

Mass Intentions

Feb 26 Sat	5:30 p	Virginia & Jason Hurley
Feb 27 Sun	8:00 a	Ben Lake
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Feb 28 Mon	6:45 a	Poor Souls
Mar 01 Tue	6:45 a	Grover Smith
Mar 02 Wed	6:45 a	Our Parish Family
	5:45 p	Our Parish Family
Mar 03 Thu	6:45 a	Intention of Donor
Mar 04 Fri	6:45 a	Virginia & Jason Hurley
Mar 05 Sat	5:30 p	Brian Heissinger
Mar 06 Sun	8:00 a	John Brandis
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

March 5 - Sat. 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister	L & E Breitung/Dullenty
Lector	Lower
Hospitality	Curry Family/Egizio
Servers	Price/M & L Ramsey
Mass Coordinator	

March 6 – Sun. 8:00 a.m

Eucharistic Ministers	Jeffers/G & C Leach
Lector	N & J Calvert
Hospitality	McWard/J & D Miller
Servers	M & M Eifert/Snyder-Day Palumbo (Trainee)
Mass Coordinator	Sue Roth

March 6 - Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers	Owens/VanDyke/Walker
Lector	Hostetler/Jasinski
Hospitality	Gunter and Molina Families
Servers	Johnson/Gabe Owens/Oldani Ernst (Trainee)
Mass Coordinator	Loretta Davis

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Rita Owen/Lori Ernst/Cheri Barnett

Minister of Care for the week of 3/6 – 3/12 is:

Dennett Hanke

This Weeks Daily Readings

Sun.	– Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42
Mon.	– 2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Luke 4:24-30
Tues.	– Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed.	– Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs.	– Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Luke 11:14-23
Fri.	– Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34
Sat.	– Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21; Luke 18:9-14

Record of Giving

Fiscal Year 7/1/04 – 6/30/05

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$174,284.84	\$ 3,739.28
Electronic Funds	\$ 24,906.43	\$ 2,543.00
Weekly Budget	\$216,308.00	\$ 6,362.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -17,116.73	\$ - 79.72
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 4,535.00	\$ 65.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 290.00	\$ 30.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 188.92	\$ 149.19

As of 02/16/05

ACSA Assessment:	\$30,136.00
ACSA Pledged and paid:	\$14,004.00
Balance due Diocese:	\$16,132.00

\$15,690 pledged, \$14,004 paid (91.8% of what has been pledged). 111 contributors or 25.11% of the 433 families

When Jesus asked the Samaritan women for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

LOTTERY WINNER\$ Feb 21 through Feb 27

Mon.	Margaret Devaney
Tue.	Randall Segatto
Wed.	Brian Blough
Thu.	Joe Jones
Fri.	Steve Fafoglia
Sat.	Eric and Anne Judy
Sun. \$35	Lorene Warren

Please pick your Lottery Winnings in the Sacristy

Auxier, Benson, Bertrand, Blough, Carlisle, Chepulis, Edwards, Essig, Gramlich, Grubb, C & J Heissinger, Heissinger (Cookey), Judy, Kelly, Kenworth, Ley, Maloney, Murphy, Park -2, Parnell, Stoll, Streb, Sutker, Yong



Peggy Moore

Jean Roth (Ray's mom)

Tim Morrisey (parishioner)

Dolores Gorackowski (Ruth Helling's mom)

Yvonne Mantei (Parishioner)

Don Beck

Angela Jones (Eulene Eilts' niece)



Michael and Beth Shields and their son, Cody (11) – 3617 N. Grand Ave. East, Lot 107, Springfield.

!!!Happenings This Week!!!

Sunday - February 27
9:10 a Christian Formation Classes
9:10 a Apologetics Session
2:00 p Welcome to My World – Gr. 3 – 6
6:30 p Liturgy Committee Meeting
7:30 p SWAT

Tuesday - March 1
6:00 p Dinner and a Movie

Wednesday- March 2
3:45 p Christian Formation Classes
5:00 p Hand Chimes

Thursday - March 3
9:30 a 1st Friend's Playgroup
7:00 p Choir Practice

Friday - March 4
5:00 p Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p K – C Fish Fry

Sunday - March 6
9:10 a **NO** Christian Formation Classes
9:10 a **NO** Apologetics Session
7:30 p SWAT



Happy Birthday

Carlo Catalano, Bernard Saner, Diane Urbanckas, Daniel Jackson, Chris Wilson, Ross Blumhorst, Michael

Gleason, Nancy Hagerman, Grace McCall, Alison Schweighart, Kimberly Sterling, Deborah Bolt, Kaitlyn Sutker, Tristan Sutker, Joe Kunz, Maude Kenworth, Tara Krech, Aspen Williams, Fritz Lower, Cheryl McKnelly, Erin Mileham, Matt Ryan, Steven Sandvoss

Happy Anniversary

Dennis and Judy Shackelford

Ministry Sign-up

In the Sacristy you will find sign-up sheets for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services.



