

Sept. 7, 2024



He was a Holy, Happy, and Healthy Priest – A Tribute to Fr Norman Fisher

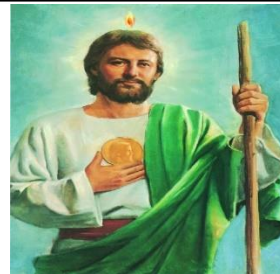
From the fall of 2016 to the spring of 2020, I attended the St. Meinrad Seminary in southern Indiana for my seminary formation. During my time there, I had meaningful experiences that deeply impacted me. One of the encounters that stood out was meeting Father Norman Fisher, a young, optimistic, and spirited priest from the Diocese of Lexington, KY. His positive outlook on life and his approach to various matters left a lasting impression on me and influenced the kind of priest I aspire to be.

As a new seminarian in the United States, I had concerns and fears, but Father Fisher's warmth and joy, combined with his unique perspective as a black man, encouraged me to approach him one evening during his visit to the seminary. I asked him about his exceptional joy and expressed my desire to embody the same joy as a priest. Father Fisher's response to my question profoundly impacted me and instilled in me the courage to continue my journey toward priesthood for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

He smiled and looked right into my eyes and said, "Our culture is full of people who are not happy, who may have many possessions but have no joy. As a priest, I have made it a priority to be genuinely happy always. That way, I can bring Jesus to people more effectively. If you can do that, leave the rest of your concerns to Jesus and his people. They will take care of you."

Early in the summer, Father Fisher died suddenly at a ministry site. When I heard the news, I was shattered. I was angry with God, and I was jealous of Father Fisher. I was devastated because I lost a friend and a model. I was angry with God because he takes the best among us even when we still desperately need them here with us. I was jealous of Father Fisher because he lived the life and died the death I pray for. I want to be a holy, happy, and healthy priest, and he was. I want to die ministering to the people of God, and he achieved that too. May the soul of Father Fisher and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Peter



St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us.

I will never forget thy graces and favors you obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you.

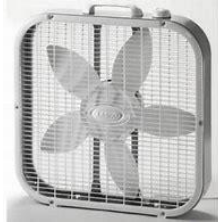
Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days.

Thank you, St. Jude, for Prayers Answered.

Fan Drive – Helping Hands in Christ

We are once again collecting new or gently used FANS or small AIR CONDITIONER WINDOW UNITS or ROOM UNITS.



Please drop Fans or Air Conditioner units at the Parish Center or the back of the church near the wooden box.



Sew N Sews

Saturday, September 14th

10 am – 3 pm in the Parish Center

We create, snack and socialize! Join us for all or part of the day. We look forward to seeing you.

***We are still rehoming fabric, and it will be out an available for all who are interested.**



Wednesday, Sept. 11th

In the Parish Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Come share fellowship, delicious refreshments, and Bunco (or learn how to play). All women of the parish and community are invited to attend.

Please NOTE:

September 14/15 is the second collection for The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Grief Share at Cathedral

Cathedral parish will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, Oct 22, 1:00-2:30 in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) Grief Share runs for 13 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com To register call 217/522-3342 or email Vicki at vcompton@cathedral.dio.org All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome!

The Chosen, Season 4

The Cathedral will once again be showing and discussing the latest season of The Chosen. Everyone is welcome. We'll provide the popcorn!

Sundays, starting Sept 29 @ 2:00pm in the Cathedral School Library



In September, Helping Hands in Christ will be collecting body soap and laundry detergent for the Washington Street Mission.

In October, we will be collecting winter items like coats, hats, gloves and scarves for St. Pat's School and for St. Marten's.



Faith Formation Update

Louisville, KY!

Our youth group will be heading to



Louisville, KY June 8-13, 2025!

If you are interested in joining us, please let Jennifer know so she can send the paperwork!

It is a great opportunity and Louisville will be a great experience!

All paperwork and the \$100 registration fee will be due September 18th!

Faith Formation Schedule

Sept. 11:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 18:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Server Training, during PSR Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 19:	Adult Faith Formation Returns, 10am Luncheon included!
Sept. 25:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Sept. 26:	NO Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 2:	NO PSR or Propelled Rochester Homecoming Parade
Oct. 3:	Adult Faith Formation, 10am
Oct 9:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Oct. 10:	Adult Faith Formation, 10am
Oct. 16:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Oct. 17:	NO Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 23:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Propelled (HS), 7:45-8:45pm
Oct. 24:	NO Adult Faith Formation
Oct. 30:	PSR, 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat following PSR Propelled (HS), following Trunk or Treat
Oct. 31:	Adult Faith Formation, 10am

Catechetical Sunday!

