



February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

We Rise Again from Ashes:

Christ offered the ultimate sacrifice, he embraced the passion, crucifixion, and death on the cross at Calvary for our salvation, for our forgiveness of sins, and totally out of an unconditional love. His dying and rising shows us the way to living the paschal mystery out ourselves. In our daily life, often we have opportunities that call us to die and rise. We have begun another season of Lent, 2021. What is it that God is asking me to die to and then rise above from our own "Metanoia" (change of heart)?

At the time of the distribution of ashes we heard and responded Amen to the words: "Turn away from sin and be His disciple". Sin is never the product of a life of intentional discipleship. Yet most everyone who chooses to strive to be that "Holy Disciple" has encountered the force of evil seeking to lead us down another path filled with temptation and sin. These 40 days of Lent are an important time to "go away" into the silence of our heart and name what has become our sin, claim it as wrong, shame it and humble ourselves for the purpose of "turning away" from it, and with God's grace tame it, and eventually get rid of it (aim).

Prayer has so much to do with conversion and turning away from sinful ways. When we take daily time to center on our relationship with Christ, and "speak with Him" along with "letting Him speak" then we build up our "attack" of that evil force which leads us to stray from the path of righteousness. Prayer builds up our strength in allowing the Gospel to live in us and through us that we then with confidence, choose God's way, God's truth, and God's life. Maybe Lent can be a time this year when we commit to more opportunities for daily prayer. Say for instance, driving to and from work or school, can be a time dedicated to prayer and conversation with God. He is waiting with Love and mercy, hope and peace to give you when you make time to receive Him into your heart, mind, and soul.

As the song "Ashes" says, "We rise again from ashes" from the good we "failed" to do. What is "the Good" we have failed to do? Go to prayer, and God will reveal an answer if we don't already know. What will I choose then? What good is God calling me to? Maybe forgiving another person? Maybe caring for a neighbor in need? Maybe feeding the

needy? Adoration on First Saturdays? Praying devotionals like the rosary, morning and evening prayer? Maybe it is resting on Sunday (sabbath). Maybe giving more time to family? Being a blessing and bringing blessings to others is at the root of Lent, not just giving up, but also giving of self more. Let's give Lent our best efforts and let us PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Lent Prayer Events: PSR Reconciliation Service: Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:45 pm in Church; Parish Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm in Church. Stations of the Cross: on Wednesdays during Lent, led by a class of PSR students at 6:45 pm in Church. Lenten Concert, Evening of Prayer...Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 pm. (More information forthcoming)

Have a Blessed Lent, that we may Rise with Christ at Easter.....

Peace,

Fr. Chuck

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

Collections (52)	\$ 3,300.00	\$170,427.00
EFT-Collections (28)	\$ 2,565.00	\$ 40,405.00
Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 104.00	\$ 8,202.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (9)	\$ 413.00	\$ 4,819.00
Poor Fund	\$ 57.00	\$ 2,043.05
Catholic Times (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,155.00
EFT-Catholic Times(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 345.00
Catholic Charities(2)	\$ 120.00	\$ 260.00
EFT-Cath. Charities(7)	\$ 172.00	\$ 172.00
Cent/East Europe (10)	\$ 385.00	\$ 411.00
EFT-C/E Europe (7)	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
Children's Offering(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Easter Flowers (2)	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00
Total this week:	\$ 7,238.00	
Total given FY2021	\$255,103.05	

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!

Happenings this week!!!

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

Saturday, February 20th:

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation
4:30 p Mass (Int: Noah Guerrettaz†)

Sunday, February 21st:

8:00 a Mass (Int: Doug Foster†)
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Monday, February 22nd:

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

9:00 a Counting Team #4

Tuesday, February 23rd:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

Wednesday, February 24th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: Gerald Ross†)
6:00 p Mass (Int: James Cannon†)
6:30 p PSR
6:40 p Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 25th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: JoAnn Byots†)
7:00 p Building & Grounds Meeting

Friday, February 26th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
5:00-7:30 p K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, February 27th:

10 :00 a Servers Training
3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation
4:30 p Mass (Int: Ben Lake†)

Sunday, February 28th:

