

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to Harold and Helen Morrow who are celebrating their 60th Anniversary!

Congratulations to our parish youth who were confirmed by Bishop George Lucas this past Monday, February 16. These include: Abigail Alewelt, Morgan Alewelt, Rylee Alewelt, Sean Barnett, Liam Biesiada, Andrew Brown, Christina Brown, Megan Bruso, Adam Doedtman, Austin Dowis, Joseph Faloon, Brendhan Garland, David Gunter, Mason Houser, Jacob Hurley, Madeline Lafferty, Logan Laub, Katherine Leinum, Kelsey Lomprez, Evan McMinn, Sydney Neuweg, Jace Oldfield, Lynnette Ramsey, Bridget Rayhill, Jordan Rayhill, Lyndi Saccaro, Khloe Sandercock, Matthew Segatto, Nicholas Shaff, Carly Spurlock, Jenna Spurlock, Blake Thompson, Kriston Warren, and Aspen Williams.

Thanks to the parents and sponsors who guide these youth to Church to worship God in Spirit and in Truth as Jesus taught his disciples. Thanks again to Dan Frachey and the Catechists who through the years of PSR classes taught the youth the doctrine of the Church as it relates to believe in Jesus. Thanks to Mike Spainhour and the choir for leading us in song in praise of God, and to all the liturgical ministers. A special thanks to Deacon Ray Roth for assisting the Bishop in the liturgy along with Deacon Tom Walker.

Thanks to Wayne and Connie Hutchinson (Chairpersons) and the St. Jude Knights of Columbus for hosting the Dinner for the Confirmandi, their families and sponsors.

Thanks to Kevin Johnson for making and installing the additional holy water font in the vestibule of the Church.

RCIA: RITE of SPENDING: 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. Upon the recommendation of the sponsors and the acceptance by the parish assembly, our catechumens Melvin Dambacher and Marc Staley will sign the Book of the Elect and be sent to the Bishop for the Rite of Election. Dan Ryan will also be sent to the Rite of Election for Recognition to complete sacramental initiation into the Church. The Rite of Election will be held at 7:00 pm Saturday, February 28, at St. Agnes Church, Springfield, IL. All are welcome to attend this prayer service in support of our catechumens and candidates.

This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent:



February 25th

6:45 AM – Mass
NOON – Liturgy of the Word
and distribution of ashes
6:00 PM – Mass



Prior to the fast of Ash Wednesday we celebrate FAT TUESDAY or MARDI GRAS. Please sign up for the Dinner, followed by games and Evening

Prayer as we “roll up” our Alleluia and put it away for the Lenten Season. After Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm Tuesday – the palms that have been gathered will be burned and the ashes used for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

Mardi Gras Dinner Sign-up

All families and individuals are welcome to come together for the dinner on Mardi Gras which will take place on Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish center. Once again you’ll have the opportunity to choose some homemade Jambalaya or Macaroni & Cheese served with Cole slaw. Tickets for dinner are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 per child aged 5-12. Children 4 and younger eat free.

Added opportunities for Lenten Prayer:

Stations of the Cross:	6:30 pm Thursdays
Lectio Divina:	8:00 am Saturdays
Rosary:	9:00 am Saturdays
Evening Prayer	6:30 pm Mondays.

Please take the opportunity for increased prayer during this Lenten Season.

Interested in another way to contact God?

Lectio Divina means Divine Reading, which is reading the book we believe to be divinely inspired, The Bible. Listening to the word of God in Scripture (Lectio Divina) is a traditional way of cultivating friendship with Christ. It is a way of listening to the texts of Scripture as if we were in conversation with Christ and He suggesting the topics of conversation. It is listening with the “ear” of the heart. We will be starting a weekly **Lectio Divina** group with our first meeting on Saturday, February 28 at 8 am in the church. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested but cannot make Saturday mornings, please call me and perhaps we can have a second group during the week. If you are interested or for more information, call Barbara Hattes, 529-7388.

