



September 20, 2020 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's Simply Not Fair !!!

I remember working at Dairy Queen. I worked on the side that made the Dilly Bars, Buster Bars, Sundaes and Shakes (1976). My sister worked as a "Car Hop" on the hamburger and fries side. It was a very busy place and we had to be on the ball all the time.

My sister complained with a group she worked with about their pay amount. I made \$1.30 an hour and the car hops made 80 cents an hour. At first, I could understand why they were upset. I would have complained too. She failed, though, to tell me she got "tips". She was making well over my \$1.30 an hour. I didn't complain to her. I was happy back then to make the \$40.00 a week.

Money has a way to bring out both the best and the worst in people. The Gospel we hear shows us both sides. The person who was hiring was a very generous man. Something we miss about this person, is that all day he kept looking to hire those who "needed a job". He was compassionate in his generosity. He mentions his choice to be generous in confronting the "hired hand" who was complaining saying... "This is not fair". He makes a great point that probably none of us would want to hear if we were questioning if I worked from 8:00 am till 6:00 pm, and you worked from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and we ended up with the same pay, is this fair?

When he went to pay all his employees, they all got the salary they were promised when they started. What he told them he would pay them, he paid them. He was fair. Maybe he felt sorry for those who were "not" getting hired and could have worked for him starting back at 8:00 am. So, he generously paid all of them a full-days' pay. Money at times brings out the best, as it did in this employer being so generous. All of those hired later in the day I am sure were surprised and grateful.

If we are spiritual, other centered and rooted in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which then produces in our way of life the fruits of the Holy Spirit, then we can hear this Gospel and see the blessings given out to many. If we are rooted in the flesh, and self-

centeredness we get pretty huffy and even worse in our emotions, which lead us to speak out and act out in not so Christian ways..... hence money does become the root of evil.

In the end of this Gospel, it's not really for us to focus on the one who complained, or the ones that were blessed, but more so on the steward who in being blessed with resources, chose to reach out and bring blessings to those others ignored. "No one will hire us" then becomes for us, maybe the guy or gal standing by the McDonalds on South Grand and 5th or 6th street, or the person at Wendy's on Dirksen, or the person usually on the weekend out at the corner of 6th and Lawrence right in front of the Cathedral Sad but so, no one will probably hire them for sure, but more sad but so, probably 90-95% just pass them by. Some would love to roll down their window and yell...."Get a job"..... it is sad.

I am called to be an "intentional missionary disciple". How generous am I? What do I do for the poor? Am I blest? Am I compassionate? AM I not free to do what I want with my money? In the end YES, it is my free choice. But in the end, I will also stand before the one who gave each a job, and an equal pay, because he loved, and loved being generous...

Peace,

Fr. Chuck

Second Collection:

During the weekend of September 26/27, the Diocese will be asking for your help by donating to the Solidarity for the Church in Africa fund. This fund helps to ensure that all the faithful in Africa have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. Please be generous. **Please put your donation in an envelope with your name & marked "Africa"** so we can deposit it correctly. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Fr. Chuck is looking for someone who would clean his albs every two weeks. If you are willing to help, please talk to Fr. Chuck or contact the parish office. Thank you.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone

Saturday, September 19th

3:15-4:00 p **Reconciliation**

4:30 p **Mass** (Int. Terry Day†)

Sunday, September 20th

8:00 a **Mass** (Int. For the Parish)

10:30 a **Mass** (Int. Noah Guerrettaz†)

Monday, September 21st

St. Matthew

7:30 a Communion Service

9:00 a Counting Team #3

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: Limper/Engeling Families)

7:00 p Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: Maurice G. Edwards†)

Thursday, September 24th

6:45-7:15 a **Reconciliation**

7:30 a **Mass** (Int.: All Souls†)

Friday, September 25th

6:45-7:15 a **Reconciliation**

7:30 a **Mass** (Int. Doug Foster†)

Saturday, September 26th

3:15-4:00 p **Reconciliation**

4:30 p **Mass** (Int. Ruthie Likent†)

Sunday, September 27th

8:00 a **Mass** (Int. Leach Family)

10:30 a **Mass** (Int. For the Parish)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, September 26th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Bertrand, Day

Hospitality: Auxier, V Walker, C & M Zucco

Sunday, September 27th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, DeGroot

Lectors: Blumhorst, Nelson

Hospitality: R & M McClintock, Vogt, B Yong

Sunday, September 27th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: Kuntzman, L Warren

Hospitality: A & V Powell

St. Jude Parish Weekly Reconciliation Times

Tuesday-Friday 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Saturday – 3:15-4:00 p.m.

