



February 25, 2018 2nd Sunday of Lent

I hope that last week's challenge wasn't too difficult! I have to admit that getting to the point of not hitting the snooze each day was a struggle for me, so don't worry if it was a challenge. The good news is that you can put that behind you and move on to the next in the series of our weekly Lenten challenges (though you're more than free to continue the challenges going forward). Here's my invitation to you for this week (WARNING, it's harder than last week)

Challenge: Give up gossip
Fruit: Love of neighbor

If our Lenten practices do not lead us to a greater love of neighbor, then we're probably not doing them right. The Lord is very insistent upon this point that we must take very seriously this commandment of loving our neighbor. In fact, on the night of the Last Supper, Jesus instructed His disciples (and us): "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). In the Letter from St. James, we hear the following: "Do not speak evil of one another, brothers. Whoever speaks evil of a brother or judges his brother speaks evil of the law and judges the law. If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge" (James 4:11). Since love of God and neighbor is core to Christianity, and since Lent is about our being purified so as to become better Christians, everything that we do should be done with this end in mind.

It can be so tempting to join in gossip when it starts. Sometimes we engage in it in order to feel included. Sometimes we engage in it because it makes us feel better about ourselves by focusing on the faults of another, rather than our own. Giving up gossip isn't limited to the words we say, but it also involves what we listen to or what we choose to believe when we do hear gossip. Believing in gossip can lead to another deadly vice of making uncharitable judgments about a person.

As I did last week, I'd like to offer a quote from one of our more modern saints on this topic, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, better known as the Little Flower. She said the following: "Oh, how good a thing and how peaceable it is to be silent of others, nor to believe all that is said, nor easily to report what one has heard!"

As reminder, if you'd like to receive a daily Lenten challenge from me, sign up through our parish Flocknote account by texting the word **STJUDE2018** to the number **84576** or by going to the link: <https://app.flocknote.com/stjuderochester>

-Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into 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:

Danny Tinsley, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Harold Sheppard, parishioner
David Laub, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Diane Bartlett, sister of Jeannette Waters
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Nick Riordan, cousin of Amy Zack
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Joanne O'Connor, sister of Ginger Rentschler
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
Mary Alice Tuxhorn, friend of JoAnn Camille
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Elizabeth Moose, friend of Barb Scoggins
Barb Scoggins, St. Jude Secretary
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 25th - Mar. 4th

Sunday: GN 22:1-2,9A,10-13,15-18
ROM 8:31B-34 MK 9:2-10

Monday: DN 9:4B-10 LK 6:36-38

Tuesday: IS 1:10,16-20 MT 23:1-12

Wednesday: JER 18:18-20 MT 20:17-28

Thursday: JER 17:5-10 LK 16:19-31

Friday: GN 37:3-4,12-13A17B-28A
MT 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday: MI 7:14-15,18-20 LK 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday: EX 20:1-17 COR 1:22-25
JN 4:5-42

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, February 24th

3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: All Souls)

Sunday, February 25th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Ben Lake†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: L Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)

Monday, February 26th

9:00 a **Counting Team #4**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jerry Welsh†)
6:00 p **The Bible Timeline**

Tuesday, February 27th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper & Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, February 28th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Rich Wolff†)
8:00 a Scripture Rosary
6:30 p **PSR**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, March 1st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Grover & Ben Smith†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p 40 Days for Life Planned Parenthood

Friday, March 2nd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
5:00 p **Stations of the Cross**
5-7:30 p **K of C Fish Fry**

Saturday, March 3rd

8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: Robert Dees†)
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Leonard Howard†)

Sunday, March 4th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Brian Heissing†)

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

	Last Week	Year to Date
Collection (91)	\$ 4,487.25	\$177,973.22
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 46,805.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 120.00	\$ 9,734.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,924.00
Poor Fund	\$ 50.50	\$ 1,905.32
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 0.00	\$ 142.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 922.00	\$ 922.00
Number of collection envelopes used: 94		
Number of electronic contributions: 1		

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, March 3rd – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Tom, Williams, Tomashavich
Lectors: Blumhorst, Maynerich
Servers: Heiple, Sommer, Torres
Hospitality: Egizio

Sunday, March 4th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, R&L Eifert, Dowding
Lectors: J&H Hendrickson
Servers: Lauwerens, Deen McClintock
Hospitality: Anderson & Deen

Sunday, March 4th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Livengood, Crusen, Deacon Ray
Lectors: Kohlrus, Toliver
Servers: A&A Livengood, Toliver
Minister of Care: L Wrincik
Hospitality: Fjelstul family
CLOW: Kohlrus & Toliver

Volunteer for this week – Feb. 25th – Mar. 4th

Church Duster: Laurie McWard
Recycling Vol. Feb.: Ron Wojcicki
March Recycling Vol.: Greg Park
Feb. Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher
March Food Volunteer: Teri Dambacher
Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Mar. 4th :
Lenna DeGroot & Joe & Sarah Deen

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. Jude Parish 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.