Mark your calendars for Catechetical Sunday the weekend of September 14/15th! At these Masses, our catechists are recognized and given a blessing! Please join us in celebrating our catechists and their call to share their faith!



High School Youth Group "Propelled"

If interested in joining us, please contact Jennifer!

Meetings for September are the 11th, 18th, and 25th! ALL meetings this month are on Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45pm.

High Schoolers are invited to attend the server training and pizza to follow on September 18th.

CLOW Returns!

(Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Things are going great and the kids are super excited! I am need of 1-2 additional adults to help cover Sundays- especially September 22nd and 29th! Please let me know if you are available to help!

We will assess how things are going and if the need for this program arises for additional Masses, we will make adjustments!

Cursillo is a 3-day experience!

Those attending pray together, celebrate Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other.



If interested, please contact Joe & Kristin Kohlrus at 217-652-5393.

Upcoming 2022 Cursillo Dates:

- #371 September 12-15 (Men's)
- #372 November 7-10 (Women's)
- #373 January 23-26 (Men's)
- #374 February 20-23 (Women's)



Adult Faith Formation Returns!

We will be beginning the second half of our Bible study! **We will begin September 19 at 10am.**

Please RSVP for

September 19, as Evelyn is providing a luncheon for us!

After that, here are our meeting dates:

October 3, 10, and 31

November 7, 14, and 21

December 5, 12, and 19

January 9, 16, and 23

ALL meetings begin at 10am

SERVER TRAINING!

We will be having a server training on September 18th during PSR classes! We will have all our current 4th-8th graders and any interested high schooler participate in this training! We feel it is important for ALL to be a part this training and valuable learning experience.

Following the training, any interested children will be given a commitment form to take home and I will follow up with the parents to be sure the child is able to be put on the serving schedule!

We will have pizza for everyone afterwards!



Jennifer Fricks

PSR KICK-OFF MASS



Mass Intentions & Times († indicates deceased)

	<u>Saturday, Sept. 7TH:</u>
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: For the People)
	<u>Sunday, Sept. 8TH:</u>
8:00 am	No Mass
10:30 am	No Mass
	<u>Monday, Sept. 9TH:</u>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)
	<u>Tuesday, Sept. 10TH:</u>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Wilma Lewis†)
	<u>Wednesday, Sept. 11TH:</u>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Evelyn Ramsey†)
	<u>Thursday, Sept. 12TH:</u>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Barb Sinkus†)
	<u>Friday, Sept. 13TH:</u>
7:30 am	Mass (Int: Ed Bedore†)
	<u>Saturday, Sept. 14TH:</u>
4:30 pm	Mass (Int: Mike Sponsler†)
	<u>Sunday, Sept. 15TH:</u>
8:00 am	Mass (Int: For the People)
10:30 am	Mass (Int: Connie Broccardo†)

Liturgy Schedule - Next Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 14th - 4:30 pm

Euch. Min.: Priest, Dcn. Tom and A. & J. Deen

Lectors: T. Bertrand & D. Day

Servers: D. Sommer

Hospitality: B. Auxier and M. & H. Bruno

Sunday, Sept. 15th - 8:00 am

Euch. Min.: Priest, M. Godar, C. Leach, & **NEEDED**

Lectors: B. Connolly and D. Curtin

Servers: B. Howard

Hospitality: L. McWard and L. & D. Wuellner

Sunday, Sept. 15th - 10:30 am

Euch. Min.: Priest, Dcn. Ray, D. Roark, and S. Roth

Lectors: S. Nelson and P. Szabados

Servers: C. Conway

Hospitality: D. & S. Decker and J. & M. Larson

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

	This Week	Year to date
Ordinary Env's	\$ 5,739.00	\$ 46,339.00
EFT-Ordinary	\$ 190.00	\$ 14,590.00
Dev. Fund Env's	\$ 564.00	\$ 2,343.00
EFT-Dev. Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,236.00
Loose Checks	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 16,277.81
Loose Cash & Coin	\$ 464.26	\$ 3,997.61
Poor Fund	\$ 158.00	\$ 1,157.00
Assumpt. of the BVM	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,589.00
Church in Africa	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.00
Peters Pence	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Total this Week:	\$ 8,257.26	
Fiscal Year Total:		\$ 87,591.42

September Volunteers: Week #2

Monday, Sept. 9th, Counting Day:

Team #2

Church Duster:

Laurie McWard & Zana Dahlkamp

September Aluminum Cans Recycle

Del Reeves

September St. Martin de Porres Food:

Woehrmann family

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's possible for him to visit.

Please call the Parish Office at (217) 498-9197 for the anointing and/or a hospital visit.

