



**April 18, 2021**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Be My Witness...**

One of the most meaningful gifts I have ever received is a needle point framed Holy Spirit dove descending upon us with the words "Be My Witness". Sr. Mary Haddad, a Sister of Mercy from St. Louis, hand made this gift with love and also challenged me to never forget this call from God. We attended Gillespie High School in the late seventies. Along with Fr. Steve Pohlman and Fr. Patrick Gibbons, we schooled together, and all entered our call to a vocation of ministry to want to serve the Church and "Be His Witness".

This "call" we hear of in our weekend scriptures. Can you imagine the hype created by the Resurrection of Jesus, especially after he begins to appear to the followers. I am sure the joy was not limited to the local coffee shop sharing of news.... But had to have been news even more "unbelievable" than the news of finding a vaccine for the virus which has plagued the world this past year.... "Resurrection", Christ has been "Raised from the Dead". I often wonder what those who cried out "Crucify Him, Crucify Him" were now thinking? But the scriptures reached out to them and invited them to "Repent", "Convert" and believe. Yes, God would even FORGIVE with his DIVINE MERCY these new catechumens who would seek to be baptized and begin their journey as "Followers of Jesus". WOW !!!

Our youth ended their lock in for the poor by making "Food bags" of sandwiches, snacks/chips, and an apple, along with writing to them a note of friendship and love. This is one way of "Being His Witness".

Doing some spring cleaning and with respect and care for those who have little, we would take all our excess "Good Shape" clothing and bring it to a nearby clothing shelter like, St. Martin de Pores. This is "Being His Witness".

Taking your family and serving at St. John's Breadline at one of their daily meals which feed over 1000 folks good healthy meals, many of whom would go without if this center did not exist. Going by sixth and South Grand, driving thru McDonalds and buying a \$10.00 bag of food, and then offering it to the folks on the corners of south grand, and 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. This is "Being His Witness".

As a parent trying with every ounce of love, care, and hope.... we attempt each day to be a reflection of Jesus Christ in how you love and care

for your spouse and children.....this is "Being His Witness".

MAKING SURE we have looked at, prayed about, and listened to the Holy Spirits prodding as to how we can be a disciple in one or more of our parishes' ministries..... this is "Being His Witness".

Last weekend I announced at the 10:30 mass that I have chosen Helen Crusen as the 2021 "Woman of Distinction" to be honored by our diocese at a special mass and celebration in June at the Cathedral. That week alone I saw her working on the church décor (inside and outside) as a member of the Art & Environment committee, she was watering all the Easter flowers, she was a daily mass lector, she was lector at the weekend mass, cantor at the weekend mass, and led the rosary after each of the daily masses. Well deserved, we honor her with this diocesan award for outstanding stewardship as she daily strives to "Be My Witness".

I feel pretty safe believing Jesus will ask each of us, "How did you choose to Be My Witness and follow Me?" Going to Church is better than not.... But going to church and giving my tithe I don't believe will be enough.....we go and receive to live out the call to intentional discipleship..... And so, Jesus, our Risen Savior asks us, "will you Be my Witness"? To say Yes is good, but to go out and live that YES is what He is looking for, and why He lived, died, and was Raised from the dead.....

Peace,

*Fr. Chuck*

<b>Parish Sacrificial Giving</b>		
<b>Fiscal Year 7/1/202-6/30/2021</b>		
Collections (74)	\$ 6,481.00	\$212,098.00
EFT-Collections (28)	\$ 2,665.00	\$ 51,430.00
Dev. Fund (6)	\$ 244.00	\$ 10,403.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (9)	\$ 413.00	\$ 6,075.00
Poor Fund	\$ 63.00	\$ 2,672.57
Children's Offering(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Easter Offerings (5)	\$ 295.00	\$ 4,635.00
EFT-Easter (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Cath. Charities (2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,756.00
Cath. Home Missions(2)	\$ 60.00	\$ 96.00
EFT-Cath. Home Miss(6)	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Catholic Times (3)	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,565.00
Holy Land (25)	\$ 56.00	\$ 1,104.00
EFT-Holy Land (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 92.00
Rice Bowl (1)	\$ 37.26	\$ 610.74
Seminarians (4)	\$ 141.00	\$ 1,436.00
EFT-Seminarians (1)	\$ 12.00	\$ 92.00
<b>Total this week:</b>	<b>\$ 10,622.26</b>	
<b>Total given FY2021</b>	<b>\$325,355.88</b>	

## 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, Sherry Frachey**



**Patty Bartlett**, mother of Jeannette Waters  
**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  
**Yvonne Butcher**, mother of Barrie Blough  
**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  
**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  
**Lee Cook**, brother of Sue Bozarth  
**James Michael Geist**, nephew of Sue Roth  
**Kevin Joyce**, friend of Steve & Pat Jones  
**Ed Derringer**, friend of Mary & Hartzel Bruno  
**Val "Butch" Decatoire** – uncle of Mike Spainhour  
**Mark Spainhour** – brother of Mike Spainhour  
**Bob Aplington** – brother of Beth Yong  
**Angie Hamilton**, friend of Kelly Conlon  
**Dyke Foster**, brother-in-law to Sue & Leroy Bozarth  
**Judy Conway**, friend of Maggie Patterson  
**Judy Judd**, aunt of Vince Guerrettaz  
**Patrick O'Connor**, nephew of Ginger Rentschler  
**Francis Lynam**, son-in-law of Helen & Tom Crusen

## Happenings this week!!!

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

### Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:

**Noon-3:00 p** Sew-n-sews  
**3:15-4:00 p** Reconciliation  
**4:30 p** Mass (Int: Barb Reid†)

### Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> :

**8:00 a** Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
**10:30 a** Mass (Int: George Ginter†)

### Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:

