



May 10, 2020 5th Sunday of Easter

May

As I have mentioned a few times already, I am not a big fan of having to livestream masses. I realize that it is helpful for all of you in keeping connected to our Catholic faith, and for that reason I am happy to provide the service. I just find it very strange celebrating Mass with only a tripod and my cell phone in the church with me! You all get a chance to see me, yet I do not get to see you, which can be difficult.

I have to admit, though, that one of the benefits from livestreaming has been that my mom has been able to join me almost every day for Mass! Since my parents have lived outside of the diocese for the entirety of my priesthood, they have not had many opportunities to join me for Mass. It is a little intimidating knowing that my mom is watching, but it is also a source of great consolation, and it is a blessing that she can join me for Mass on Mother's Day, even if I don't see her sitting in the congregation.

Here is another consoling thing to think about as well – at each Mass (regardless of whether it is livestreamed or not), my heavenly Mother is always with me, even though I do not see her. Without anybody around before Mass, I have had a little more time to prayerfully prepare for Mass. One of the prayers that I pray includes this line:

I beseech your motherly love,
that, as you stood by your most dear Son,
while he hung on the Cross,
so, in your kindness,
you may be pleased to stand by me, a poor sinner,
and all Priests who today are offering the Sacrifice
here and throughout the entire holy Church...

It has been a great blessing to be reminded of the fact that even when nobody is physically present, Mary is present right next to me in a very special way, and that helps me not to feel so lonely. Combine that with knowing that my earthly mother is watching as well, I am much more at peace when celebrating Mass without a congregation.

A very blessed Mother's Day to all of our mothers today! As we all give thanks for our mothers (and those who have shown us a mother's love), let us give special honor to our Blessed Mother during

this month dedicated to her, asking for the grace to be aware that she is always standing near us, her children

- Fr. Alford

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.
St. Francis

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.

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

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (69)	\$ 7,645.00	\$ 226,564.07
Electronic Funds (10)	\$ 780.00	\$ 45,726.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund (13)	\$ 451.00	\$ 12,198.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,495.00
Poor Fund	\$ 690.20	\$ 3,239.00
Children's Offering (4)	\$ 6.50	\$ 46.10
Calvary Cemetery (3)	\$ 30.00	\$ 696.00
Cath. Communications(3)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Cath. Home Mis (6)	\$ 310.00	\$ 636.00
Easter (5)	\$ 170.00	\$ 5,645.00
Holy Land (1)	\$ 5.00	\$ 524.00
Missionary Co-op (3)	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,388.35
Pentecost (3)	\$ 85.00	\$ 90.00
Rice Bowl (1)	\$ 35.41	\$ 330.41
Seminarians (2)	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,020.00

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SCRIPTURE READINGS: May 10th – May 17th:

Sunday:	ACTS 6:1-7	1PT 2:4-9
		JN 14:1-12
Monday:	ACTS 14:5-18	JN 14:21-26
Tuesday:	ACTS 14:19-28	JN 14:27-31A
Wednesday:	ACTS 15:1-6	JN 15:1-8
Thursday:	ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26	JN 15:9-17
Friday:	ACTS 15:22-31	JN 15:12-17
Saturday:	ACTS 16:1-10	JN 15:18-21
Sunday:	ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17	1PT 3:15-18
		JN 14:15-21

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

	<u>Saturday, May 9th</u>
7:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. All Souls†)
3:30-4:15 p	Confessions
	<u>Sunday, May 10th</u>
7:30-7:50 a	Confessions
8:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. For the Parish)
9:45-10:15 a	Confessions
	<u>Monday, May 11th</u>
7:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. Limper/Engeling Families)
5:00 p	Confessions
	<u>Tuesday, May 12th</u>
	No Mass
	<u>Wednesday, May 13th</u>
7:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. Muriel Gatschenberger†)
	<u>Thursday, May 14th</u>
7:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. Rich Wolff†)
	<u>Friday, May 15th</u>
7:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. John Blasko†)
	<u>Saturday, May 16th</u>
7:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. Kathy Smith†)
3:30-4:15 p	Confessions
	<u>Sunday, May 17th</u>
7:30-7:50 a	Confessions
8:30 a	Mass <i>Livestream</i> (Int. For the Parish)
9:45-10:15 a	Confessions

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

Sue Bozarth, 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, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy

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
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

THE DIOCESE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU
A TEXT MESSAGE THAT IS



TEXT: DIOSPRINGFIELD TO 84576 TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM THE DIOCESE REGARDING HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES, UPDATES FROM BISHOP PAPROCKI, AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

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by going to **dio.org** or text **diospringfield** to 84576.

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- THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (MARCH 22)
- SEMINARIAN'S COLLECTION (APRIL 12) 100% STAY LOCAL
- CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL (APRIL 26)
- CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (MAY 17) 50% STAY LOCAL
- RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS (MAY 31) 100% STAY LOCAL

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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 put only aluminum cans in the box!**



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.



Trust the Artist

We must offer ourselves to God like a clean, smooth canvas and not worry ourselves about what God may choose to paint on it, but at each moment, feel only the stroke of his brush. ... It is the same with a piece of stone. Each blow from the sculptor's chisel makes it feel ... as if it were being destroyed. ... All I know is that I must stay immobile in the hands of the sculptor. ... I have no idea what he is doing ... but I know his work is the best possible.

—Jean Pierre de Caussade

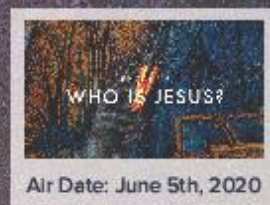
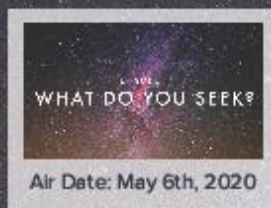


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Sometimes we get so caught up in the depth of our faith that we forget what it was like to first wrestle with the big questions – Who am I? What am I searching for? What’s our shared story? Who is Jesus? Why do we need a Church? Is there a God? We all need to get back to the basics to make sure the foundation is strong.

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