



## February 14, 2021 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times

February

**My road to the Diaconate**, like a lot of things in life, has had its twists and turns. I was Baptized, received my First Eucharist and was Confirmed at the age of 21 at Saint Joseph's Church in Springfield. It was there that Vicki and I were married.

We moved to Rochester and became members here at St. Jude and a "spark" was beginning to ignite within a short time after we became part of the community. At the time, the Diocese did not have a Diaconate formation program and the few Deacons there were, had been ordained in another Diocese and serving here.

Bishop Ryan would not start a Deacon Formation program. However, he did start and endorse the Lay Ministry program to further advance lay people in more ministries of the Church. After talking to Father Bill Carpenter, we agreed that I should start the program and advance my knowledge within the Church, as well as becoming a lay leader. I joined the program and studied and was certified in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The Diocese expanded the program again and established the Parish Life Ministry program and I became certified in that ministry as well. Three years of formation and I was ready to go. But no! There still was something else that seemed to be lacking.

Bishop George Lucas succeeded Bishop Ryan and began to talk about the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Springfield. I, like Deacon Ray, attended the informational meeting and after consultation again with Father Bill entered the program.

The formation process was five years, plus those already spent in the Lay Ministry program, would be eight years of total, basically, continuous formation. During my formation, I was away from St. Jude Parish for five years. I served at St. Aloysius in Springfield, St. Mary in Taylorville (and the two companion parishes) and St. Agnes in Springfield.

After ordination, I was expecting to be assigned at St. Agnes (which was my last parish in formation). I vividly recall the telephone conversation with Bishop Lucas when he asked if I would accept the

appointment to be a Deacon to assist Father Dean Probst at the Church of St. Jude in Rochester.

I accepted (who was I to tell the Bishop no) and after five years of formation and ordination returned to St. Jude only this time as an ordained minister within the Church.

I am happy to be here, have worked with amazing Pastors and Priests, and most of all working with and ministering to you through the Sacraments, RCIA, Christmas Friends and other various activities within our ministries.

May God's blessings continue to be with us as we continue our journey together.

- Deacon Tom Walker

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

Collections (70)	\$ 4,596.00	\$167,127.00
EFT-Collections (7)	\$ 615.00	\$ 37,840.00
Dev. Fund (22)	\$ 626.00	\$ 8,098.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,406.00
Poor Fund	\$ 26.56	\$ 1,986.05
Catholic Times (1)	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,155.00
EFT-Catholic Times(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 345.00
Cent/East Europe (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 26.00
Children's Offering(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers (2)	\$ 45.00	\$ 80.00
Latin America (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 973.00
EFT-Latin America (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 92.00
<b>Total this week:</b>	<b>\$ 5,926.56</b>	
<b>Total given FY2021</b>	<b>\$239,276.05</b>	

**Catholic Times** – We received our parish bill from the Diocese for the 2021 Catholic Times Subscriptions. We were billed **\$5,407.00**. We have received envelopes totaling \$1,500.00, which has been applied to the bill. The remaining \$3,907.00 will be paid from the parish funds. If you have not yet submitted your Catholic Time envelope, you can still help offset the cost to the parish. Thank you.

**Advertiser of the Week:**  
**Rocket Fitness 498-1175**  
**Located in the Rochester Village Center**  
**[www.rocketfitnesscenter.com](http://www.rocketfitnesscenter.com)**

## Happenings this week!!!

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

### Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:

Noon-3:00 p Sew-n-sews

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Helen McCormick†)

### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:

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

10:30 a Mass (Int: John Bedore†)

### Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:

Office Closed – Presidents Day

### Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 a Counting Team #3

6:00 p Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

7:00 p Knights of Columbus meeting

### Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>:

#### Ash Wednesday

7:00 a Mass

(Int: Harold Sheppard†)

6:00 p Mass (Int: Helen Bedore†)

6:30 p NO PSR

### Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Robert Denton†)

7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting

### Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Joshua Suits†)

### Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Noah Guerrettaz†)

### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:

8:00 a Mass (Int: Doug Foster†)

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

#### **Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Feb. 15 – Office Closed – Presidents Day

Feb. 16 – 6:00 p.m. - Mass

Feb 16 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting

Feb. 17 – No PSR

Feb. 17 – 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.–Ash Wed. Masses

Feb. 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting

Feb. 19, 26 – 5-7:30 p.m. – Knights of Columbus

Fish Frys – Drive thru Only.

