

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

What is your response to Jesus' question of Peter "Do you want to leave me also?" Each Sunday we proclaim with Peter, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." as we come to Mass. It is in the Eucharist, we receive Jesus who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life, whoever eats of this Bread will live forever." Are you coming or are you leaving?



Welcome to
St. Jude Church

Welcoming into the Church of St. Jude parish:

William (Will) & Courtney Lovett and their children: **Britton (4) & Reagan (1)**. Will is a lobbyist for Illinois Education Association and

Courtney is the domestic engineer for the family. The Lovett family resides at: 1 Maplehurst, Rochester, IL; phone 217-494-7862.

Tom & Cindy Boarman and their children **Robert (18) & Anna Marie (4)**. Tom is self-employed in farming and Cindy works for the Illinois Secretary of State. They reside at: 1293 North 200 East Road, Pawnee, IL 625-8413; phone 217-625-8413.

LEAVING: Seminarian **David Curtin** begins his second year of Pre-Theology at the St. Meinrad Seminary, in St. Meinrad, Indiana. I am grateful for his presence with us during the summer filling in at liturgical ministries and in fostering evangelization and welcoming back families in the parish. May Holy Spirit continue to guide him. He will likely return during his Holiday vacations.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING BAPTIZED or desire to receive **HOLY COMMUNION** in the Catholic Church? Inquiry sessions will be held at 7:00 PM on the following days: **Thursday, August 27; and Monday, August 31**. Attend whichever session meets your schedule. If you need to meet during the day, please call 498-7133.

INTERESTED IN BEING A SERVER AT MASS?

Anyone, 10 years old through and including Adults, interested in becoming an **ALTAR SERVER**, please attend one of the following training opportunities:

9:30 am Sunday, August 23.

The liturgy schedule for September will be finalized after these training sessions.

MASS FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

Diocesan Administrator Monsignor Carl Kemme has designated prayers for the Election of a Bishop for next weekend, August 29/30. The Readings next weekend will be from Isaiah 61:1-3a; Psalm 89:4-5, 21-22, 25, 27; Hebrews 5:1-10; and John 15:9-17. Copies of the readings for **Lectors** can be picked up in the Sacristy.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Daily Monday through Friday

7:30 a Rosary (excluding Monday)

8:30 a Morning Prayer

Sunday – August 23

9:30 a Altar Servers Training

Monday – August 24

9:00 a Counting Team #2 – Foster, Spurlock, Ginter

5:00 p Rosary

6:30 p Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday – August 25

7:00 p Marriage and Declarations of Nullity

Thursday – August 27

7:00 p Catechist/Aide Retreat & Workshop

7:00 p RCIA Inquiry

Friday – August 28

9:00–11:30 p Youth Bonfire After Football Game

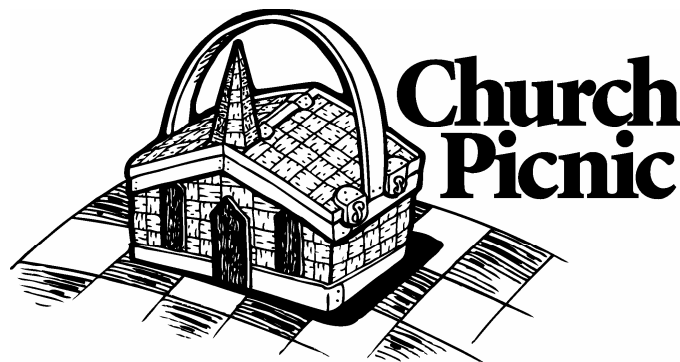
Saturday – August 29

4:30 p Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Sunday – August 30

1:00 p Catechist/Aide Retreat & Workshop

MARRIAGE AND DECLARATION of NULLITY: If you want to learn about the Catholic Church teaching on Marriage and process for remedy of broken marriages come and join us at 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 25, in the St. Jude parish center. Be reconciled with the Church.



Church Picnic

Please plan to attend our annual **Parish Picnic** on **Sunday, Sept. 13th** in the Rochester Park. **Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Park.** (Please note there will be NO 10:30 a.m. mass that day.) A picnic lunch will follow. Table service, drinks and meat dishes will be provided. You are asked to bring a dish to share. The following is a guideline for dishes to share:

A-F: Dessert **G-M: Vegetable** **N-Z: Salad**

Sign up sheets are available in the back of the church. Please let us know how many adults and children will be in attendance. We also need volunteers to help with set up, cooking, children's and family games and cleanup.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – August 29-30

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Kuntzman/Lower/McMinn	Nelson/Palumbo/Rayhill	J&C Biesiada/Deacon Tom
Lector	McMinn/Merkley	Atkinson/Miller	A Williams/Bertrand
Hospitality	McDermott Family	D&C Otten/G&K Park	Sutker Family
Servers	Settles/M&D Western	J, C, J Merriman	Cornett/Foster/Magro
Minister of Care		Lenna DeGroot	
Mass Coordinator	Frances Tomashavich	Jan & Carlo Catalano	Emma Van Dyke

Church Dusters for the week of August 24: David & Jeannette Waters Family

Art & Environment for next weekend: Diane Urbanckas

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Brandee & Aaron Toliver

Recycling Volunteers for August: Andrew & Jordan Cornett

St. Martin's Food Volunteers for August: Susan & Victoria Arnish

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 22 Sat	5:30 p	Bill Sinkus †
Aug 23 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Michael Catteau Jr. †
Aug 24 Mon	5:30 p	Mae Colclasure
Aug 25 Tue	6:45 a	Agnes Reilly
Aug 26 Wed	8:00 a	Annie Bartolomucci †
Aug 27 Thu	6:45 a	All Souls †
Aug 28 Fri	8:00 a	Robert Smith †
Aug 29 Sat	5:30 p	An End to Abortion
Aug 30 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Joseph Spannagel †

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

OUR GIFT TO GOD Fiscal Year 7/1/09 – 6/30/10

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$ 31,973.19	\$ 4,697.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 7,381.32	\$ 2,786.44
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 2,864.14	\$ 246.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 834.00	\$ 308.00
Poor Fund	\$ 133.02	\$ 31.01
Missionary Collection	\$ 2,047.10	25.00

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . . I took out the recycling; Helped Nona at the store; picked up my shoes; clean my room

Stewardship Message

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

The Farmer's Market continues.... Donations can be placed in the small grey box attached to the shelf.

