



A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus is "moved with compassion" for the crowd, for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36). So He calls His disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from His authority and the Spirit's gifts. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others. What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you.

Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's then get to work. —Fr. John Muir

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JUNE 20 & 21, 2026
Sat. June 20 @ 4:30PM @ St. Nicholas
 Reader: Kelsey Bentlage
 Music: Sally Rehberger, Barb Zaloga, & Colleen Lozier
 Euch. Min.: Doris Eilers & Joyce Schlemper
 Server: Pat Kalous

Sun. June 21 @ 8:00AM @ St. Gertrude
 Reader: Chad Korte
 Music: Nick Worman & Randy Eckstein
 Sacristan: Carole Sauls
 Euch.Min.: Gail Ohren, Debby Schwarz, & Amber Kapp
 Ushers: Karen & Nathaniel Straube
 Servers: Alissa Korskmeier & Kinslei Kapp

Sun. June 21 @ 10:00AM @ IC
 Reader: Lowell Wellen
 Music: Joy Winkeler
 Servers: Jack Williamson & Emma Winte
 Euch. Min.: Kristin Potthast, Evelyn Knebel & Cindy Knebel



Members of our parish families who are recovering in the hospital & at home, for their strength and patience each day, and for all those who ask for our prayers for health or other issues. John Alberternst, Pat Beard, Ana Cantrell, Steve Crawford, Don Dapkus, Teresa Dickman, Garland Edwards, Jean Fields, Gabriel Frey, Jerry Fyke, Ed Gagen, Karen Grabowski, John Grubb, Eugene Henson, P.J. Hereford, James Hodge, Gene Jolliff, Pat Kalous, Val King, Janice Korskmeier, Barrett Korte, Denny Korte, Randy Korte, Steve Korte, David Kuehn, Sue Luber, Christopher Marti, Taylor Marti, Barry May, Alex McCall, Eleanor Munie, Cody Neal, Jeannie Oestringer, Robin Pollmann, Marcia Rowe, Gunner Sadler, Abby Schrage, Bill Schroeder, Suzanne Steinbring, Brenda Usher, Marie Weis, Rich Weis, Ginny Werner, Dean Wernle, Melanie Wernle.

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES:
 Delmar Knebel, Harold Schwarz, Barbara Weiss, Margie Zurliene and special people in our families.

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:
 Adam Canfield, Tim Doll, Ensign Eli Jones, Chad Knebel, Michael Knebel, Dustin Korte, Solon McGill, Lt. Abigail Mesaros, Jerritt Mettler, Jimmy O'Boyle, Sgt. Joseph Patterson, Rickie Schuster, Joseph Schatte, Greg Spina, T.J. Waddington, Sgt. Tyler Wegman, Sgt. Zach Weiss.
If you would like to have someone added or removed from the prayer list please call the parish office.

Readings for the week of June 14, 2026
Sunday:
 Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday:
 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/ Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:
 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/ Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:
 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:
 Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/ Mt 6:7-15

Friday:
 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:
 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday:
 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

"As you go, make this proclamation: The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.

In His mercy, Jesus sent His Apostles into ministry — and the Apostles are still ministering today. We see them in the sanctuary, in the confessional. They are our priests, sent to shepherd Christ's sheep. This week, let's pray for our shepherds.

Observances for the week of June 14, 2026
Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Flag Day
Friday: St. Romuald, Abbot; World Refugee Day; Juneteenth
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Baby Bottle Boomerang

PICK UP YOUR BOTTLE - MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 10
 FILL IT WITH CHECKS, CASH AND/OR CHANGE
 RETURN YOUR BOTTLE - FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21

RELEVANT pregnancy options center

A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone for all the terrific help we had to make **St. Gertrude's Annual Chicken Dinner** a success. A total of **950 dinners** were served! Last year sold 944 dinners.

Thank you to all our parishioners for donating towards the raffle and selling those tickets. Again, because of all of you, the raffle was successful. I appreciate everyone's cooperation with returning their sold and unsold tickets before the dinner.



Congratulations to the following Raffle Winners:
 Quilt: Barb Zaloga; \$200: Eric Hundsdorfer, Presley Richardson & Michelle Wildhaber
 \$100: Mary Rutz, Jane Deiters & Brent Maedge
 \$50: Taylor Dressler & Emily Schwarz

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to support our CFL Country Store. With your help, the Country Store was a success. On the quilt raffle, we made \$766.00 and the Country Store with the baked goods, plants, fresh produce, crafts, etc. brought in \$1,901. **The winner of the quilt was Tristan Asbury and the baby quilt was Kalene Kovarik.**



Thanks again: Kris Hundsdorfer, Wendy Essenpreis, Gail Ohren and Judi Rode.

