



Prayer: A Wonderful Form of Love

With this weekend's gospel focusing on loving others because Jesus loves us, I was called back to a recent discussion during Youth Group a couple of weeks ago. We talked about thoughts and how those thoughts lead to actions and that we should always strive to have good thoughts and actions, but we have to constantly work at it- train ourselves to do so. One of the most wonderful actions we can do for others is to pray for them.

This parish is a great example of love. It is a family who has a great desire to pray for others.....love others as Jesus loves us.

It was with this family, that I learned that my father in law was diagnosed with a terminal lung disease. It was with this family that we learned that my mother-in-law was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of melanoma. It was with this family that I said goodbye to my father. It was this family and their prayers that helped me through those challenging moments

In everyday life, from the news, to my commute, to balancing schedules, I am constantly finding myself angry, judgmental, and stressed both mentally and physically. I found myself turning to prayer more and more often. Every time a semi cuts me or a car zips passed me, I just stop and pray for them and whatever situation they are dealing with. Every time I hear something that scares me in the news I stop and pray that God will give me the strength to face whatever is the result. When I see someone poorly dressed or sitting on the sidewalk asking for money, I pray that they find

their way and that they get help for whatever put them in this situation.

You see, life doesn't always go the way we want, and people don't always make the decisions that are best for them. Still God has a plan for them....and for you. Maybe that plan was for them to teach a lesson.to teach humility.....to slow things down.....to teach appreciation for what and who we have.....to show that less judgement and more prayer is needed.

Remember that when life doesn't go your way and people are being people to pray for them, love them.....because you are loved by Jesus and that is the most important thing.

Jennifer Frericks

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Charlotte Clements and Alex Stead on their Confirmation and First Holy Communion! They received these sacraments on Tuesday, May 13 at the Cathedral! Please keep them now and always in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with the gifts of they have received from the Holy Spirit!



Helping Hands in Christ Fan Collection

As the temperatures rise, many in our community are struggling to stay cool. We are collecting **new or gently used fans** to help families beat the heat during the hot summer months. We will be collecting fans through May and June. Please leave fans in or near the collection box in the church vestibule. All donations will go to local charities specifically Saint Martin De Porres and Washington Street Mission to assist those in need. Let's share God's love by bringing comfort to our neighbors!

For more information, contact Jim Havera

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Coffee and Donuts

We are hosting Coffee and Donuts between the two Sunday Masses THIS WEEKEND!



Rosary Wednesday!



We will be taking a summer break from Rosary Wednesday, but we will be back in August!

We encourage everyone to open their hearts and find some time to begin saying the Rosary daily! It is truly a wonderful addition to the day!



Diocesan parishes have chosen their 2025 Women of Distinction (WOD)!

St. Jude is proud to announce that our candidate is Rita Williams!

The Spfld Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) will host the WOD Mass & Luncheon at the Cathedral in Spfld on Sat, June 21st, 10 a.m. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki is the celebrant with many parish priests concelebrating. A luncheon at the Crowne Plaza in Spfld follows Mass. Deadline to register for the luncheon is June 4th. Questions? SDCCW President Janet Zimmerman 217-494-4743



We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Alfred "Al" D. Urbanckas, husband of Diane Urbanckas, fellow parishioners.

Al passed away on 5/13/2025. Al's visitation will be held at the Church of St. Jude on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 from 10am-11am. The Funeral Mass will also be held at the Church of St. Jude on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at 11am and the Burial Service will be held at Camp Butler Cemetery at a later date and the Butler Funeral Home is in charge of those future burial arrangements.

Eternal rest grant unto these souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Attention ALL Graduates!



We would like all graduates to attend Mass the weekend of May 24/25 for a special blessing!



The Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser has begun and continues until Sunday, June

15th, Father's Day. Please consider taking a baby bottle and making a donation to this campaign. Your gift will be used to assist the Loving Arms Pregnancy Center in all the great work they do. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Faith Formation Update

THANK YOU!!!

I want to say thank you to all those who helped with the rummage sale!

Jan Sponsler, Jan Pietras, Marge Possley, Jean Zang, Kara Harris, Angie Powell, the Zuccos, Peggy Cochran, Martha Werthwein, the Roths, Andrew West, Shannon Swaney, Helen Crusen, and Deb Hill. Then generosity of your time in helping to set up and run the sale is what helped to make the Rummage Sale a success!

We made about \$1200!

Thank you to all who donated as well for your contributions!

Summer Youth Group Plans!



We are planning our summer and although some dates are up in the air, we plan to meet MOST TUESDAYS from 6-8pm!

We will have faith-based time and time for fun activities!