Advertiser of the week



Dates to Remember

Server Training

Wednesday, **Sept. 18**

6:30 p.m. in Parish Center at PSR

Lector Training

Thursday, **Sept. 19**

6:30 p.m. in the Church

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

God bless them all, and

Eucharistic Ministers taking communion to Carriage Crossing & Rochester Estates at 9:15 am every Sunday,

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.

Pray for Parishioners – JoAnn Camille, Ann Caryl, Carolyn Carmichael, Evelyn Conboy, Shirley Crawford, Lenna DeGroot, Carrie Downey, Herta Duban, Helen Dulle, Gary Dumonceaux, Paul Harris, Jerry Jasinski, Janet Kalb, Jillian Kohlrus, Andrea Miller, Scott Moss, Jim Nelson, Ginger Rentschler, Ray Roland, Rene Runions, Brittany and Steve Smith and family, Owen Smith and his family (Kristin, Paisley and Adam), Frances Tomashavich, Al Urbanckas, Bill White, Patrick Witcik, Laurie White, Ron Wojcicki, Richard Yong.

*** = new this week**

Pray for Family and Friends of Parishioners

Ralph Allen – loved one of Beth Auxier

Mary Aplington – sister of Beth Yong

Bob & John Aplington – brothers of Beth Yong

Carolyn Binion – friend of Paulette Dumonceaux

John Brunsman – father of Laura Horstman

Steven Butts - brother of Michelle Bullock

Leo Conway – father of Gary Conway

Judy Conway - friend of Maggie Patterson

Eddie Cook – friend of Lenna DeGroot family

Dave & Trish Crusen – brother of Tom Crusen

Steve & Chris Crusen – brothers of Tom Crusen

Linda Curtis – sister of Connie Leach

Kelly Diaz – niece of Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus

Frank Emerson- brother-in-law of Jean McDonald

Cindy Frericks- mother-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

Ken Frericks – father-in-law of Jennifer Frericks

Jody Frese – sister-in-law of Barb Scheufele

Lauren Friedmeyer & her baby, Nellie – daughter

& granddaughter of Bill & Laurie White

Steven Godar - father of Dennis Godar

Jennifer Harbeck - cousin of Brad Zack

Jennie Harling - sister of Leanne Collings

Dale Laningham – friend of the Hendrickses

Glen Limper - son of Al & Betty Limper

Francis Lynam - son-in-law of Tom & Helen Crusen

Robin Mahnken – friend of Jerry & Mary Jo Jasinski

Diane McClelland - sister of Roberta Vanover

Mitchell McDevitt – son of Steph McDevitt, Rochester

Paula McDonald- sister-in-law to Jean McDonald

Donna Meyers - mother of Kellie Brewer

Kenny Miller- friend of Lenna DeGroot

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

Emily Parnell – daughter-in-law of Peggy Parnell

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

Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich

Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney

Russ Steil- father of Teresa O'Sullivan

Edward Stein – brother of LuAnn White

Mary Stewart – friend of Suzanne Moss

Tom Uzzo- brother-in-law of Jane Molohon

Kathy Whitaker – friend of Peggy Parnell

Mike Wilkin- brother of Leigh Ann Szabados

Ministries- Intentional Discipleship Parish

School of Religion (PSR) Faculty:

Jennifer Frericks (Director), Peggy Cochran, Alicia Harney, Angie Powell, Carrie Zucco, Connie Leach, Lindsey Batten, Tim Schmitz, and Brinley Torres (K/1 classroom helper), and Frances Tomashavich (volunteer)

Buildings & Grounds Committee:

Steve Warren - Chair, Joe Petty, John Petit, Scott Settles, Dennis Weitekamp & Fr. Peter

Art & Environment Committee:

Evelyn Deimel- Chair, Gil Deimel, Joe & Anna Deen, Darlene Kratz, Jan Sponsler, Tess Riedle, Edna Saputo, Kathleen Quinn, Marilyn Merkley, Karen Johnson, Carolyn Pemberton, Rita Williams & Ellen Woehrmann

Vocations Committee:

Marc Zucco, Carrie Zucco, Steve Kapple, Katie Joshu, Mike Mankowski and Karen Mankowski

Helping Hands in Christ- Social Concerns:

Jeff & Ty White – Co-Chairs, Hartzel & Mary Bruno, Jim & Kate Havera, Leann Flesch, Jeanette Waters & Fr. Peter

Sew & Sews Outreach Committee:

Barb Scoggins – Chair, Sue Bozarth, Helen Crusen, Kay Foster, Ruth Ann Helling, Mary Beth McClintock, Jan Pietras, Diana Rowden, Donna Spurlock, Marge Possley, Cheri Vogt, Rita Williams, Carrie, Molly & Adele Zucco