



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Dear Parishioners:

*Notes from
Fr. Dean*



The Third Sunday of Advent is referred to as "Gaudete" Sunday, as we wait in joyful anticipation for the celebration of the Lord's birth and Second Coming. Zephaniah prophesizes to us, "Shout for joy, sing joyfully....for the Lord, your God is in your midst... he will rejoice

over you with gladness and renew you in his love. Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice. May we rejoice in the Lord's mercy which we proclaim in the Sacrament of Penance, the Rite of Reconciliation. This week we have plenty of opportunities to let the Lord rejoice over us through various Penance Services. Recall the Lord's words: "There is more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than 99 self-righteous who have no need of repentance."

Our Penance Service will be held tomorrow, **Monday, December 14 at 6:30 pm** in the Church. Fathers John Nolan, George Morelock and Msgr. John Ossola will be here to assist us. If you are not able to be here on Monday evening, there are plenty of other opportunities in the area as listed:

PENANCE SERVICES

Dec. 13: 4:00 pm	St. Francis Cabrini, Spfld
Dec. 14: 6:30 pm	Church of St. Jude, Rochester
Dec. 15: 6:30 pm	St. Joseph the Worker, Chatham
Dec. 16: 7:00 pm	Church of Little Flower, Spfld
17: 7:00 pm	St. Agnes, Springfield
Dec. 20: 2:00 pm	Cathedral, Springfield.
20: 4:00 pm	St. James, Riverton

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to Frank & Linsay Stefano and son, Frankie, who have registered with the St. Jude parish. Frank is a branch manager for US Bank, and Linsay is a dental hygienist with Dr. Peter Glatz in Springfield.

NOTE: If you would like to register as a member of the St. Jude Parish family, please call 498-7133.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY: Doughnuts/Drink

We are grateful to the following families who have volunteered to continue the Sunday Morning Hospitality of Doughnuts/Drink in the Parish Center. Beginning in January, the schedule is:

First Sunday of Month:	John & Sheryl Petit
Second Sunday:	Don & Roberta Vanover
Third Sunday:	Jan Pietras and Diane Rowden
Fourth Sunday:	Melvin & Teri Dambacher
Fifth Sundays:	Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

Jerry & Nancy Calvert are available as substitutes. The duties are to pick up the doughnuts from Mel-O-Cream on Sunday morning, and make coffee; set out the orange juice, and milk. The order for doughnuts will be handled from the parish office, to coordinate amount of order and any change due to sponsored breakfasts, etc.

MEMORIAL MASS for Fr. Bill Carpenter, C.S.V.

A Mass of Remembrance will be held for our former pastor Fr. William ("Bill") Carpenter) at **9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 19**. The funeral Mass was held Saturday, December 12 at St. Viator's Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Fr. Bill Carpenter served two stints as pastor of the Church of St. Jude: 1990-1995 and 2002-2006. May God grant Fr. Bill the joy of eternal life, first promised him in baptism and proclaimed by him in his priestly ministry.

Sunday – December 13

8:00 a	1st Communion Preparation Ritual
9:10 a	PSR classes
9:15 a	RCIA
10:30 a	1st Communion Preparation Ritual

Daily Monday through Friday

8:30 a Morning Prayer

Monday – December 14

9:00 a	Collection Counting Team 2: Foster, Spurlock, Ginter
5:00 p	Rosary
6:30 p	Advent Penance Service

Tuesday – December 15

7:15 a	Rosary
7:00 p	K of C Meeting

Wednesday – December 16

7:30 a	Rosary
5:00 p	Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p	PSR classes
6:30 p	Adult Ed Class
7:30 p	Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – December 17

7:15 a	Rosary
6:30 p	RCIA Inquiry Potluck

Saturday – December 19

9:00 a	Memorial Mass for Fr. Bill Carpenter
10:30 a	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program
4:30 p	Reconciliation

Sunday – December 20

	No PSR Classes
9:15 a	RCIA
6:00 p	Children's Christmas Program

Christmas Masses:

December 24: Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm
December 25: Christmas Day: 9:00 am

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SIGN-UP

Hospitality Ministers and Lectors are needed for the 5:30 pm Saturday Dec. 26 Mass. All ministries are needed for 10:30 am Sunday, Dec. 27. Please volunteer by signing the list in the narthex of Church this weekend.

