

PASTOR'S NOTES THIS WEEK

Commissioning our Catechists - (Echoers of God's Word). Although Catechetical Sunday is traditionally the third weekend of September, we are beginning our PSR today. Thus we commission those for service as Catechists who guide our children, youth and adults in faith formation as Catholic Christians.

A **Mass for the PSR** families and friends will be held at 6:30 pm this Wednesday in the Church. Come join us in prayer to God as we begin the new year of Christian formation.

Wednesdays during the PSR sessions will be opportunity and time also for the RCIA gatherings.

The response to the **Invitation to Join Us** as full members has brought forth four adults at the present time. The RCIA Team will be introduced to the Inquirers following the PSR Mass on Wednesday. If you have questions about the Catholic faith and considering the possibility of joining us, give Deacon Tom Walker or Father Dean Probst a call at 498-9197.

The **Inquiry sessions** of the RCIA will be held on Wednesdays during PSR. This will make it easier for several of our inquirers as their children will be attending PSR classes. However, other times will be available if the need arises.

Confirmation Late Registration - Parents have a final opportunity to register their children for Confirmation either 1:45 pm, Mon. Sept. 8, or 8 pm Wed. Sept. 10.

The **Mission Trip registration** continues...please sign up quickly to assure a space. Adults and Youth (presently in 8th grade and older) are welcome to be a part of this wonderful experience. **Please note:** I am looking for a **Coordinator or two** for the Mission Trip. If you are interested, this please let me know.

This week I will be attending a Canon Law Seminar at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, Monday and Tuesday. It will also be an opportunity to meet some of our Diocesan seminarians who are preparing for priesthood.

Please sign up for the Parish picnic to be held Sunday September 21 at Rochester Community Park.

Blessings,
Fr. Dean

Confirmation Late Registration

Parents have a **final opportunity** to register their children for Confirmation Preparation either 1:45 pm, Monday, September 8th with Dan Frachey or 8 pm Wednesday, September 10 with Fr. Dean Probst.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Monday – September 8

- 9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4 (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)
- 1:45 p Confirmation Late Registration
- 6:30 p Breadbakers: Eilts, Ginter, Morrow, J&K Waters
- 6:30 p ChForm Commission Mtg.

Tuesday – September 11

- 6:30 p RCIA Team Meeting

Wednesday – September 10

- 1:00 p Women's Tea
- 6:30 p PSR Classes
- 7:15 p RCIA Inquiry
- 7:45 p Adult Choir Practice
- 8:00 p Confirmation Late Registration

Thursday – September 11

- 7:00 p Pre-Jordan Baptismal Class

Friday – Sept 12

- 9:00 p HS After- Game Bonfire

September 13 & 14 - STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND Rochester Food Pantry

Sunday – September 14

- 9:10 a PSR Classes

CONSIDER JOINING US: INQUIRY

If you are interested or simply thinking about possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian, contact Deacon Tom Walker or Father Dean Probst. We would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the Catholic Church and/or what is required.



Gina & Randy Saddens,
children: Carson (5) & Dalton (1);
3305 Lauxmont Dr., Springfield

Kevin & Danielle Marinelli,
children: Gage (10) & Payton (8);
10000 Bell Fountain Rd., Dawson

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – September 13-14

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30a
Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Day/Egizio	Eifert/Nelson/Deacon Tom	Hostetler/VanDyke/Hanke
Lector	LoCascio/Kenworth	H & J Hendrickson	Garcia/Garland
Hospitality	Kratz & Wilson Families	Otten Family	Houser & Schoedel Families
Servers	D & M Western/Freveletti	C, J & J Merriman	Warren/Riedle/Foster
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko	Brenda & Brian Will	Emma Vandyke

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders for September 14: Sara & Randy Rhodes & Liana Grenda
Church Dusters for the week of September 8: Lynn Alewelt & Michelle Bertrand

