



November 17th, 2019
33rd Sunday of
Ordinary Time

As with any change, there are always objections. Maybe I should tone that down and say that there are always *questions*. But when there is a good reason for the change, there are also good answers to those questions, and I would like to address some of the questions that have been raised about the change to the Restored Order of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

One of the more common questions raised has to do with the ability of our children to understand the Sacrament of Confirmation. I have heard it asked: "Can they really grasp what they are receiving?" The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "For centuries, Latin custom has indicated 'the age of discretion' as the reference point for receiving Confirmation. But in danger of death children should be confirmed even if they have not yet attained the age of discretion." (CCC 1307) That is the same age the Church sets for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Just think about how complex those two sacraments can be. The mystery of bread and wine being transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, while still *looking* like bread and wine, is one that continues to perplex even the most mature in the faith. Furthermore, sacraments are gifts, they are not things earned. The two sacraments that really require a good knowledge before reception are the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders, because both have to do with the salvation of other people.

Another question that is raised has to do with what happens after Confirmation. Many people fear that after our children are fully initiated in the third grade, they will leave, just as we have observed happening now. Such an attitude implies a view of Confirmation as a sort of Catholic graduation. Growing in our faith, which includes continuing to learn about it, is a life-long task. Remember what I wrote about last week about the excitement and openness with which younger children receive the faith, and thus the sacraments? That bodes well for *their* wanting to continue to remain in religious formation. Parents also play a vital role in this process. Their role as the first teachers of the faith does not cease after their children are fully initiated. The responsibility remains, and if parents take this obligation seriously, they will be happy to encourage and ensure that their children continue to learn more about this great gift of our Catholic faith.

To be sure, there are more questions I have left unanswered. If you have one, feel free to ask!

- 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:

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
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Katherine Torricelli, mother of Jeff Torricelli
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
Ken Cardoni, cousin of Frances Tomashovich
Mark 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
David Brogdon, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover
Judy Conway, friend of Maggie Patterson
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Stephanie Zimmerman, friend of Sarah Clare



In Memory:

Susan E. Denton, mother of Diane Bortmess

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, November 16th

3:30 p

Confessions

4:30 p

Mass (Int: Barbara Reid†)

Sunday, November 17th

7:30 a

Confessions

8:00 a

Mass (Int: Bertha Wagener†)

9:30 a

Wyndcrest: Rendok

9:45 a

Confessions

9:45 a

Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a

Rosary

10:30 a

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

12:00 p

Harvest Feast

Monday, November 18th

9:00 a

Counting Team #3

5:00 p

Confessions

5:30 p

Mass(Int: Richard Niss†)

Tuesday, November 19th

7:00 a

Morning Prayer

7:30 a

Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

8:00 a

Scriptural Rosary

7:00 p

Knights of Columbus meeting

7:00 p

RCIA

Wednesday, November 20th

7:00 a

Morning Prayer

7:30 a

Mass (Int: Jim Kates†)

8:00 a

Scriptural Rosary

6:30 p

PSR

Thursday, November 21st

7:00 a

Morning Prayer

7:30 a

Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)

8:00 a

Scriptural Rosary

7:00 p

Men's Prayer Group

7:00 p

Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 22nd

7:00 a

Morning Prayer

7:30 a

Mass (Int: Chris Flood†)

8:00 a

Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, November 23rd

3:30 p

Confessions

4:30 p

Mass (Int: Leach Family members†)

Andrade Baptism

Sunday, November 24th

7:30 a

Confessions

8:00 a

Mass (Int: For the Parish)

9:30 a

Wyndcrest: Nelson

9:45 a

Confessions

9:45 a

Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a

Rosary

10:30 a

Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

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

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (89)	\$ 5,143.00	\$ 102,156.82
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 18,642.40
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 128.00	\$ 5,385.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,717.00
Poor Fund	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,000.82
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.60
All Saints (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,893.00
All Souls (2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 345.00
EFT- All Souls (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 172.00
Justice & Hope (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers (3)	\$ 65.00	\$ 90.00
Calvary Cemetery (2)	\$ 20.00	\$ 606.00
Archdio./Military (35)	\$ 1,835.69	\$ 1,835.69

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Nov. 23rd– 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Biesiada, Scheufele,
Deacon Walker

Lectors: Day, DeGroot

Servers: O & J Heiple, Torres

Hospitality: Egizio, Rendok, V Walker

Sunday, Nov. 24th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Godar, C & G Leach

Lectors: Blumhorst, Nelson

Servers: Brown, P & H Zeidler

Hospitality: D & M Anderson, K & G Park

Sunday, Nov. 24th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Fjelstul, Deacon Roth

Lectors: Kohlrus

Servers: Delgado, Martyn, Zucco

Minister of Care: Nelson

Hospitality: S & D Decker, C & M Zucco

CLOW: Martyn Family

Volunteers for this week: Nov. 18th-Nov. 24th:

Church Duster: Michelle Bertrand

Nov. Recycling Volunteer: Steve Jones

Nov. Food Volunteer: Susan & Victoria Arnish

Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Nov. 24th:

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: Nov. 17th– Nov. 24th:

Sunday: MAL 3:19-20A 2THES 3:7-12
LK 21:5-19
Monday: 1MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
LK 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2MC 6:18-31 LK 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2MC 7:1, 20-31 LK 19:11-28
Thursday: 1MC 2:15-29 LK 19:41-44
Friday: 1MC 4:36-37, 52-59 LK 19:45-48
Saturday: 1MC 6:1-13 LK 20:27-40
Sunday: 2SM 5:1-3 COL 1:12-20
LK 23:35-43

