

PASTOR'S NOTES THIS WEEK

The Scriptures speak of the lack of respect for God's creation (the world or vineyard), God's Word (spoken through the prophets), and the Son of God (Jesus). In this month of October, and particularly as we honor Respect Life Sunday, we are called to heed our Savior's words and produce the fruit that will last. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Following Jesus' word, we are commanded to Love God above all things, and to Love our Neighbor as oneself. Let us grow in our respect for life in each person created by our God, from its beginning at conception until natural death. Let us grow in respect for God's creation of the world by our concern for our environment.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are manifested from the gifts of the Spirit. Tonight we begin the preparation for reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be bestowed upon our youth in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Besides the instructions through our parish school of religion, our 7th and 8th grade and older youth will be attending a monthly session to focus on this Sacrament.

This month we begin the Why Catholic program of adult formation. Different groups have been scheduled for various meeting days, Sunday through Thursday.

Marc Staley and Melvin Dambacher entered into the Catechumenate through the Rite Acceptance and Dan Ryan was welcomed as a candidate for completion of initiation at the 10:30 am Mass Sunday, September 28. We support them through our prayers as they are formed in the faith of the Scriptures, the Apostolic Tradition and the Catholic Christian way of life.

Congratulations to Jim & Traci (Best) Smith, Jr. as they begin a new life in Christ through the sacrament of marriage. They administer the sacrament of God's love to us in Christ through their commitment to honor and respect each other all the days of their lives.

We are grateful to the many businesses who are supporting our Youth Mission trip 2009 through the discount card, reusable for 13 months! Get yours from any Mission Trip participant.

Please note that the parish office will be closed this Friday as we participate in a staff development day sponsored by the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis.

Next Saturday, you are requested to participate in a Parish Maintenance Day, beginning at **8:30 am**. We will be trimming brush and cutting dead limbs from trees and also relighting the fixtures in the Church. **It isn't how many people does it take to change a light bulb, but how long it will take if only one person does it for all the fixtures.**

Have a good week in the love of God.

Fr. Dean



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – October 5

- 9:10 a** PSR Classes
- 6:00 p** Confirmation Prep Class

Monday – October 6

- 9:00 a** Collection Counting Team 4 (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)
- 7:00 p** Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday – October 8

- 1:00 p** Women's Tea
- 5:30 p** Children's Choir Practice
- 6:30 p** PSR Classes
- 6:30 p** RCIA
- 7:45 p** Adult Choir Practice

Friday – October 10

- 8:30 p** HS After-Game Bonfire
- STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**
HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

Sunday – October 12

NO PSR CLASSES



Michael & Becky Hutchison
2 Mishawaka, Rochester

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – October 11-12

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Settles/ Scheufele	DeGroot/Eifert/Nelson	Van Dyke/Kerley/Deacon Tom
Lector	LoCascio/Kenworth	Petit/Smith	Garcia/Garland
Hospitality	Feraris Family/Egizio	Palumbo Family/Brandis	Decker Family
Servers	Settles/Freveletti	A & M McClintock	M & D Lindstrom/Marx
Mass Coordinator	Carmel Settles	Brenda & Brian Will	Emma Van Dyke

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leaders for October 12: NO CLOW – Columbus Day Weekend
Church Dusters for the week of October 6: Cathy & David Potter

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 04 Sat	5:30 p	Catherine Hendrickson
Oct 05 Sun	8:00 a	Ken Kjar †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Oct 06 Mon	8:00 a	Agnes Reilly †
Oct 07 Tue	6:45 a	Jenny Pouh Family †
Oct 08 Wed	8:00 a	Liv/Dec Members St. Jude
Oct 09 Thur	6:45 a	Tom & Marie Lawless †
Oct 10 Fri	8:00 a	Liv/Dec Members St. Jude
Oct 11 Sat	5:30 p	Lorraine Blasko †
Pct 12 Sun	8:00 a	Charles Yong †
	10:30 a	Floyd E. Thompson †

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$66,671.28	\$ 5,255.66
Electronic Funds	\$12,976.00	\$ 1,787.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 4,390.00	\$ 120.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 168.00
Poor Fund	\$ 509.62	\$ 51.42
Haiti Collection	\$ 1,255.11	\$ 50.00

Children’s Stewardship Offering to God My good deed was . . .

