

*Notes from
Fr. Dean*



Dear Parishioners,
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord has a dual purpose. It concludes the Christmas Season and begins Ordinary Time. It is the third manifestation of Jesus as the dove descends upon him at his baptism and God's voice is heard, "This is my beloved

Son, in whom I am well pleased." Ordinary Time is from the Latin "Ordinal" which means counted. We count the weeks of the Liturgical Year outside those of the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter Seasons. No week is ordinary as we have been gifted by the Holy Spirit to be adopted sons and daughters of God and continue the extraordinary mission of Jesus. That mission is fulfilled by our participation in Christ as a priestly, prophetic and royal people. Thanks to all who share in the Mission of Christ within our parish family.

2008 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are being prepared by Sue Bozarth and will be mailed out this week. Thanks to all who generously share in the Stewardship of the Parish through prayer. One of the precepts of the Catholic Church is to support the mission of the Church through time, talent and treasure. I am grateful to all who respond as good stewards.

The **Pastoral Council** recently recommended that PSR registration take place in April for the upcoming year. A \$25 deposit will be required with the registration form. The early registration will assist in planning for space availability for particular sessions and reduce costs in ordering necessary books and materials for the program. A copy of the approved PSR policy on registration is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church.

Membership: LuAnn Eifert and Steve Warren have notified me that their extended terms on the Council have expired. I am grateful for their years of service to the Parish on the Pastoral Council. To nominate someone including oneself, please send name of nominee to me by January 23. The names of those willing to serve on the Council will be placed in bowl and two names will be drawn in prayer. The Council meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 pm.

PANCAKE and SAUSAGE BREAKFAST from 8:00 am – Noon. Please plan to share in the work of the Mission group by supporting their endeavor and getting a good breakfast.

ST. JUDE SIGN: A new sign is being developed to highlight the name of our parish with the parish emblem and times of weekend Masses. It will also allow for notification of upcoming events. Thanks to Terry Day for chairing this project of providing a new sign and getting the approval of the City Council for it.



We pray for the sick and confined and for their families:

- 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 Gorackowski** (Ruth Helling's brother)

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)

Joe Spannagel (Jill Whitney's father)

Jane Luecking Hogan (Nancy Kruse's sister)

(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 11

- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 6:00 p Confirmation Sacramental Prep Class

Monday – January 12

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

Tuesday – January 13

- 7:00 p PreJordan Baptismal Class

Wednesday – January 14

- 6:30 p PSR Classes
- 6:30 p RCIA
- 7:45 p Choir Practice

Saturday – January 17

- 9:00 a 1st Reconciliation Mtg – Parent/Child
- 9:30 a Art & Environment Meeting

Sunday – January 18

- 8:00 a **PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**
- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 6:30 p High School Electives

Daily Readings

- Sun.** - Is 55:1-11 ; Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9 ; Mk 1:7-11
- Mon.** - Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1- 2, 6 - 7, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tue.** - Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wed.** - Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thu.** - Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Fri.** - Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 2:1-12
- Sat.** - Heb 4:12-16; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 2:13-17
- Sun.** - Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

CATHOLIC TIMES – Subscriptions are due this month and there is a special envelope in your monthly packet. At \$15 annually, *Catholic Times* remains a bargain and a valuable way to keep informed on the vital issues that affect us and our faith. Please renew your subscription! Since the Bishop has requested that the *Catholic Times* be sent to all Catholic households, those who wish may contribute an extra amount to help offset the expense for those who cannot afford it.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 10-11, 2009

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm Settles/Scheufele/ Deacon Tom	Sunday 8:00am Wuellner/Brown Deacon Tom Helling/Kruse	Sunday 10:30 am Hostetler/Jasinski Deacon Tom Walker/Warren
Lector	Merkley/Kenworth	Helling/Kruse	Walker/Warren
Hospitality	McDermott Family	Will Family	Decker Family
Servers	Settles/E&C McMinn	C, J & J Merriman	D & M Lindstrom/Magro
Mass Coordinator	Carmel Settles	Beth & Richard Yong	Jeannette Waters

Church Dusters for the week of January 12: Cathy & David Potter Family

Art & Environment for next weekend: Jan Catalano & Rita Williams.

