



## June 2, 2019 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This past week, on Tuesday, I celebrated the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Eight

years has certainly flown by, and while there have been many things I have experienced as a priest that I never imagined I would (some very good, some very challenging), I feel very blessed to have been chosen by the Lord to serve the Church here in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

One of the things I do each year on my anniversary is to pray with the Rite of Ordination, which is the prayers and actions that take place during the Ordination Mass. As I prayed this year, one of the promises I made that day struck me. The bishop asked me: "Do you resolve to implore with us God's mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to pray without ceasing?"

I have shared this before, but this past year has been a very hard one for the Church, and in the roles that I have as Pastor, Vocation Director, and Vicar for Priests, it has been personally very challenging. Those difficulties have led me to realize how much I need to be praying for the Church, for our bishop, for our diocese, for our priests, for our seminarians, and, of course, for all of you. Not that I did not take this seriously before, but now I see more clearly how necessary that prayer is for those entrusted to my care. So please know of how seriously I take that promise.

I know that I have asked all of you to pray for me in the past, but could I please make that appeal one more time? And not just for me, but for all those intentions that I mentioned above? We (myself included), as members of the Church, can be good at talking with one another about one another, but how often do we talk to God about one another? How often do we pray for God's mercy, for His guidance, for His blessings upon one another? In a culture that has become so divisive and quick to criticize one another, can't we, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, work to end that trend in the Church and truly strive to love one another? The necessary place to start is prayer. I beg you, then, to please consider making that a regular habit, to pray for the Church, to pray for those who minister in the Church, to pray for our parish, and to pray for one another. The Lord desires for us to be one, so let us pray that, by His grace, we may be so.

- 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:

**Jillian Kohlrus**, parishioner  
**Jane Hendrickson**, 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 Rowden**, parishioner  
**JoAnn Barber**, parishioner  
**Aloysious Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull  
**Ken Cardoni**, cousin of Frances Tomashovich  
**Susan Decatoire**, aunt of Mike Spainhour  
**John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler  
**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  
**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  
**Bob Etherton**, 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  
**Carol Slaughter**, friend of Virginia Rentschler  
**David Brogdon**, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover  
**Terry Douglas**, friend of Terry & Laura Horstman



### 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. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.**

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

	<b><u>Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup></u></b>
11:00 a	<b>Weitekamp Wedding</b>
3:30 p	<b>Confessions</b>
4:30 p	<b>Mass (Int: Henrietta Bunger†)</b>
	<b><u>Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>
7:30 a	<b>Confessions</b>
8:00 a	<b>Mass (Int: Dolores Gorackowski†)</b>
9:30 a	<b>Wyndcrest: J &amp; N Calvert</b>
9:45 a	<b>Confessions</b>
10:00 a	<b>Rosary</b>
10:00 a	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
10:30 a	<b>Mass (Int: For the Parish)</b>
	<b><u>Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>
	<b>No Mass</b>
9:00 a	Counting Team #1
9:00 a	Fishes & Loaves
	<b><u>Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>
	<b>No Mass</b>
6:45 p	Women's Bible Study
	<b><u>Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>
	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b><u>Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>
	<b>No Mass</b>
7:00 p	Men's Prayer Group
	<b><u>Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>
	<b>No Mass</b>
	<b><u>Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>
3:30 p	<b>Confessions</b>
4:30 p	<b>Mass (Int: Patricia Leach†)</b>
	<b><u>Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup></u></b>
7:30 a	<b>Confessions</b>
8:00 a	<b>Mass (Int: Ben Lake†)</b>
9:30 a	<b>Wyndcrest: Jim Nelson</b>
9:45 a	<b>Confessions</b>
10:00 a	<b>Rosary</b>
10:00 a	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
10:30 a	<b>Mass (Int: For the Parish)</b>

**There will be no daily Mass at St. Jude Church June 3-7, 2019 as Fr. Alford will be on retreat.**



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

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (83)	\$ 4,140.10	\$251,981.87
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 47,587.70
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 90.00	\$ 12,698.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 185.00	\$ 6,753.00
Poor Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,287.84
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 48.11
Mission Co-op (27)	\$ 441.00	\$ 496.00
Communications (3)	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,149.00
Calvary Cemetery (26)	\$ 571.00	\$ 1,149.00
Pentecost (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 222.00

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Schuefele,  
Deacon Roth  
**Lectors:** DeGroot, Maynerich  
**Servers:** Delgado, Heiple, Torres  
**Hospitality:** Egizio

#### **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, R & L Eifert, Nelson  
**Lectors:** Blumhorst, Helling  
**Servers:** Lauwerens, P & H Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** M & D Anderson, G & K Park

#### **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 :30 a.m.**

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Clare, Warren,  
Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** Schudel, Warren  
**Servers:** Henry, E Schudel, Zucco  
**Minister of Care:** Nelson  
**Hospitality:** Fjelstul Family  
**CLOW:** Kerley, Powell

#### **Volunteers for this week – June 3<sup>rd</sup>–June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Duster: volunteer needed**  
**June Recycling volunteer:** John Fox  
**June Food volunteer:** Steve & Debra Decker  
**Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>:**  
Don & Roberta Vanover