SWEET CORN from parish field to benefit the YOUTH MISSION TRIP should be ready at the end of this month.

Daily Readings

Aug 23-30

Sun.	- Jos 24:1-2,15-18; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69
Mon	- Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13,17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tue	- 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wed	- 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32
Thu	- 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri	- 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sat	- 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sun	- Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Please pray for the sick

Jack Downey (parishioner)
Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Mary Beth Vetter (sister of Teri Dambacher)
Frank Beeve (parishioner)

Beverly Zimmerman (Tom Bowen's sister)

(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.)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT! Jerry Aulich, Life Scout of Rochester Boy Scout Troop 58 is working on obtaining his Eagle Scout rank. His project involves collecting new stuffed animals to benefit children who are or will be patients in St. John's Children's Hospital. The children preparing for tests and/or surgery would be given a new stuffed animal during this difficult and scary time for them. Boxes for your donated stuffed animals will be available from August 23 thru September 11.

Thank you for your help! - Jerry Aulich, 529-5499

Advertiser of the Week

WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST

For Home & Construction Loans

698-WSBT (9728)

ST. JUDE MUSIC MINISTRY



Mike Spainhour. (498-9524 EXT. 12 or 528-4614)



through 7th grades. For more information, please contact Mike Spainhour. (498-9524 EXT. 12 or 528-4614)

The **Adult Choir** will rehearse this year on **THURSDAYS** at **7:00 pm**, beginning Sept. 10. Rehearsals will be in the Parish Center Music Room. The choir sings weekly at Sunday Mass, as well as at special liturgies throughout the year, including Christmas Eve and Holy Week. For more information, please contact

The St. Jude **Children's Choir** will begin rehearsing **Wednesday, September 9** from **5:30 to 6:30pm** in the Parish Center. The choir sings monthly at Sunday Mass, and for special liturgies including PSR, Christmas Eve and Holy Week Masses and at many Parish family events throughout the school year. The choir is open to all children in 1st

FOOTBALL BONFIRE & REFRESHMENTS

The Rochester High School Football Season begins this Friday with game versus..... As in the past years, we again will provide a bonfire and refreshments for youth after the game, starting around 9:30 pm and ending at 11:30 pm. Chaperones will be needed. Please sign up on the church bulletin board..

CAREER OPPORTUNITY:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Michael J. Muto, General Agent, at 217-801-8688

Make a Koinonia Weekend

The Word is Alive
September 4-6, 2009
Villa Maria Retreat Center
Lake Springfield

For more information: John Barrett 496-2452
jnkab@hotmail.com



Work Night at fry room

THANK YOU!

to you who attended the work night and assisted in the removal of the equipment from the fry room.

The floor of the fry room has been painted and sealed. We are again inviting all adults of the parish to assist in bringing the equipment back from the garage to the fry room:

6:30 pm WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



Tootsie Roll Drive

The annual Knights of Columbus MR/LD Drive (better known as the tootsie roll drive) will be September 18 and 19th. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church. Please show your support for these disadvantaged children and sign-up for at least one two hour shift. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions call Will O'Brien 498-7538.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter -- "to keep oneself unstained by the world." (Second Reading) Modern society is not supportive of God-centered marriage. Receive needed tools to keep your marriage Christ-centered. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is September 25th through 27th. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 888-889-9963 or go online to www.aweekendofdiscovery.org

ENCOUNTERED COUPLES ENRICHMENT

World Wide Marriage Encounter would like to invite all **encountered couples** to join us at an **Enrichment** in the Belleville area on September 19th and in the Springfield area October 17th. The presentations will take a look at the very real and often humorous differences in the way the sexes process thoughts in our daily lives and how the two of you can use those differences to bring you and communities closer. Based on the bestselling book "*Men are like Waffles and Women are like Spaghetti*" by Bill & Pam Farrel. A copy of the book will be provided to attendees. There is a \$20 registration fee per couple for the day which includes lunch. Registration information is available by calling Tony & Sue Morris 618-939-7564 or can be found online www.aweekendofdiscovery.org

Kick off your Shoes

Take off your distractions, busyness, and worry and rediscover God:

- ◇ in creation
- ◇ within yourself
- ◇ in the “Stuff” of Life

RECOGNIZE *God's Attention Getters* in your life

GROW in an awareness of the Potter who continues to form you into a vessel of love

CELEBRATE the lives of ordinary people, who led extra-ordinary lives

Tues., Sept. 1
at
Little Flower
Springfield

@ 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Retreat: *Discovering God in the Ordinary*



God said, “Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place you stand is holy ground.”

Exodus 3:5

A Retreat for:

- Total parish
- Young Adults
- RCIA Team and Participants
- Sacramental Preparation
- Catechist
- Small Group Members
- Members of Pastoral Staff
- Parish Organizations
- Senior Citizens

Come and Bring a Friend!