

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

The mother-in-law of Peter is healed by Jesus and then she waits on him and his disciples. When we experience the healing love/mercy of

Christ, we want to offer our service in gratitude for the gift that we have received. **Thursday, February 12th, Bishop George Lucas will** make the first of his two visits to **administer** the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Our Bishop will return on Monday, February 16. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may the Confirmandi follow the example of Peter's mother-in-law and offer themselves to God in humble and grateful service to the Church. **Thanks to the St. Jude Knights of Columbus** who are hosting a dinner for the Bishop, the Confirmandi and their families. Thanks to all who are assisting with dinner and the liturgy. Thanks to all the catechists, sponsors and/or mentors, who helped prepare the candidates for Confirmation.

Liturgical Notes:

You may have noticed that the **Sanctuary Light** has been slightly relocated. Visitors frequently ask "Where is the Tabernacle?" The Sanctuary Candle designates the presence of Christ in the Tabernacle, the place where the Blessed Sacrament is kept for Adoration and Communion to the Sick. In the new location, the Sanctuary Light is now visible to anyone entering the nave of the Church.

According to the documents of the Church, there is to be only one cross or crucifix in the Sanctuary. Since a crucifix hangs over the Altar, the **processional cross** will begin to be placed in a more discreet place during Mass. In likeness to the Shepherd's staff, when the Bishop presides such as at Confirmation, the staff is set off a in discreet area except when used by him at the Gospel and for the final Blessing.

Participation in the liturgy: Everyone who comes to worship God is expected to participate through word and song, posture and action. This is a natural right and obligation of worshippers. The song numbers are listed on the hymn board and will be listed in a worship aid in the songbooks. We are encouraged to participate beginning to end (staying until dismissal), without announcement of particular song or action.

PASTORAL COUNCIL Notes:

Gary Helling was selected as the Chairman and **Sarah Kerley** as the Vice-chairperson of the recently constituted new members of the Pastoral Council. It is hoped that other parishioners will serve on various Commissions of the Pastoral Council: Parish Life, Service, Liturgy and Christian Formation. Again, thanks to LuAnn Eifert (Chairperson) and Steve Warren (Vice-chairman) for their past years of service to the parish on the Council.



Over the next two weekends, you are asked to bring the palms which were blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday last year, and place them in the baskets at the entrance to the church. These palms will be burned to make the ashes for use at this year's Ash Wednesday Masses.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Pope John Paul II in his Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick designated **February 11th**, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind." **Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be offered at **11:00 am** on **Wednesday, February 11**. Those with serious illness, whether it be physical, emotional, mental or spiritual, are invited to experience the healing love of Christ. **A luncheon will be provided in St. Jude Parish Hall following the Mass.**

INQUIRY SESSION: Several people (already baptized Christians) have inquired about entering into full communion of the Catholic Church. **If you are also interested in full membership of the Catholic faith**, please join us for an introductory session of instruction to be held **7:30 pm Tuesday, February 10th** in the St. Jude Parish Center. Through the Season of Lent and Easter, those interested will journey to the feast of Pentecost and profession of faith into the Catholic Church.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – February 8

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

Monday – February 9

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 2 - (Foster, Spurlock, Waters)
6:30 p ChForm Commission Mtg.

Tuesday – February 10

6:30 p Finance Council Meeting
7:00 p Pre-Jordan Baptism Class
7:30 p **Inquiry Session**

Wednesday – February 11

11:00 a World Day of Prayer Mass & Luncheon
1:00 p Women's Tea
5:30 p **NO** Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p PSR Classes
6:30 p RCIA

Thursday – Feb 12

5:30 p Dinner: Candidates/families with Bishop
7:00 p Confirmation

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

Sunday – February 15

NO PSR

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – Feb. 14-15

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	Lower/Egizio/Feraris	Roland/Palumbo/Brown	Jasinski/VanDyke/Deacon Tom
Hospitality	Day/Doherty	Petit/Smith	Deimel/Garcia
Servers	Kratz & McDermott Fam	McWard & Otten Fam.	Decker Family
Mass Coordinator	D&M Western/Ziegler	M&A McClintock/Newman	D&M Lindstrom/Foster
Church Dusters for the week of Feb. 9	Monica Lower	Beth & Richard Yong	Emma Van Dyke
Art & Environment for next weekend:	David & Jeanette Waters Family		
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend:	Diane Miller		
	NO CLOW		

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 07 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Feb 08 Sun	8:00 a	Mary Ann Nelson †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Feb 09 Mon	6:00 p	All Souls †
Feb 10 Tue	6:45 a	Liv/Dec'd Mbrs of St. Jude
Feb 11 Wed	11:00 a	Nieberding Family †
Feb 12 Thu	6:45 a	All Souls †
Feb 13 Fri	8:00 a	Liv/Dec'd Mbrs of St. Jude
Feb 14 Sat	5:30 p	Frank Mertz †
Feb 15 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Dorothy Woitula †

