

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

“Divine Mercy” Sunday, was promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 2003. This was to commemorate the vision of Sr. Faustina from Poland who

saw Jesus radiating his Divine Mercy through his Sacred Heart, pictured in the white and red rays flowing from his heart. The red and white rays reflect the divine mercy given to us through the waters of baptism and the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Although this vision is only recently popularized since the canonization of Sister Faustina in this century, Christ’s Divine Mercy has been promulgated by the Catholic Church since the first Easter. It is evident in the Gospel of John, when Jesus appeared to the disciples and announcing “Peace be with you,” and the forgiveness of sins.

YOUTH and Adults, when you are asked about “How can the Church through its priests, forgive sins? “; the answer is given in the Gospel today. Jesus said to his “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Jesus handed on to the Church the Sacrament of Penance, often called Reconciliation and/or Confession.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Adults and Children receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, and continuing during these 50 days of Easter. Congratulations to Melvin Dambacher and Marc Staley, (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion), Dan Ryan (Confirmation and Holy Communion), Shannon Ryan (Confirmation), Danny Ryan, Dylan Dambacher, Skyler Kuntzman, Aaron Clare and Brett Callahan (Holy Communion).

This weekend the following people are scheduled to receive Holy Communion for the first time: Saturday: Carolyn Grenda, J.C. Bartolozzi, Michael Harper and William Eller; Sunday at the 8 am Mass: Elizabeth Newman; at the 10:30 am Mass: Lucas Anguish, Jenna Decker, Abby Riedle, Rileigh Schnepf, and Talon Williams.

COME TO MORNING PRAYER: As I will be attending the Midwest Canon Law Conference in Columbus, Ohio, Monday through Wednesday, Mass is not scheduled on those days. To attend Mass, please consult the Mass schedule for various neighboring churches on page 3 of the bulletin. Note: Bishop Lucas has indicated to the pastors and parish life coordinators that Communion Services are no longer to be celebrated in parishes in Springfield Deanery. The opportunity for daily Mass is available through the various parishes in the greater Springfield area and travel to one of them is less than 5 miles from one to another. Come join the parish staff in praying the Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer.

MORNING PRAYER, is scheduled in our parish Monday through Friday at 8:30 am. This official prayer of the Church is open to anyone to participate. It will be led each day by the parish staff: Mon. Deacon Tom Walker; Tues. Vicki Walker; Wed. Sue Bozarth, Thurs. Dan Frachey; and on Friday: Fr. Dean Probst. The leader will appoint someone to do the reading and/or someone else to lead the intercessions.

MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS: CHWC Applications and Medical Release Forms are to be returned by **Friday, April 25**. These forms need to be notarized. If you were absent from the recent Mission Trip planning meeting last week and didn’t get the forms, you can pick them up in the parish office. These forms are due at the Catholic Heart Workcamp Office by May 1.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – April 19

- 8:00 a Mission Trip Fundraiser Breakfast
- 9:00 a **PSR Registration for Fall 2009 classes**
- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 6:00 p Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Program

Monday – April 20 –

- 8:30 a **Morning Prayer**
- 9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4 (Deimel, Benson, Egizio)

Tuesday – April 21

- 8:30 a **Morning Prayer**
- 7:00 p K-C Meeting

Wednesday – April 22

- 8:30 a **Morning Prayer**
- 5:30 p Children’s Choir Practice
- 6:30 p PSR Classes
- 6:30 p **PSR Registration for Fall 2009 classes**
- 6:30 p RCIA
- 7:45 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – April 23

- 8:30 a **Morning Prayer**

Friday – April 24

- 8:30 a **Morning Prayer**

Sunday – April 26

- 9:00 a **PSR Registration for Fall 2009 classes**
- 9:10 a PSR Classes

TODAY!

Mission Trip Fundraiser



Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Or
Pancakes & Sausage



Sunday, April 19
8 am to noon

Adults \$5.00

Child \$3.00

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – April 25 - 26

	Saturday 8:00pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Settles / McMinn Deacon Tom	Brown / Hutchinson Deacon Tom	Clare / Hanke Deacon Tom
Lector	McMinn/Merkley	Walker/Atkinson	Clare/Deimel
Hospitality	Jemison/Urbanckas	Palumbo/Park	Bedore/Walker
Servers	Settles/C&E McMinn	C, J & J Merriman	Biesiada/Becker/Cornett
Mass Coordinator	Carmel Settles	Brenda & Brian Will	Vicki Walker
Church Dusters for the week of April 20: Cathy & David Potter			
Art & Environment for next weekend: Diane Miller			
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Susan Martyn & Christine Cornett			
Recycling Volunteers for April: Doug & Austin Wuellner			
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for April: Kevin Spurlock			

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 18 Sat	5:30 p	Ed Breitung †
Apr 19 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Nieberding Family †
Apr 20 Mon	8:00 a	No mass
Apr 21 Tue	6:45 a	No Mass
Apr 22 Wed	8:00 a	No Mass
Apr 23 Thu	6:45 a	Mary & Laurence Frost †
Apr 24 Fri	8:00 a	Aileen Brandis †
Apr 25 Sat	5:30 p	JoAnn Thomas †
Apr 26 Sun	8:00 a	Debbie Schmidt †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

