

Dear Parishioners,

Today begins "**Holy Week**", the greatest week of the year for Christians. We commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with our waving of Palms which then quickly turns to the Passion of Christ being crucified. Lent comes to an end on Thursday evening when we begin the fast of the Easter Triduum, and the Greatest Liturgy of the Church, the Easter Triduum, with the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. There is no dismissal on that night as the Liturgy continues into Good Friday with the Passion and Death of the Lord Service. This great liturgy concludes with the Easter Vigil service in which we honor the Lord handing over his Spirit to the Church through the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle, the blessing of new water for baptisms, the strengthening of the baptismal vocation through the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation and conclude with our being fed with the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. What will you be doing during these days?

Questions recently asked:

"Why do we call the day Jesus died, Good Friday?" Since it is the day that Jesus suffered and died for us, are we not sad, feeling guilty for our sins, and fasting...what makes it good. It is Good because God so loved the world that He gave us his only Son who freely suffered and died for us so that we might have life forever with him in heaven. It is Good because in John's Gospel, it is the coronation of our Savior as King of the Universe. Unlike the dark and cruel punishment and death of Jesus that we hear on Palm/Passion Sunday through the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, on Good Friday, we hear John's Gospel proclaiming Jesus' kingship through the likeness of a coronation ceremony.

A temporal matter question: **"What are the results of your letter regarding the Annual Catholic Services Appeal?"** There were 38 new households who contributed to this campaign and 68 households who increased their contribution/pledge to it. Because of this, we were able to reach our parish budget's goal of over half of the assessment amount. The Diocesan tax assessment is \$40,800 this year, and contributions are paid nearly to \$22,000. The parish finance council had budgeted a deficit of \$20,000 so we are in good shape with it this fiscal year. Thanks to all who contributed through prayers and/or financial support.



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – April 5

9:10 a PSR Classes

Monday – April 6

8:30 a Morning Prayer

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 2 - (Foster, Spurlock, Waters)

6:30 p Chrism Mass – St. Agnes Church

Tuesday – April 7

8:30 a Morning Prayer

Wednesday – April 8

8:30 a Morning Prayer

1:00 p Women's Tea

No PSR or Children's Choir

7:00 p Art & Environ – Decorate for Holy Thurs.

7:45 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – April 9 – Holy Thursday

Parish Offices Closed

8:30 a Morning Prayer

7:00 p Mass

8:00 p Eucharistic Adoration

Friday – April 10 – Good Friday

Parish Offices Closed

8:30 a Morning Prayer

12:00 p Stations of the Cross

7:00 p Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death

Saturday – April 11 – Holy Saturday

RCIA Retreat

8:00 a Lectio Divina

9:30 a Art & Environment – Decorate for Easter

8:00 p Easter Vigil

Sunday – April 12 – Easter Sunday



LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – April 11-12

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 8:00pm Jasinski / Egizio Deacon Tom	Sunday 8:00am DeGroot / Roland Deacon Tom Crawford / Newman	Sunday 10:30 am Walker / Scheufele Deacon Tom Garcia / Warren
Lector	To be assigned	Benson/Smith/Will Family	Decker Family
Hospitality Servers	J & P Jones Biesiada / C Brown D & M Western	Foster / M Lafferty need 1 more	Warren / Marx/ Magro
Mass Coordinator	Fritz Lower	Beth & Richard Yong	Vicki Walker

Church Dusters for the week of April 6: Carol & David Foltz and Brenda Magro
Art & Environment for next weekend:
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: No CLOW
Recycling Volunteers for April: Doug & Austin Wuellner
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for April: Kevin Spurlock

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 04 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Apr 05 Sun	8:00 a	Margo & Mary Anne Nelson†
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Apr 06 Mon	8:00 a	Tony Kruger †
Apr 07 Tue	6:45 a	Liv/Dec'd Mbrs of St. Jude
Apr 08 Wed	8:00 a	All Souls †
Apr 09 Thu	7:00 p	Pastor's Intention
Apr 10 Fri	7:00 p	Lord's Passion & Death
Apr 11 Sat	8:00 p	Pastor's Intention
Apr 12 Sun	8:00 a	For the Parish
	10:30 a	Pastor's Intention

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



Please pray for the sick

Fr. Don Meehling (priest)
Steve Dwyer (Son-in-law of Trish Leach)
Dean Schulte (brother of Dennett Hanke)
Trish Leach (parishioner)
Karen Keen (parishioner)

Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)
Margaret Mary Hogan (Nancy Kruse's niece)
Walter Hanke, Sr. (Dennett Hanke's father-in-law)
Jack Downey (parishioner)
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.)

