



February 7, 2021 5th Sunday of Ordinary Times

A Journey of Faith.....

What is a Deacon and why did you become one? These are questions I have been asked many times over the course of the last 20 years. I wish I had a simple answer for those questions but sadly, I don't. For me and my wife, Susan, the answer begins with our understanding that each and every one of us is on a journey of faith. It is a journey that begins on the day we are baptized, and it ends on the day of our earthly death ----- and each of our journeys is unique. These journeys are full of twists and turns – they are full of opportunities of saying “yes” or saying “no”. For me, becoming a Deacon was definitely a journey. If someone had told me 20 years ago that I would be a Deacon today I would tell them they were crazy. I never saw myself as someone who could possibly be good enough or “holy” enough to be of service to the Church.

Over the years, my wife and I became involved in a wide variety of ministries in the Church. There were times when we felt overwhelmed and exhausted. Just when we thought we had reached the end of our rope – something would happen that would push us in another direction. I vividly remember a year when we taught the 7th and 8th grade confirmation class. This particular group of young people were a challenge to say the least. We barely made it through the year and at the end of the year we were positive we never wanted to teach again. Just as we were getting comfortable with our decision, our pastor said he wanted to talk to us about this new thing in the Church called RCIA. He “just” wanted us to attend a meeting with him to find out what it was all about – and so began the next leg of our journey. I don't remember ever having an earth shattering, knock you off a horse kind of moment when I knew I wanted to be a Deacon. What I remember is quite a few opportunities to either say “yes” or “no”.

I was in the very first class for Deacons in the Diocese of Springfield. It all started with an introductory meeting for any men in the Diocese who might be interested in finding out more about the Deaconate. My wife and I, along with several other couples from our parish attended. What attracted me to seeking admission to the class was

the emphasis on the Deaconate being a ministry of service. Being of service had always been something my wife and I were drawn to. My five years of formation were not easy. Working full time and attending classes in Quincy one weekend a month presented us with some stressful situations. I have to admit that my wife and I had many spirited discussions on the two hour drive to Quincy. Many times, we felt our backs were against the wall and it was time to throw in the towel – but suddenly a way around that wall would be presented to us. Sometimes it was a kind word from an unexpected person and sometimes it was just being provided a time for prayer. Each time my wife and I would say “yes” we can do this. We can be of service. I was ordained on June 24, 2007. It was one of the most joyous and scariest days of our lives. The almost 14 years since ordination have been filled with opportunities to serve the people of God in ways I never dreamt I would be able to do. Sue and I have been physically, mentally and spiritually stretched beyond what we ever thought we were capable of. And all of this started simply by saying “yes” to going to a meeting.

Not all of us are called to being a Deacon, but we are all called to be of service. All of us have gifts to offer to others. Each of us has a unique gift from God and a unique opportunity to share that gift with others. We should never sell ourselves short. Never be afraid to say “yes” to God – you might be surprised where that “yes” will take you.

- Deacon Ray

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/202-6/30/2021

Collections (56)	\$ 5,471.00	\$162,531.00
EFT-Collections (23)	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 37,225.00
Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 148.00	\$ 7,472.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 215.00	\$ 4,406.00
Poor Fund	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,959.49
Catholic Charities (3)	\$ 120.00	\$ 140.00
Catholic Times (6)	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,140.00
EFT-Catholic Times(21)	\$ 345.00	\$ 345.00
Cent/East Europe (2)	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Children's Offering(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers (3)	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
Latin America (2)	\$ 45.00	\$ 972.00
EFT-Latin America (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 92.00
Total this week:	\$ 8,779.00	
Total given FY2021	\$233,349.49	

Please note: Fr. Chuck will be on vacation until Feb. 16th. There will be Communion Services at St. Jude on Mondays and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For those who wish to attend daily mass, please consider going to Little Flower Church on Stevenson Dr. in Springfield. Their schedule:

Monday – No Mass
 Tues., Thurs., Fri. – 7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday – 8:15 a.m.

Happenings this week!!!

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

Saturday, February 6th:

St. Paul Miki & Companions

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Kenneth Feraris, Sr.†)

Sunday, February 7th:

8:00 a Mass (Int: James Felts†)

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

Monday, February 8th:

7:30 a Communion Service

9:00 a Counting Team #2

Tuesday, February 9th:

Wednesday, February 10th:

St. Scholastica

6:30 p PSR

6:40 p Servers Training

Thursday, February 11th:

7:30 a Communion Service

Friday, February 12th:

Saturday, February 13th:

Noon-3:00 p Sew-n-sews

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Helen McCormick†)

Sunday, February 14th:

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

10:30 a Mass (Int: John Bedore†)

Fr. Chuck will celebrate Masses while on vacation for the following intentions:

Isaac Weitekamp, Limper/Engeling Families, Bill & Gwen Berutti, Al & Betty Limper, John Blasko, Eric Park, Terry Day, Corbin Soaga, Doug Foster & Noah Guerrettaz

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 7th – Feb. 14th:

