



August 18, 2019
20th Sunday of
Ordinary Time

As I was reviewing the list of saints that I have written about over the past two months, I came to the realization that all of them were male saints! More than anything, that reflects the fact that many of these saints are those to whom I have a personal devotion. Don't get me wrong, there are also several female saints to whom I have a great devotion...they just didn't pop up during those weeks. In fact, my number one go-to-saint is the greatest saint of them all, the Blessed Virgin Mary. I'm not ashamed to label myself a "momma's boy" when it comes to my relationship with her, because she has been so good to me.



This week, I am happy to propose St. Rose of Lima for our reflection this week. Her feast day is this coming Friday, August 23. She is one of the first saints I ever "met" in person, meaning that I have been to the place where her final earthly resting place is located. I had the opportunity to go to Peru after my first summer in the seminary. As

I read about her life, I was astonished at how much she denied herself the comforts of this world. She was known to have slept for only a couple of hours per night so that she could have more time for prayer. She was pretty severe when it came to the penances and fasting that she undertook. In fact, one of the things I remember clearly from my visit to her home in Lima was seeing a well just outside of the house. We were told that St. Rose had worn a belt of thorns and she had thrown the key to that belt in the well! Yikes! Now, people drop prayer requests into that well, seeking her intercession for various needs.

To be clear, St. Rose of Lima was given special graces to live such a penitential life. Very few of us are called to that level of denial. At the same time, the witness of her life reminds us of the words of Jesus addressed to all those who wish to be His disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt. 16:24) That is a message often very foreign in a culture like the one in which we find ourselves, focused as it is on comfort and avoiding suffering at any cost.

St. Rose willingly undertook her penances as an expression of her love for the Lord. When one is in love, even great sacrifices seem small. May we look for opportunities in our daily lives to deny ourselves something small as an expression to the Lord of how much we love Him and how we want to continue to grow each day in that love as His disciple.

St. Rose of Lima, pray for us!

- Fr. Alford

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020		
	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (100)	\$ 5,566.00	\$ 36,793.67
Electronic Funds (21)	\$ 2,288.10	\$ 8,301.20
Bldg. Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 141.00	\$ 2,098.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (10)	\$ 448.00	\$ 1,266.00
Poor Fund	\$ 28.00	\$ 228.50
Children's Offering (2)	\$ 2.00	\$ 7.40
Assumption (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
<u>Saturday, August 24th – 4:30 p.m.</u>	
Euch. Min.:	Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Egizio, Deacon Ray
Lectors:	Auxier, Maynerich
Servers:	Rollins, Ryan, Western
Hospitality:	J&D Kratz,
<u>Sunday, August 25th – 8:00 a.m.</u>	
Euch. Min.:	Fr. Alford, R&L Eifert, Deacon Ray
Lectors:	Blumhorst, Nelson
Servers:	Deen, Delgado, Lauwerens
Hospitality:	M&D Anderson, G&K Park
<u>Sunday, August 25th – 10:30 a.m.</u>	
Euch. Min.:	Fr. Alford, Clare, Kuntzman, Deacon Ray
Lectors:	Schudel, Warren
Servers:	Kerley, Schudel, Henry
Minister of Care:	Deacon Ray
Hospitality:	V&A Powell
CLOW:	Barrett, Livengood

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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:

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
Aloysius 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



In Memory of:

Antonina Green, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, August 17th

1:00 p Sew-N-Sews
 3:30 p **Confessions**
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)

Sunday, August 18th

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: For the Parish)
 Fitzsimmons Baptism

Monday, August 19th

9:00 a Counting Team #3
 5:30 p **No Mass**

Tuesday, August 20th

7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 7:00 p **K of C meeting**

Wednesday, August 21th

7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Thursday, August 22th

7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls †)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 7:00 p **Men's prayer group**

Friday, August 23th

7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 9:30 a Visitation – Katherine Smith
 10:30 a Funeral Mass – Katherine Smith

Saturday, August 24th

3:30 p **Confessions**
 4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Barbara Reid†)

Sunday, August 25th

7:30 a Confessions
 8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Deacon Ray
 9:45 a Confessions
 10:00 a Rosary
 10:30 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
 6-8:00 p Cookout for Teens