The cross reflects those who have died and our being remembered in our prayer; non-cross reflects those still living and remembered for a special occasion/intention

Daily Readings

Sun. -	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 ; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Mon -	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tue -	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93 1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed. -	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thu. -	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri. -	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat. -	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sun. -	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48



Please pray for the sick

Fr. Don Meehling (priest)
Dean Schulte (brother of Dennett Hanke)
Karen Keen (parishioner)
Jack Downey (parishioner)
Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)

Margaret Mary Hogan (Nancy Kruse's niece)
Walter Hanke, Sr. (Dennett Hanke's father-in-law)
Margaret Angeli (Trish Leach's niece)
Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Cecelia Mudd (Nancy Torricelli's sister)

Emily Jansen (8th grade friend of many of our youth)
 (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.)

ATTENTION



All Knights and Guests. The 2009 Annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at Chesapeake Seafood House, 3045 Clearlake Avenue in Springfield, Illinois.

Cash Bar 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 You will be able to order from the banquet menu.
 Please sign-up on the list on the bulletin board at the back of the church or call Jack Downey at 498-7768.
 Deadline for sign-up is May 17th.

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$236,188.59	\$ 8,035.31
Electronic Funds	\$ 41,514.44	\$ 2,666.44
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 15,956.00	\$ 378.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 4,646.00	\$ 308.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,708.72	\$ 54.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 292.93	\$ 223.68

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

I showed my friend Tara how to play a D.S. game.
 I cleaned my room.
 I took my friend's jacket to her dad.
 I put Emily and Lacy's shoes on them.

Stewardship Message

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced **total** stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Advertiser of the Week BORTMESS CONCRETE

Ronald L. Bortmess
 6 Maplehurst, Rochester 498-7402



It's not too late to finish your spring cleaning and donate your unwanted items to the Second Annual All Parish Garage Sale. **The sale will be held on May 15 & 16.**

This event benefits the mission trip and all leftovers will be donated to St. Martin de Porres. Last year, we were able to raise over \$1000 and send St. Martin's 8 truckloads of our surplus. All donations of clothing, games, small appliances, housewares, and garage and yard supplies will be graciously accepted. (Please no old televisions or non-working appliances--thanks!) Limited storage is available now, and all items can be dropped off at the parish center the week before the sale. Pickup may be arranged if necessary. Thank you for your support!

AREA WEEKDAY MASSES SCHEDULE

at our Neighboring Parishes
Monday through Friday

7:00 am: Church of the Little Flower
8:00 am: St. Francis Cabrini
8:00 am: St. Katharine Drexel: Sacred Heart Church

Iraqi Family update and benefit garage sale –

The Iraqi mother (Victoria) and four children (Mushtaq, Waseem, Reham, and Antwan) are still in Turkey. The good news is that they have been cleared by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for entrance into the United States. It is anticipated that they will be in the United States by June.

A garage sale to benefit the family will be held **Saturday, April 25th from 7 A.M. to 1:P.M.** in Springfield at Hawthorne Place, Lowell Blvd. between South Grand and Laurel. The house **address is 1512 Lowell**. Items will not be priced, instead, a donation will be asked for the items you wish. Clothing will not be included in the sale.

All proceeds will go directly to aid the family. If you would like to donate items, provide financial support, or want more information, please contact Elaine Hundley 498-7776.

Please continue to remember them in your prayers.



"Youth Mission Blessings to Share" Cookbooks on Sale!!

Starting April 25th the Mission Trip Youth will be selling cookbooks with over 200 favorite recipes from our youth and parish families! This will make a wonderful Mother's Day gift! A limited supply was ordered so look for a representative after mass and purchase your copies! Spiral bound books are only \$10.00!

You may also stop by the parish office and purchase the cookbooks.

A note from St. Joseph's Home

The Sisters at St. Joseph's Home are deeply touched and profoundly grateful for the generosity of St. Jude's parishioners. The people of St. Jude contributed \$2,765.26 to support the construction of our Holy Family Center.

This addition will enable us to provide round-the-clock licensed nursing care with special compassion for persons with dementia in a dignified, secure, and family-friendly environment.

Our hearts are warmed by this outpouring of support. Thank you so very much. Please be assured we thank God for our wonderful benefactors every day in Mass and private prayer.

Sincerely,
Sr. Judith Morris
Administrator


Fatima Crusade

The Fatima Pilgrimage will take place on May 17, Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church in Springfield. Speaker is Fr. Thomas Donovan. See the *Catholic Times* for details.

St. Agnes Parish 2009 Annual Chicken Dinner will be next Sunday, April 26 from 12:00 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$8, Child \$4, Pre-schoolers are free.

11th ANNUAL CENTRAL ILLINOIS SENIOR CELEBRATION - 50 & OLDER

Illinois State Fairgrounds Orr Building
 Wednesday, May 20 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Free - Health Screenings; Information Displays;
 Admission; Parking; Shuttle Service; Refreshments;
 Entertainment; Door Prizes; For more information call the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland at 787-9234.



A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Thanks

FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.