Please give prayerful consideration to how you can best serve this Parish Family during these seasons of Lent and Easter.

Lenten Penance Services

Thursday, March 10th – Little Flower, Springfield, 7PM
 Sunday, March 13th – St. Aloysius, Springfield, 2PM
 Sunday, March 20th – Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, 2PM
 Tuesday, March 22nd - St. Agnes, Springfield, 7PM



Dinner and a Movie

Simple meal at 6 pm
Video sessions 6:30 pm

March 1

The Life & Times of Jesus

Pre K to Grade 3

The Adventure of Our Faith

Grades 4-9

A Lenten Journey

High School through Adult

Eucharist: A Taste of God

This session will not meet again until March 8

High School through Adult

Sign-up each week you plan to attend on the bulletin board at the back of the church!

Didn't sign-up? Come any way.

There is always room at the table!

Welcome to My World

A program for grades 3-6

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to not be able to see? Hear?

Talk? Come and experience what it is like to have a disability.



This Sunday, February 27

2pm to 4pm

Parish Center

Attention 1st & 2nd grade Parents:

Now available: *Let's Go to Mass* books on the

music book chart in the church to

help your children learn the parts of

the mass. Children are invited

each time they attend mass to pick

one up so they can follow along

during mass. Just be sure to return

it the cart when you return your

music book.



Remember in your thoughts and prayers...



Please remember the following individuals, who recently passed away, in your prayers:

Betty Jo Shackelford, mother of Dennis Shackelford; William K Stybr, father of Kelsey, Abby and Michael Stybr, and The Reverend Eugene Cieslik.

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Morning Mass 6:45am
(Mon thru Fri)

Dinner and a Movie 6:00pm
(Tuesdays during Lent –
Light meal followed
by movie)

RCIA Inquiry
Tuesday 7:00pm
(Open to anyone interested in
exploring the idea of joining the
Catholic Church)

Wednesday Evening Mass 5:45pm
(Every Wednesday During Lent)

Catholic Apologetics 9:10am
Discussion group
Follows Christian Formation
Class Schedule

Lenten Penance Service 7:00pm
Thursday, March 10
at Little Flower Church

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Wednesday, March 16

Holy Thursday Mass 5:45pm

Good Friday Service 5:45pm

Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 8:00am
10:30am

RETURN
to me with all
your heart.
Joel 2:12

RCIA



We would like you to meet Lindsey Baima. Lindsey keeps herself very busy being a student at UIS, working a job and spending time with the RCIA team preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep Lindsey in your prayers as she continues her journey of faith.



Both RCIA groups, the Inquirers and the Catechumens, will meet this next Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm. New Comers are always welcome.

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SCRUTINIES

A Scrutiny is a public, communal of self-searching and repentance. For the next 2 Sundays - the Community of St. Jude will continue to accompany those preparing for the Easter Sacraments on their journey of faith through the celebration of the Scrutinies. Through the stories of



The Man Born Blind and The Raising of Lazarus

we, as a community are challenged to “scrutinize” our lives. COME JOURNEY WITH US.

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There is a liturgy committee meeting on Sunday, Feb. 27th at 6:30pm in the parish center. This meeting is open to everyone who is interested in how the liturgy is shaped.

K of C Lenten Fish Fries



The K of C, St. Jude Council 9640 will have 2 more fish fries, on March 4th and 11th. Serving time will be from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The menu will include “All You Can Eat” Alaskan Walleye, Baked Potato or French fries, Cole slaw, drink and dessert. Hot dogs will be available for children. Cost for Adults is \$6.50 and \$3.50 for children. Also available is the Family Pack – 4 dinner special for \$24. Both drive-up and carry out available.

The K of C Council would also appreciate any desserts from the members of the parish. We appreciate your past support and thank you for your help.



