



## March 31, 2019 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Earlier this week, we crossed the halfway point of Lent. Now would be a good time to take stock of how well our Lenten journey is going. For some of us, we may be doing really well with our resolutions, staying faithful to what we have given up or taken on. For others, we may have had some stumbles along the way.

When it comes down to it, our success or lack thereof in these practices is not the most important indicator of how well our Lent has been going. Recall the words that we heard from our First Reading on Ash Wednesday from the Prophet Joel: "Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God." (Joel 2:13) The question we should be asking is: has my heart changed this Lent, or has it just been a surface level experience? Have my Lenten practices resulted in a stronger relationship with God and a greater love for those around me? If the answer is 'yes', then you are doing Lent right. If, however, you are not praying more, not making a more firm commitment to worshiping God each Sunday at Mass, and not curbing your speech with regards to uncharitable comments and gossip, then, even if you are at one hundred percent with your Lenten resolutions, you have a lot of work yet to do.

Here is my challenge to you for this week: I think it can be a good practice at this point to do a good examination of conscience, to identify those areas where you are still in need of conversion. Maybe there is a bad habit you continue to struggle with. Maybe there is a person you are struggling to forgive or to be patient with. Maybe you find yourself lacking in a daily commitment to prayer. Whatever it may be (and I can assure you that we all have something), ask the Lord to use your Lenten practices to bring about growth in those areas of your heart. In other words, focus more on the 'why' of Lent than on the 'what'.

Recommit to being **resolutely determined**, as we did at the beginning of Lent, to make this your best Lent ever. Regardless of how well you have done up to now, the journey is not over yet. Begin anew with joy and hope at the many graces that still await you during this second half of our Lenten journey!

**As a reminder, to receive a daily reflection and challenge in your inbox, text the word STJUDELNT 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:

**Allan Dahlkamp**, parishioner  
**Cece Foltz**, parishioner  
**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  
**Donna Meyers**, mother of Kellie Brewer  
**Julie Sinkus**, daughter of Barb Sinkus  
**Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling  
**Jim Felts**, husband of Dianne Felts  
**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  
**Craig Martin**, nephew of Debbie Decker



#### *In Memory:*

**Cindy Crumly**, sister of Gary Dumonceaux

#### **SUBWAY**

**eat fresh**

**Rt. 29, Rochester, IL**

**217-498-9475**

#### **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.

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

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

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**10-11:30 a** Confessions  
**3:30 p** Confessions  
**4:30 p** Mass (Int: Bill Sinkust†)  
**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:30 a** Confessions  
**8:00 a** Mass (Int: Patricia Leach†)  
**9:30 a** Wyndcrest: Deacon Roth  
**9:45 a** Confessions  
**10:00 a** Rosary  
**10:00 a** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:30 a** Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
**12:00 p** RCIA  
**3:00 p** Confirmation Formation

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00 a** Counting Team #1  
**5:00 p** Confessions  
**5:30 p** Mass (Int: Christopher Weier†)  
**7:00 p** Pastoral Council Meeting

**Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**7:00 a** Morning Prayer  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families )  
**8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary  
**6:30 p** Confirmation Formation  
**6:45 p** Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7:00 a** Morning Prayer  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Hope Power)  
**8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary  
**6:30 p** PSR/Child Safety  
**6:30 p** Stations of the Cross  
**7:00 p** Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a** Morning Prayer  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Jerry Gifford†)  
**8:00 a** Scriptural Rosary  
**7:00 p** Men's Prayer Group

**Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 a** Mass (Int: John Blasko†)  
**7:30 a** Stations of the Cross  
**5:00 p** K of C Fish Fry

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:30 a** Confessions  
**9:00 a** Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)  
**9:30 a** Eucharistic Adoration  
**9:45-11:30 a** Confessions  
**1:00-2:30 p** Confessions  
**3:30 p** Confessions  
**4:30 p** Mass (Int: Ed & Judy Bedore – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

## Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**7:30 a** Confessions  
**8:00 a** Mass (Int: Mary Kates†)  
**9:30 a** Wyndcrest: Deacon Walker  
**9:45 a** Confessions  
**10:00 a** Rosary  
**10:00 a** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:30 a** Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
**12:00 p** RCIA  
**3-4:30 p** Confessions

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

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collections (105)	\$ 5,692.60	\$211,370.07
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,761.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 63.00	\$ 10,039.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,302.00
Poor Fund	\$ 33.13	\$ 1,925.43
Children's Stewardship (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 13.00
Easter Flowers (2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,121.00
Central/East. Europe(2)	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,441.00
Holy Land (1)	\$ 40.00	\$ 137.00
Seminarians (1)	\$ 50.00	\$ 135.00
Catholic Charities (3)	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,449.00
Cath. Relief Services(3)	\$ 80.00	\$ 237.00
Number of collection envelopes used :	121	
Number of Electronic contributions:	0	

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Maynerich, Deacon Roth  
**Lectors:** DeGroot, Krug  
**Servers:** Heiple, Myers, Zack  
**Hospitality:** Foster, S & J Thull

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Nelson, Rayhill, Vogt  
**Lectors:** Deimel, Dowding  
**Servers:** A. Deen, Lauwerens, McClintock  
**Hospitality:** McWard, K & G Park, Parnell

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>– 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Guerretaz, Warren, Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** Schudel, Warren  
**Servers:** E & T Schudel  
**Minister of Care:** Deacon Walker  
**Hospitality:** Brewer Family  
**CLOW:** Powell, A Toliver

**Volunteer for this week – April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Duster:** Donna Spurlock  
**April Recycling Volunteer:** Jerry Calvert  
**April Food Volunteer:** Jeannette Waters  
**Coffee & Donuts – Sun., April 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Joe & Sarah Deen



There will be a Combined Penance Service with Little Flower and St. Joseph the Worker parishes on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Chatham (700 E. Spruce St.).

**SCRIPTURE READINGS – Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday:** JOS 5:9A, 10-12  
2COR 5:17-21 LK 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Monday:** IS 65:17-21 JN 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** EZ 47:1-9, 12 JN 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** IS 49:8-15 JN 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** EX 32:7-14 JN 5:31-47  
**Friday:** WIS 2:1A, 12-22 JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** JER 11:18-20 JN 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** IS 43:16-21  
PHIL 3:8-14 JN 8:1-11



You are invited to attend a workshop on prayer this **Sunday, March 31, from 3:05-4:00 p.m.** in the church. It is open to everyone in the parish and is one of two sessions parents of students being confirmed must attend. We will learn about praying with Scripture, take practical steps on how to do it, and learn how to lead others through it. This is a great opportunity to make prayer a part of your life, grow in conversation with God, and help bring others into a relationship with Jesus with his Word.

**Additional Confession Times during Lent**

Apr. 6 – 9:45-11:30; 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
Apr. 7 – 3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Apr. 14 – 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Apr. 19 – 5:00-6:45 p.m.

This week, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food for the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise**.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events**

Mar. 31 – Noon – RCIA  
Mar. 31 – 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Formation  
Apr. 1 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting  
Apr. 2 – 6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Formation  
Apr. 2, 16 – 6:45 p.m. – Women's Bible Study  
Apr. 3, 10, 24 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR  
Apr. 3, 10 – 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Apr. 4, 18 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group  
Apr. 5, 12 – 8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
Apr. 5, 12 – 5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry  
Apr. 6 - 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
Apr. 6 - 9:45-11:30; 1:00-2:30 p.m. Confessions  
Apr. 7, 14, 28 – noon RCIA  
Apr. 7 – 3-4:30 p.m. - Confessions  
Apr. 9, 23 – 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
Apr. 10 – Ladies Tea/Bunco  
Apr. 10, 17 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Apr. 13 – Sew-n-Sews  
Apr. 14 – 3:00 p.m. – Confirmation Formation  
Apr. 14 – 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions  
Apr. 15 – 6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Formation  
Apr. 16 – 7:00 p.m. K of C meeting  
Apr. 19 – 5-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
Apr. 19 – 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
Apr. 25-26–Drop off donated items for Garage Sale  
Apr. 27 – 8 a.m.-noon – Mission trip garage sale  
Apr. 29 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting

