

Notes from  
Fr. Dean



**Sunday Scriptures:** The parable of the talents causes us to reflect on "how are you and I using God's gifts?" In baptism we each were given the Spirit of God to be priestly, prophetic and royal people. In

Confirmation, the Spirit was strengthened with the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, counsel, understanding, courage, piety, and reverence. Have we used the gift of faith, developed it through practice or hidden it in the ground? As we approach the end of the liturgical year, St. Paul reminds us that the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, and we will each have to render an account of ourselves before the Lord. What accounting of God's gifts would you make today?

**Presentation of Gifts/Collection:**

Mass Coordinators and Ministers of Hospitality are asked to attend a brief instruction meeting next weekend:

**Attend either 5:00 pm Saturday; or 7:40 am, 9:00 am, or 10:10 am Sunday.**

**First Reception of Holy Communion Preparation:**

Next Saturday, the parents will meet with Dan Frachey while the candidates for First Communion meet with Mike Spainhour and myself regarding the Liturgy of the Word and presentation of gifts. The children should be prepared to discuss Chapters 3 and 4 of their workbooks.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

The Rochester Ministerial Alliance will provide a prayer service of Thanksgiving at 7 pm on Monday, November 24, 2008. The South Fork Church of Christ will host and a Community Choir from the various churches is being formed to lead songs. Plan to attend as the body of Christ gathered together.

May God fill you with Blessings,

Fr. Dean

**NOW AVAILABLE!!  
SPRINGFIELD SHOPPER COUPON BOOKS  
A GREAT BARGAIN AT ONLY \$25.00!!**

Because we were able to purchase a large amount of Springfield Shopper Coupon Books at a discounted price, we are able to pass that savings on to you! Members of the 2009 Mission Trip have the new Springfield Shopper Coupon Books ready to sell **NOW!** Get your copy now for just \$25.00. After we sold out last year, we had several calls wanting to purchase additional books. Don't be left out! Buy yours today. Also last year, several people mentioned that they would make great Christmas gifts. So, don't forget to pick up one or two for those special people on your list!!



**Please pray for healing and comfort for:**

- Maude Kenworth** (Parishioner)
- Edward Schulte** (uncle of Dennett Hanke)
- Christine Diemel** (niece of Gil & Ev Deimel)

- Scott Wilson**
- John Hermes** (brother of Jan Catalano)

(Note: Names will remain on the active prayer list for three weeks unless a request is made to extend it for an additional three weeks.)

Free to Residents of the Rochester Fire Protection District. Non-residents cost is \$20.00. Classes will be held on **Saturday, December 6 from 8am til noon** and also on **Wednesday, December 17 from 6 to 10pm**. Classes will be held at the Rochester Firehouse and Class size is limited. Call 498-7121 between 8:30 and 11am to pre-register.



**Liturgical Ministers** are needed for our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> and for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses at 6:45am and 6:00pm on December 8<sup>th</sup>. There are sign-up sheets in the Sacristy.

**Annual Breadline Sunday** is next weekend of November 22nd and 23rd. Please help to feed the hungry by buying loaves of bread to support St. John's Breadline as it continues to feed 560 people each and every day of the year. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per loaf, and 100% of the proceeds go to the Breadline. Schnuck's donates 10,000 loaves of bread for this event.

## LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – November 22-23

	<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Settles/Lower/Egizio	Nelson/Atkinson/Deacon Tom	Van Dyke/Williams/Deacon Tom
<b>Lector</b>	LoCascio/Lower	Kruse/Miller	Walker/Warren
<b>Hospitality</b>	Jemison-Herr Family	Jerszynski Family	Sutker Family
	Al & Diane Urbanckas	Parnell/Roland	
<b>Servers</b>	Settles/Freveletti	A Brown/Otten/M McClintock	Biesiada/Cornett/Becker
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Carmel Settles	Carlo & Jan Catalano	Emma Van Dyke

**Art and Environment for next weekend:** Ruth Liken & Suzann Segatto  
**Church Dusters for the week of November 17:** Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock

**NO Children's Liturgy of the Word next weekend**

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Nov 15 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Ben Lake †
<b>Nov 16 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Our Parish Family†
	10:30 a	Nieberding Family †
<b>Nov 17 Mon</b>	8:00 a	All Souls †
<b>Nov 18 Tue</b>	6:45 a	Liv/Decd Mbrs of St. Jude
<b>Nov 19 Wed</b>	8:00 a	All Souls †
<b>Nov 20Thur</b>	6:45 a	Liv/Decd Mbrs of St. Jude
<b>Nov 21 Fri</b>	8:00 a	All Souls †
<b>Nov 22 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
<b>Nov 23 Sun</b>	8:00 a	John Brandis †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

#### Sunday – November 16

**9:10 a** PSR Classes  
**6:30 p** HS Electives

#### Monday – November 17

**9:00 a** Collection Counting Team 2 (Foster, Spurlock, Waters)  
**6:30 p** Finance Council Meeting

#### Tuesday – November 18

**7:00 p** K-C Meeting

#### Wednesday – November 19

**5:30 p** Children's Choir Practice  
**6:30 p** PSR Classes  
**6:30 p** RCIA  
**7:30 p** Adult Choir Practice

#### Saturday – November 22

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Ritual at all Weekend Masses**  
**9:00 a** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting Parents/Child  
**10:30 a** Confirmation Class – Prepare meal  
**2:00 p** Serve Meal at St. John's