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 06 Sat	5:30 p	Kenneth Feraris, Sr. †
Sept 07 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	M/M Joseph Nieberding †
Sept 08 Mon	8:00 a	Catherine Hendrickson †
Sept 09 Tue	6:45 a	Tom & Marie Lawless†
Sept 10 Wed	8:00 a	Special Intention
	6:30 p	PSR Students & Catechists
Sept 11 Thur	6:45 a	Agnes Reilly †
Sept 12 Fri	8:00 a	Jenny Pouh Family †
Sept 13 Sat	5:30 p	Lorraine Blasko †
Sept 14 Sun	8:00 a	Ken Kjar †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family



Ester & Sal Figueras

(friends of Beth Yong)

Sherry Frachey (parishioner)

Bonnie Bunger

(Etta Bunger's daughter-in-law)

Wayne Hutchinson (parishioner)

Barbara Dirksen Bos

(niece of Barbara Sinkus)

Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)

(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	\$45,436.32	\$ 4,099.51
Electronic Funds	\$ 8,684.00	\$ 1,787.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 2,932.00	\$ 58.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 896.00	\$ 198.00
Poor Fund	\$ 395.65	\$ 22.00

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

I apologized to my sister.

I offered to baby-sit the neighbor boys.

Stewardship Message

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

WANTED

Mission Trip Coordinator(s) of Activity

Free registration or Stipend available. Contact Fr. Dean (498-7133) or email dprobst@rochesterstjude.com.

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

The Rochester Food Pantry has been designated as the recipient of our stewardship donations next weekend. Your participation is encouraged and we ask that you bring a canned food item or two. The Rochester Food Pantry needs your assistance.

As mentioned in *The Faithful*, our parish newsletter, and last weekend's bulletin, today we will begin passing the collection baskets after the Prayers of the Faithful. The basket for DONATIONS for the POOR is now located beneath the Statue of St. Jude.

MISSION TRIP: DENVER 2009 (June 6-14)

Registration forms are now 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 (payable in installments of \$50). NOTE: Half of the reserved spaces have been requested.

This Weeks Daily Readings

Sun. – Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Mon. – Mi 5:1-4a; Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tue. – 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19

Wed. – 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thur. – 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Fri. – 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

Sat. – 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Sept 1 thru 7

Mon. Bortmess Family
Tue. Mary Beth Roland
Wed. Therese Vinson
Thu. Miranda Flanigan (Schmit)
Fri. Mike Brinkman
Sat. Marilyn Merkle
Sun. \$100 St. Jude Church (Faloon)

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Apke-2, Blough, Conboy, Czapar, C Davis, Duban, Eicholz, Foster-2, Kratz, Merriman, S Miller, Noller, O'Brien, Petit, Schmit, Schultz, Shackelford, Vanover, Vinson

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Having trouble hearing on the Phone? You can get information on receiving a FREE amplified phone from Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp. at the Rochester Library on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 10am to noon. Call the Library at 498-8454 to register for a designated time to test the phones. See the flyer on the Bulletin Board.

St. Joseph Catholic Community in Chatham, invites you to share in Marty Haughn's *Tales of Wonder*, a dramatic, musical presentation from Creation to Redemption.

Friday, Sept 12, 7:30pm followed by a Dessert Social;

Saturday, Sept 13, 7:30pm followed by a Sausage & Cheese Social; **Sunday** Sept 14, 4:00pm during a daylong Mostaccioli Dinner (10:00am-5:00pm).

Bring the family for this exciting weekend event.

Brinkerhoff Fall Fair, 1500 N. 5th St., Saturday, Sept 13 from 9am to 3pm. Many vendors, Silent Auction, Better Buys, Country Kitchen, 50/50 Raffle, Memorabilia, Free Tours of the Home, Vose concession. Rain or Shine!

Resurrection Parish of Illiopolis will be hosting a **Fried Chicken Dinner & raffle** on Sunday, September 14 on the parish grounds from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grant us harmony with you, Lord. May this time of worship result in deeper dedication to your will in our daily lives.