We will begin these summer days/times beginning Tuesday, May 27!

Some dates up in the air due to scheduling/leader availability: July 8, and July 22. We will NOT have a meeting on June 10 due to the Mission Trip!

These meetings are open to all current 8th-12th graders! Please contact Jennifer Frericks to be added to the Band App so you can have up to date information!

Jennifer's Summer Hours!



Beginning the week of May 25 I will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays again!

Tuesdays' hours are 1-8pm

Thursdays' hours will be 9a-4pm

Faith Formation Schedule

May 21:	Mission Trip Meeting 6-7pm HS Youth Group, 7-9pm
May 27:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
June 3:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
June 8-13:	CHWC Mission Trip NO HS Youth Group June 10
June 17:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
June 24:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
July 1:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
July 8:	NO HS Youth Group (TENTATIVE)
July 15:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
July 21-25:	VBS NO HS YG July 22 (TENTATIVE)
July 27:	VBS Mass Presentation TENTATIVE
July 29:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
Aug. 5:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
Aug 12:	HS Youth Group, 6-8pm
Aug. 20:	HS Youth Group resumes Wednesday Hours, 7:45-8:45pm

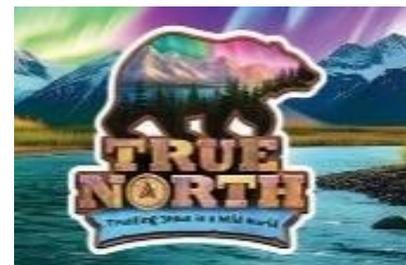
Mission Trip Wish List

In the back of the church, you can find the list of items that the participants would like to have for the snacks/drinks on the trip!

Please have all donations in by Tuesday, June 3.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

VBS!

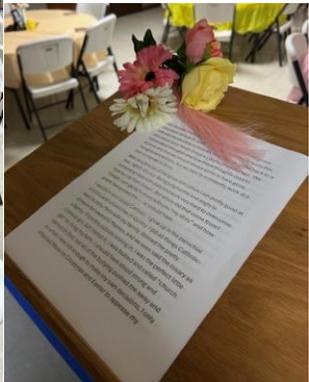


Now is the time to get your VBS dates down on that calendar!

We will be doing VBS Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, 2025. The VBS program will be from 9-11:30am and will include Pre-K-5th graders!

Childcare and meals will be available for those who sign up in advance from 8-9am and from 11:30a-1pm to assist parents more with transportation to and from this event!

5th Annual Ladies Night!



Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

Saturday, May 17th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
Sunday, May 18th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Julie Carlisle†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Doris Ray†)
Monday, May 19th:
 5:30 pm Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Tuesday, May 20th:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Hazel Felts†)
Wednesday, May 21st:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†)
Thursday, May 22nd:
 7:30 am Mass (Int: Gil Deimel†)
Friday, May 23rd:
 7:30am Mass (Int: Al Urbanckas†))
Saturday, May 24th:
 4:30 pm Mass (Int: Dan Connolly†)
Sunday, May 25th:
 8:00 am Mass (Int: Bob Parnell†)
 10:30 am Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Sacrificial Giving, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 4,087.00	\$ 178,850.60
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 830.00	\$ 54,280.00
Renovation Fund Env's	\$ 946.00	\$ 44,085.00
EFT-Renovation Fund	\$ 55.00	\$ 3,339.00
Loose Checks	\$ 440.00	\$ 60,241.01
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 452.20	\$ 20,289.56
Total this Week:	\$ 6,810.20	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 400,987.02

May 2025 Volunteers: Week #3

Monday, May 19th, Counting Day:

Team #3

Church Duster:

Donna Day

May Aluminum Cans Recycle:

Jan Pietras

May St. Martin de Porres Food:

Lyndsey & Nathan Houmes

Advertiser of the Week:

Park Funeral Homes, Inc.
 Rochester * Illiopolis * Mechanicsburg
 (217) 498-7161

Directors:

Ryan S. Lee

David L. Taft

Kathy Park, Owner

www.parkfuneralhomeinc.com

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, May 24th - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, B. Scheufele, C. Mataya, & F. Yocum

Lectors: D. Day and J. Kohlrus

Servers: A. & N. Horstman

Hospitality: H. & M. Bruno and J. Sponsler

Sacristans: I. Long

Sunday, May 25th – 8:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Walker, V. Walker, & D. Anderson

Lectors: K. Blumhorst and L. DeGroot

Servers: B. Howard

Hospitality: D. Anderson, K. Park, and B. Yong

Sacristan: Z. Dahlkamp

Sunday, May 25th - 10:30 am

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Peter, Dcn. Roth, S. Roth, & S. Kerley

Lectors: A. Harney and S. Nelson

Servers: S. Harney

Hospitality: D. & S. Decker and D. Roark

Sacristan: H. Crusen

CLOW: Jennifer Frericks

St. Jude's Green Team



If you enjoy being outdoors, planting flowers, and doing some landscaping, the St. Jude's Green Team would like you to help the beautify the church grounds.