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Nov. 19, 26 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA
Nov. 19 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting
Nov. 20 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
Nov. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 21 – 7:00 p.m. - Men’s Prayer Group
Dec. 2 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting
Dec. 3, 10, 17 – 7:00 p.m. – RCIA
Dec. 4, 11, 18 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
Dec. 4, 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group
Dec. 5, 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 7 – Noon – Sew-n-sews Christmas Potluck

→PSR NEWS←

The PSR classes will continue their Annual Monthly Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The November food item is Soup. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

BUTTERBRAIDS, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas for Thanksgiving/Christmas

Thank you for supporting the 2020 Youth Mission Trip Group Butterbraid Sale. The orders will be delivered Monday, November 18th in time for the holidays of Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. If you ordered after Mass, you can pick up your items after the masses the weekend of November 23/24, or during office hours during the week. **Please make checks payable to St. Jude Church.** Thank you.



Breadline Sunday – St. Jude Parish will be participating in Breadline Sunday, which is the weekend of November 23-24. Loaves of bread will

be available for a donation of \$4.00 per loaf. All proceeds benefit St. John’s Breadline. Please be generous and help the Breadline continue to provide nutritious meals for those who are less fortunate.

Running for Life – Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is seeking sponsors for his November 24, 2019 Tulsa Route 66 Marathon run. Proceeds are to benefit the Life Runners team. More information on the team is available at: www.liferunners.org. To pledge so to www.dio.org/marathon or call 217-698-8500 to have a pledge form mailed to you.



CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

Kellie Brewer and I would like to extend a HUGE “Thank You” to all who have helped in any way in years past with the Christmas Friends Program. This program has been a success due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. The gifts that you purchase for your adopted individual can be dropped off in the Parish Center after the Masses or during office hours. If you are interested in helping with the sorting and delivery process, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@stjude.dio.org with your name, phone number and email address. **Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God’s Children Program to volunteer with the Christmas Friends Program.**

The schedule for the Christmas Program is:

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 – Gift drop-off week #1
Dec. 7 & 8 – Gift drop-off week #2
Dec 13 – 7:30 a.m. – Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer and vehicles.
8:00 a.m. – St. Patrick’s School gift delivery
9:30 – Aperion Care Center gift delivery

- Deacon Tom Walker

Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope

The weekend of November 23-24 is the annual collection for the Campaign for Justice and Hope. Donations make it possible to provide hope and assistance of food, clothing, housing, education and medication to local people living in poverty. 100% of your contribution stays within our Diocese. Please offer your prayers and support to those who are less fortunate.





The Fishes and Loaves Ministry are preparing 80 Goody Bags and treats for the homeless at the Winter Warming Center, which will be delivered on Monday, December 2nd. If you would like

to donate items for the goody bags we need socks, hand and feet warmers, gloves, hats, scarves, and treats (granola bars, chips, Gatorade, water, hot cocoa pkts, cookies, etc.).

If you have clean adult winter coats, blankets, and thermal undergarments they would be appreciated as well. Donations can be placed in the Red Homeless Outreach Boxes in the back of the church or in the Parish Center.

Please get your children involved with this HOMELESS MINISTRY, they learn by example. FAITH IN ACTION! Thank you for your help!

Please contact Jeannette Waters at 652-4039 or 529-7280 with any questions. Thanks for helping the less fortunate this holiday season.

**Planning Study Update
Attend Focus Group Meeting or Respond
Online!**

Many have already responded to the planning study survey. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki want to hear your feedback too. You can read about the proposed diocesan plans to support the education of our seminarians at www.dio.org/seminariancampaign and complete the online survey by clicking on the appropriate link and entering the password: study. If online surveys do not appeal to you, please attend one of these Focus Group meetings to learn more and share your thoughts:

Mon., Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m., Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704

Wed., Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m., Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704

LincolnLand Concrete
Matt Anderson, Plant Manager
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**The Theological and Canonical Aspects
of the Sacrament of Marriage**

In this four-part series, Father Rankin will explore the theological and scriptural foundations of marriage in the Church in sessions one and two. In sessions three and four, Father House will explore marriage in canon law and the Church's process for declaring a marriage null.

Mondays, Nov. 18th, and 25th - 7:00PM, Cathedral Atrium

Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception

Beginning December 1st thru December 9th, the Cathedral will host the annual diocesan novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, our diocese, and the Cathedral Parish. Each night a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. The novena is moved one day this year because December 8th falls on the Second Sunday of Advent resulting in the transfer of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception to December 9th.

December 1st thru 8th - 7:00PM; Last Night and Closing Mass, December 9th - 5:15PM



"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Persevere in your marriage by using the tools learned on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter in the St. Louis Area.

The next weekends are Dec. 6-8, 2019 or Feb. 7-9, 2020 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. For more information - <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 1-314-649-7317

St. Aloysius Church in Springfield will be hosting a parish mission... Discipleship One Step at a Time December 1-4, 2019. Fr John Petrikovc will be our Spiritual Director. He is a wonderful, dynamic priest in the full-time Ministry of Preaching & Evangelization, offering retreats, workshops, formation seminars and parish missions on both the national and international levels.

Fr. John is a member of the St. Augustine Province of the Capuchin Franciscans (serving the Middle Atlantic States) and resides at his Province's St. Ambrose Friary in Baltimore, MD.

Fr. John will be preaching at the weekend masses November 30 and December 1. He will be giving presentations at 7:00 PM on the evenings of December 2, 3 and 4 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). In addition, he will preach at the school mass at 8:20 Tuesday December 3. He will also be available for confession and private spiritual direction.

This is an event you won't want to miss! All are welcome.... tell your friends -even those of other faiths!