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend:

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 10 Sat	5:30 p	Tom Urbanckas †
Jan 11 Sun	8:00 a	Mary Ann Nelson †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Jan 12 Mon	8:00 a	Liv/Dec'd Mbrs of St. Jude
Jan 13 Tue	6:45 a	All Souls †
Jan 14 Wed	8:00 p	Jenny Pouh Family †
Jan 15 Thu	6:45 a	All Souls †
Jan 16 Fri	8:00 a	Rev. Charles Mulcrone †
Jan 17 Sat	5:30 p	Lorraine Blasko †
Jan 18 Sun	8:00 a	Gene Steber †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

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9:10 a	PSR Classes
6:00 p	Confirmation Prep Class
Monday – January 12	
9:00 a	Collection Counting Team 2 - (Foster, Spurlock, Waters)
6:30 p	Christian Formation Commission Mtg
Tuesday – January 13	
7:00 p	PreJordan Baptismal Class
Wednesday – January 14	
6:30 p	PSR Classes
6:30 p	RCIA
7:45 p	Choir Practice
Saturday – January 17	
9:00 a	1 st Reconciliation Mtg – Parent/Child
9:30 a	Art & Environment Meeting
5:30 p	1 st Communion Ritual
Sunday – January 18	
8:00 a	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast til 12
9:10 a	PSR Classes
6:30 p	HS Electives

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$160,587.93	\$ 6,667.58
Electronic Funds	\$ 25,602.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 10,868.00	\$ 972.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 975.69	\$ 115.25

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

Took care of my sister when she was sick.
 Helped my mom get dinner on the table.
 Helping my mom pick up.
 Helping my grandma's clean their house.
 Sharing with my sisters.
 Helped Nona with groceries.

Stewardship Message

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Jan 5 - 11

Mon.	Betty Coe
Tue.	Debbie Jemison
Wed.	Andrea Zaffiri
Thu.	Eileen Nelson
Fri.	Tom Apke
Sat.	Brian Will
Sun. \$35	Tom Hagerman

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Apke, Benson, Biesiada, Carel, Crawford, Day, Duban, Duesterhas-2, Eicholz, Foster, Hendrickson, Kimberlin, Leach-2, T Londrigan, McCue, Noller, Park, Presney, Reid, Roland, Schnepf, Schultz, Scott, Settles, Zaffiri

Advertiser of the Week SUBWAY "Eat Fresh"

Rt. 29, Rochester

498-9475

ATTENTION SCOUTS – Please see the bulletin board at the entrance of the church for various Catholic Religious Emblem Awards that are available for the scouts to earn. Awards are based on the age of the scouts. Sign up for the award you are interested in earning. Specific award information will be provided to you later this month.



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

NEXT Sunday, January 18

Serving 8 a.m. to 12 noon

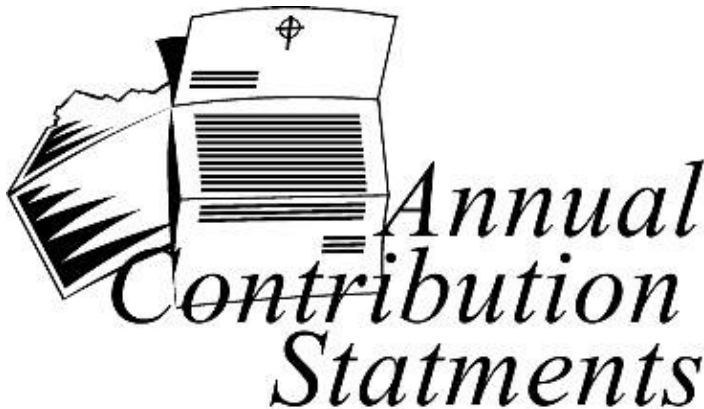
Adults - \$5.00

Children (4-11) - \$3.00

Children under 4 - Free

**Proceeds to Benefit
2009 Youth Mission Trip**

Tickets will be available at the door next Sunday. Please purchase tickets early to help us to plan for appropriate amounts of food. **Tickets are being sold today after all masses, and at the parish office during office hours this week.**



WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK!