Support the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus FISH FRY each Friday

ending March 23rd, serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. We welcome any parishioner who would like to assist. Your help is important for the success of our only fundraising event. Funds from our Fish Fry's benefit our parish and community.

PSR NEWS – February is when we collect boxes of **canned meats** to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Fri., Mar. 2nd – 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Fri., Mar. 2nd - 5:00-7:30 p.m. K of C Fish Fry



Operation Rice Bowl is an opportunity to share money from our fasting with those who hunger and thirst, or those without clothing or shelter. Rice Bowls are available at the back of the Church. The collection for the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl will be gathered formally during the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

Catholic Charities Collection

During the weekend of February 24-25, a collection for Catholic Charities will be taken. Your gift to Catholic Charities helps to provide relief to people in desperate situations. The staff demonstrates the love of Christ on a daily basis to literally thousands of people, whether it is by delivering meals, sorting clothes, working with seniors, or providing pro bono legal and medical services. Please be as generous as you can in helping Catholic Charities sustain its Mission in helping our neighbors in need.

PARISH MISSION - Little Flower Parish at 800 Stevenson Dr. is inviting our parishioners and acquaintances to a renewal program entitled "*Simply Live! True Religion for the 21st Century!*" Beginning February 25th at 7:00pm. It is being conducted by Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

For more information call the parish office at 529-1606

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend in Springfield, IL on March 23 – 25, 2018. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org

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Rochester
217/498-9009**

CALVARY CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP – Please remove **ALL** decorations that you would like to save by March 18th. Cemetery staff will remove **ALL** decorations during the period of March 19th-31st. Decorations may be placed beginning April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the cemetery office at 523-3726. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our cemetery well-kept and beautiful.

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 **Thursday, March 1 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 available directly across the street.

**Springfield Catholic Charities presents
Together We.....**

We invite you to join us for the opportunity to change lives!

Raffle tickets available after all weekend masses on **March 3 & 4 for a chance to win \$10,000.**

1 ticket for \$20 or 6 tickets for \$100.

Or all tickets can be purchased online at cc.dio.org Then join us for the drawing, dinner, drinks and delightful entertainment. The evening begins at 6 pm at the Crown Plaza. Tickets are \$65 prior to April 1st and \$75 after.

SHG's 59th Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

The 59th annual Mostaccioli Dinner will be held Sunday, March 4 at SHG's West Campus from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available for purchase at the door. Carry outs available. In addition to the delicious food, the dinner will feature a cash raffle with top prize of \$10,000, exhibits, baked goods and children's games. Credit cards accepted. Extra meatballs for sale! Thank you for your support of SHG!

The Women of the **Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** are offering four \$500.00 college scholarships to four outstanding Catholic Senior Girls. Deadline to enter is March 30, 2018. Winners will be announced in May and honored at the Woman of Distinction Banquet in June. See the bulletin board for application.

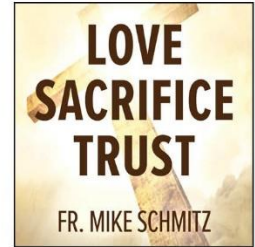
Love - Sacrifice - Trust

By Fr. Mike Schmitz

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With clarity and profound hope, Fr. Mike Schmitz shows how God's rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross, and understand that true love requires sacrifice.

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—Martha from Aiken, SC



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started to use here at St. Jude's to improve our communication with members of the parish. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. You can connect by texting the word **STJUDE2018** to the number **84576** or by going to the link: <https://app.flocknote.com/stjuderochester>



Hockey with Bishop Paprocki, an

annual charity hockey game to support the work of Catholic Charities Legal Services in our diocese will take place **this**

Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm.

The game will take place at the Nelson Center in Lincoln Park in Springfield. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door or they can be purchased online at cc.dio.org **Father Alford will be suiting up to play in the game as well!**



