

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Happy New Year!

On the first weekend of 2009 the church honors the second manifestation of Jesus during the Christmas Season. The first manifestation is the birth of Christ. Today's feast is the manifestation of "What Child Is This?" in Epiphany.

Jesus is honored by the gifts of the magi which signal that he is a priestly (frankincense), prophetic (myrrh) and royal (gold) person. The third manifestation which ends the Christmas Season and begins Ordinary Time is the Baptism of the Lord, which is next Sunday's feast.

HOUSEHOLD BLESSING.

A package of incense and chalk for the blessing of homes will be handed out to families after each weekend Mass today. The chalk is used to mark the lintel of doorway of the home with the following: **20 + C + M + B + 09**. The letters denote the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters are also the initials of the Latin words: **Christus mansionem benedicat**, which mean "Christ bless this house."

MISSION TRIP MEETING (7:00 pm Sunday, January 4)

Please remember to have Parent or Participant attend the information meeting about the next two fundraisers for the Mission Trip. A Pancake/Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 18 and the Homemade Lasagna Dinners orders will be taken and date set for making them, along with info updates regarding the Mission Trip.

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Monday evening. On the agenda is discussion of proposed policy regarding registration for PSR and availability for non-parishioners. Council members should read over the proposal and PSR handbook prior to the meeting. Pick up information packets before/after weekend Masses or check email for the info.

BUILDING COMMITTEE & LITURGY COMMITTEE

Eliot Kapitan, Director of the Diocesan Office for Worship will address the committee at the 7:00 pm meeting Thursday. As any Church structure design must be approved by the Bishop, Eliot will discuss practical matters regarding the current General Instructions of the Roman Missal and Art and Environment for Worship.

THANKS....THANKS....THANKS to the many people who helped with the Christmas Season Liturgies. A special thanks to the Art and Environment Committee, Rita Williams, Michelle Naffziger, Ed Bedore, Marilyn Merkley, Connie Hutchinson, Jan Catalano, Ruth Liken, Suzann Segatto, & Diane Urbanckas for the church decorations; to Mike Spainhour, Joe Biesiada, Will O'Brien, and Marty Curry for setting up the additional chairs in the church; to the Children's Choir and Adult Choir for the Liturgical music and Cantata on Christmas, and to those who shared in the liturgical ministries. Thanks also to Mike Spainhour, Parents and the children who prepared and presented the wonderful program: "Joyland."
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Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)

Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)

John Hermes (Jan Catalano's brother)

Joe Spannagel (Jill Whitney's father)

Lyndell Lindsay (grandfather of Ellen Schoedel, David Lacy and Liz Kondelis)

Doug Ginter (son of Marie & George Ginter)

Tom Rebbe (Dave & Tess Riedle's brother-in-law)

Phillip Goraczkowski (Ruth Helling's brother)

(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.)

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – January 4

NO PSR Classes

7:00 p **Mission Trip Meeting**

Monday – January 5

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 1 - (Rowden, Catalano, Hattes)

7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday – January 7

6:30 p PSR Classes

RCIA

7:45 p Choir Practice

Thursday – January 8

6:30 p Protecting God's Children Workshop

7:00 p Building Committee Meeting

Saturday – January 10

10:00 a Remove Church Christmas Decorations

Sunday – January 11

9:10 a PSR Classes

6:00 p Confirmation Sacramental Prep Class

Daily Readings

Sun. Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon. - 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue - 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wed. - 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thu. - 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Fri. - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sat. - 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Jn 3:22-30

Sun. - Is 55:1-11 ; Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



Eric & Amy Staley, Lula & Piper,
#1 Markwood Lane, Springfield.

Joe & Sarah Deen and Anna,
419 Heathrow Lane, Rochester

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 10-11, 2009

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers	Feraris / Lower Deacon Tom	J & N Calvert Deacon Tom	Clare/Hanke Deacon Tom	Warren/Tomashavich Deacon Tom
Lector	Lower/Ashbaugh	Crawford/DeGroot	Jasinski/Kerley	McMinn/Hostetler
Hospitality	Jemison-Herr Urbanckas	Parnell / Roland Smith/Brandis	Bedore / Gadert Walker	C & M Houser Walker
Servers	D & M Western Zeigler	Newman A & G Otten	L & G Henson Foster	C Brown M & A Lafferty
Mass Coordinator	Monica Lower	B & B Will	Vicki Walker	Vicki Walker

Church Dusters for the week of January 5: Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock

Art & Environment for next weekend: Meeting on Saturday at 10 a.m. to take down Christmas décor.

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend:

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 03 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Jan 04 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Mary Lynn Lochtefeld †
Jan 05 Mon	8:00 a	Liv/Dec'd Mbrs of St. Jude
Jan 06 Tue	6:45 a	All Souls †
Jan 07 Wed	8:00 p	Marilee Waters †
Jan 08 Thu	6:45 a	All Souls †
Jan 09 Fri	8:00 a	Bill Shaeffer †
Jan 10 Sat	5:30 p	Tom Urbanckas †
Jan 11 Sun	8:00 a	Mary Ann Nelson †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
	6:00 p	Doris Schmidt

LOTTERY WINNER\$ Dec 29 – Jan 4

Mon.	Jane Hendrickson
Tue.	Evelyn Conboy
Wed.	Mission Trip 2009 (Palumbo)
Thu.	Mayme Benson
Fri.	Gary Leach
Sat.	Grace Settles
Sun.	\$100 Tom Apke

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Arnish, Carel, Duban, Duesterhaus-2, Eicholz, Foster, Hutchinson, Kimberlin, Kincaid, Leach, T Londrigan, McCue, Noller, Park, Possley, Potter, Presney, Reid, Schnepf, Schultz, Scott, Zaffiri

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$153,920.35	\$ 11,622.50
Electronic Funds	\$ 25,602.00	\$ 1,787.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 9,896.00	\$ 206.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 218.00
Poor Fund	\$ 860.44	\$ 15.17
Christmas Collection		\$ 4,074.47
EFT – Christmas		\$ 115.00

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

Helped deliver Christmas Friends gifts.

Stewardship Message

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit ..."

Advertiser of the Week United Community Bank

Jim Lauwerens, Vice President – Lending
483-2491

**Rochester Masonic Lodge #635
Ham & Bean Dinner
TODAY – Jan. 4 11am till 1:30pm**

Knights of Columbus, Riverton – First Friday Fish Fry
January 9, 2009, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Walleye Sandwich,
Walleye, Catfish, Baked Fish dinners

**Mission Trip 2009
Sunday – January 18
8am – noon**



**Bring your family and friends!
All you can eat – Pancakes and Sausage!**