**→PSR NEWS←**

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

**It's that time of year again when we will be doing Pre-Registration for the fall PSR classes. Within the next 2 or 3 weeks I'll be sending out parent letters and registration forms with all the information for the 2019-2020 PSR year. I will keep you updates as the time gets closer for pre-registration.**

**- Frances Tomashovich**



**Monthly First Saturday Eucharistic Adoration**

On the first Saturday of each month, we will have 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).

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:



**Prayer & Fasting Abstinance** – (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.

**Recycled cans** – We received a call from Lake Area Recycling regarding the cans that are being taken in. The person who called asked that we make certain the cans are empty and rinsed before they are donated. Also, they have found other materials are being placed in the bags with the cans (ie: old bird feeders, garbage, etc.). Please do not use this program as a method to dispose of old containers and trash. We are told if it happens again they will refuse to take materials from us. Thank you.

### Fr. Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Announcement

Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the website ([stjude.dio.org](http://stjude.dio.org)) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. **Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by April 15, 2019.** The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.



Save Your  
Items for Our  
Rummage Sale

It's almost that time of year – **the St. Jude Mission Trip Annual Garage Sale** will be **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – noon!** You can donate items April 23-26 during office hours. Please bring items to the Parish Center. Many thanks for your continued support

of our youth.



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

Lent is a good time to decide to deepen your faith, and your relationship with your spouse.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** offer you new tools to improve your communication, and open a whole new world of closeness. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Apr. 12-14 in St. Peters, MO; and June 21-23 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314-649-7317.

**You are invited to join the Ladies Bible Study Group!** We meet the first & third Tuesdays of the month at 6:45 p.m., and the second & fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

In April, the morning Bible Studies Group will start a new series on "Cultural Apologetics" – looking at hot button topics from a Catholic perspective. April 9<sup>th</sup> the hot button topic will be pornography.

The evening Bible Studies Group are beginning a study on the Book of 1 Corinthians and seeing the ways which Scripture is applicable to our lives in today's world.

So, come and join us, bring a friend!

During the 40 days of Lent, there is a special prayer campaign that takes place throughout our country called **40 Days for Life**. This will be taking place locally outside of Planned Parenthood in Springfield. Our parish is planning to pray there on **Thursdays from 1:00-2:00 pm**, Please consider coming to join us and to stand up for Life. The address is 601 Bruns Lane. NOTE: Please DO NOT park in the parking lot at Planned Parenthood as it is illegal to do so. There is parking at Springfield Right to Life, a block south of Planned Parenthood.





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.

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### 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.

### Illinois Right to Life's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Banquet

Please join us on Friday, May 17, 2019, at the Carlisle in Lombard, IL. Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, followed by dinner and a program at 7pm. Our keynote speaker will be Trey Gowdy, former Congressman and outspoken pro-life advocate. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It will determine just how many hearts and minds we can change and lives we can save, as we work to restore a culture that respects and protects human life in Illinois. We hope you can join us!

To purchase tickets, go to [www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet](http://www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet) or call 312.422.9300.



# Food Collection

FOR ST. MARTIN De PORRES

Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin de Porres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry.

Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.

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**Being offered at the Cathedral, Springfield:**

### The Passion Narrative in the Gospel of St. Luke

In preparation for the celebration of Holy Week, join Father Michael Friedel for a study of our Lord's Passion as recorded by St. Luke.

Cathedral Atrium, 7:00pm Wednesdays April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

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### Faith journey

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.

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## St. Therese Guild Geranium Sale 2019



The St. Therese Guild has begun their annual sale of Geranium plants. These are locally grown plants, available in red, white, salmon, pink & fuchsia. Orders will be taken until April 17, 2019, the cost is \$2.75 per plant. You can order by contacting Nancy (494-3077) or Janet (494-4743). Order forms are also on the bulletin board at the back of the Church

**Give a Little...** Springfield Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the opportunity to change lives. Give a little and get a lot of fun on April 6<sup>th</sup> with an evening of dinner and delightful entertainment including a live auction and local celebrity karaoke competition. Evening begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$75.00 and can be purchased by going online at [events.cc.dio.org](http://events.cc.dio.org).

