

PASTOR'S NOTES THIS WEEK

The Scripture parable of the two sons might be pertinent in our parish, of saying Yes and doing nothing, or saying No and taking time to assess the situation before responding to the request.

The Building Committee has made its recommendation to the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council regarding our future facilities. Based on present and future needs, the Committee suggests that we pursue over the next few years, the process of building a new Church. The suggested plan would have the Church connect our present facilities, providing added classrooms by moving staff offices to present church, and providing gathering space handicapped accessible restrooms, space for children's liturgy of the word, and additional parking, etc. Although the Pastoral Council and Finance Council recommended a feasibility study and the Bishop has given approval to do it, the present national financial crisis is a cause for us to delay such action at the present time.

Liturgical Ministries: Please read the enclosed description of various ministries during Mass and sign up for one. Each parish family should be involved.

There is a **YOUTH/ADULT Mission Trip** meeting 7:00 pm Thursday, October 2. The registration deposit fee is due to assure participation.

Next weekend, an additional **Mass will be offered at 6:00 pm Sunday** as we begin the formal preparation of some 66 prospective candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Please note the **Blessing of Pets** in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, next Saturday at 8 am in front of the parish center.

The **Knights of Columbus** are holding their Golf Outing in support of the Father Pat Cahill Scholarship Fund next Saturday.

Mark your calendar for a **Maintenance Workday** at the parish on Saturday, **Oct. 11**. Replacing light bulbs in Church fixtures and cleaning up fallen limbs and brush are objects of the maintenance day.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Bishop Lucas has sent letters to each household requesting your support for the Diocesan Church. I have returned my pledge this week. and hopefully you will also. Our parish assessment this year is \$40,000+.

CHURCH MARRIAGE LAW REMINDER

A reminder regarding the laws of marriage, a Catholic validly celebrates marriage before a priest (or delegated deacon) and two witnesses. A dispensation from the proper form of marriage may be granted by the Bishop (or his delegates) to allow a Catholic to be married in another Church or according to another religion so that such marriage is valid. An invalid marriage can be convalidated by a *sanatio in radice* (sanctified back to the root) from decree of the Bishop or renewal of vows in a convalidation ceremony supplying the proper form of marriage for a Catholic person.

God bless you.
Fr. Dean

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – September 28

- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 10:30 a RCIA Rite of Welcoming
- 1:00 p Confirmation Catechists' Orientation & Training

Monday – September 29

- 9:00 a Collection Counting Team 3 (Lower, Helling Tomashovich)

Wednesday – October 1

- 5:30 p Children's Choir Practice
- 6:30 p PSR Classes
- 6:30 p RCIA
- 7:45 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – October 2

- 7:00 p **MISSION TRIP** Meeting

Saturday – October 4

- 8:00 a Blessing of Animals
- KC Golf Outing

Sunday – October 5

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



Randy & Arlene Sharp,
2300 Lynnhaven Dr.,
Springfield

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – October 4-5

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Egizio/Feraris/Deacon Tom	G & C Leach/Deacon Tom	Hanke/Hostetler/Deacon Tom
Lector	Day/Auxier	Newman/Palumbo	Deimel/Bertrand
Hospitality	D&S Hankins/J&P Jones	Reid/Smith/Benson/Walker	Ed & Judy Bedore
Servers	D & M Western/Ziegler	C, J & J Merriman	Warren/Riedle/Foster
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko	Conni & Wayne Hutchinson	Vicki Walker

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders for October 5: Deona Kuntzman and Brenda Will
Church Dusters for the week of September 29: Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 27 Sat	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
Sept 28 Sun	8:00 a	Ken Kjar †
	10:30 a	Rose Decatoire †
Sept 22 Mon	8:00 a	Lynn Dorman †
Sept 23 Tue	6:45 a	Agnes Reilly †
Sept 24 Wed	8:00 a	Jenny Pouh Family †
Sept 25 Thur	6:45 a	Joseph Nieberding †
Sept 26 Fri	8:00 a	Tony Krager †
Sept 27 Sat	5:30 p	Catherine Hendrickson †
Sept 28 Sun	8:00 a	Ken Kjar †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family



Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)

Scott Wilson (Friend of Monica Lower)

Mary Kates (parishioner)

Rose Blakley (Madonna Jones' mother)

(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.)

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$61,415.62	\$ 4,586.05
Electronic Funds	\$11,189.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 4,270.00	\$ 128.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 458.20	\$ 0.00
Haiti Collection		\$ 1,205.11

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

I folded clothes.