Feb. 24 – 6:30 p.m. - PSR

#### **Volunteers for the week of February 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Church Duster: Mary & John Fox

Feb. Recycling Volunteer: Ron Wojcicki

Feb. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>:**

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

MK 1:40-45

Monday: GN 4:1-15, 25

MK 8:11-13

Tuesday: GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

MK 8:14-21

Wednesday: JL 2:12-18

2COR 5:20-6:2

MT 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: DT 30:15-20

LK 9:22-25

Friday: IS 58:1-9A

MT 9:14-15

Saturday: IS 58:9B-14

LK 5:27-32

Sunday: GN 9:8-15

1PT 3:18-22

MK 1:12-15

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Egizio

Lectors: Bertrand, Guerrettaz

Hospitality: Auxier, H & M Bruno

### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: Blumhorst, Deimel

Hospitality: Dahlkamp, McClintocks, McWard

### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>– 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Kerley, Warren

Hospitality: Brewer Family

This 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. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).



**REMINDER: Bring in your old PALMS by Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, so they can be burned for the ashes used to mark ourselves as a sign of our repentance on Ash Wednesday.

## 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  
**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  
**Ed Derringer**, friend of Mary & Hartzel Bruno

## Attention Graduating High School Seniors:

If you are a graduating H.S. Senior in 2021 and are interested in some extra money for college, please apply for the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship. Paid annually for four years, the 2021 winner will receive \$750 toward educational expenses. To apply, contact the Saint Jude Parish Office or go online to the Springfield, IL Catholic Diocese website to apply. **Please submit applications by Thursday April 1, 2021.**

## Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive



This Lent we have the opportunity to help the Taylorville Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center raise funds to help women experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

Empty Baby Bottles will be available for St. Jude families to "adopt". We are asked to take our adopted bottles home and hopefully fill them with our loose change. All bottles should be returned to the church or parish center during Easter Holy Week.

This is a great opportunity for families to practice the Lenten practice of almsgiving and it is a great way to show our support for the Right to Life Movement.

**Baptism:** a family seeking baptism for their children must be registered in our parish (not under your parents' names) and actively living their sacramental life for at least 6 months. Both parents must attend a baptismal class for their own formation regarding this sacrament. The God parents are encouraged to attend. God-parents/or Christian witnesses must be baptized, and one must be actively living their Catholic faith. All God parents (outside of St. Jude parishioners) must be baptized, 16 years of age or older, and must bring in a letter of suitability from their parish pastor stating you are registered and actively living their sacramental life.

**Marriage:** those who are seeking to be married at St. Jude Church must be registered in our parish and actively living their sacramental life. One of the couple or both must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Jude Parish. Couples must first come by the office and ask for a copy of the guidelines for the Sacrament and make sure all looks good. The couple (not their parents) then must contact Fr. Chuck or the parish office for an appointment to meet, talk about the guidelines, and then together set a date; all done at that first appointment, not on the phone before the meeting or when you pick up the guidelines.



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**

**Come and enjoy the meal and support the mission of the Knights of Columbus!**

## PSR NEWS

### PSR Cancelled

Due to the weather conditions on Wednesday, we made the decision to cancel PSR for this week. Server Training will be rescheduled with the date to be determined!



### No Class Next Week

Next week is Ash Wednesday. There will be no PSR Class. Mass will be that evening at 6:00, so please make every effort to attend.

## Mardi Gras Bags



Mardi Gras Bags are still available in the Parish Hall. These are for all the families who have children registered in PSR (in person, remote, and homeschool). In each bag you will find cake mix, icing, and lots of other goodies for the entire family! A special gift is inside for any child in PSR, a cross made of nails. Please be sure to have your child wear this cross each week during Lent to class!

## Lenten Activities

With Lent beginning Wednesday, I wanted to share with families some great family activities that you can do together at home during the Lenten Season! Some may require purchasing products or creating things at home. Each week during Lent, I will have 1 or two new activities in the bulletin! This week:

### Mass Box

The Mass Box is an innovative way for families to catechize their children throughout the year. Following a monthly subscription concept, the Mass Box is delivered to your home with projects and supplies relating to the enclosed Magnifikid readings for Sunday Masses and Holy Days during that particular month.

## Attention all High Schoolers!

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**

I have emailed a survey to each parent of a current 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Jennifer Feives*



**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. Please call the parish office if interested.