#### Sunday – November 23

**9:10 a** PSR Classes  
**9:15 a** Confirm. Class - serve meal/St. John  
**6:30 p** HS Electives

### OUR GIFT TO GOD Fiscal Year 7/1/08 – 6/30/09

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$100,258.17	\$ 4,971.25
Electronic Funds	\$ 17,118.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,087.00	\$ 161.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 1,792.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 609.21	\$ 0.00
St. Martin DePorres		\$ 762.69

### Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

Helping my sister get ready for swimming.  
 I took out the recycling.  
 Helping my people.  
 I made a get well card for my aunt.  
 I helped my sister.

#### Stewardship Message

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

### This Weeks Daily Readings

**Sun. –** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;  
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

**Mon. –** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

**Tue. –** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

**Wed. –** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28

**Thur. –** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

**Fri. –** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;  
Lk 19:45-48

**Sat. –** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**Sun. –** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;

**November**  
 NOVEMBER



## CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

It is time to help the St. Jude Christmas Friends program! Help will be needed with the following:

1. Sign up tables for adopting a Christmas Friend after a Mass.
2. Receiving tables in the parish center when Christmas Friends

gifts and food baskets are returned after a Mass.

3. Delivering Gifts to St. Patrick's School and Sojourn Women and Children's Shelter (Loading and unloading wrapped presents and food baskets from a large enclosed trailer)

There is a sign-up sheet posted in the entrance of the church, or send your name, email address and phone number to [brendawill1@comcast.net](mailto:brendawill1@comcast.net).

For the new families to our church who are not familiar with the St. Jude Christmas Friends Program, our Parish families "adopt" a Christmas friend from St. Patrick's Catholic School, Springfield Terrace Nursing Home, and this year we are including The Sojourn Women and Children's Shelter. We then help fulfill their Christmas Wishes, wrap the gifts and then return them to St. Jude for delivery.

Or scheduled dates are:

**November 15th** - Saturday - Adopt Christmas Friends before and after Mass

**November 16th** - Sunday - Adopt Christmas Friends before and after Mass

**November 22nd** - Saturday - Adopt Christmas Friends before and after Mass

**November 23rd** - Sunday - Adopt Christmas Friends before and after Mass

**December 13th** - Saturday - Return Christmas Friends Gifts before and after Mass

**December 14th** - Sunday - Return Christmas Friends Gifts before and after Mass

**December 20th** - Saturday - Return Christmas Friends Gifts before and after Mass

**December 21st** - Sunday - Return Christmas Friends Gifts before and after Mass

**December 23rd** - Tuesday - Deliver Christmas Friends Gifts

## LOTTERY WINNER\$ Nov 10 – Nov 16

**Mon.** Pat Cahill Scholarship (Keen)

**Tue.** Stan Duesterhaus

**Wed.** Debra Coe

**Thu.** Andrea Zaffiri

**Fri.** Marie Ginter

**Sat.** Heather Flanigan (Schmit\_

**Sun.** \$35 Cheryl Biesiada

**Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!**

Apke-4, Arnish, Bortmess, Brady, Brinkman, Carel, Coe-2, Conboy, Czapar, Chepulis, Day, Duesterhaus, Eicholz, Gartner, Gleason, Hendrickson, Jemison, Kimberlin, T Londrigan, Merriman, O'Brien, Potter, VanDyke, Waters, Western, Will

## Parents - 1st Communion Ritual Meeting

Come with the book and your 2<sup>nd</sup> grader this **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:55 a.m.** Drop your children and the books off at the church and come back to the parish at 9:00 a.m. for some coffee or tea and some special breakfast treats from Chef Dan's kitchen!

Be prepared to let us know which of the three masses you'll be attending for this weekend's children's ritual.

**Catholic Women of the area** are invited to join the members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Madonna, at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Memorial Meeting at St. Agnes Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Day of Recollection CANCELLED** until January 2009 due to scheduling conflicts. Normally held at Christ the King on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, the Recollections will resume on Jan. 22, 2009.

**BEREAVED PARENTS OF SPRINGFIELD** is a non-denomination self-help and support group for parents who have experienced the death of a son or daughter, regardless of age or cause of death. We welcome all. On Wed., Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., we will have a special workshop on "Handling the Holidays when your child has died". The workshop will be held at Douglas Avenue Methodist Church. On Saturday, Dec. 13, 3:00 p.m. we will hold our annual Candlelight Memorial at Douglas Avenue Methodist Church. We invite all parents and family members to join us on this special afternoon.

**TAIZE ADVENT PRAYER 2008** – All are invited to a refreshing hour of prayer and meditation in the beautiful chapel at Sacred Heart Convent of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. This ecumenical prayer service, patterned after those held in the remarkable and diverse Christian community of Taize, France, features simple contemplative songs, scripture readings, intercessory prayers, abundant candles, and ample time for quiet prayer. It's the perfect way to uplift your concerns and calm your souls at the beginning of the Christmas season. The event begins at 7pm on Dec. 14. For more information contact Sr. Mary Karla at 787-0481.

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