I did my homework without being asked.

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?

There will be a Mission Trip Meeting on Thursday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.

Registration forms are still available in the parish office or in the church. The trip is open to St. Jude Church youth (presently in 8th grade or older) and adults. Registration fee is \$150. This fee may be made in installments of \$50 per month in September October and November. After October 1, the registration fee is \$175.00.

This Weeks Daily Readings

Sun. – Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Mon. – Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tue. – Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wed. - Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thur. – Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9, 13-14; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Fri. – Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Lk 10:13-16

Sat. - Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

LOTTERY WINNER\$ Sept 22 thru 28

Mon. Maude Kenworth

Tue. Josephine Catteau (Van Dyke)

Wed. Cheryl Biesiada

Thu. Jim Lauwerens

Fri. Carlo Catalano

Sat. Kathy Blasko

Sun. \$35 Kimberlin Family

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Apke-2, Bertrand, Biesiada, Bortmess, Brinkman, Carel, Conboy, Devaney-2, Duban-2, Duesterhaus, Eicholz, Kenworth, Merriman, Noller, O'Brien, Roland, Schmit-3, Schultz, Vinson-2, J Waters

Advertiser of the Week

Judy's Hallmark Shop

Fairhills Mall Capitol City Shopping Center
White Oaks Plaza Sangamon Center

When you care enough to send the very best!

Next 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.

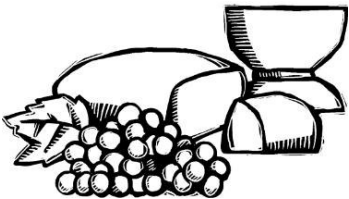


Lector

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.

Hospitality/Greeters

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.



Fall 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.

Area Happenings

Rochester United Methodist Church's Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring an **Octoberfest Dance and Social** for people ages 50 and over on Friday, October 3 from 6:30 until 10:00. The event will feature DJ's Donny and Kathy Atkins with Country, 50s-60s, and Ballroom Dancing. Admission is free and this is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations are encouraged but not required. The church is located at 555 S. Walnut, Rochester. Any questions should be directed to Carole Strick in the church office, 498-7179.

Resurrection Parish of Illiopolis will be hosting a **FRIED CHICKEN DINNER & RAFFLE** on Sunday, Sept 28 (TODAY). Raffle drawings, Country Store, Baked Goods.

Sacred Heart Church of Oconee will hold their annual **FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL** beginning today, Sept. 28 and continuing for the next 3 Sundays, October 5, 12, & 19, Hours are 11am to 5pm. Great Food, and fun and games for all including a Straw Maze, Big Slide Entrance, Hayrides, Pick your own Pumpkin, and much more.

Brinkerhoff **RUMMAGE SALE** – Since our Fall Fair had to be cancelled in September, we will have a rummage sale inside the Home at 1500 N. 5th St., Spfld. on Saturday Oct. 4 from 8am to 12 noon.

On October 1, the SH-G High School Bank will be hosting a **Trivia Night** at the SHG East Campus Cafeteria to assist in purchasing new equipment, uniforms, and assisting in travel expenses. Doors open at 6:30 pm and Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Categories will be general knowledge.

Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are \$10 per adult and \$8 per student with a high school or college ID. Teams should be made up of 8 to 10 people per table.

Prizes will be awarded to top teams as follows:

1st Place - 10% of entrance fees

2nd Place – 5% of entrance fees

3rd Place - 3% of entrance fees

There will also be a 50/50 drawing & door prizes. Baked goods and refreshments will be on sale. For more information call 753-9616.

WeLoveEvan Benefit – Evan Hoffman is a 6th grader at St. Agnes School in Spfld who was diagnosed with *ryabdomyosarcoma** over the summer. Evan's wonderful spirit and gritty determination have inspired us all to help him in his fight.

Please join us for an afternoon of family fun and community spirit at the **WeLoveEvan Benefit**, Sunday, October 12, 2-6pm, at the Firefighters Club, 940 W. Lake Shore Dr., Spfld. The afternoon will include Silent & Live Auctions, a 50/50 Raffle, Bake Sale, Children's Entertainment, and Music. Refreshments and Cash Bar will be available. Admission is only \$10 per adult or \$25 per family. All proceeds will help defer the costs of Evan's medical expenses. For more information 638-7688.

**Rhabdomyosarcoma* is a cancer made of cells that normally develop into skeletal muscles of the body.