



March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

Learning to pray is sort of like learning a foreign language. The more we learn the basics of prayer, the more fluent we become and the more capable we are of actually understanding what God is trying to communicate to us each and every day. Since one of the three pillars of Lent is prayer, I would like to dedicate my bulletin articles during this season to that topic, introducing (or reviewing) some basic concepts of prayer with the hope that, by the time we get to Easter, we will all be a little more fluent in our understating of God's voice in our daily lives.

The first topic of prayer that I want to review briefly is the most important prayer that we have – the Mass. At Mass, we hear the Word of God, we are brought into Christ's saving mystery of His sacrifice on the Cross for our salvation, made present on the altar, and we offer our prayers for and in union with the Church, those here below, those in Heaven, and those awaiting Heaven in Purgatory. The Mass is such a rich source of spiritual nourishment to us, yet because it is so familiar, I fear that we sometimes miss out on how beautiful and essential it is. Let me offer a few recommendations with regards to praying at Mass that I hope will help you.

First things first – show up! If we have not made a resolution to come to Mass every Sunday, then anything else we choose to do for Lent is, to some extent, pointless. We are not obligated to give anything up for Lent (except meat on Fridays), so whatever we choose is of our own choosing. Going to Mass, however, is something the Lord requires of us, so if we have let ourselves drift in this area, Lent is a great time to re-establish that habit, one that will benefit us more than anything else we can possibly do in the spiritual life.

Second thing – listen and pray. Make an effort to listen to the prayers of the Mass and to the readings. Even if you have heard them all before, never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit to shed new light through a word or a phrase that you hear at any point in the Mass.

Third thing – open your mouth! In other words, participate in the prayers of the Mass. I am disheartened when I look up during the Creed and see blank stares from several people making no apparent effort to pray. The same goes with our music. Okay, maybe you can't sing. At least mouth the words, because they give glory to God and are themselves a prayer.

I pray that our dedication to investing ourselves into this most perfect form of prayer this

Lent will be a source of great renewal for all of us that can benefit us for the rest of our lives.

As a reminder, to receive a daily reflection and challenge in your inbox, text the word STJUDELNT to 84576. If you received these messages in the past, you are likely already signed up.

- Fr. Alford

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, March 7th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Scheufele, Tomashavich
Deacon Roth
Lectors: Auxier, Day
Servers: Western, Zack, Zucco
Hospitality: Foster, Rendok, C & M Zucco

Sunday, March 8th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Dowding, Godar
Deacon Walker
Lectors: J & N Calvert
Servers: Lauwerens, P & H Zeidler
Hospitality: M & D Anderson, Dahlkamp, McWard

Sunday, March 8th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Guerretaz, Clare, Kerley
Lectors: Crusen, Kohlrus
Servers: Martyn, H & E Toliver
Minister of Care: Calvert
Hospitality: A & V Powell
CLOW: Martyn Family

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

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (95)	\$ 5,474.25	\$ 189,175.02
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,144.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (2)	\$ 133.00	\$ 9,854.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,024.00
Poor Fund	\$ 49.10	\$ 1,927.31
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.60
Central/East. Europe(5)	\$ 115.00	\$ 160.00
EFT-East Europe (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 132.00
Catholic Charities (2)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
EFT-Cath. Charities(8)	\$ 212.00	\$ 212.00
Catholic Relief Serv.(2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers (38)	\$ 661.00	\$ 676.00

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.

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:



Parishioners

Megan Lee, Steven Long, Gary Dumonceaux, Jillian Kohlrus, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Barb Kiel, Mary Rodgers

Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
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
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
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
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family

Volunteers for this week: Mar. 2-Mar. 8:

Church Duster: Laurie McWard
March Recycling Volunteer: Greg Park
March Food Volunteer: Horstman Family
Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, March 8:
Don & Roberta Vanover

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, February 29th

- 10-11:00 a** Confessions
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Muriel Gatschenberger†)
- Sunday, March 1st**
Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Roth
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)
6:30 p Mission Trip meeting
- Monday, March 2nd**
9:00 a Counting Team #1
5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Kathy Smith†)
7:00 p Pastoral Council meeting
- Tuesday, March 3rd**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p RCIA
- Wednesday, March 4th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:00 a Mass (Int: Kathy Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
5:45 p Stations of the Cross
6:30 p PSR
7:30 p Youth Group
- Thursday, March 5th**
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, March 6th**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Larry Tebrugge†)
8:00 a Stations of the Cross
5:00 p K of C Fish Fry
- Saturday, March 7th**
8:30 a Confessions
9:00 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:30 a-4:15 p Eucharistic Adoration
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: George† & Marie Ginter)
- Sunday, March 8th**
Confessions
7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Susan Denton†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Calvert
9:45 a Confessions
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar. 1st – Mar. 8th:

Sunday:	GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7	ROM 5:12-19
		MT 4:1-11
Monday:	LV 19:1-2, 11-18	MT 25:31-46
Tuesday:	IS 55:10-11	MT 6:7-15
Wednesday:	JON 3:1-10	LK 11:29-32
Thursday:	EST C: 12, 14-16, 23-25	MT 7:7-12
		MT 5:20-26
Friday:	EZ 18:21-28	MT 5:43-48
Saturday:	DT 26:16-19	2TM 1:8B-10
Sunday:	GN 12:1-4A	MT 17:1-9



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 veneration. **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.

