

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

“Jesus’ heart was moved with pity for the vast crowd for they were like sheep without a shepherd.” This week our Diocese will be without a Shepherd as

Most Reverend George Lucas is installed as the Archbishop of Omaha (Nebraska). As we wait (perhaps months) for the appointment of our new Bishop by Pope Benedict XVI, an administrator will be selected to lead us during the interim, until the new Bishop’s installation. The College of Consultors (8 priests appointed by Bishop Lucas from the Presbyteral Council) will meet later this week to select the Diocesan Administrator.

Farewell gift: In lieu of an ad in the Diocesan Newspaper, St. Jude Parish made a donation to the Office of Missions in honor of Archbishop George Lucas.

TRAVELS: I will be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for the Mass of Installation of Archbishop Lucas on Wednesday. Since Omaha is only a few hours away from North Dakota, I am taking an extra day for travel to make a visit to that state. It will complete my travels through every state of the union.

NOTE MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE this week: There are no Masses scheduled in our parish this Tuesday and Wednesday. Mass on Thursday will be held at 5:30 pm.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

The Pastoral Council and the Commission for Christian Formation each recommended to me that we postpone scheduling the Sacrament of Confirmation until after our new Bishop is named and installed. The Bishop is the Ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation and his mitre and crosier are symbols of his being our Shepherd. I have accepted their recommendation. It will give us time to review our Confirmation preparation and plan for celebration perhaps in the Fall of 2010. If someone desires the Sacrament outside of our formal preparation process, you can contact me (498-7133) for alternatives.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 pm July 20

The financial report for the past year will be reviewed by the Finance Council before being sent to the Diocese.

CONGRATULATIONS to Greg Park, selected as the Rochester Citizen of the Year.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Daily Monday through Friday

- 7:30 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer

Sunday – July 19

- 1:45 p Co-ed softball game - #1 diamond
- 3:15 p Men’s Softball game - #1 diamond

Monday – July 20

- 9:00 a Collection Counting Team #1: Rowden, Catalano, Hattes
- 7:00 p Finance Council Meeting

Tuesday – July 21

- 7:00 p Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday – July 22

- 2:00 p Installation of Most Reverend George Lucas as Archbishop of Omaha.

Thursday – July 23

- 5:30 p Mass

Friday – July 24

- 9:00 a- 4:00 p Youth Liturgical Ministers Appreciation

Sunday – July 26

- 6:00 p VBS (through Thursday)

VBS News

****There is still **plenty of room for children** going into kindergarten on up to 5th grade at VBS which begins next Sunday, July 26th.

*******VBS Donations sought** - Each year we invite the wider parish community to consider “adopting” a few items that we use for our coming Vacation Bible School. Something as simple as a few bags of shredded cheddar cheese and tortilla chips will be transformed into a snack called “Burning Bush in a Bowl!” VBS volunteer Janese Henson and her team at the “Snack Shack” will use these snacks to teach about Moses and his encounter with God. Soccer balls donated will end up in orphanages in Haiti, Ethiopia and China. Each year we are able to keep the VBS registration fees minimal because of the generosity that is poured out upon our children. We’ll have the lists on clipboards near the entrance of the church so PLEASE stop by before you head out after mass. On behalf of all those gathering at the Crocodile Dock Bayou, thank you!

The Farmer’s Market is back! For those of you who are new, take a look over in front of the parish center after mass and you’ll see a few shelves with bushel baskets near the entrance where you can purchase fresh produce as it is dropped off by gardeners within the parish. There are no set prices since we never know what is going to show up so it is up to you to leave the dollar amount that you feel is a fair donation for this home-grown produce. Donations can be placed in the small grey box attached to the shelf. ALL proceeds are given to area food pantries, so feed the hungry at home, in the wider community and you’ll eat better! For more info, contact Dan at the Farm Stand (Parish) Offices.

Advertiser of the Week
Wilson Park Funeral Home
Rochester & Edinburg
498-7161

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – July 25-26

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Egizio/Feraris Deacon Tom	Nelson/Palumbo Deacon Tom	Hostetler/Hanke Deacon Tom
Lector	Day/McMinn	H&J Hendrickson	Warren/Walker
Hospitality	Jemison/Urbanckas Fam.	Parnell/Roland/Smith/Benson	C&M Houser/Walker
Servers	D&M Western/Ziegler	M&A Lafferty/J Merriman	G&A Henson/Magro
Minister of Care		Lenna DeGroot	
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko	Brenda & Brian Will	Vicki Walker

Church Dusters for the week of July 20: Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock

Art & Environment for next weekend:

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Brandee & Aaron Toliver

Recycling Volunteers for July: John Fox

St. Martin's Food Volunteers for July: Doug & Austin Wuellner

MASS INTENTIONS

July 18 Sat	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
July 19 Sun	8:00 a	Frank Mertz †
	10:30 a	Nieberding Family †
July 20 Mon	8:00 a	All Souls †
July 21 Tue	No Mass Scheduled	
July 22 Wed	No Mass Scheduled	
July 23 Thu	5:30 p	Harriet Kilduff †
July 24 Fri	8:00 a	Agnes Reilly †
July 25 Sat	5:30 p	Robert Noe †
July 26 Sun	8:00 a	John Brandis †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

The cross reflects those who have died and are being remembered in our prayer; non-cross reflects those still living and remembered for a special occasion/intention.

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$ 9,403.21	\$ 3,924.70
Electronic Funds	\$.00	\$.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 1,286.14	\$ 767.14
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$.00	\$
Poor Fund	\$ 116.01	\$ 68.00

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

Held a door for someone; helped my grandma watch my cousins; did my chores; helped my sister when she was sick; Helped Nona with shopping.

Stewardship Message

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

Daily Readings

Sun.	- Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Mon	- Ex 14:5-18; Exodus 15:1-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tue	- Ex 14:21-15:1; Ex 15:8-10,12,17; Mt 12:46-50
Wed	- Ex 16:1-5,9-15; Ps 78:18-19,23-28; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Thu	- Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20; Daniel 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Fri	- Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Sat	- 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sun	- 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



Please pray for the sick

Jack Downey (parishioner)
Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Mary Margaret (niece of Nancy Kruse)
Henrietta Bunger (parishioner)

Sr. Germana Santos, FSP, (Friend of Fr. Dean Probst)
Jack Londrigan (son of Tom & Betsy Londrigan)
Mary Beth Vetter (sister of Teri Dambacher)
David Yeggerst (parishioner)

(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.)

Bible Collection - July 18th through August 8th – Our neighbors at Rochester Christian Church are asking for donations of bibles, so if you have any extra bibles or children's bibles that you are not currently using, bring these to the church and look for the black crate near the entrance. These will be shipped overseas in order to bless others who do not have the funds or ability to obtain God's written word otherwise. For more information, contact Dan at the parish office.

Three more Catechists! Yes, we are hoping to find three individuals to help either on Wednesday with the 3rd and 8th grade classes or on Sunday in the 6th grade class. If you know of someone who regularly attends mass, is willing to share his/her gifts & time with our children and who gets energized by "echoing the faith" to others, please encourage them to serve our parish and to contact Dan at the parish office.