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LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – Feb. 28 – March 1

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm Scheufele/Tomashavich Deacon Tom	Sunday 8:00am Downey/DeGroot Deacon Tom	Sunday 10:30 am J & C Biesiada Deacon Tom
Lector	D & C Kuntzman	N & J Calvert	Warren/Jasinski
Hospitality	Carrigan Fam/Egizio	Parnell/Roland/Smith/Brandis	Schoedel Family
Servers	R&B Doherty/Freveletti	C Brown/M&A Lafferty	Warren/Becker/Cornett
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko	Conni & Wayne Hutchinson	Vicki Walker
Church Dusters for the week of Feb. 23: Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock			
Art & Environment for next weekend:			
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Sara Rhodes			

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

Sunday – February 22

9:10 a PSR Classes
10:30 a Rite of Sending
6:30 p HS Electives

Monday – February 23

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4 - (Deimel, Benson, Egizio, Peters)
6:30 p Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday – February 24

4:00 p Arts/Environment decorate for Lent
5:00 p Mardi Gras – Roll up Alleluia

Wednesday – February 25

ASH WEDNESDAY

12:15 p Ash Wednesday Service
No PSR

Thursday – February 26

6:30 p Stations of the Cross

Friday – February 27

5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Saturday – February 28

8:00 a Lectio Divina
9:00 a Rosary
5:30 p Rite of Election

Sunday – March 1

9:10 a PSR Classes
6:30 p HS Electives

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 21 Sat	5:30 p	Lorraine Blasko †
Feb 22 Sun	8:00 a	Margo & MaryAnne Nelson†
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Feb 23 Mon	8:00 a	Jerry Hovey †
Feb 24 Tue	6:45 a	Jacob Palmatier †
Feb 25 Wed	6:45 a	Ben Lake †
	6:00 p	Our Parish Family
Feb 26 Thu	6:45 a	Frances Ziegler †
Feb 27 Fri	8:00 a	Margo & MaryAnne Nelson†
Feb 28 Sat	5:30 p	Alberta Nieberding †
Mar 01 Sun	8:00 a	Grover Smith †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

Daily Readings

Sun. - Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Mon. - Sir 1:1-10; [Ps 93:1-2, 5](#); [Mk 9:14-29](#)

Tue. - [Sir 2:1-11](#); Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; [Mk 9:30-37](#)

Wed. - [Jl 2:12-18](#); [Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17](#); [2 Cor 5:20-6:2](#);
[Mt 6:1-6, 16-18](#)

Thu. - [Dt 30:15-20](#); [Ps 1:1-4, 6](#); [Lk 9:22-25](#)

Fri. - Is 58:1-9a; [Ps 51:3-6, 18-19](#); [Mt 9:14-15](#)

Sat. - [Is 58:9b-14](#); [Ps 86:1-6](#); [Lk 5:27-32](#)

Sun. - [Gn 9:8-15](#); [Ps 25:4-9](#); [1 Pt 3:18-22](#); [Mk 1:12-15](#)

Please pray for the sick and the confined,



Jack Downey (parishioner)
Margaret Angeli (Trish Leach's niece)
Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Benjamin Smith (son of Kathy Smith, parishioner)

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

Jerome Sommer (father of Brian Sommer)

Jane Luecking Hogan (Nancy Kruse's sister)

Kaelyn Luecking (3 yr old great niece of Nancy Kruse)

(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.)



I would like to thank the following individuals who graciously said yes when they were asked to help with the Confirmation Liturgy as acolytes, lectors and ministers of hospitality: Quin Hostetler, Matt Doherty, Evan and Cole McMinn, Jamie Riedle, Fritz and Monica Lower, Kathy Smith, Matt Walker, David and Michael Lindstrom, Matthew McClintock and Mary Ann Egizio. Your generously sharing of your time and talent is greatly appreciated.

Vicki Walker, Liturgy Committee Chair

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$192,618.81	\$ 5,288.53
Electronic Funds	\$ 32,559.00	\$ 2,615.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 13,258.00	\$ 489.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,594.00	\$ 308.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,101.63	\$ 63.00

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

I cleaned my room. I let my friend borrow clothes.
 Read to my baby sister. Helped mommy clean the floor.
 Chose a toy from the dentist’s treasure chest to give to my sister.

Stewardship Message

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today’s Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God’s forgiveness?

