



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Fathers' Day this Sunday, we pray for all fathers that Our Lord help them in living out the responsibilities of the vocation of fatherhood. Here is a prayer for us to pray for all fathers that was composed by Blessed Pope John XXIII, which he addressed to St. Joseph:

*St. Joseph, guardian of [Jesus](#) and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your [life](#) in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy [family](#) of [Nazareth](#) with the work of your hands. Kindly protect all fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you [will](#) understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material [life](#) your [soul](#) was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find [Jesus](#) near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Amen.*

Happy Fathers' Day to all of our fathers and grandfathers in the parish!

Have blessed and grace-filled week.  
God bless, Fr. Gutowski

### **JUNE 17 THRU JUNE 23**

Monday	Communion Service
Tuesday	Spec. Intent. - Cacka Family
Wednesday	Anne Boro
Thursday	Loretta Patry
Friday	Communion Service
Saturday	Angie Sokol
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

### **STORM CHASER SIGN UP SHEET**

Sign-up sheets are in the church for the Baseball game with the Storm Chasers on June 20th. Sign up and come on out to the ballgame for a fun night with fellow parishioners.

### **THANK YOU**

I want to thank all who helped make the Springfield Community Blood Drive a success again. All though we were 8 units short of hitting our set goal of 48, we had a very high rate of success considering the number of people who came to donate. Once again, thanks to all parties involved in the drive. Mark your calendars for Sept. 15th which is our next scheduled drive. We hope to see you then. *Your Springfield Knights of Columbus and Red Cross*

### **MUSIC MINISTERS**

All Music Ministers will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. Bring your Mass of Glory if you have the new one.



June 16

"So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love."  
Luke 7:47

**Good News Reflection**

June 16, 2013

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 12:7-10, 13

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11

Gal 2:16, 19-21

Luke 7:36-8:3

Have you ever thought about how sins are forgiven? How do we go from sinful to justified?

Think of the word “justified” as “made to be just and fair”. Because we have sometimes been unjust in our dealings with others, Jesus, the Perfectly Just One, took our sins to the cross. The injustices died with him there.

Justice is a legal word. But as next Sunday's second reading points out, it's not the law that forgives us; we're not justified (i.e., we don't become fair, loving and just) by the law but through faith in Christ, "for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing."

Jesus explains it in this Sunday's Gospel reading. The sinful woman who bathed Jesus with her tears was forgiven, changed and justified through her great love for him. Love is what breaks us away from the power of sin. Love is what makes us behave justly.

Any of us who genuinely want to be loving but sin anyway are usually unaware, at that moment, that our behavior is hurting anyone. We don't sin out of deliberate malice, yet we have behaved unjustly.

We sin because we take our eyes off of Jesus. We're reacting to current or past stimuli that's tempting us to behave unjustly. But if we pause long enough to pray and

reconnect to Jesus, we can take control. We can choose to act in love.

When we make love our highest priority, temptations lose their power. Caring about others distracts us from the stimuli that causes our sinful reactions. And as soon as we discover that we've caused pain through sin, we're motivated by love to undo the damage as best as we can. We enter into the justice of God.

When we love others as Jesus loves them, our faith has become our salvation. As it was for the woman in the Gospel, Jesus says to us: "Now you can go in peace."

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Recall an unloving behavior or attitude you had recently. What were you reacting to? Dig deeper. What's the root of that reaction? For example: Did anyone hurt you the same way? Forgive him/her. Are you afraid? Trust God instead. If necessary, talk to a spiritual director or family counselor to help you identify the root cause. The truth will set you free to love as Jesus loves!

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Tell the story of a sin you overcame more than a year ago. What did you do to overcome its control of you? How did the love of Jesus empower you?

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