### ROCHESTER STATE BANK

133 North John  
Rochester, IL  
217-498-7111

## SCRIPTURE READINGS – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday:** ACTS 1:1-11 EPH 1:17-23  
LK 24:46-53

**Monday:** ACTS 19:1-8 JN 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** ACTS 20:17-27 JN 1-11A

**Wednesday:** ACTS 20:28-38 JN 17:11B-19

**Thursday:** ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 JN 17:20-26

**Friday:** ACTS 25:13B-21 JN 21:15-19

**Saturday:** GN 11:1-9 ROM 8:22-27  
JN 7:37-39

**Sunday:** ACTS 2:1-11 1COR 12:3B-7, 12-13  
JN 20:19-23

### Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

June 3 – 9:00 a.m. – Fishes & Loaves  
June 4, 18 – 6:45 P.m. – Women's Bible Study  
June 6, 13, 20, 27 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Prayer Group  
June 11 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan  
June 12 – 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Bunco  
June 15 – 1:00 p.m. – Sew-n-Sews  
June 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 18 – 7:00 p.m. – K of C Meeting  
June 19 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting



### Save the Date – ROAR VBS July 21-25, 2019

**VBS registration is now available!!** This year there is **no charge** for your kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in VBS! We ask that you register at [vbspro.events/p/churchofstjude](http://vbspro.events/p/churchofstjude) both your children participating and any 6<sup>th</sup> grader through senior in high school who wants to be a junior crew leader and help lead the younger kids at stations. Leading up to VBS, donations will be accepted to offset the costs of materials. The week of VBS, all monetary donations will go to Alton's Children's Home and we will be collecting food donations for the Rochester Food Pantry.

VBS will be from 6-8:30 pm in the Parish Center and will begin Sunday night with a Family Kick-off Cookout at 4:45 pm.

We're so excited for our ROAR Zoofari adventure through the Bible!



**June 17-19, 2019  
Nelson Arena**

1601 N. 5th St, Springfield, IL

- Boys & Girls Ages 7-17
- Building young leaders in body & Spirit
- Faith-filled Catholic mentors
- Top-notch technique & instruction
- Daily Mass, Rosary, Reconciliation, and Adoration with Bishop Paprocki
- Cost: \$150 (\$50 off per add'l child)

REGISTER ONLINE

[www.CatholicSportsCamps.org](http://www.CatholicSportsCamps.org)

### →PSR NEWS←

If you have not yet registered for the **2019-2020 PSR classes**, please do so. We will have Wednesday evening classes only. By registering now, you will help us have a good start in figuring out next year's class sizes. **Please help us to prepare by registering early!** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 217-498-9197 or [ftomashavich@stjude.dio.org](mailto:ftomashavich@stjude.dio.org).

- Frances Tomashavich

### ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



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Our schedule for this Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the coed team will have a bye week. The men's team will play on diamond 2 vs Rochester First Baptist at 3:15. Come on out and

enjoy the games!

Any men, women, or high school students interested in playing can sign up in the back of the Church or contact Barry Houmes at 971-1631. **Adult players (over 18 years of age) must have attended a Protecting God's Children session.**



### **Pre-Jordan Class.**

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way.

Therefore, our next Pre-Jordan Class will be on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or [twalker@stjude.dio.org](mailto:twalker@stjude.dio.org).

### **AREA OPPORTUNITIES**

**Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program** is being held at St. John Vianney Church, Sherman, IL from June 15 – 22. Grade School Program for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades run Mon. – Fri. from 9AM to 2:30PM (bring your own lunch). Teen Program for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades run Sun. – Thur. night 7PM to 9PM. The cost is free. We will accept a free will offering. Contact Pamela Spaniol, 217-523-3816, [pspaniol@sjv.dio.org](mailto:pspaniol@sjv.dio.org), for more information.

### **Alpha Course at Cathedral – A chance to explore a relationship with Jesus**

Do you know someone who might enjoy learning a little more about Christianity? Do you have a family member or friend who has drifted away from their faith? Do you have a coworker who always asks questions about Religion? Why not invite them to Alpha? Alpha is a no pressure opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an atmosphere of warm hospitality. Each Alpha session includes a meal, a talk, and conversation. No cost, no obligation. If you or someone you know is interested, the next course begins on Monday, June 10 at 6:30pm in the Cathedral school basement. Please make sure to RSVP at 522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org) or online at <https://spicathedral.org/alpha/> You are welcome!

Do you want a vacation that is more lasting and fulfilling than going to Branson or Disney World? Give your marriage the best vacation of all by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend on June 21-23, 2019 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL; Aug. 9-11, 2019 or Sept.27-29, 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.

The members of **St. Louise de Marillac Guild** would like to extend all the woman of our Springfield Diocese a warm invitation to join us at our monthly meetings. The mission of St. Louis de Marillac is to foster the spiritual growth of its members by engaging in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and to raise funds for Catholic Charities of Springfield, Illinois. We meet the third Monday of most months at the St. Agnes Parish hall and enjoy a delicious meal, have an informative and fun program followed by a short meeting. Please think about joining us at our next meetings- June 17<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. All meetings begin at 6:00. All are welcome to also SAVE the Date for a hearty, fun filled Bunco Party on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Agnes Church in Springfield. We look forward to meeting you soon! If you gave any questions, please email our Secretary Katie at [garykatie@att.net](mailto:garykatie@att.net).

**Called to serve in the diaconate? Come and see.** All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center, Friday, September 13 (4:00 p.m.) thru Saturday, September 14 (2:00 p.m.). During the weekend, you will meet the men and their wives who are currently in Formation, attend a classroom lecture, and join in meals and social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives, you will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. For more information visit [dio.org/diaconate](http://dio.org/diaconate) or contact Deacon David Sorrell, Director at [dsorrell@dio.org](mailto:dsorrell@dio.org).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat June 28-30, 2019 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center. For more information about the retreat, contact Donna at [projectrachel@dio.org](mailto:projectrachel@dio.org), call 217-321-1161, or go to [www.dio.org/projec-rachel.html](http://www.dio.org/projec-rachel.html). Scholarships are available for those not able to pay the registration fee.