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Feb 16 - 22

- Mon.** John Fox
- Tue.** LeAnn Ryan
- Wed.** Kay Foster
- Thu.** Mission Trip (Garceau)
- Fri.** St. Jude Dev. Fund (Bowen)
- Sat.** Kathy Smith
- Sun.** \$35 St. Martin dePorres (Brown)

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Benson, Biesiada, Bortmess, Brady, Bucher, Cannon, Carel, Chepulis-2, Day, Duesterhas-2, Eicholz, Gillespie(Norris), Hagerman, Hankins, Harris, Kimberlin, LoCascio, McCue, Merkle, Newman, Park, Riedle, Schultz, Sprinkel-2, Wuellner



K - C Fish Fry

The K of C, St. Jude Council 9640 annual Lenten fish fries, are scheduled for February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd.

Serving time will be from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The menu will include Alaskan Walleye, baked potato or French fries, Cole slaw, drink and dessert. Cost for adults is \$8.00 and \$4.00 for children. Family pack is \$28.00. Both drive-up and carry out available. The K-C’s are again be asking for donations of desserts (cakes, cookies and fruit pies).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their Church. Together, we are making marriages families and Church stronger and healthier. For more information please contact Tony & Sue Morris at 618-939-7564



Thank you parishioners of St. Jude for all your support. I appreciate your prayers and the financial support of my Eagle Scout project. The fundraiser was successful and I have the necessary funds to go forward. Please continue to pray for me during this process. I will keep you posted during this project.

Ryan Brown

Sign up for “Why Catholic?” this weekend!

If you have a desire to learn more about your Catholic faith and would enjoy learning and sharing your faith in the midst of a small group, you are welcome to take part in this six-week experience *during Lent*. Bishop Lucas once shared that he would hope Catholic Christians would reach a point where they felt comfortable enough with the basic tenets of the faith to be even a little *conversant* with others about why they are Catholic. Representatives from the Why Catholic planning team will be in the back of the church after all three masses to help you find a group time & date that works for you or to answer any questions. For more information, contact Dan at the parish center this week.

Sacred Heart-Griffin to offer makeup Placement Test; Fees, financial information deadline approaching Sacred Heart-Griffin High School will give its makeup Placement Test to any 8th grade students who missed the test in December. The makeup test will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 8:15 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. at SHG’s main campus, 1200 W. Washington Street.

The exam fee is \$10, and there is no pre-registration. Students are to bring a calculator. The test determines placement into freshmen year classes. Students who are interested in attending SHG this fall must also turn in the Tuition Investment Plan and the \$150 registration fee by March 13. The deadline to apply for financial assistance is also March 13. Information packets and questions regarding financial aid, tuition and grants are available by contacting Becky Jones in the SHG Finance Office at 787-1595 x. 156. For more information regarding the Placement Test or SHG’s programs, please call 787-1595.



With heartfelt sympathy to his family, we pray for the repose of the soul of **John Hermes**, brother of Jan Catalano.



WHY CATHOLIC?

JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM

DEEPEN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND CONNECT ITS TEACHINGS TO EVERYDAY LIFE

Are you searching for meaning and purpose?
Do you have questions about your faith?
Would you like to connect more with God?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU !

EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF

- Faith Learning
- Faith Sharing
- Faith Living

Why Catholic? is a unique adult faith formation program that is solidly based on Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Why Catholic? offers a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday lives.

Why Catholic? encourages learning in a prayerful small-community setting.

This Spring *Why Catholic?* is examining
The Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments
Appreciate the richness of the Mass and see the sacraments as doors to the sacred.

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

- Catholics who want to deepen their faith.
- Parents who want to pass on their faith.
- Catechists who want to enhance their faith.
- Adult candidates and catechumens who want to learn the faith.
- Parish organizations and staff who want to reflect on their faith.

It isn't too late to join the others who are already participating.
Sessions start the week of February 22nd.

Join one of several ongoing groups or start a new group!

Please contact the St. Jude's *Why Catholic?* coordinator, Michael Grenda, to join.
telephone: 585-8930 e-mail: grendafamily@comcast.net

Or sign up on the participation sheets located in the church and someone will contact you.