Additional Confession Times during Lent

Sat. Mar. 14 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Mon. Mar. 16 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Sat. Mar. 21 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Mon. Mar. 23 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Tue. Mar. 24 - 6:30 pm - Combined Parish Penance Service at Little Flower
 Thu. Mar. 26 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Sat. Mar. 28 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Mon. Mar. 30 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Thu. Apr. 2 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Sun. Apr. 5 - 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Fri. Apr. 10 - 5:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Recycling Reminder – Please remember to **NOT** put anything in the Parish Recycling Bin except empty **ALUMINUM** cans (soda, beer, etc.). Plastic containers, tins cans (vegetable, fruit, etc.) and cardboard, while recyclable, are not accepted with the aluminum cans, and those volunteering to take the recycling hear about it. Thank you.



Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, March 7th

Come spend time with Jesus this Lent during our regularly scheduled First Saturday Adoration. Adoration follows

Mass, beginning around 9:30 am, and continues until 4:15 pm, just before the Saturday Vigil Mass. See the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to commit to one of the slots, but no commitment is necessary to attend.

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.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

- Mar. 2 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting
- Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 21 – 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- Mar. 4, 11, 18 – 6 – 5:45 p.m.-Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 4, 11, 18 – 6 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
- Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 – 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
- Mar. 5, 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27- 5:00 p.m. Fish Fry
- Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 – 8:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 8, 15, 29 – 2:00 p.m. – Little Flowers
- Mar. 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan
- Mar. 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Tea/Bunco



Mark your calendars now!

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

Next Weekend we will take up the **Catholic Charities** collection. Your generosity helps to fulfill the mission of the agency "to extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus" through the many services available thru Catholic Charities. Please help to support this very worthwhile agency.

Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive

What does your support mean to Loving Arms? Here's an example: The funds raised through last year's Baby Bottle Boomerang helped to ensure that Loving Arms clients received the most up-to-date information available on pregnancy options, abstinence education, STDs, pregnancy care and parenting skills. Knowledge is key to making healthy life-affirming choices and your donations ensure that Loving Arms has all the information the clients need to make them.

Empty Baby Bottles are available for St. Jude families to "adopt". Take your adopted bottles home and fill them with loose change. Once the bottle is full it can be returned to the Church or to the parish center. All bottles should be returned during Easter week.

This is a great opportunity for families to practice almsgiving and to support Pro Life efforts in our area.

→PSR NEWS←

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

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Michael Gleason Nancy Hagerman Amy Kain Grace McCall	2 Terri Anderson Lauren Oldfield Kaitlyn Sutker Tristan Sutker	3 Dalton Siddens	4 Tara Krech Alicia Messmore Giovanni Randazzo Joseph Ryan Eric Staley Edie Toliver Aspen Williams	5 David Barrett Kelly Capriotti Parker Goldsberry Amy King Katherine Kondelis Steven Sandvoss Gabriella Winkler <i>Terry & Diane Arthur</i> <i>Jeph & Carrie Bassett</i>	6 Lenna DeGroot	7 Stacey Carlson Aaron Clare Jon Clarke Grace Settles
8 Christopher Winkler <i>Eric & Heather Nieders</i>	9 Fr. Brian Alford Laryn Sapetti <i>Lloyd & Susan Hovey</i>	10 Julie Colantino	11 Charles Beeman Marley Lou Hutchinson Michael Lindstrom Emily Prather Stephen Prather Jacob Spurlock Roberta Vanover Cheri Vogt <i>Christopher & Susan Lindstrom</i> <i>Ken & Michele Oldfield</i>	12 Christine Cornett Christine Leinum Eric Miller Rileigh Schnepf <i>Stanley & Peggy Gunter</i> <i>David & Kelly Lacy</i>	13 Cora Ferrill Rebecca Phillips JoAnn Price	14 John Bartolozzi Sue Bozarth Lauren Clare Mark Cordes Kenneth Yoggerst
15 Brian Eairheart Amy Sommer	16 Alyx Barkus Jack Kerley	17 Macy Culbertson Morgan Culbertson Brent Manning Jack Myers Julia Trello Patty Williams <i>Dennis & Molly Godar</i>	18 Gina Frawley Heidi Weitekamp	19 Aaron Oldfield Alexander Vollmer	20 Richard King Samuel Lindstrom Elizabeth Marx Grace Reynolds Penelope Weitekamp	21 Jack Lohmar
22 Ann Carel Megan Eifert Annie Gegen Carter Leach Lauren Mantei Makenna Sutker Renee Vose <i>Joseph & Cheryl Biesiada</i> <i>Jim & Darlene Kratz</i>	23 Regan Ernst Madeline Lafferty Frank Stefano	24 Tom Maloney Jack Merkley	25 Donna Day Bob Jemison Roger McClintock Jace Oldfield Elizabeth Rowden Tristan Schmitz Cliff Wainman	26 Jordyn Crouch Sara Garcia <i>Justin & Elizabeth Siders</i>	27 Randy Brusio Peter Gegen	28 Jim Lauwerens
29 Shannon Loveless Carly Jo Ross Dan Tinsley Ian Wilson	30 Craig Berberet Kip Reiss Haley Thompson	31 Beth Yong				