Calvary Cemetery Clean Up Schedule, Sept 15 thru October 1. Please be advised that ALL grave decorations will be removed. Anyone wishing to save items from a gravesite is asked to remove all items before Sept. 15. Any approved floral arrangements may be replaced AFTER Oct. 1.

There will be no replacement of Shepherd hooks permitted in the cemetery after October 1. Any replaced and/or left will be removed and disposed of.

Please direct questions to Vaughn Whiteman 523-3726.

Butler Funeral Homes & Cremation Center will be hosting a **Fall Bus Trip** on Thursday, Sept. 25. Cost is \$40 per person for the trip to Petersburg & Oakford, IL. Cost includes round-trip charter bus and activities, tour historic Petersburg aboard the *Stier Trolley Express*; tour, wine tasting and lunch at Hill Prairie Winery & Vine-yard; and shopping on the Petersburg Square. Reservations: 544-4646. Flyer is on the Bulletin Board.

ALL CATHOLIC MEN IN THIS AREA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND a monthly **Evening**

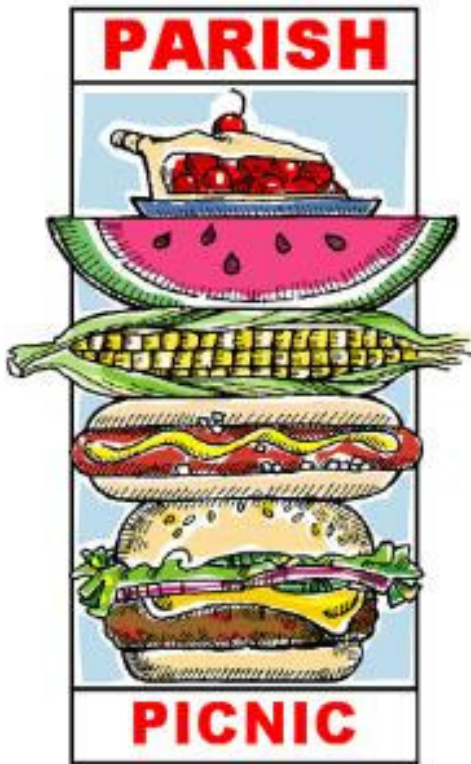
Recollection for Men at St. John's Hospital Chapel on Thursday, September 8 from 5 to 6:45 p.m. on the main lobby level. Arrive when you can, leave whenever necessary. Conducted by priests of the Prelature Opus Dei, it includes Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, meditations, and prayerful reflections on how to better live your faith in today's world. For more information or questions call Jim Henneberry at 217/793-1182.

St. John's Hospital **Grief Support Group** meets every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in St. Clare's Chapel Annex. All are welcome. Questions – call 525-5675.

The **SOS – Survivors of Suicide** (families/friends) support group meets every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel Annex. Questions – call 525-5675.

The **SIDS – Sudden Infant Death Support** group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel Annex. Questions – 525-5675.





**St. Jude Church
Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008
Rochester Village Park**

**Mass begins at 11:00 a.m.
Picnic immediately following**

**The parish will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks
and Table Service**

Families are asked to bring a dish to share:

Family last name: A – H - Salad, Potato or Pasta

I – Q - Vegetable

R – Z - Dessert

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS FOR MASS!
Enjoy great food, friends & fellowship and Rochester Heritage Day!



‘Whisper in Time’ Cemetery Walk set for September 21

The Rochester Historical Preservation Society will hold its 4th annual “Whisper In Time” Cemetery Walk on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rochester Cemetery. Local residents will portray soldiers and family members from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War.

In addition, a new event, **ROCHESTER HERITAGE DAY**, will be staged at the RHPS Old Stone House site from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Civil War encampment, many historical craft demonstrations, food tours of the Stone House with docents and children’s games will be featured. Entertainment from five different groups/individuals will be held under a large tent from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 10th Illinois Calvary Band will perform a concert starting at 3:30 p.m.