If interested, please contact Kathleen Quinn at (217) 891-0635 or Suzanne Moss at (217) 494-3766.

Spiritual Support for the Sick

Request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one facing illness or surgery. The Sacrament may be administered privately or after any Mass. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, Father would like to know so it is possible for him to visit. Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15am Sundays

Frances Yocum is having a Communion Service at 2:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesdays at Rochester Estates.

It is a privilege to pray for those who are ill. In hopes of keeping our list current, parishioners and parishioners' family and friends will be on the prayer list for 1 month unless the office is contacted to notify us that additional time is necessary. We are happy to keep people on the list as long as needed.

Please remember the elderly and homebound of our parish in your daily prayer.

God bless them all, and

Pray for Parishioners – *Leroy Bozarth, JoAnn Camille, Ann Carel, *Jan Catalano, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, Evelyn Deimel, Carrie Downey, Linda Drewes, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Ryan Houmes, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Kristin Kohlrus, Betty Limper, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Eleanor Schudel, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley, and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Bill & Laurie White, Patrick Witcik, and Ron Wojcicki.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong
John Aplington – brother of Beth Yong
Maryann Bailey – mother of Dean Bailey
Gene Blade – friend of Pat Carlisle
Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux
John Brunzman – father of Laura Horstman
Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock
Suzanne Camp – friend of Beth Yong
Virginia Chineke – mother of Fr. Peter
Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway
Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson
Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family
Chris Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen
Linda Curtis – sister of Connie Leach
Bill Davis – friend of Donald & Lou Ellen Markovitch
Kelly Diaz – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Alison Donoho – friend of Jane and Harry Hendrickson
Sarah Egizio – daughter-in-law of Mary Ann Egizio
Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald
Lynne (Auxier) Feece – sister-in-law of Beth Auxier
Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Ken Frericks- father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks
Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufeule

Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – granddaughter & great granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White

Gary Garrison – brother-in-law of Kathleen Klee

Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar

Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack

Brandon Harris – grandson of Les & LuAnn White

Chad Kunkle – friend of Pat & Steve Jones and Family

Jim Kirbach – friend of the Hendricks

***Carol Kirby** – friend of Ginger Rentschler

Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendricks

Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper

Kristine Lundburg – sister of Mary Gartner

Rochelle Lynam – daughter of Tom & Helen Crusen

Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski

Ann Martin – sister of Betty Downey

Mark Maxwell – brother-in-law of Beth Auxier

Paula McDonald- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald

Liz McKinney – friend of Roy & Cindy Collings

Donna Meyers - mother of Kellie Brewer

Wayne Michels – friend of Beth Auxier

Cindy Murdock – sister of Carolyn Carmichael and aunt of Leanne Collings

Fred J. Naffziger – brother of Michele Naffziger

Theresa Oldani – friend of Diane Bortmess, friend of Kelly Conlon & Family

Margie Palmatier – friend of the Hendricks

Dolores Pantoja Salgado – mother of Diego Garcia

Ann Pardieck – family friend of Hartzel & Mary Bruno

Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

Mike Patterson – father of Lori Farris

Sabrina Rice – niece of Beth Auxier

Mark & Chris Riedle – family of Tess & David Riedle

Teresa Rouse – friend of Jane Molohon

Bud Saputo- brother of Vito and Edna Saputo

Joe Saputo – brother of Vito & Edna Saputo

Jeannette Scheifinger – cousin of Phil & Emma Van Dyke

***Rose Serrano** – sister of Emma Van Dyke

Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich

Special Intentions of Barb Scoggins

Special Intentions of Carol Mataya

Special Intentions of Steve & Pat Jones and Brian & Sherri Jones

Marlene Spurgeon – friend of Pat Carlisle

Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan

Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss

Georgann Turner – sister of Kathleen Klee

Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell

Steve White – brother of Les White

Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados

Vicki Will – sister-in-law of Brian Sommer

Connie & Marc Wilson – niece and nephew of Ginger Rentschler

CLOW

Please consider joining the line up to help teach the lessons on Sundays at the 10:30am Mass!

Lessons are provided for you OR you can create your own following the readings!

Contact Jennifer if you'd like to help!