Daily Readings

Sun. -	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Mon. -	Gn1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35; Mk 6:53-56
Tue -	Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wed. -	Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2, 27-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thu. -	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri. -	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat. -	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sun. -	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$182,497.07	\$ 6,223.37
Electronic Funds	\$ 29,894.00	\$ 1,787.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 12,480.00	\$ 967.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 218.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,035.62	\$ 0.00

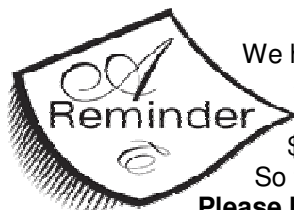
Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

I put the dishes away.
I helped make my bed.
I let my friend pick the activity to do.
I cleaned my room.
Helping my sisters get ready for church.
I got ready by myself.

Stewardship Message

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."



We have received the bill from **Catholic Times** for our parish members which totals \$5,809.00.

So far \$1935.00 has been paid.

Please help us pay this invoice by renewing your \$15.00 subscription! Note: Each parish is assessed (taxed) to support the Catholic Times. The so-called subscription price helps offset this fee.



Please pray for the sick, the confined, and for their families:

Phillip Gorackowski

(Ruth Helling's brother)

Maude & John Kenworth

(Parishioners)

Joe Spannagel (Jill Whitney's father)

Margaret Angeli (Trish Leach's niece)

Jane Luecking Hogan (Nancy Kruse's sister)

Kathy Smith (Wendy Reeves' mother)

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.)

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



I am a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 58 and I am working on my Eagle Scout Project. This Project is to restore a shrine at the Villa Maria in Springfield, The intention of this project is to make the shrine look beautiful again and brighten up the grounds of the Villa Maria. Money will be needed to complete this project. A **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser** will be held next Sunday, February 15th at the parish center of St. Jude Church from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost of this event will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4-11. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Ryan Brown

Why Catholic Spring Sessions Are Starting Soon!

Let your faith grow as you learn more about what it means to be a Catholic. Small discussion groups are already formed but there is room for more! Sessions begin the week of **February 22** And will meet once a week for 6 weeks in the Spring. This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and learn more about your Catholic faith. Watch the bulletins for more information soon or contact St. Jude *Why Catholic?* Coordinator Michael Grenda at grendafamily@comcast.net.

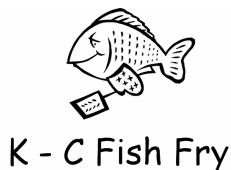


David & Deborah Hill
34 Dean Park, Springfield

Women's Tea



The first meeting of the "Women's Tea" group, for the year, is February 12th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the parish center. Come share fellowship, refreshments and a fun time playing Bunco. If you do not know how the game is played, it is very easy to learn. All women of the parish and community are invited to attend.



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).

Victim Assistance

If you know someone close to you who has been the victim of sexual abuse by an individual representing the Catholic Church, there are Victim Assistance guides in the kiosk in the foyer of our Church. Together we can maintain a safe environment for all.

FATHER PATRICK CAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Father Pat played an important role in the lives of hundreds of young men and women, as well as his fellow parishioners. As we enter into another calendar year, St. Jude Knights of Columbus wishes to remind everyone of a scholarship program we initiated in his memory. Since 2003, we are proud to report that six recipients have been awarded a \$500 annually renewable scholarship, and applications for 2009 are now available.

Keep in mind that eligibility is not limited to high school seniors. Full-time students of any post secondary undergraduate school, including but not limited to, private business and professional schools, colleges or universities who meet the following eligibility requirements may submit an application for consideration:

- A 3rd Degree member of KC Council #9640 in good standing, or
- A spouse or child of a 3rd Degree member of KC Council #9640 in good standing, or
- A spouse or child of a deceased 3rd Degree member of KC Council #9640 who had been in good standing, or
- Any registered member of St. Jude Parish, Rochester, IL.

Should you have interest in applying for the 2009 Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund, a completed application must be received by the selection committee no later than April 1st, 2009. Applications can be picked up at the church rectory or downloaded from the St. Jude website.

Lastly, I would be remiss without mentioning that the Knights of Columbus generously contributes annually to the Scholarship Fund. However, to sustain this effort and to possibly increase the number of annual scholarships in the future, the Scholarship Fund needs parishioner support. The Scholarship Fund is recognized by the federal and state governments as a non-profit charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible. Please consider providing financial support. Contributions made payable to the **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund** can be placed in the church collection basket. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
Brian Blough, Trustee

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Parish Nursing: Creating a Caring Community

Registered nurses of all faith are invited to register for the 2009 Basic Parish Nurse program at St. John's Hospital. The course will be presented on Fridays from 5 to 9pm and Saturdays from 8am to 5pm on March 6/7, 20/21; April 3/4, 17/18 & 19. Attendance at all four weekends is necessary for successful completion of the course. Friends of St. John's Hospital and Butler Funeral Homes and Cremation Tribute Center are sponsors of this program. A Parish nurse does not provide hands-on care, but emphasize wellness and health promotion through home and hospital visits, health education programs, support groups and linking members of their congregation with local healthcare providers and social service agencies. Parish Nursing is a nursing specialty recognized by the American Nursing Association. For More information, contact Tracey Kreipe, RN, at 544-6464, ext 47798. This course is approved for 38.5 contact hours. Fee \$100.00.