I washed the dishes....I gave my drink to a child who was thirsty....Playing Uno Attack with my family.... I helped mom clean.... I helped my dad on his truck... I helped my parents around the house....Helped clean the house....I helped my mommy water the flower... Picked up dirty clothes....I helped clean my mom’s car. Helping a friend....Listens to directions from my soccer coach....Helped my coach with the flags after the game. Being good at grandma’s house....Giving \$1 of my own money to the church.

Stewardship Message

The first son in Today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. **What service is God calling me to do?** Which son am I more like?

This Weeks Daily Readings

- Sun.** – [Is 5:1-7](#); [Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20](#); [Phil 4:6-9](#); [Mt 21:33-43](#)
Mon. – [Gal 1:6-12](#); [Ps 111:1b-2, 7-10c](#); [Lk 10:25-37](#)
Tue. – [Gal 1:13-24](#); [Ps 139:1-3, 13-15](#); [Lk 10:38-42](#)
Wed. – [Gal 2:1-2, 7-14](#); [Ps 117:1-2](#); [Lk 11:1-4](#)
Thur. – [Gal 3:1-5](#); [Luke 1:69-75](#); [Lk 11:5-13](#)
Fri. – [Gal 3:7-14](#); [Ps 111:1-6](#); [Lk 11:15-26](#)
Sat. – [Gal 3:22-29](#); [Ps 105:2-7](#); [Lk 11:27-28](#)

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Sept 29 thru Oct 5

- Mon.** Carol Gadert
Tue. Mayme Benson
Wed. St. Martin’s (Paulek)
Thu. Randy Western
Fri. Judy Bedore
Sat. Bob Davis
Sun. 100\$ Ray Bruzan

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!
 Apke-2, Bertrand, Biesiada, Bortmess, Brinkman, Carel, Conboy, Devaney-2, Duban-2, Duesterhaus, Eicholz, Kenworth, Meriman, Noller, O’Brien, Roland, Schmit-3, Schultz, Vinson-2, J Waters

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Please pray for:



- Mary Kates** (parishioner)
Rose Blakley (Madonna Jones’ mother)
Maude Kenworth (Parishioner)

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

This weekend you will have the opportunity to volunteer to share your time and talent with the parish during the weekend liturgy. A brief description of each of these ministries is below. Volunteering is another outward sign of stewardship. Please seriously consider helping the parish.

If you are currently volunteering in a ministry, there is no need to sign –up for that particular ministry, as you will automatically remain on our listing of available ministers.

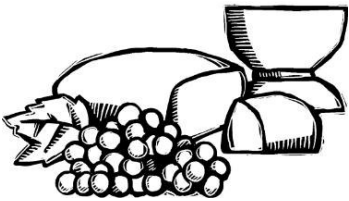


Lector

A Lector proclaims the Scripture readings at Mass with reverence and understanding. They should have a love for God's Word and the desire to study it more deeply. Lectors are adults or high

school youth. They should be dependable and have a clear speaking voice. Training and guidance is provided. Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis. Preparation to serve as lector requires reviewing all readings for the assigned mass and carefully practicing the assigned readings.

Eucharistic Ministers



The Eucharistic Minister helps the celebrant with the distribution of the Eucharist. They should be an adult or teenager who has been confirmed

(16 years of age); and, who has a love and reverence for the Eucharist. Attendance at a one-hour mandatory training session is required. Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled on a rotating basis.