Sunday: JB 7:1-4, 6-7 1COR 9:16-19, 22-23

MK 1:29-39

Monday: GN 1:1-19

MK 6:53-56

Tuesday: GN 1:20-2:4A

MK 7:1-13

Wednesday: GN 2:4B-9, 15-17

MK 7:14-23

Thursday: GN 2:18-25

MK 7:24-30

Friday: GN 3:1-8

MK 7:31-37

Saturday: GN 3:9-24

MK 8:1-10

Sunday: LV 13:1-2, 44-46 1COR 10:31-11:1

MK 1:40-45

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 13th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chiola, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Auxier, Day

Hospitality: Egizio, T & K Riedle, V Walker

Sunday, February 14th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chiola, Deacon Ray

Lectors: A Deen, Nelson

Hospitality: R & MB McClintock, K & G Park

Sunday, February 14th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chiola, Kohlrus

Lectors: A & K Livengood

Hospitality: D & S Decker, C & M Zucco

Volunteers for the week of February 8th:

Church Duster: Laurie McWard

Feb. Recycling Volunteer: Ron Wojcicki

Feb. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Advertiser of the Week:

SUBWAY – eat fresh.

Rt. 29, Rochester, IL

217-498-9475

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, Carolyn Carmichael, Bill White

Patty Bartlett, mother of Jeannette Waters
Joseph Kohlrus, father of Joe Kohlrus
Ron Bortmess, husband of Diane Bortmess
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
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
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
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
John Naffziger, nephew of Michele Naffziger
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Sarah Thatcher, granddaughter of Elaine Hundley
Lary Garrett, father of Carrie Zucco
Jennie Harling, sister of Leanne Collings
Mary Hadden & Bella Hadden, friends of Mary Bruno
Sabrina & Baby Rice, niece of Les & Beth Auxier
Diane McClelland, sister of Roberta Vanover
Jodi Finzel, cousin of Frances Tomashavich
Jim Petersen, former parishioner
Lee Cook, brother of Sue Bozarth
James Michael Geist, nephew of Sue Roth
Kevin Joyce, friend of Steve & Pat Jones
Craig Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker

PSR NEWS

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras will be a bit different this year. Due to Covid, we are unable to have the traditional party. However, we realize that one of the most fun parts of the party was for everyone to bring cupcakes to share! So, on February 10th, we will be sending each family home with a treat bag! This treat bag will be filled with cake mix, icing, cupcake liners, and some other goodies to help you celebrate Mardi Gras at home!



This will be for all families enrolled in PSR-however that is! We will send them home with the PSR families on February 10th who are in attendance, but if you are not in attendance or do not do in person learning please swing by anytime during office hours on Thursday and Friday of that week!

To add to the fun, we would love to see your family celebrations! Please email or text any pictures to Jennifer Frericks and we will post them on our parish Facebook Page and the Bulletin! Jennifer's cell phone is 217-653-8078.

Sacramental Prep

Our second graders and their parents met this week with their teachers Mrs. Kerley and Mrs. Zucco. They are getting close to their First Reconciliation in March and so they spent some of their evening in the church taking a look at the Reconciliation space!



Attention all High Schoolers!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

I have emailed a survey to each parent of a current 8th grader or High School student. Please take the time to fill the survey out if you have not already! We have many ideas about what we would like to do or see in our Youth Ministry program, but it is also SO key to ask the youth themselves. The survey will take a couple minutes so please complete!

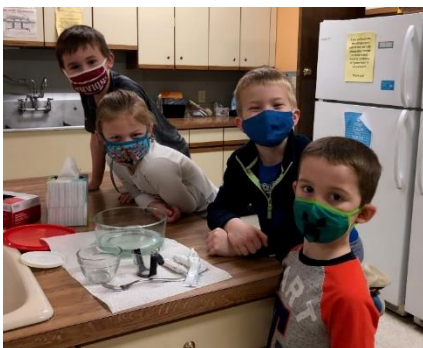
Juggling Life

Our 7th/8th graders joined Mr. Livengood about facing the struggles life throws our way and how we work to juggle all of those things. They talked about empathy towards others because we don't know what they are juggling, attitudes/emotions you have while juggling everything, and how in the end Jesus will be there to help and guide us!



Learning about Baptism

Our Kindergarten learned about original sin and Baptism! They did a science experiment that represented original sin being washed away! They also took a small field trip to the church where they got to see the Baptismal font.



Jennifer Frickers



We would like to congratulate Al & Betty Limper as they celebrated their 60th Anniversary on February 4th!



All are welcome to join the **St. Jude's sew-n-sews** group! Saturday February 13th. Bring a project, enjoy some snacks and good company! Hope to see you and bring a friend!



Volunteers needed – one of our church duster volunteers is no longer available. We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to come to the Church and dust/straighten the church once every four weeks.

We also need someone who would be willing to clean and press the altar servers robes a few times a year.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office – 498-9197. Thank you.



St. Jude's Knights of Columbus 9640
ALASKA WALLEYE
DINNER

DRIVE-THRU SERVICE ONLY
2 serving lanes - 5:00 - 7:30pm
Feb. 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Adult Walleye Dinner \$9.00
Adult Baked Fish Dinner \$10.00
Children (12 & under)
Walleye or Hotdog Dinner \$6.00

Family Pack - 4 Walleye Dinners \$32.00
Dinners include Baked Potato or French Fries, cole slaw & dessert

At St. Jude's Parish Center
633 S. Walnut, Rochester