



August 4, 2019
18th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

Several years ago, I came across a book by a great Catholic author, Frank J. Sheed, titled *Saints are Not Sad – Short Biographies of Joyful Saints*. I love this title because we sometimes picture saints as severe and extremely serious, unable to “have fun.” Just look at some of the artwork of the saints – they do not appear to be very joyful! But, as the book demonstrates, the saints are the *most alive* and experience a type of joy that this world could never offer.



I was thinking of that as I scanned the list of saints the Church celebrates this coming week and came upon St. Lawrence, whose feast day is Saturday, August 10. St. Lawrence was a deacon of the Church in Rome who lived in the mid-third century. He had great responsibility for assisting with many of the works of the Church in the city, especially the care of the temporal goods of the Church and ensuring that the poor were taken care of. At that time, the Roman Empire was very powerful and very hostile toward Christians, resulting in many of the early Christians being martyred for their faith.

There is a great story about St. Lawrence when he was arrested by the Roman authorities. They demanded that he hand over all the treasures of the Church. St. Lawrence asked for a couple of days to gather everything together. He then brought all the poor and sick whom he had served in the city to the officials and proclaimed: “Here are the treasures of the Church!”

St. Lawrence was later martyred himself by being roasted to death. The story goes that while he was enduring his final trial, he said to his executioners: “Now you may turn me over, my body is roasted enough on this side.” Even when suffering, St. Lawrence was not deprived of his joy, even to the point of making lighthearted comments to those who hated him and were all too happy for him to be gone.

May we remember that the next time we find ourselves being sad about the circumstances in which we find ourselves. May we never forget that it is those moments especially that the Lord is near to us, very willing to give us strength “even to

endure joyfully whatever may come, giving thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in Light.” (Colossians 1:11-12)

St. Lawrence, pray for us!

- 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:

- Kathy Smith**, parishioner
- Steven Long**, parishioner
- Gary Dumonceaux**, parishioner
- Jillian Kohlrus**, parishioner
- Shirley Crawford**, parishioner
- Rene Runions**, parishioner
- Ray Roland**, parishioner
- Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner
- JoAnn Camille**, parishioner
- Betty Rowden**, parishioner
- JoAnn Barber**, parishioner
- Glen Butcher**, parishioner
- Aloysious Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull
- Ken Cardoni**, cousin of Frances Tomashavich
- 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
- 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
- David Brogdon**, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover
- Terry Douglas**, friend of Terry & Laura Horstman
- Teri Kirbach**, friend of Jane Hendrickson
- Mark Schwab**, friend of Barb Scoggins



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

- Saturday, August 3rd**
8:30 a Confessions
9:00 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
9:30 a-4:15 p Eucharistic Adoration
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Patricia Leach†)
- Sunday, August 4th**
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Hope Power)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Robby & Carrie Haney)
- Monday, August 5th**
9:00 a Counting Team #1
9:00 a Fishes & Loaves
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: For the Parish)
7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting
- Tuesday, August 6th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Wednesday, August 7th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Chris Flood†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Thursday, August 8th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Friday, August 9th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
- Saturday, August 10th**
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Linda Hamilton†)
- Sunday, August 11th**
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Bertha Wagener†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (94)	\$ 5,777.75	\$ 26,554.67
Electronic Funds (15)	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 6,013.10
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,169.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 185.00	\$ 818.00
Poor Fund	\$ 32.00	\$ 170.50
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Assumption (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, August 10th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Tomashavich,
Deacon Walker
Lectors: Bertrand, Maynerich
Servers: C & D Sommer, Zack
Hospitality: Auxier, Egizio, Foster, Rendok

Sunday, August 11th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, R & L Eifert, Godar
Lectors: Deimel, H Hendrickson
Servers: McClintock, P & H Zeidler
Hospitality: McClintocks, McWard

Sunday, August 11th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Crusen, Guerrettaz, Kerley
Lectors: Kuntzman, A Toliver
Servers: Kerley, H & E Toliver
Hospitality: Brewer Family
CLOW: Barrett, B Toliver

Volunteers for this week: Aug. 5-Aug. 11

Church Duster: Michelle Bertrand
Aug. Recycling Volunteer: Greg Park
Aug. Food Volunteer: Jeannette Waters
Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, August 11th:
Don & Roberta Vanover

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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: Aug. 4th–Aug. 11th