Acolyte (Server)



Acolytes

Acolytes assist the Presider during Mass by holding the Sacramentary, helping at the presentation of the gifts, carrying the cross and "other duties as assigned" by the Presider. To be an acolyte, you must have received First Communion. You must have the ability to be attentive and reverent during Mass. You must be dependable. Attendance at

mandatory training sessions is required. Acolytes must be willing to serve on a rotating basis.



Mass Coordinators are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass starts to insure that everything is in place for the celebration of the Mass. They assist the priest in making sure all the Acolytes, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers have arrived. Mass Coordinators are asked to stay 10 minutes after Mass to insure that everything is put away properly and that everything is in place for the next Mass.

GREETERS



Hospitality/Greeters

Families and/or individuals who wish to help this community make sure all are welcomed with a warm smile and a greeting.

These ministers are asked to

arrive 15 minutes before mass. Ministers hand out worship aides and bulletins, and they help set a tone of warmth and welcome at all liturgical functions. They are in charge of taking up the weekly collection and then bring the gifts to the altar at the Presentation of the Gifts. Hospitality/Greeters are asked to stay 10 minutes after mass to ensure that music books have been put away and the worship space is picked up.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

These individuals will conduct the Liturgy of the Word for Children. This responsibility includes preparing and delivering reflections. Workbooks will be provided that greatly assists in this endeavor. Attendance is required at one training session.

Clothing Drive



October 18 & 19

As you pack up your summer clothing and pull out your fall clothing, please think of St. Martin de Porres. We will be collecting gently used clothing, bedding, coats, and small household items from 8:00am to noon on Saturday October 18th. You may also drop off items after any of the Masses that weekend in the Parish Center. If you can help with this clothing drive please call Kevin Spurlock at 498-9026.

Stewardship Sunday



Our next Stewardship Weekend is October 11-12. In recognition of October being Respect Life Month we will be collecting items for babies and young children for the

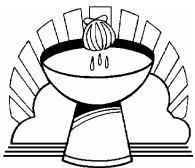
Holy Family Food Pantry. Their specific request is for the following items:

Diapers: Newborn through Pull Ups.
Formula: Any Kind
Personal Hygiene Items for Children

If you would like to make a monetary donation, baby bottles will be at the back of the church to receive your donation in lieu of or in addition to the items listed above.

Thank you –
Deacon Tom

Parents and Parents-To-Be



The **Pre-Jordan Class** is scheduled for **October 14, 2008 at 7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Parents and parents-to-be, anticipating a child's baptism, are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism Preparation Class. These 90-minute (or less) sessions will explore the Sacrament of Baptism and prepare parents to baptize their children. Please call the Parish Office (498-9524) to RSVP, and contact Theresa Gegen (498-7814) or Deacon Tom (498-8651) if you have any questions.



The high school bonfires, after the two home football games, have been well attended and we wish to say thank you to all the adults who have volunteered to chaperone

these events. On the bulletin board at the entrance to the church are sign-up sheets for chaperones for the next two games on October 10th and October 17th. Please consider volunteering to chaperone on one of these evenings.

TODAY – Join Springfield's Life Chain Prayer Witness from 2:30 to 3:30 to **DEFEND LIFE**. Route is from MacArthur to Wabash in Spfld.

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Rochester Masonic Lodge #635 cordially invites you to attend their **MOSTACCIOLI DINNER**, next Sunday, Oct. 12, from 11am til 1:30pm, at the Masonic Center, 121 E. Main, Rochester.

MISSION TRIP 2009

Attendees are now selling
MERCANT DISCOUNT CARDS

Everyone likes to eat out, especially when you can save money!! Buy a Discount Card and enjoy eating out more! Cards are \$10 and can be used until November 2009!

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PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA	WING ZONE
RALLY'S	GODFATHER'S PIZZA
CHADITO'S MEXICAN	AMERICAN GRILL
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Victim Assistance

If you know someone close to you who has been the victim of sexual abuse by an individual representing the Catholic Church, there are Victim Assistance guides in the kiosk in the foyer of our Church. Together we can maintain a safe environment for all.