FATHER PATRICK CAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Father Pat played an important role in the lives of hundreds of young men and women, as well as his fellow parishioners. As we enter into another calendar year, St. Jude's Knight's of Columbus wish to remind you of a scholarship program we initiated in his memory. Since 2001, we are proud to report that two recipients have been awarded a \$500 annually renewable scholarship.

To sustain this effort, the Scholarship fund needs parishioner support. We ask that you please consider providing financial support, or offering to volunteer as a selection committee member. Keep in mind that all contributions made to the "**Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund**" are tax deductible, and any amount is greatly appreciated.

Contributions can be mailed to Brian Blough at 34 Woodland Trail, or placed in the collection basket. Receipts will be forwarded to all contributors for their tax records. If you have interest in serving on the selection committee, please contact Jerry Calvert, Joe Biesiada or Brian Blough for information.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Applications are now available for the 2005 **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship**. The post secondary undergraduate school scholarship is in the amount of \$500, and is renewable up to three additional years. You may pick up the application in the church rectory or contact a member of the the Knights of Columbus. Complete applications including accompanying documentation needs to be submitted no later than March 1st, 2005 for consideration.

During the Season of Lent, Father Bill will be hearing confessions every Friday evening from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the church.

Are you someone who would like to share your talent for being a Eucharistic Minister for our weekly liturgy? We have openings at each Mass. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry and are confirmed please contact the office at 217-498-9524 to sign up. Training is provided.

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pawnee is having an all you can eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, March 13th from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 10 years and younger.

Good News About Sex, Love & Marriage

Presented by nationally and internationally known Catholic author and speaker, Professor Janet Smith on March 12, 2005 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Springfield Renaissance Hotel. Cost of \$15 includes brunch. Dr. Janet Smith is known for thought provoking, thoroughly enjoyable presentations which affirm and promote marriage and chastity. To register, call (217)744-3610. Sponsored by the Office for Family & Youth Ministry and the Gospel of Life Committee of Blessed Sacrament parish.

We sincerely appreciate the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits while Don has been ill. We would especially like to thank Kathy Smith.

Sandy and Don Beck



Women's Tea

Mark your calendars now for the next meeting of the women's afternoon tea. It is scheduled for Wednesday March 9th from 1 to 3 PM at the parish center. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please note on the form if you are in need of a ride.

46th Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

The 46th Annual Sacred Heart-Griffin Mostaccioli Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 6th from 11AM to 7PM at the SHG West Campus, 1601 West Washington, Springfield.

You can eat in, carry out or save time in our drive through. It's an excellent meal – mostaccioli drenched in sauce with meat balls, salad, bread, desert and drink. Tickets are available in advance or at the door; \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Support the Catholic Relief Services Collection

Who is Jesus in Disguise?

- One of the 43,00 people who die of hunger each day
- One of the 4.4 billion people living in countries where
 - basic sanitation is lacking
 - safe drinking water is scarce
 - adequate housing is a challenge
 - modern health services are non-existent
 - education beyond a 5th grade level is scarce
- One of the estimated 35 million refugees and displaced persons living in often dangerous and squalid conditions without the hope of returning home.

Please help by giving to the Catholic Relief Services Collection (formerly the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal) next weekend.

Make a SPRING TREE

Celebrate the season by creating a one of a kind spring tree.

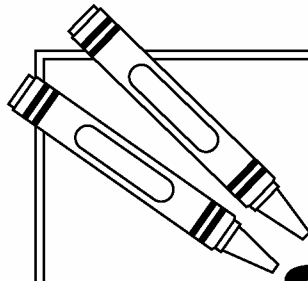
What you need:

- ✿ Container (such as an empty coffee can)
- ✿ Construction paper or wallpaper scraps
- ✿ Glue
- ✿ Small fallen tree branch
- ✿ Sand
- ✿ Easter grass
- ✿ Poster board
- ✿ Scissors
- ✿ Marker
- ✿ Hole punch
- ✿ Ribbon



How to make it:

1. Use the container as a base. Decorate it by gluing construction paper or wallpaper scraps to it.
2. Place the fallen tree branch in the container and pour sand around it.
3. Place Easter grass on top of the sand.
4. Cut out of the poster board shapes that remind you of spring (eggs, rabbits, birds, butterflies, flowers, etc.). Use the marker to add details.
5. Punch a hole in each shape. Use ribbon to tie the shapes to the branches.



Just for KIDS

God's Plan

Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He appeared to his disciples, and he told them about the plan of God.