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

Daily Readings

Sun.	- Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
Mon.	- Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tue.	- Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed.	- Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thu.	- Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri.	- Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat.	- Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32C4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-6; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sun.	- Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

OUR GIFT TO GOD

Fiscal Year 7/1/08 – 6/30/09

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$222,539.45	\$ 4,320.69
Electronic Funds	\$ 38,848.00	\$ 1,837.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 14,750.00	\$ 136.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 4,338.00	\$ 218.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,517.72	\$ 10.00
Rice Bowl	\$	\$ 29.25

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

I took my sister something to eat when she was sick.

Stewardship Message

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CHRISM MASS

April 6, 2009, 6:30 PM, (At St. Agnes Church)

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**



This Mass commemorates the Last Supper, the gift of the Eucharist, the command to live the Eucharist in service to the world as we wash one another's feet, and the beginning of the Lord's suffering.

After Communion, there will be a candlelight procession to the parish center to a Place of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are invited and encouraged to spend time watching and praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

It is important that someone be in the center praying from the end of Mass until 11:00 pm. We will close our adoration with the celebration of Night Prayer.

COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH THE LORD

GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 AM, **Morning Prayer**

Noon, **Stations of the Cross,**

7:00 PM, **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death,**

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 AM, **Morning Prayer**

8:00 PM, **The EASTER VIGIL LITURGY**

Following the Easter Vigil, you are invited to the parish center for a light meal. This will give everyone an opportunity to welcome our honored guests, those who are newly baptized and those completing their Christian Initiation. Reservations need to be made by April 8th by calling the parish office 498-9524.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM, **Mass with Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

10:30 AM, **Mass with Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

St. Jude Church will host a Health Screening on April 20, 2009. On that day, **Life Line Screening** will scan the **carotid artery in the neck for plaque build up**, which can lead to **STROKE**, (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage) and the arteries in the legs for **Peripheral Arterial Disease**, which is linked to **heart disease**. They also offer a third test for **aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen**. Life Line will also offer on that day a bone density screening to test for **Osteoporosis**. We have added a fifth test, **Atrial Fibrillation**, which is the most common type of **heart arrhythmia or irregular heart beat**. This is a prevention program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you and referred back to your own doctor. These tests, which are non-invasive, completely painless and take only about ten minutes each, are offered for forty five dollars a piece. **Pre-registration is a must. Call 1-800-324-1851 (Source Code HSC6570) for your appointment or for more information.**

For inspiration during the Lenten season listen to **AM 1410 WIHM, Catholic radio**. Hear shows such as *Lenten Parish Mission* with Father Bill Casey and *Lenten Reflections*. Plus, daily Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call toll free 1-877-305-1234.

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK: The Central Illinois Blood Mobile will be at St. Jude Church from 2:00 – 6:30 pm, Monday, April 6th. Give blood so that others might live.



ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Rochester.

Are you interested in playing ... or being the coordinator for St. Jude? Rules, the entry fee, and the schedule will be set at the meeting. League rules require teams to be represented at the meeting in order to be included in league play for the season.

The league also welcomes individuals, or groups less than a full team, from churches to attend. At the meeting they can combine and organize with others to become a team. Please contact Fr. Dean if you are interested.

Advertiser of the Week

ROCHESTER FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

"Certified in Acupuncture"

Dana K. Oliver, D.C.
128 N. John St. Ste. A
498-2000

1st Annual Adult "Senior Prom"

The Rochester High School Music Department will relive the musical memories of the past by proudly sponsoring the Rochester 1st Annual "Senior Prom". This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Rochester High School Gymnasium and is open to all area adults age 55 and older and their guests. Come listen and dance to great entertainment from the Rochester High School Jazz Ensemble and the Rochester Vocal Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Dennis Jones and Mr. Josh Spear. Drinks and desserts will be provided by area churches. This is a free event provided by the high school as a special service to area senior adults. Prom pictures will be taken to offer a special memory of the event. Casual dress. Reservations are recommended. Call Carole Strick at 498-7179 for this or for any questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

"I will proclaim your name to my brethren...." in today's Psalm....Does your marriage/holy orders preach the gospel by example? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is April 24th through 26th. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 888-889-9963 or go online to www.aweekendofdiscovery.org.



Please join us to **donate blood** in the **Church of Saint Jude in Rochester** on **Monday, April 6** in support of the central Illinois blood supply. We welcome community members to donate from **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. Central Illinois Community Blood Center is **the only** blood provider to 19 central Illinois hospitals, including **Memorial Medical Center and Saint John's Hospital**. Please join us for this life-saving event. If you have any questions about donating you can call 753-1530. Walk-ins are always welcome, but to schedule an appointment call Jessica at 753-1530 x 6814 or sign up online at www.CICBC.org

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.