



April 7, 2019 5th Sunday of Lent

In last week's bulletin article, I reflected on the importance of the 'why' behind our Lenten practices, namely, growing in our love for God and our neighbor.

Among the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, special pride of place is given to almsgiving in many of the writings from our Christian tradition. Pope St. Leo the Great wrote the following: "As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings of works of mercy." In the same sermon, he writes: "No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor. Where he finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognizes the reflection of his own fatherly care." And, anticipating the objection that some might raise about their limited means, he writes: "In these acts of giving do not fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth."

In light of these beautiful words, I would like to challenge each of us this week to have a generous spirit in practicing works of charity. If you are able to contribute something financially to somebody in need, great! But be creative in the many other ways that you can exercise a generous spirit.

Do you have an elderly relative or neighbor who does not get out much? Why not take some time to pay them a visit? Or, at the very least, give them a phone call. Do you have excess clothes in your closet or dresser? Consider donating them. And to be especially generous in spirit, why not give away something you really like? Shouldn't those with far less have the benefit of something nicer than normal, when we probably have several nice pieces of clothing? It might be as simple as helping others with tasks or chores without being asked as a way of helping to lighten their load.

Here is one final suggestion – think of how you can be an instrument of bringing people closer to Christ. Maybe that could be inviting somebody to join you in going to confession. Or, maybe it could be inviting somebody to join you and your family for Mass on Easter Sunday. What greater act of love could there be than to invite people to experience the love of Jesus!

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

-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:

Jane Hendrickson, parishioner
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:

Henrietta Bungler, parishioner
Bev Riedle, mother of David Riedle

Brent W. Leach, MST, CPA
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St. Jude Parish Weekly Confessions Times

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

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, April 6th

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 – 60th Anniversary)

Sunday, April 7th

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

Monday, April 8th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 9:00 a Counting Team #2

Tuesday, April 9th

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, April 10th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco
 6:30 p PSR
 6:30 p Stations of the Cross
 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Ed & Judy Bedore 60th Anniversary)

8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday April 12th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
 8:00 a Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13th

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

Sunday, April 14th

7:30 a Confessions
 8:00 a Mass (Int: Rich Wolff†)
 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)
 12:00 p RCIA
 3:00 p Confirmation Formation
 5-6:30 p Confessions

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collections (103)	\$ 4,172.00	\$215,542.07
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 40,501.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 10,074.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 185.00	\$ 5,487.00
Poor Fund	\$ 29.00	\$ 1,954.43
Children's Offerings(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 13.00
Cath. Relief Serv. (46)	\$ 1,359.00	\$ 1,596.00
Cath. Charities (2)	\$ 60.00	\$ 2,509.00
Gen./East./ Europe (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,451.00
Holy Land (2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 177.00
Seminarians (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 155.00
Easter Offerings (12)	\$ 245.00	\$ 305.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,123.00
Number of contribution envelopes used:		158
Number of Electronic Contributions:		32

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, April 13th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, White, Deacon Roth
 Deacon Walker
Lectors: S & I Long
Servers: Rollins, Torres, Zack
Hospitality: Auxier, H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, April 14th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, D & B Connolly
 Deacon Roth
Lectors: Blumhorst, Nelson
Servers: Delgado, Lauwerens, Zeidler
Hospitality: Dowding, McWard, R & B Yong

Sunday, April 14th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Crusen, Fjelstul
 Deacon Roth
Lectors: S & D Kuntzman
Servers: Krug, H & E Toliver
Minister of Care: Nelson
Hospitality: Fjelstul & Zucco Families
CLOW: Kerley, B Toliver

Volunteers for this week – April 8th – April 14th

Church Duster: Laurie McWard

April Recycling Volunteer: Jerry Calvert

April Food Volunteer: Jeannette Waters

Coffee & Donuts – Sun., April 14th:
Don & Roberta Vanover

SCRIPTURE READINGS – APR. 7th – APR. 14th

Sunday: IS 43:16-21
PHIL 3:8-14 JN 8:1-11

Monday: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
JN 8:12-20

Tuesday: NM 21:4-9 JN 8:21--30

Wednesday: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 JN 8:31-42

Thursday: GN 17:3-9 JN 8:51-59

Friday: JER 20:10-13 JN 10:31-42

Saturday: EZ 37:21-28 JN 11:45-56

Sunday: Palm Sunday
LK 19:28-40 PHIL 2:6-11
LK 22:14-23:56

Additional Confessions Times during Lent

Apr. 7 – 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Apr. 14 – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Apr. 19 – 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

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 – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Tea/Bunco
Apr. 10 – 6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Apr. 10, 24 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
Apr. 10, 17 – 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Apr. 12 – 8:00 a.m. - Stations of the Cross
Apr. 12 – 5:00 p.m. - K of C Fish Fry
Apr. 13 – 1:00 p.m. – 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 – 6:45 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
Apr. 16 – 7:00 p.m. – K of C Meeting
Apr. 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Prayer Group
Apr. 19 – 5-6:30 p.m. – Confessions
Apr. 19 – 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
Apr. 25-26 – Drop off donated items for Garage Sale during office hours
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 Tomashavich

Enter into Christ's passion the night before it starts by joining the Pastoral Council for *The Passion of the Christ*.

On Wednesday, April 17th the Pastoral Council invites everyone for a viewing of *The Passion of the Christ* at 6 pm in the Parish Center.

Starting at 5:30 pm the council will host a soup supper before the movie showing. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church so we can get an accurate head count for soup. All are welcome for the showing.

**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) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. **Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by April 15, 2019.** The scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions of \$1596.00 will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give!





Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale

It's almost that time of year – **the St. Jude Mission Trip Annual Garage Sale!** Donated items may be brought to the Parish Center April 23-26 during office hours, the sale will be April 27th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Your continued support of our youth is much appreciated.



Recycling – Please do not put anything but rinsed aluminum cans in the brown wooden bin in front of the Parish Center. We were notified by Lake Area Recycling that they received old

metal items (ie: bird feeders) and garbage in the last load that was taken in. They informed us that if it happens again, they will no longer accept materials from us. Money received from the recycling of cans is donated to St. Patrick School in Springfield.



St. Jude Women's Tea

St. Jude's Women's Tea Group will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited. **Bring a friend!**

All are welcome to join the **St. Jude's sew-n-sews** group! Saturday April 13th at 1:00 p.m. Bring a project, enjoy some snacks and good company! **Hope to see you and bring a friend!**



The last 2019 **K of C St. Jude Council 9640 annual Fish Fry** is April 12, 5:00-7:30p.m. **Come out and enjoy the best fish around!**



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.

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.

Celebrate as an Easter couple this year and find more for your relationship than you ever dreamt was possible from just one weekend together. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend as a celebration of your relationship. The next weekends are April 12-14, 2019 in St. Peter, Mo; and June 21-23, 2019 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule/php> or call 314-649-7317.

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, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 10th.