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Feb 2 - 8

Mon. Riedle Family

Tue. Poor Basket

Wed. Adam Reid

Thu. Joe Biesiada

Fri. Jim Hagerman

Sat. Connie Newman

Sun. \$35 Cody Frey (Sprinkel)

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Benson, Blasko, Bortmess, Brady, Carel, Chepulis, Day, Downey(Tuxhorn) Duban, Duesterhas-2, Eicholz, Gillespie (Norris) (Gramlich, Hankins, Kimberlin, Kincaid, Leach McCue, Park, Presney, Reid, Schultz, Wuellner

AREA HAPPENINGS

St. Aloysius Spaghetti Dinner will be held Sunday, February 15 from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, breadstick, dessert and drink. Adult \$8, Seniors \$5, Child \$4 (5 yrs to 8th grade), children 4 yr & younger are free.

S. A. M. "Single Adult Mingle" Come and join this new group looking for a social activity with other adult singles for some good clean FUN. Enjoy activities such as: Volleyball, Trivia, Line Dancing, Wi, Music and other activities, as suggested. Held at Rochester United Methodist Church Gym, on the **2nd Saturday of each month**. The next S.A.M. will be on Feb. 14th at 6:30 pm.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT plus meditations, Confession and prayerful reflections on how to better live your faith in today's world will be offered by priests of the Prelature Opus Dei for all Catholic men in this area on **Feb. 12** at St. John's Hospital Chapel from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Arrive when you can leave when necessary. For more information call Jim Henneberry at 793-1182.

Advocate for the People of Darfur – Members of Land of Lincoln Advocate for Darful will gather at 7:00 pm on February 11 at the Catholic Pastoral Center to press for an end to violence against Darfuri women. The group is slated to view the nationwide premier of a Save Darfur Coalition-produced short film titled ***Violence Against Women and the Darfur Genocide***. Following the showing, participants will take part in a live-streamed panel discussion featuring celebrity and expert voices on gender-based violence. Sponsored by the Office for Missions. For more information go to www.safedarfur.org/women or contact Vicki Compton at vcompton@dio.org

Pax Christi of Springfield will sponsor the screening of "Don't Call Me A Saint" On Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00 pm at the Lincoln Library, 325 S. 7th St. The film highlights the life of Catholic social activist Dorothy Day. For more information, contact Patty Drake at 525-7116.

The **Elizabeth Ann Seton Program** Mentor Training – Information Meeting will be Feb. 21, 9am to 1pm. Ready to give back? Become a Mentor! It only takes a few hours a month, a non-judgmental spirit and a caring heart. The Elizabeth Ann Seton Program, a non-profit organization assisting women with children, will be conducting a mentor training/information meeting for women who are interested in becoming a mentor to another woman. If you would like more information, please call Sheila Page at 757-6025 or visit our website at www.elizabethannsetonprogram.org.

6th Annual Christ the King School Auction, Feb. 21 This year come to the beach for Christ the King's 6th Annual Live and Silent Auction. For \$20 you will have a fun filled night of great food, drinks and plenty of items to bid on. Some items available for bid include trips to Cancun, Las Vegas, Cozumel, Marco Island and Hilton Head, Chicago, St. Louis to name a few; living room furniture including a leather sofa; bedroom furniture; oak entertainment center, SHG items including a one of a kind rug; autographed sports items from Tiger Woods, Michael Phelps, Stan Musial, Uofl football team; Joe Theisman (Notre Dame helmet), Andre Iguodala, Pete Rose, plus many others; as well as more baskets than you can ever imagine.

In addition, play our Heads and Tails game that night and you could possible win \$1000 worth of furniture from Stahl's Furniture. But you must attend to play! Where else can you get all of this for \$20 per person? Call Lisa Carter at 546-0435 for tickets.

Thursday, Feb. 26th, a **Women's Day of Recollection** will be offered at Christ the King parish, 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. The afternoon will begin with a short talk on living a particular aspect of our Faith or a spiritual reading, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, two meditations given by a priest, and closing Benediction. There will be a 30-minute period for silent Adoration between the two meditations. Women may take advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction during this time, as well as the D.O.R. A Mother's Room is available for women with infants and/or young children.