**7:30 a** Communion Service  
**9:00 a** Counting Team #3

### Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:

**6:45-7:15 a** Reconciliation  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Noah Guerrettaz†)  
**7:00 p** Knights of Columbus meeting

### Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:

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

### Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**6:45-7:15 a** Reconciliation  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Doug Foster†)

### Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:

**6:45-7:15 a** Reconciliation  
**7:30 a** Mass (Int: Ron Hoy†)

### Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:

**3:15-4:00 p** Reconciliation  
**4:30 p** Mass (Int: Anna Auxier)

### Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> :

**8:00 a** Mass (Int: For the Parish)  
**10:30 a** Mass (Int: Priests & Vocations)  
**5-6:30 p** Youth Group

### SCRIPTURE READINGS: April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup> :

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19</b>	<b>1JN 2:1-5A</b>
		<b>LK 24:35-48</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>ACTS 6:8-15</b>	<b>JN 6:22-29</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>ACTS 7:51-8:1A</b>	<b>JN 6:30-35</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>ACTS 8:1B-8</b>	<b>JN 6:35-40</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>ACTS 8:26-40</b>	<b>JN 6:44-51</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>ACTS 9:1-20</b>	<b>JN 6:52-59</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>ACTS 9:31-42</b>	<b>JN 6:60-69</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>ACTS 4:8-12</b>	<b>1JN 3:1-2</b>
		<b>JN 10:11-18</b>

Please welcome Fr. Rafal Pyrchla, who will be offering Masses next weekend, April 24-25, 2021, while Fr. Chuck is offering a Discipleship Workshop at St. Anthony Parish in Quincy, IL.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Chuck, Deacon Tom  
**Lectors:** Auxier, Day  
**Server:** Western  
**Hospitality:** J & D Kratz, K & T Riedle

### Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Chuck, Godar  
**Lectors:** Blumhorst, Nelson  
**Server:** P & H Zeidler  
**Hospitality:** McClintocks, Vogt, Yong

### Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray  
**Lectors:** Kerley, Woehrmann  
**Server:** Kerley  
**Hospitality:** A & V Powell, C & M Zucco

### Volunteers for the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>:

**Church Duster:** Michelle Bertrand  
**April Recycling Volunteer:** Jerry Calvert  
**April Food Volunteer:** Jeannette Waters

There is still time to turn in your **Baby Bottle and Rice Bowl donations** to the Parish Office. **Please do so before Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** so we can forward the funds to the respective agencies. Thank you for your generosity.

### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

Apr. 21, 28 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR  
Apr. 20 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting  
Apr. 25 – 5-6:30 p.m. – Propelled Youth Group mtg.  
Dinner Included  
May 1 – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration  
May 2 – 2:00 p.m. – First Communion/Confirmation  
May 2 – 5-6:30 p.m. – Propelled Youth Group  
May 5 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR  
May 8 – noon-3:00 p.m. – Sew-n-Sews  
May 11 – 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Jordan  
May 12 – 6:30 p.m. – Final PSR and Mass  
May 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus mtg.  
May 20 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting  
May 23 – 5-6:30 p.m. – Propelled Youth Group

### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

and liaison between the Diocese and anyone with an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor.

**(217) 321-1155**



***Congratulations  
to  
HELEN CRUSEN  
2021 Diocesan  
"Woman of  
Distinction"  
From  
Church of  
St. Jude***

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them to meet these needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

### **Advertiser of the Week:**

**Public House 29**  
**312 Sattley Street, Rochester, IL**  
**217-576-7024**

[pubhouse29.com](http://pubhouse29.com) **Open Daily 4-9 p.m.**



We have a statue of St. Jude that needs to be repainted. If you would like to repaint it, please call Fr. Chuck or the parish office (217)498-9197.

**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.

## Youth Ministry News

### PSR and Youth Group

#### Propelled

Our High School Youth Group had about 16 teens stay overnight Saturday, April 10/11. We began the evening with introductions and ice breakers, we played games, attended a candlelight Mass, ate way too much food, and we even made sack lunches that were picked up and delivered to the homeless in Springfield! It was a great night!!! And a huge thank you to the teens for raising over \$3K for the well project!

Our first official Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30p and will include dinner. We are kicking off with all our current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders so if your teen is interested, please be sure to get their registration form in!

#### End of PSR

The end of our PSR is right around the corner, and we want to take the opportunity to celebrate one heck of a year! We have a lot to celebrate as we navigated this crazy year together! So, on May 12 we will have a party! Details will be sent home as we approach the date, even more, but for now if you know that your child is not able to attend that last day, please let Jennifer know- otherwise we will plan on them being there!



## PSR Registration!



PSR and Youth Ministry Registration has all been sent home! PSR is for grades K-3 and then our Youth Ministry Programs will begin with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. NOTE: High School registration was done separately and has its own form. 'Moved' is our Youth Program for our combined 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The "Driven" Program is for our combined 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders. The registration form for grades K-8 is the same form and will need to be turned in along with the NON-refundable deposit by April 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be set up to take the forms and deposit on both April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>! Any remaining balance must be paid no later than June 1. If you have not received any of the needed registration forms, please contact Jennifer or Frances!

#### Lowering the Paralyzed Man

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade read about the time in which the disciples lowered the paralyzed man down to Jesus through the roof!



There Jesus healed the man! They began their lesson by racing each other as they worked together to carry a 'paralyzed' man. This all brought them to the conclusion to go above and beyond for others just as the disciples went above and beyond for their paralyzed friend.

#### All About the Mass

The Kindergarten and the First Grade joined together to learn more about what happens during Mass! After talking about each part of the Mass they played a game where Mrs. Auxier asked them what they did at each part of the Mass and they responded by using actions! This was a great opportunity to learn more about the Mass, and to practice!



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