8:00 a Mass (Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Feb. 24 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
Feb. 24 – 6:40 p.m.-Stations of the Cross
Feb. 25 – 7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds meeting
Feb. 26 – 5-7:30 p.m. – Knights of Columbus
Fish Frys – Drive thru Only.
Feb. 27 – 10:00 a.m. – Server Training
Mar. 2 – 7 :00 p.m. – Pastoral Council meeting
Mar. 3 – 6:30 p.m.-PSR Reconciliation Service
Mar. 3,10,17,24,31–6:40 p.m.-Stations of the Cross
Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 – 5-7:30 p.m. – K of C
Fish Frys – Drive thru Only.
Mar. 6 – 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.-Eucharistic Adoration
Mar. 14 – 4:00 p.m. – Youth Gathering
Mar. 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Finance Council meeting
Mar. 23 – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Reconciliation

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 21st – Feb. 28th:

Sunday:	GN 9:8-15	1PT 3:18-22
		MK 1:12-15
Monday:	1PT 5:1-4	MT 16:13-19
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
Friday:	EZ 18:21-28	MT 5:20-26
Saturday:	DT 26:16-19	MT 5:43-48
Sunday:	GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18	
	ROM 8:31B-34	MK 9:2-10

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 27th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray
Lectors: Bertrand, Day
Hospitality: Auxier, T & K Riedle

Sunday, February 28th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray
Lectors: H & J Hendrickson
Hospitality: McWard, G & K Park, Vogt

Sunday, February 28th– 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray
Lectors: M & E Schudel
Hospitality: A & V Powell, C & M Zucco

Volunteers for the week of February 22nd:

Church Duster: Michelle Bertrand
Feb. Recycling Volunteer: Ron Wojcicki
Feb. Food Volunteer: Carlo Catalano

Last week we took 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. Thru your support we have collected **\$503.00**. If you have not yet used your envelope for this collection, there is still time. Thank you for your generosity.

Advertiser of the Week:

Park Funeral Homes, Inc.
Edinburg, Rochester, Illiopolis,
Mechanicsburg, & Springfield
www.parkfuneralhomeinc.com 217-498-7161

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, Lenna DeGroot

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. 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.

PSR NEWS

Change of PSR Schedule



We will be having class on Wednesday, March 31st! This was originally cancelled for Holy Week; however, we find this to be a very important night for the children to attend. School is in attendance that week and since

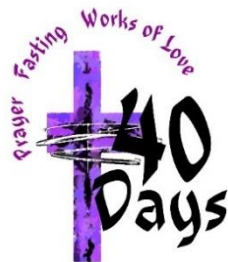
we have had to miss two classes due to the weather conditions, we would like to use this day for our children and catechists to come together to celebrate Holy Week!

Server Training

Server Training has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 10am. If you have not turned in your permission form, please do this as soon as possible.

Ideas for Lent

This week try to give up television or the internet for ONE day (or more if you so wish)! These are two things that I know are such intricate parts of our lives, so much so that we may not even realize how much time they take up in our day to day lives. Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it! You can try this as many times as you wish! And when you do, enjoy that special moment of surprise comes across their face!



Mardi Gras!

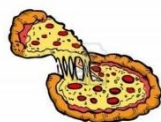
Calling for pictures! If you took any pictures of your family celebrating Mardi Gras please be sure to email or text Jennifer Frericks. My email is jfrericks@stjude.dio.org and my cell is 217-653-8078! We would like to share all the family celebrations in our bulletin and on Facebook!!



Reminder, if you have not already picked up your family's bag, please do so! They are currently available in the Church and then the remaining will be moved back to the Parish Center on Wednesday!

Attention all High Schoolers!

We will be hosting an evening for all current 8th graders and high schoolers! Please join us Sunday, March 14 at 4:00 pm in the Parish Center! We will have pizza for you along with some activities and a chance to share in person what you would like to see next year! Even if you are unsure whether this is something you want to be a part of, we ask you to



consider coming and listen while enjoying some pizza and other goodies. Please RSVP to Jennifer Frericks by Wednesday, March 10 so we can have enough food and drink on hand! Please email me at jfrericks@stjude.dio.org!

Stations of the Cross!



STATIONS of the CROSS

Some of our PSR classes will be hosting the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday beginning Wednesday, February 24. Mass will be held at 6:00pm, and then one class will come lead those who would like to stay, in the reading Stations of the Cross.

On Wednesday, March 31 we will have Live Stations of the Cross performed by the 7/8th grade class. Our PSR will be in attendance that night, so all classes are welcome to come and watch along with any parishioner that would like to stay!

Jennifer Frericks

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!