



**February 2, 2020**  
**Feast of the Presentation**  
**of the Lord**

One of my favorite things to do as priest is to be in a classroom with children, giving them the opportunity to ask questions. Over the years, I have fielded questions on just about every topic, from questions about religion to questions about my hobbies and everything in between.

One question I have been asked on multiple occasions is whether I have ever witnessed a miracle. When I tell the students that I have, they get excited to hear about the experience. I tell them that I have had the privilege of seeing the dead brought back to life. Amazed at that, they want to know more. I tell them that this miracle happens every day in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I then use that as an opportunity to speak about the beauty of this powerful sacrament.

As I mentioned in a previous article, Baptism opens the door of our souls so that we can share in the very life of God, which is what we call sanctifying grace. Once we receive this gift, our lives are meant to be lived in such a way that we guard this gift from the poison of sin, so that the light of God's life is kept burning brightly in our hearts. By our free will, however, it is possible for us to extinguish this flame of God's grace. When that light goes out, our life of grace is dead, and we no longer have that gift of His life in us. That is why we call certain sins mortal, because they deal a mortal blow to our souls by pushing God's grace from our souls.

Thanks be to God, though, that the Lord has given us the means to "re-light" the life of grace in our souls: the Sacrament of Reconciliation, also called the Sacrament of Penance, or just Confession. By receiving that sacrament when in the state of mortal sin, we are truly brought back from death to life! That is one of the reasons this sacrament is sometimes called a Second Baptism.

Recall the point I made when I spoke about the necessity of Baptism, how the Church sees it as the norm for salvation, so too is Confession the norm for having our mortal sins forgiven. Even though God is not bound by the sacraments of the Church, knowing the necessity of Confession for the forgiveness of mortal sin should motivate us to run to this sacrament if we fall into serious sin. And when we come to the Divine Physician, we will

have the blessing of experiencing that miracle of being raised from the dead personally!

- Fr. Alford

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Scheufele, V Walker  
 Deacon Walker  
**Lectors:** Bertrand, Day  
**Servers:** O & J Heiple, Trello  
**Hospitality:** H & M Bruno, T & K Riedle

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

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Dowding, Vogt,  
 Deacon Roth  
**Lectors:** A Deen, Nelson  
**Servers:** R Deen, Delgado, Lauwerens  
**Hospitality:** Brandis, Dahlkamp, R & B Yong

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

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Clare, Guerrettaz, Kerley  
**Lectors:** M & E Schudel  
**Servers:** Henry, Kerley, Martyn  
**Minister of Care:** Nelson  
**Hospitality:** A & V Powell  
**CLOW:** Martyn Family

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

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year-To-Date</b>
Collections (90)	\$ 4,240.66	\$ 168,362.77
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 30,956.70
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 95.00	\$ 8,411.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 215.00	\$ 4,611.00
Poor Fund	\$ 54.00	\$ 1,726.69
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.60
Latin America (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
EFT-Latin America(40)	\$ 1,329.00	\$ 1,546.00
Catholic Times (10)	\$ 170.00	\$ 1,422.00
EFT-Catholic Times(20)	\$ 310.00	\$ 325.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>– Feb 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**Sunday:** MAL 3:1-4 HEB 2:14-18  
 LK 2:22-40

**Monday:** 2SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13  
 MK 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3  
 MK 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2SM 24:2, 9-17 MK 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1KGS 2:1-4, 10-12 MK 6:7-13

**Friday:** SIR 47:2-11 MK 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1KGS 3:4-13 MK 6:30-34

**Sunday:** IS 58:7-10 1COR 2:1-5  
 MT 5:13-16

### 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:

**Barb Sinkus**, 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  
**Barb Kiel**, parishioner  
**Robert Goin**, father of Vicki Walker  
**Harry Buck**, brother of Teri Dambacher  
**Troy Sweeney**, nephew of Maggie Patterson  
**Tom Helling**, brother of Gary Helling  
**Yvonne Butcher**, mother of Barrie Blough  
**Katherine Torricelli**, mother of Jeff Torricelli  
**Aloysious Staff**, brother of Sylvia Thull  
**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  
**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  
**Frank Stroble**, friend of Mary Bruno  
**Cherie Peterson**, niece of Peggy Parnell  
**Linda Stelbrink**, friend of Maggie Patterson  
**Carolyn Carmichael**, mother of Leanne Collings  
**Stephanie Zimmerman**, friend of Sarah Clare  
**Button Pemberton**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Teresa Cieciora**, friend of Guerrettaz family  
**Aliana Marecki**, friend of Guerrettaz family



### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

#### Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a Confessions  
9:00 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)  
9:30 a-4:15 p Eucharistic Adoration  
3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass (Int: Kenneth Feraris, Sr.†)

#### Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Rendok  
9:45 a Confessions  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a Mass (Int: Helen Bedore†)  
Smith Baptism

#### Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass(Int: Mary Kates†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
9:00 a Counting Team # 1  
7:00 p Pastoral Council

#### Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass(Int: Alfred & Betty Limper)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
7:00 p RCIA

#### Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass(Int: Lorraine Blasko†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
6:30 p PSR  
7:00 p Youth Group

#### Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass(Int: All Souls†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
7:00 p Men's Prayer Group  
7:00 p Choir rehearsal

#### Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a Mass (Int: Ruthie Likent†)  
8:00 a Rosary & First Friday Devotions

#### Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

3:30 p Confessions  
4:30 p Mass (Int: Kathy Smith†)

#### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a Confessions  
8:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson  
9:45 a Confessions  
10:00 a Rosary  
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

### 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.

**Volunteers for this week: Feb. 3-Feb. 9:**

**Church Duster:** Mary & John Fox

**Feb. Recycling Volunteer:** Ron Wojcicki

**Feb. Food Volunteer:** Carlo Catalano

**Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>:**  
Don & Roberta Vanover



Our Patron Saint, St. Jude, is coming to Springfield this Lent! At least a part of him is coming, as some of his relics will be here. During the first week of Lent (March 2-4, 2020) the major relic of St. Jude and its smaller companions will be visiting St. Aloysius Parish in Springfield. Fr. Patrick Tobin, O.P., the caretaker of the relic and Spiritual Director of the Shrine of St. Jude (Chicago), will bring the relic to Springfield and make it available for

adoration. **Masses which will incorporate veneration will be held at 7:00 PM on March 2, 3, and 4.** This relic of St. Jude is reportedly the largest relic of an Apostle located outside of Europe. Please seriously consider making it to one of these masses to ask for St. Jude's intercession for your needs and for those of our parish.

**Attention Graduating High School Seniors**

If you are a 2020 graduating High School Senior and are interested in some extra money for college, please apply for the **Fr. Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship**. Paid annually for four years, the 2020 winner will receive \$750.00 toward educational expenses. To apply, contact the St. Jude parish office, or go online to [www.stjude.dio.org](http://www.stjude.dio.org) and scroll to the Useful Links section. **Please submit completed applications by Thursday, April 2, 2020.**

**→PSR NEWS←**

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

**Park Funeral Homes, Inc.**  
**Edinburg – Rochester – Illiopolis**  
**Mechanicsburg – Springfield**  
**217-498-7161**

[www.wilsonparkfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonparkfuneralhome.com)

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events**

- Feb. 3 – 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting
- Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 – 7:00 p.m. - RCIA
- Feb. 5, 12, 19 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
- Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- Feb. 11 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan
- Feb. 12 – 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Bunco
- Feb. 15 – 1:00 p.m. – Sew-n-sews
- Feb. 17 – Office closed – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting

**Catholic Times subscription renewal –** We have received the billing for the renewal fee for the Catholic Times newspaper, which is delivered to each Parish household, in the amount of **\$6,651.00**. Please use the envelope in your monthly packet to defray the cost charged to the parish this year. Thank you.

Amount billed to parish -	<b>\$ 6,651.00</b>
Amount collected -	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Difference -	<b>\$-4,904.00</b>

Thank you for your generous support last week of the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. As a parish, we collected **\$1,546.00**, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late! Your gift makes a difference!



**Mark your calendars now!**

The K of C St. Jude Council 9640 annual Fish Fries are scheduled for Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**If you would like to help with the Fish Fries, please contact Deacon Tom Walker or Jerry Calvert for more information.**

If you ordered Lasagna from the 2020 Mission Trip team, they will be ready to pick up starting Saturday, February 8th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, Feb. 9th after the Masses. If you cannot pick up your order during that time, you can come to the parish office during normal office hours. **Please make checks payable to St. Jude Church.** Thank you for your continued support of our youth!







**Mardi Gras Celebration  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday” – meaning it is the last opportunity to eat rich, fat foods before the fast of Lent begins. Here at St Jude we celebrate Mardi Gras as a chance for the parish family to come together to share an evening of FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP. Everyone is welcome – there will be plenty of good food.

**5:30 pm** World Famous Nancy’s Jambalya dinner complete with Mac & Cheese and King Cupcakes

**6:00 pm** Bouya Parade kicks off GAMES for kids and adults

**7:00 pm** Join us in the Church for the Burying of the Alleluia.

Lots of help is needed to make our celebration a success. There are sign-up sheets on the Mardi Gras table in the back of the Church.



**The party won't be the same  
without YOU!**

All are welcome to join the **St. Jude's sew-n-sews** group! We will meet Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring a project, enjoy some snacks and good company! Hope to see you and bring a friend!



**REMINDER: Bring in your old PALMS  
by Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

, so they can be burned for the ashes used to mark ourselves as a sign of our repentance on Ash Wednesday.



Deacon Tom introduces our newest baptized Bennett Michael Butcher, son of Marissa and Matt Butcher.



**St. Jude  
Ladies Tea/Bunco**

The Ladies Tea/Bunco will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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!**



**Sew-n-sew news** – In December, the Sew-n-sews ladies surprised the residents of Wyndcrest with a gift of handmade quilts and fleece blankets. These were made possible by the gift of fabrics from JoAnn Camille! The residents were very surprised and happy, and we enjoyed the smiles they had!

**Healthy Kids Running Series  
Coming to Rochester!**

Healthy Kids Running Series (HKRS) is coming to Rochester this Spring! HKRS is a national, community-based non-profit that provides a fun, inclusive five-week running series for children ages 2-14, designed for kids to get active, feel accomplished and lay the foundation for a healthy lifestyle. The series will be held at the Rochester Park on the following Sundays at 4:00pm: 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17. For more information on the series and sponsorship opportunities, please visit <https://healthykidsrunningseries.org/race-locations/rochester-il/> or contact Community Coordinator, Alex Batten, at [rochesteril@healthykidsrs.org](mailto:rochesteril@healthykidsrs.org) or (217)816-9378.