April 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Jack Bassett Susan Gleason Greg Matheny Christine Nickels Alex Stead	<b>2</b> Tom Beeve Abigail Cochran Jessica Foster Kenneth Livengood Nick Palazzolo <i>John &amp; Sarah Kerley</i>	<b>3</b> Camdyn Clarke Brenda Larison	<b>4</b> Karlie Schnepf Christine Zack <i>Gary &amp; Paulette Dumonceaux</i>	<b>5</b> Cathy Carlson Benjamin Duban Alicia Harney James Merritt	<b>6</b> Nathaniel Houmes Griffin Leach Jenna Martin Taylor Trello Bo Emmanuel Wetherell <i>Randall &amp; Suzann Segatto</i>
<b>7</b> Chris Gleason Lance Ingold Callie Morgan Heather Nieders Deacon Tom Walker	<b>8</b> Diane Bortmess Mary Callahan Jillian Capriotti Dan Ernst Michael Hickey Amy Trello Jonathon Vollmer Paul Western <i>Jasper &amp; Kelly Capriotti</i>	<b>9</b> Claire Gray Ken Oldfield Madelynn Ryan Abby Vose	<b>10</b> Evan Cornett Reilly Martyn Tami Walcher	<b>11</b> Elaine Hundley Cara Reiser Lauren Stead <i>Ed &amp; Judy Bedore</i>	<b>12</b> Ryan Houmes Clayton Marx Emma Van Dyke	<b>13</b> Kaleb Broughton Joseph Heiple Chase Kuntzman Meghan Melton Sylvia Thull <i>Dan &amp; Sherry Frachey</i>
<b>14</b> Jim Allen Janet Leinum Alex Merriman Mary Kathryn Palazzolo Jenna Spurlock <i>David &amp; Ellen Fischer</i> <i>Josh &amp; Kim Veach</i>	<b>15</b> Jennifer Crouch Kelley Stephens Zeke Weitekamp <i>Derek &amp; Amy Bruno</i>	<b>16</b> Hannah Eichholz Jan Militello Sabrina Nolan Luke Settles Vicki Sutker <i>Tom &amp; Judy Maloney</i>	<b>17</b> Harold Nickles <i>Bob &amp; Debbie Jemison</i>	<b>18</b> Justin Harris Alicia Mantei John Runions Rebecca Zeibert	<b>19</b> Joseph Faloon William O'Sullivan	<b>20</b> Elizabeth McCall Shannon Ryan
<b>21</b> Brian Brewer Lori Hanson Cecelia Schurman Brian Stephens	<b>22</b> Laura Fjelstul Jeff Harrison James Owens Erik Woehrmann <i>Adam &amp; Mallory Nickel</i>	<b>23</b> Anna Auxier David Bruno John Jones Jeremy Maggiore Kevin Ward <i>Phillip &amp; Emma Van Dyke</i> <i>John &amp; Marcey Werthwein</i>	<b>24</b> Danielle Marinelli Grace Petty	<b>25</b> Imelda Garcia Rita Harper Alexandria Ishmael	<b>26</b> Ryan Dietrich Maureen McWard Jerry Parsons Bill Rodgers <i>Jason &amp; Brenda Schnepf</i>	<b>27</b> Jim Hagerman Alan Howard Jim Joyce Cathy Manning <i>Garrett &amp; Alicia Harney</i> <i>Dennis &amp; Char Weitekamp</i>
<b>28</b> Caitlin Lauwerens Lynette Ramsey <i>William &amp; Mary McKenzie</i> <i>Mark &amp; Mary Palazzolo</i>	<b>29</b> Ethan Clarke Elizabeth Siders Lula Grace Staley	<b>30</b> Sage Gass Jim Kratz Patty Oldani				