On the blanks in the first section, write the words that fit the definitions. Transfer those letters to the numbered lines in the second section. Read the Scripture verse. Unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence at the bottom of the page.

1. Water that falls from the sky _ 1 _ 2 _ 3 _ 4
2. Birds lay them in nests _ 5 _ 6 _ 7 _ 8
3. A newly hatched hen _ 9 _ 10 _ 11 _ 12 _ 13
4. Bloom in the spring _ 14 _ 15 _ 16 _ 17 _ 18 _ 19 _ 20
5. A caterpillar transformed _ 21 _ 22 _ 23 _ 24 _ 25 _ 26 _ 27 _ 28 _ 29
6. Dirt mixed with water _ 30 _ 31 _ 32

“J _ 5 _ 8 _ 31 _ 20 ○ _ 8 _ 2 _ 3 _ 32, “I _ 2 _ 30,”

_ 19 _ 5 _ 23 _ 31 _ 26 _ 4 _ 11 _ 4 _ 6

_ 24 _ 16 _ 30 _ 29 **F** _ 2 _ 23 _ 10 _ 18 _ 26 ○

_ 2 _ 4 _ 32 _ 29 _ 16 _ 22 _ 1 **F** _ 2 _ 24 _ 10 _ 25 _ 19 ○,

_ 23 _ 16 _ 30 _ 29 **G** _ 16 _ 32 _ 2 _ 4 _ 32 ○

_ 29 _ 16 _ 31 _ 1 **G** _ 16 _ 32 .”” (taken from John 20:17, NIV)

Jesus has _ _ _ _ _ !

Jesus has risen!

“Jesus said, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Answer: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud

The Natural Law

A Catholic politician asked: "When should I vote to make my religious values on abortion your morality?"

The Roman Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith addressed that question in November, 2003. Catholic moral teaching on abortion, it said, is not specifically "Catholic" religious belief. Rather, it derives from the reasoned study of human nature. The idea of human nature as a source of ethics goes back to the Roman lawyer, Cicero (49 BCE). A study of human nature, he said, tells us that men and women are fundamentally equal; therefore, women must not be seen as subservient to men.

Over time the principles that emerged from the study of human nature became known as "the natural law." St. Thomas Aquinas employed it in his writings on society and law. So did Thomas Locke in 17th century England. From there it made its way into the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights."

The suggestion made by the Roman Congregation can be invaluable in our pluralistic society. It points to moral values and norms that emerge from a reasoned consideration of the human person and therefore transcend confessional differences. In 1993 the World Parliament of Religions provided added credence for the idea.

Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Confucians all agreed that there are common threads in all their religious traditions. These are equality, compassion, honesty and love. They spelled out these values in a series of commitments: to a reverence for life, to a culture of tolerance and a life of truthfulness, to non-violence, to equal rights and partnership between men and women; to the demand that every human being be treated humanely. The very fact that those values are common to the religions of the world suggests that they are part of the human fabric. As such, they are open to study and analysis by anyone. Religious conviction illuminates and emboldens us to proclaim what reason tells us; it does not replace our reason.

The idea that morality is rooted in the dignity of the human person provides a basis for public discourse in our country and our world -- whatever our religious belief -- or lack thereof.

The author of *Androgogy* is Father George Dyer, S.T.D. Formerly the academic dean of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary and Pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish, Wadsworth, Illinois, he is also the author of *The Catholic Educator* and *The Three Minute Theologian*.

Interested in Joining?

Are you new to the area and interested in joining our parish or have questions about our parish? Please feel free to fill out the form below and drop it into the collection basket or place it on the counter in the sacristy and someone will contact you.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

INTERESTED IN JOINING PARISH: _____

QUESTION: _____

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St. John's Hospital – Third Age Living is a senior adult ministry which promotes health education and community volunteer services for local seniors. The following are the upcoming events for seniors 55 and older.

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| March 10 th | 10AM Caregiver Interfaith Volunteer orientation to assist seniors, including transportation to doctors offices. |
| March 16 th | 1 - 4PM Ask the Pharmacist – Medication Review. |
| March 22 nd | 1:00 to 2:30PM Care N Share – Support group for friends and relatives caring for an older adult. |
| April 6 th | 6 - 9PM "Stay Sharp" - \$25 Book Fee |
| By Appt: | Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Consultation: Power of Attorney – Health
Consultation: Medicare Drug Discount Card and other Health Insurance issues. |

To register for these events call 544-6464, ext 47756.