled Images. Join Father House for a look at the Why's behind the Do's and Don'ts of the Lenten Season.
Cathedral Atrium, Monday March 11th, 7:00pm



Looking for a way to grow this Lent? Join our parish wide, Lenten Study Group on FORMED.org! The Pastoral Council

invites all of you to join us in Opening the Word, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. We'll have an online discussion board with reflections questions to promote community discussion and get to know one another, all while working with our busy schedules!

To join us, go to <https://stjuderochester.formed.org>. Once registered on FORMED.org, the St. Jude Lenten Study Group will be the top item of the **Community** section (top left menu between On Demand and Library). If you need help getting set up, call the Parish Office at 217-498-9197 and speak with Teresa.



Adoration on Saturday, March 23rd

Come spend time with Jesus this Lent during the Pastoral Council sponsored Saturday Adoration. Members of the council have signed up to adore and welcome all parishioners to join them anytime Saturday, March 23rd from 9am-4:30pm before Saturday vigil mass. Some slots are available, but no commitment is necessary to attend.

Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive



This Lent, we have an opportunity to help the Taylorville Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center raise funds to help women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Empty baby bottles will be available for St. Jude families to "adopt". We are asked to take our adopted baby bottles home and fill them with our donations. Once the bottle is full it can be returned to the Church or parish office. All bottles should be returned during Easter week. Empty bottles will be available for adoption at the back of the Church. This is a great opportunity to practice Alms giving.

Bentley's Hair & Nail Co.
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