

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

As we hear in the Gospel, Jesus entered into the desert and fasted for forty days and forty nights. It strengthened him for the mission that he

was to fulfill leading to the Cross and Resurrection. We enter into the 40 days of Lent with fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as we might reflect in our lives the likeness of Christ. Our fasting is to help us grow in the spiritual life by exercising self-control...to refrain from temptations that we encounter. On the Friday and Saturday after Ash Wednesday, the Scripture from Isaiah tells us that the "fast" that the Lord desires, is our fasting from quarreling, harsh words, and anger. The fasting that our Lord requires is that of releasing the oppressed, giving bread to the hungry, and shelter to those in need. Our fasting should end in bringing about authentic interior change and providing for those in need. The special collection this weekend is for Catholic Charities who certainly provide for the needs of the poor.

Another means of fasting is to refrain from taking our cell phones into church. When we bring them, are we telling God that we are more concerned about worldly things than in worshiping God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ? If you must have them as emergency personnel, please turn the ring tone off. Thanks.

Thanks to Rita Williams, Diane Urbanckas, Wayne Hutchinson, Michelle Naffziger, Jan Catalano, and Ed Bedore for the art and environment to begin the Season of Lent.



Out of the office – Sue will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Vicki will be in the office during this time. Fr. Dean can be reached at 498-7133.

Posture for Receiving the Eucharist

As we enter the season of Lent and we reflect on the sacrifice that Christ made for each of us we may need to remember the proper postures to use when receiving the Eucharist. When you have processed up to the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister:

- 1) **You are to give a bow of your head as a sign of reverence.**
- 2) You may receive the consecrated bread either on the tongue or in the hand. **When receiving the Body of Christ in the hand, you are to receive it in the palm by placing one hand beneath the other.** You are not to reach out and take it from the ministers.
- 3) **You are then to take a step aside and pause to consume it.**
- 4) Then you **process to the cup containing the Precious Blood and again show a sign of reverence by a bow of the head.**
- 5) Always remember to respond "AMEN" to the proclamations "Body of Christ" and "Blood of Christ".

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – March 1

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

Monday – March 2

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a Collection Counting Team 1 - (Rowden, Catalano, Hattes)
- 6:30 p Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday – March 3

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer

Wednesday – March 4

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 5:30 p Children's Choir Practice
- 6:30 p PSR Classes
- 7:30 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – March 5

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p Building Committee
- 7:00 p RCIA – at Cathedral

Friday – March 6

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Saturday – March 7

- 8:00 a Lectio Divina
- 9:00 a Rosary

Sunday – March 8

- 9:10 a PSR Classes

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – March 7- 8

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Egizio/Feraris Deacon Tom	Eifert/C Hutchinson Deacon Tom	Hanke/Clare Deacon Tom
Lector	Auxier/Ashbaugh	DeGroot/Crawford	Bertrand/Clare
Hospitality	L&K Feraris/J&P Jones	Will Family	Bax Family
Servers	D&M Western/Ziegler	C, J & J Merriman	G, L & A Henson
Mass Coordinator	Frances Tomashavich	Brenda Will	Jeannette Waters
Church Dusters for the week of March 2: Cathy & David Potter Family			
Art & Environment for next weekend: Diane Urbanckas			
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Jeff & Kim Garland			

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 28 Sat	5:30 p	Alberta Nieberding †
Mar 01 Sun	8:00 a	Grover Smith †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Mar 02 Mon	8:00 a	Lum Leach †
Mar 03 Tue	6:45 a	Fred Ashton †
Mar 04 Wed	8:00 a	Dolores Goraczkowski †
Mar 05 Thu	6:45 a	Joe & Lucia Molloy <i>60th Anniv.</i>
Mar 06 Fri	8:00 a	Tony Krager †
Mar 07 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Mar 08 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Catherine Hendrickson †

Daily Readings

Sun.	- Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Mon.	- Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46
Tue.	- Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed.	- Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thu.	- Est C:12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri.	- Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat.	- Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun.	- Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$197,346.21	\$ 4,727.40
Electronic Funds	\$ 32,559.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 13,414.00	\$ 156.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,594.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,202.49	\$ 100.86

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

Playing nice with my sisters.
I made my bed.
Opening the door for others.
I let my sister play my DS game.
I helped my sister with her homework.

Stewardship Message

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism ... that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church.

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Feb 23 – Mar 1

Mon.	Judy Shackelford
Tue.	Grace Settles
Wed.	St. Martin dePorres (Scott)
Thu.	Dan Thompson
Fri.	Jan Heissinger
Sat.	Michael Gleason
Sun.	\$100 Diana Rowden

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Benson, Biesiada, Bortmess, Brady, Bucher, Cannon, Carel, Chepulis-2, Day, Duesterhas-2, Foster, Gillespie(Norris), Hagerman, Hankins, Harris, Kimberlin, Merkley, Newman, Park, Riedle, Ryan, Schultz, Sprinkel-2, Wuellner



Please pray for the sick

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

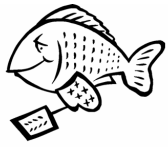
Emily Jansen (8th grade friend of many of our youth)
Jerome Sommer (father of Brian Sommer)
Jane Luecking Hogan (Nancy Kruse's sister)
Kaelyn Luecking (3 yr old great niece of Nancy Kruse)
Cecelia Mudd (Nancy Torricelli's sister)

(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.)