Sunday: ECCL 1:2, 2:21-23 COL 3:1-5, 9-11
 LK 12:13-21

Monday: NM 11:4B-15 MT 14:13-21

Tuesday: DN 7:9-10, 13-14 LK 9:28B-36

Wednesday: NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29A, 34-35
 MT 15:21-28

Thursday: NM 20:1-13 MT 16:13-23

Friday: DT 4:32-40 MT 16:24-28

Saturday: 2COR 9:6-10 JN 12:24-26

Sunday: WIS 18:6-9 HEB 11:1-2, 8-19
 LK 12:32-48



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, August 13th 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@dio.org.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Aug. 5 – 9:00 a.m. – Fishes & Loaves
 Aug. 5 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting
 Aug. 8, 22, 29 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Prayer Group
 Aug. 13 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan
 Aug. 14 – 1:00 – Ladies Tea/Bunco
 Aug. 15 – Office closed – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Aug. 17 – 1:00 – Sew-n-Sews
 Aug. 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Our schedule for this Sunday, August 4th, the Coed team will play Sherman United Methodist on Field 2 at 1:45 p.m. The Men's team will

have a bye. Come out and cheer them on!

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.**

→PSR NEWS←



With the start of PSR approaching fast, I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to all my returning catechists and aides for their continued support of our PSR program. A **THANK YOU**

also goes to our newest volunteers, Tim McKenzie for agreeing to be a catechist for the 1st grade class, and to Mary Bruno and Laura Horstman for teaming up to be aides for the 3rd grade class. The sharing of your time and talent is greatly appreciated.



AWESOME JOB! We raised \$400.00 for Alton's Catholic Children's home and were also able to donate lots of canned goods to the Rochester food pantry. Our VBS families and crew are wonderful!

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 13th (4:00 p.m.) thru Saturday, September 14th (2:00 p.m.). During the weekend, you will meet the men and their wives who are currently in formation, attend a 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, or contact Deacon David Sorrell, Director at dsorrell@dio.org.



St. Jude Ladies Tea/Bunco

The Ladies Tea/Bunco will be held on Wednesday, August 14th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the parish center. Come share fellowship, delicious refreshments and Bunco (or learn how to play). All women of the parish and community are invited to attend. **Bring a friend!**

**Waters Agency, Inc.
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**Perry M. Waters – Chris L. Waters
124 N. John St. 217-498-9309**



All are welcome to join the **St. Jude's sew-n-sews** group! Saturday, August 17th. Bring a project, enjoy some snacks and good company! Hope to see you & bring a friend!

Calling All PRO-LIFERS to the State Fair
We need your help staffing the Springfield Right to Life educational booth at the Illinois State Fair. The booth is a fun and engaging way to share the pro-life message and educate people on the sanctity of human life. We need around 50 volunteers to ensure the booth is staffed August 8–18 from 8:30a–6:30p each day. We'd like to have 2–3 volunteers per shift. A ticket for entry to the fair will be provided. Teens are welcome and encouraged to volunteer.
For more information and to sign up for shifts please call the Springfield Right to Life office at 217-523-2700 or email us at info@springfieldrtl.org.

The Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. invites you to attend its 3rd Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 at the St. John's Hospital Prairie Heart Institute: Dove Conference Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Pop Culture" and tickets are \$20 per person or \$160 for a table of 8. Beer, Wine, Soda and Water will be available for purchase at the event. Registration for the event can be done by calling the Center at 525-5630 or online at www.mygiving.com/app/giving/pregnancycare or through the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield Facebook page.



Summer will be ending soon and that means getting children ready for school, raking leaves, football season, etc. With all those responsibilities ahead, why not give your marriage some special time for just you as a couple, away from it all for a Weekend. Just pick up the phone to find out more about a Worldwide marriage Encounter weekend on August 9-11 or September 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.

Summer with the Saints – Film Series

All families (and everyone else too) are invited to the Cathedral school basement to be inspired by some great saints of our Church. On August 7th at 6:30 pm we'll be showing, "The Scarlet and the Black", an inspiring film based on the life of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a Vatican official who hid and protected refugees from the Gestapo. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and a cooler with soft drinks, and we'll supply the popcorn! No cost and no RSVP necessary. Bring your friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are donated to St. Patrick School!

Please remember that only clean aluminum cans are to be placed in the box. Thank you.



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.

Simple symbiosis
Christians are like the several flowers in a garden, that have each of them the dew of heaven, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other's roots, whereby they are jointly nourished, and become nourishers of each other.

—John Bunyan