STN Collection	6/6/26
Envelopes/Loose	\$1,598.00
Sister Parish	\$30.00
Peter's Pence	\$75.00
Budget Goal	\$1,257.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$341.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$61,593.00
Support Actual	\$66,795.37
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$5,202.37

STG Collection	6/7/26
Envelopes/Loose	\$795.00
Sister Parish	\$55.00
Retired Priests	\$20.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
Maintenance Fund	\$95.00
Cemetery	\$100.00
Budget Goal	\$1,505.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	-\$710.00
Support Needed (budget)	\$73,745.00
Support Actual	\$69,245.27
Surplus/Deficit YTD	-\$4,499.73

IC Collection	6/7/26
Envelopes/Loose	\$3,943.29
Sister Parish	\$65.00
Peter's Pence	\$35.00
Candles	\$57.00
Building Fund	\$145.00
Budget Goal	\$2,672.00
Weekly Surplus/Deficit	\$1,271.29
Support Needed (budget)	\$130,928.00
Support Actual	\$132,364.49
Surplus/Deficit YTD	\$1,436.49

BORN INTO Eternal Life

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Ruth (Schrage) Korte**, mother of **Chad Korte**, and grandmother of **Francis & Anton Korte** of our parish family. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ruth's family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord...



Today, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission - a nonprofit organization will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries - all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

see Website: www.landofpeace.org



† Mass Intentions †
No Mass
 † **All Souls**
 † **Stephen Moran** —Int. of the Wirz Family
 † **Willie & Anna Weis** —Int. of Celeste Jenny
 † **Barbara Korte** —Int. of Mark Korte
 † **Bill & Betty Haberer** —Int. of Tonya Brown
For the People of St. Nicholas, St. Gertrude & Immaculate Conception
 † **Kenneth Korskmeier** — Int. of Emily Schwarz
 † **Cy & Dolores Weis** —Int. of Monica & Jeff Toennies
 † **Charles Cheatham** —Int. of John & Christi Dea Family

Mon. (June 15) 8:00am
 Tues. (June 16) 8:00am (St.G)
 Wed. (June 17) 8:00am (IC)
 Thur. (June 18) 8:00am (St.N)
 Fri. (June 19) 8:00am (IC)
 Sat. (June 20) 4:30pm (St.N)

Sun. (June 21) 8:00am (St.G)
 Sun. (June 21) 10:00am (IC)

The next Immaculate Conception Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16th at 7PM.



IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES:
Vocation NIGHT
FOR TEEN GIRLS

JULY 10 | 6-9 PM
Saint Paul Catholic Church
Highland, IL

SCAN TO RSVP:
Please submit
by July 1st

CONTACT AMELIA HEMANN WITH ANY QUESTIONS
(618) 979-1144

CALLED & Sent
A fun and powerful retreat for high school students filled with prayer and fellowship!
JULY 18-23, 2026
go.dio.org/dx8

Lunch Bunch will be giving out free sack lunches each Monday & Wednesday **May 27th thru August 5th.**

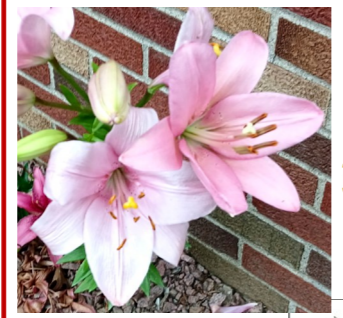
Delivery Sites:
Pierron: Country View Park Bus Stop Highway 143 & Country Lane West (11:45am to Noon) and at PIC Park Pavilion (12:05 to 12:15pm)

Grantfork: Cedar Springs Drive & Pocahontas Road (11:30 to 11:40am) and at Grantfork UCC on South Locust St. (11:45 to 11:55am)

Donations are appreciated and can be made out to Highland Area Community Foundation with LUNCH Bunch in the memo & mailed to PO Box 571 Highland IL, 62249



Save the Date
KIRCHENFEST
"Where the Fun is In-Tents!"
AUGUST 21 - 23
https://stowakirchenfest.com/



WORLD REFUGEE DAY
JUNE 20th
We pray that all refugees may find safe and loving communities and the opportunity to thrive.
And we pray that we may have the courage to stand and act in defense of human dignity for all.

Feast of Corpus Christi procession at Immaculate Conception after Mass last Sunday.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 13 & 14, 2026



Saint Nicholas - Pocahontas



Immaculate Conception—Pierron



Saint Gertrude—Grantfork

• 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •
GO RATHER TO THE LOST SHEEP.

+BISHOP THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI
DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD
IN ILLINOIS
✠
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Mass Times
Immaculate Conception
Wed. & Fri. —8:00am
Sunday —10:00am
Saint Nicholas
Thursday — 8:00am
Saturday — 4:30pm

Saint Gertrude
Tuesday — 8:00am
Sunday — 8:00am

VILLA MARIA RETREAT CENTER - SPRINGFIELD

June Pantry Needs:
Pencils (Ticonderoga) & Rulers
HACSM can always use monetary donations to allow them to purchase additional items as needed. All food donations will still be accepted no matter the above assignment each month. We appreciate your support! Thank You!



"Where is the only place we can go where we are guaranteed to have access to all the healing and grace we need? To Mass. We take our wounds and our hurt, we take our pain, and we bring it to the Cross. We bring it to Jesus, who is our only hope."
FR. JONATHAN MEYER

THE STATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST



Pray For Our Seminarians
Devin Flach
Configuration II
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for our future priests