Volunteers for this week: Aug. 19-Aug. 25

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock
Aug. Recycling Volunteer: Greg Park
Aug. Food Volunteer: Jeannette Waters
Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, August 25th:
 Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

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. 18th–Aug. 25th

Sunday:	JER 38:4-6, 8-10	HEB 12:1-4 LK 12:49-53
Monday:	JGS 2:11-19	MT 19:16-22
Tuesday:	JGS 6:11-24A	MT 19:23-30
Wednesday:	JGS 9:6-15	MT 20:1-16
Thursday:	JGS 11:29-39A	MT 22:1-14
Friday:	RU 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22	MT 22:34-40
Saturday:	RV 21:9B-14	JN 1:45-51
Sunday:	IS 66:18-21	HEB 12:5-7, 11-13 LK 13:22-30

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Aug. 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting
Aug. 22, 29 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Prayer Group
Aug. 25 – 6-8:00 p.m. – Cookout for Teens (8th gr.-
High School)
Aug. 26- 6:30-8pm PSR teachers gathering

→PSR NEWS←



Our new PSR year will begin on Wednesday, September 4th. Classes will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. We will begin our new PSR

year by sharing a meal together. On the first night of PSR at 5:30, a meal of mostaccioli, salad and dessert will be served to all PSR students, PSR teachers, PSR aides and their families. At 6:30 parents will meet with Father for parent orientation while the students go to their PSR classes.

There are signup sheets on the table in the back of the Church for you to let us know how many of your family will be coming for dinner. (We would hate to run out of food.) There are also signup sheets for anyone who would like to help prepare/serve the meal and for anyone who would like to make a dessert.

We can't wait to see all of you at our opening night dinner. If you have forgotten to register your child for PSR, don't worry -- it is never too late to register. We are looking forward to a great year of sharing faith with our young people.



Back to school cookout!

We would like to invite all our youth going into 8th grade through senior year in high school to join us for a cookout on **Sunday, August 25 from 6 – 8 pm.**

We will hold this here at St. Jude under the Pavilion (or in the Parish Center if we have rain). Parents, please e-mail Father Alford (balford@dio.org) if your youth would like to attend.

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE



Congratulations to our Softball teams! The Coed Team took Third place, and the Men's Team are the Champions!

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.



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.



AREA HAPPENINGS

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.

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.myegiving.com/app/giving/pregnancycare or through the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield Facebook page.



Discover more about yourself and your spouse as you grow more deeply in love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The Weekend is a great boost for awareness and communication techniques that bring back the closeness of your dating days. The next weekends are September 27-29, 2019 or December 6-8, 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.

Flu Shot Clinic!



PENCIL IT IN

The Sangamon County Public Health nurses will be at St. Jude Parish Center on Tuesday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. – noon to administer flu shots. You must have your Medicaid/Medicare/Insurance card at the time of vaccination.

Sacred Heart Church in Virden will be holding its 27th Annual Fried chicken Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 8th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall at 1320 N. Dye St. in Virden. The menu is fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw rolls, homemade dessert, and a beverage. The cost for adults and carry-outs is \$10, children 5-12 are \$5, and children 4 and under are free. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle to benefit the parish youth program.

Holy Hour for Parents Whose Children are Away from the Faith

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for our children who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith. All are welcome!
Tuesday, August 27th - 7:00PM in the Cathedral

Coffee with Clergy



Join us for coffee and the opportunity to ask Father House any questions you might have regarding the faith.

Tuesday, August 27th – 10:00-11:30am,
Cathedral School basement

Living sacrifices

In Romans 12:1, Paul urges Jesus' followers to perform spiritual worship by being "a living sacrifice." For Old Testament believers, that concept would have been an oxymoron. A sacrifice, after all, required bloodshed and death to absolve sins.

New Testament believers — us included — may squirm at the idea too. "The problem with a living sacrifice," as D.L. Moody noted, "is that it keeps crawling off the altar."

Living for Jesus is an all-in commitment. Being a living sacrifice involves forsaking the world and our own desires. But through God's grace and Jesus' sacrificial love, we can alter our attitude and stay on the altar.

