

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May the opening prayer of the liturgy for the **feast of Holy Family** be our daily prayer:

“Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.”

The Blessing for a Family or Household is found on page 206 of the Church’s Book: **Household Blessings and Prayers**.

HOLY DAY of Obligation

January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Masses are:

5:00 pm Vigil, Thursday, December 31

New Year’s Eve

9:00 am Friday, January 1

New Year’s Day

It is a day of World Prayer for Peace. Come honor the mother of Jesus who is both King of Kings and Prince of Peace, True God and true man

MULTITUDE OF THANKS!!

regarding the Festivities of the Christmas Season:

The Art & Environment Committee (Rita Williams, Ed Bedore, Jan Catalano, Ruth Liken, Marilyn Merkley, Diane Miller, Michelle Naffziger, and Diane Urbanckas) who beautifully decorated the Church.

All Liturgical Ministers for the Masses (Coordinators, Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Servers and especially the Musicians (choirs and instrumentalists under direction of Mike Spainhour).

Brenda Will for coordinating the Friends for Christmas program and to those who assisted with its preparation and delivery and/or donated gifts and money to the program.

The **staff joins me in extending prayerful blessings of the Christmas Season (joy, peace and hope and love)** to each of you. You are being remembered in our prayers especially during our Morning Prayer throughout the Christmas Season.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner, David Yoggerst. May he share in the joy of the eternal kingdom of Jesus and consolation be with his family and friends

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – December 27

No PSR Classes

Monday – December 28

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

5:00 p

Rosary

Tuesday – December 29

7:15 a

Rosary

8:30 a

Morning Prayer

9:00 a

Collection Counting Team 4: Kratz, Benson, Egizio

Wednesday – December 30

7:30 a

Rosary

8:30 a

Morning Prayer

NO PSR CLASSES

Thursday – December 31

Parish Offices closed

4:30 p

Rosary

5:00 p

New Year’s Eve Mass

Friday – January 01

9:00 a

New Year’s Day Mass

Sunday – January 03

9:15 a

RCIA Catechesis

No PSR Classes



PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Each year three persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, contact Fr. Dean Probst or Gary by Monday, January 18. The names of those willing to serve on the Council will be placed in a bowl and three names will be drawn during the 5:30 pm Mass, Monday, January 18. The first meeting of the new Council will be February 8, 2009.

CATHOLIC TIMES – There is a special envelope in your monthly packet. Your \$15 contribution helps our parish pay its diocesan billing for the *Catholic Times*. The *Catholic Times* is a valuable way to keep informed on the vital issues that affect us and our faith as Catholics.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 2-3

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Lower/McMinn/Scheufele	Roland/Wuellner/Atkinson	Clare/Hanke/Deacon Tom
Lector	Day/Kenworth	Nelson/Newman	Hostetler/Kerley
Hospitality	J & P Jones	McClintock Family	E & J Bedore
Servers	Freveletti/C&E McMinn	A&M Lafferty/Marx	Becker/Biesiada/Vose
Minister of Care		Lenna DeGroot	Mary Kay Hostetler
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko	Brian & Brenda Will	Vicki Walker
Hospitality – Donuts: John & Sheryl Petit			
Church Dusters for the week of December 29: Suzann Segatto and Mary & John Fox			
Art & Environment for next weekend:			
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: No Clow			
Recycling Volunteers for December: Del Reeves			
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for December: David Waters Family			

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 26 Sat	5:30 p	Bill Sinkus †
Dec 27 Sun	8:00 a	Jacob Palmatier †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Dec 28 Mon	5:30 p	All Souls †
Dec 29 Tue	6:45 a	Michael Catteau, Jr †
Dec 30 Wed	8:00 a	Bobbie Aplington †
Dec 31 Thu	5:00 p	Our Parish Family
Jan 01 Fri	9:00 a	Tony Kruger †
Jan 02 Sat	5:30 p	John Blasko †
Jan 03 Sun	8:00 a	Mary Ann Nelson
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

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

DAILY READINGS:

December 27 – January 3

Sun –	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52
Mon –	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tue –	1 Jn 2:3-11; 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wed –	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thu –	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Fri –	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sat –	1 Jn 2:22-28; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sun –	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Please pray for the sick

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Ray Roland (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.)

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You sent Christ Your Son to share in our joys and sorrows, to show us the path to true life and to reconcile us to You and to one another. Look with love on those men whom you are calling to share in Your Son's priestly ministry in our Diocese. Grant them the strength to give a joyful "yes" to your will as did Mary our Blessed Mother. Bless also our diocesan priests and sustain them with your love. Give them the graces that they need to provide for the needs of your people and to work for the building up of your Church. We ask for this through Christ our High Priest and Lord. Amen.

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$126,923.81	\$ 4,993.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 23,584.40	\$
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 9,321.14	\$ 534.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,630.00	\$
Poor Fund	\$ 504.00	\$ 40.00

Children's Stewardship: Collection \$ 1.70
 Among the deeds:

Stewardship Message

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

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

The 2010/2011 **DISCOUNT COUPON BOOKS** include automobile maintenance, various entertainment for children/family, & discounts at various restaurants. The \$25 coupon book supports the Youth Mission Group.

Advertiser of the Week

United Community Bank

Jim Lauwerens, Vice President-Lending
 483-2491

2010 Mission Trip

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

8:00 – Noon, Sunday, January 24

Tell your family and friends!