(Reconciliation also by appointment)

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, Gary Dumonceaux, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, 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
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
Rachel Copp, sister of Mary Beth McClintock
Rick Bloemker, friend of Steve & Pat Jones
Kelly Gatton, friend of Steven Sandvoss
John Naffziger, nephew of Michele Naffziger
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich

In Memory:

Doug Foster, husband of Janet Foster
Mary Chernisky, aunt of Sue Bozarth

**Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021**

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (68)	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 49,123.00
Electronic Funds (24)	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 13,055.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 108.00	\$ 2,981.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (9)	\$ 413.00	\$ 1,679.00
Poor Fund	\$ 35.74	\$ 642.12
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Land (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Totals	\$ 6,426.74	
Total given FY2021	\$ 68,439.12 (11 weeks)	

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Sept. 20th – Sept 27th:

Sunday:	IS 55:6-9	PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A
		MT 20:1-16A
Monday:	EPH 4:1-7, 11-13	MT 9:9-13
Tuesday:	PRV 21:1-6, 10-13	LK 8:19-21
Wednesday:	PRV 30:5-9	LK 9:1-6
Thursday:	ECCL 1:2-11	LK 9:7-9
Friday:	ECCL 3:1-11	LK 9:18-22
Saturday:	ECCL 11:9-12:8	LK 9:43B-45
Sunday:	EZ 18:25-28	PHIL 2:1-11
		MT 21:28-32

Volunteers for the week of September 21st:

Church Duster: Donna Spurlock
September Recycling Volunteer: Del Reeves
September Food Volunteer: Jerry Calvert

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:

Oct. 1 – 7:00 p.m. – Finance Council meeting
 Oct. 5 – 1-2:30 p.m. – Drive-thru Flu Shot clinic
 Oct. 6 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting
 Oct. 7 – 7:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds meeting
 Oct. 10 – 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Sew-n-Sews
 Oct. 14 – 6:30 p.m. – 1st Reconciliation
 Oct. 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting
 Oct. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Arts & Environment meeting

Have you been meaning to register in the parish, but haven't gotten around to it? Changed your address, phone number or email address but forgot to notify the parish office? Well, let me help you with that! Please contact Barb in the parish office to get a parish registration form, or to submit a change in information. It's easy! Just call 498-9197 or email bscoggins@stjude.dio.org.

PSR NEWS

We have gone live with our Google Site, we have completed our first full week of remote learning, and this past Wednesday night the 2nd – 8th grade teachers hosted their first Google Meets with their classes! We are so excited to be able to provide our PSR families with all the resources and opportunities to make this the best PSR experience we can during this time!

Thank you to everyone for their continued prayers and support!

Suggestions Welcome!

Now that we have PSR underway, we are going to begin looking ahead! What are some events/groups that you would like to see again? We would like to have a mission at some point – what are some topics that you would like to hear? Do you have any other ideas for us?! Please don't hesitate to share ideas with Fr. Chuck and Jennifer Frericks!

Jennifer Frericks

We have purchased a fogger to disinfect the church surfaces. Right now, Dean Bailey, our maintenance man, is using it Monday mornings. We are looking for volunteers to learn to use the fogger after each weekend mass. Ideally, we would like 12 volunteers (4 for each weekend mass) so we could rotate the responsibility. If you are willing to help, please contact Fr. Chuck at the parish office. Thank you!



**Drive-thru Flu Shot
Clinic**

On Monday, October 5th, the Springfield Public Health Department will be offering a drive-thru flu shot clinic at St. Jude Church. It will be from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**Bentley's Hair & Nail Co.
126 John St. Rochester, IL
217-498-1081**



Pre-Jordan Class

Your child's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your child. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Please call or e-mail Deacon Tom at 498-8651 or twalker@dio.org for more information.

Sunday, October 4, National Life Chain Prayer Witness

Please join us October 4, 2020 for the National Life Chain Prayer Witness from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. on Sangamon Avenue from 19th street to Dirksen Parkway. You may pray for the entire 1 ½ hours or an hour within this time frame. **Life Chain** is a call to the Churches of all denominations to come out and pray to end abortion, praying silently, while holding signs. Signs will be available for you. Watch the bulletin for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: October 10, 2020

We will raise a Holy Roar for the Blessed Virgin Mary

The 10th annual Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally will be October 10, 2020, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Illinois State Capitol Building, 2nd and Capitol streets, in front of the Lincoln Statue. We have permission to gather and pray. We will follow all CDC guidelines in place at the time. We will pray the Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and sing God Bless America and Immaculate Mary. If you would like to lead a prayer, contact Donna B – 622-8576. Consider leading a prayer with your child or challenge a teen to lead. We will accommodate.



St. Jude Parish is looking for volunteers to help with keeping our beautiful plants watered. We would like to have 12 families to give one night a month. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help with this ministry. Hope to hear from you soon!



Seasons come and seasons go, but our pillar of Faith remains in season and out. Keep your radio set on 88.9 FM, Covenant Network Catholic radio. You are sure to find many educational and inspirational programs to nurture your faith and devotional programs throughout the day and night-time hours to support and enrich your faith life. In addition to the radio station, you can listen live, day or night, on our free Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org

Quincy University Scholarships:

In 2020, Quincy University celebrated 160 years of providing an exceptional educational experience that prepares students for lives of purpose and service to others, guided and shaped by Franciscans encouraging Catholic students to consider QU among their college options and ultimately enroll.

The Bishop's Scholarship (\$10,000.00) is awarded to one student on the recommendation of the Bishop of Springfield. To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must:

- Belong to a parish in the Diocese of Springfield.
- Apply to Quincy University and be admitted by March 21, 2021.
- Choose to enroll and submit a statement describing their involvement in their local parish, the Diocese, or the Catholic Church by April 15, 2021.

The Diocesan Scholarship (\$500.00) is awarded to any student who is a member of a parish in the Diocese of Springfield. To receive this scholarship, candidates must:

- Belong to a parish in the Diocese of Springfield.
- Apply to Quincy University and be admitted by March 15, 2021.
- Choose to enroll and submit a letter from a parish official confirming membership by April 15, 2021.

Apply to quincy.edu/apply.