Centering Prayer Retreat at the Chiara Center in Springfield on Jan 30-31 will be sponsored by the Rochester United Methodist Church. Centering prayer is the Christian tradition of opening our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit through a daily discipline of silent prayer. The retreat will begin with registration at 6:30 on Friday night and sessions will continue through Saturday. Rooms are available at \$44 double occupancy or \$55 single occupancy for Friday night. Breakfast and Lunch will cost \$12.65. There may be nominal other costs. As part of the retreat, information will be made available to teach the basic method of centering prayer. Rooms will be limited, so it is important to get reservations in early. To make a reservation, contact Carole Strick (494-9212) or Jack Swank or the RUMC church office (498-7179). If you don't have the book **Open Mind, Open Heart** by Father Thomas Keating, you may want to obtain it before the retreat. It is available at Amazon.com and other bookstores.

Training: Introduction to Centering Prayer

When: Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Spanish Lake, MO (St. Louis Area). Jack will drive the church van. It's about a 90 minute trip.

Who Should Attend: Anyone interested in formal training on the ancient Christian spiritual discipline of Centering (silent) Prayer. After the intro there will be a six part follow up where we will gather as a group, do a Centering Prayer session, discuss a chapter or two from a selected book and watch a thirty minute video by Father Thomas Keating, the Founder of Contemplative Outreach. Generally speaking, these groups stay together meeting regularly, supporting each other in their centering prayer practice.

Cost: \$25.00, which includes the intro, hand outs and the follow up sessions.

How Do I Register: Call Jack Swank or Carole Strick at 498-7179 (RUMC) or talk to Jack personally if you have further questions about anything regarding Centering Prayer or this training.

Make a resolution to listen to **AM 1410 WIHM Catholic Radio**. Tune in to daily Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary. Participate in live call-in shows on the faith, such as Catholic Answers Life, Open Line, Reasons for Faith, and more. For a program schedule and a free CD call toll free (877)305-1234.

AREA HAPPENINGS

The **Annual Recommitment to Life Rally**, sponsored by the Springfield Right To Life Civic Committee, will be held January 25, 2 p.m. in the state capitol rotunda.

This rally commemorates the 36th anniversary of Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion.

The keynote speakers will be Daniel and Angela Michaels, founder of Small Victories Ministry, a women's and infant's support group.

Following the rally a reception will be held in the Hall of Flags of the Michael Howlett Building. Refreshments and pro-life material will be available.

Evening Trip to Ireland – Chiara Retreat Center in Springfield is hosting a virtual pilgrimage to Ireland on Thursday evening, January 22. The evening is the first in a Twilight Evening Retreat Series. Sr. Jeanette Noonan, RSM, pilgrimage guide, will welcome guests at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM followed by an exploration of the land of Patrick and Bridget and of Celtic spirituality. The evening concludes at 9PM. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, or guests are welcome to stay the night. (overnight accommodations are slightly higher). Call 523-0901 to make your pilgrimage reservation. Registration deadline is Jan. 17.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near. Are we taking time to seek the Lord in our marriage? The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** in this area is January 25th through 27th. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 888-889-9963, or go online to www.aweekendofdiscovery.org.

Parish Nursing: Creating a Caring Community

Registered nurses of all faiths are invited to register for the 2009 Basic Parish Nurse program at St. John's Hospital. The course will be presented on Fridays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 AM to 5 PM on March 6/7; 20/21, April 3/4, 17/18 and 19. Attendance at all four weekends is necessary for successful completion of the course.

Friends of St. John's Hospital and the 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, BSN, FCN at 544-6464, ext 47798. The course is approved for 38.5 contact hours. Fee \$100.00

Help for Troubled Marriages! The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend **Feb. 6-8**, and has 6 follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call Beth and Dave at (314)837-8576 or (800)470-2230, or visit online at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

WWJD key chain



What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or 1/8")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about 1/2 cm or 1/2")
- black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.