ADULT EDUCATION - The Adult Faith Formation group will not be meeting again until January 6th. Enjoy your Christmas Season and may you all be blessed with the peace and joy that God so freely gives

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – Dec 19-20

Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Egizio/Kuntzman	Sunday 8:00am	Nelson/Palumbo/Rayhill	Sunday 10:30 am	J&C Biesiada/Hanke
Lector	Ashbaugh/Auxier		DeGroot/Miller		Jasinski/Garland
Hospitality	Jemison-Herr Family		Jerszynski Family		Decker Family
Servers	E&C McMinn/Freveletti		G&A Otten/A Lafferty		Magro/D&N Lindstrom
Minister of Care			Nancy Calvert		
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko		Carlo & Jan Catalano		Joe Kohlrus
RCIA Minister of Dismissal			Deacon Tom Walker		

Church Dusters for the week of December 14: Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock
Art & Environment for next weekend: Diane Miller
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Deona Kuntzman, Brenda Will, Christine Cornett
Recycling Volunteers for December: Del Reeves
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for December: David Waters Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 12 Sat	5:30 p	John Blasko †
Dec 13 Sun	8:00 a	Brandis Family †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 14 Mon	5:30 p	All Souls †
Dec 15 Tue	6:45 a	Michael Catteau, Jr. †
Dec 16 Wed	8:00 a	All Souls †
Dec 17 Thu	6:45 a	Helen Peifer Family †
Dec 18 Fri	8:00 a	Mary Agnes Nevins †
Dec 19 Sat	9:00 a	Fr. Bill Carpenter† Memorial Mass
	5:30 p	Gene Thomas †
Dec 20 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Nieberding Family †

The cross reflects those who have died; non-cross reflects special intention for those still living.

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$116,360.75	\$ 5,000.29
Electronic Funds	\$ 23,584.40	\$
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 8,212.14	\$ 602.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,630.00	\$
Poor Fund	\$ 415.00	\$ 26.00

Children's Stewardship: Collection \$ 11.29

Among the Deeds: helped with Christmas *Friends*; helped my brother play a game; helped my mom make her bed; helped my friends; made my sister feel better when she got hurt; let my sister use my game

Stewardship Message

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Annual Catholic Services appeal: Goal: \$35,000.00
 As of 11/24/09: 93 Contributors Pledged: \$15,089.00

DAILY READINGS:

December 13-20

Sun	– Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Mon	– Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tue	– Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19. 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wed	– Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thu	– Gn 49:2, 8-10; 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Fri	– Jer 23:5-8; 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sat	– Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sun	– Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

ADVENT NOVENA – The Annual Advent Novena sponsored by Church of the Little Flower will begin on Dec. 15 thru 23 at 6:16 PM in the Chapel at Little Flower. This will be the 11th year that Little Flower has hosted the Novena. Each year new people 'discover' it. It lasts about 45 minutes and is a great way to end the day. Most people aren't able to attend all nine sessions, but each time you come you will be welcomed to a brief, prayerful break from the usual busyness. So, come and try it. See if it doesn't make your preparations for Christmas that much better. All are welcome.



Please pray for the sick

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Frank Beeve (parishioner)
Ray Roland (parishioner)
David Yoggerst (parishioner)
Gary Dumonceaux (parishioner)
Beverly Zimmerman (sister of Tom Bowen)

Mary Beth Vetter (sister of Teri Dambacher)

Barbara Barnett (niece of Joan Mavis)

Barbara Williams (mother of Doug Williams)

(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.)

BUTTERBRAID & /COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS are ready for pick up in the parish hall after the weekend Masses.

Coupon Books: The Discount Coupons include automobile maintenance, various entertainment for children/family, and 2 for 1 meals at various restaurants. The \$25 coupon book makes for good Christmas gifts and supports the Youth Mission Group.

The **Lincoln Land Community College Madrigal Singers** presents **A HOLIDAY ROMANCE**, on Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m. at the Rochester United Methodist Church. **Concert is free** and open to the public!

Correction: Our parish date for ringing the bell for the **Salvation Army Red Kettle** campaign is Tuesday, **December 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The computer gremlins got the better part of our newsletter submission!

Advertiser of the Week

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