With heartfelt sympathy to their family, we pray for the



repose of the souls of
Edna Gillette, mother of
Darlene Kratz; and **Lora
Stone**, mother of Michael
McNicholas.



K - C Fish Fry

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 are available. The K-C's are again be asking for donations of desserts (cakes, cookies and fruit pies).

The K of C, St. Jude Council 9640 annual Lenten fish fries, are scheduled for 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,

Half price Lasagna Sale!!

In order to clear out of the KC's fry kitchen as they prepare for their annual Lenten fish fries, we need to sell all remaining lasagnas made by the mission trip team. Large pans are now \$10.00 and small pans are \$5.00 *while supplies last*. To purchase lasagna, visit the office or catch a staff member after mass on Sunday.



This month the youth and adults will be selling Butter Braids and cookie dough to raise funds for the 2009

Mission Trip to Denver, Colorado. The Butter Braids come in Cherry, Apple, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Carmel Roll and Bavarian Cream. The pre-portioned 1 oz. cookies come in Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Raisin and White Chocolate Macadamia Nut. They will be taking orders from March 1st through March 17th and delivery will be March 28th and 29th. Your continued support of the fundraising by Mission Trip participants is greatly appreciated.

Advertiser of the Week

WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK
698-3128

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 is 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.



Christopher & Heather Winkler, Grace & Gabriella
6250 Thresher Dr., Springfield, IL.

Matthew & Lea Anderson & Molly
407 Spring Ridge, Rochester, IL

Jessica & Mitch Ingold, Jake, Marshall, Lance
5660 Mattingly Lane, Rochester, IL

Confirmation Pictures

Roger and Rita Williams, Tranquility Art Photography, took pictures of each of the Confirmation classes. You may order a picture for \$10. If you did not pick up an order form the evening of Confirmation or have misplaced the form, you may place the order by writing your name on an envelope, specify the date of the Confirmation, enclose the payment and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the office. Make checks payable to Church of St. Jude. Roger and Rita have agreed to donate the money from each picture ordered to the Mission Trip Fund.



Women's Tea

The "Women's Tea" will be on Wednesday, March 11th 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.

St. John's Hospital Third Age Living

Is a senior adult ministry which promotes health education and community volunteer services for local seniors. The follow are the upcoming FREE events for seniors 55 and older. **To register for any of these events CALL 544-6464, ext 47756.**

March 4 10-11am Lung Function and breathing Exercises

March 9 10-11:30am CIVS orientation to assist seniors, including transportation to the doctors' offices, errands, respite and minor home repair.

March 11 10-11am Restaurant Eating, Keep It Healthy

March 18 10-11am A Legacy Workshop – How to Write You Memories

March 18 1-4pm Ask the Pharmacist – Brown Bag Medication Review

2009 Basic Parish Nurse Course begins March 6th – Call for more information

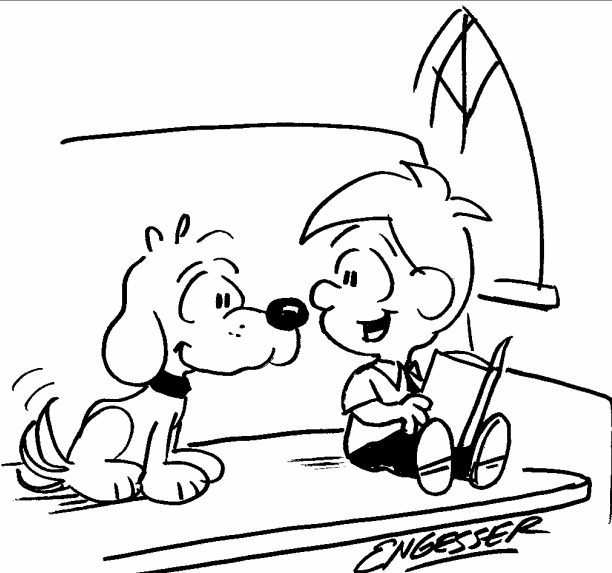
Caregiver Class: Honor your Aging Parent – A Spiritual Journey; call for details

By Appointment: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Consultation on Medicare Drug Discount & other Health Insurance issues

Free files of Life are now available – call for one today!

Sacred Heart-Griffin Mostaccioli Dinner today from 11am to 7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children.

To encourage and enrich your spiritual journey during Lent, listen to **AM 1410 WIHM, Catholic radio**. Hear shows, such as, *Lenten Parish Mission* with Father Bill Casey and *Lenten Reflections*. Plus, daily Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call (314) 752-7000 or (877) 305-1234.



"Glad you could make it. This congregation is very ecumenical."

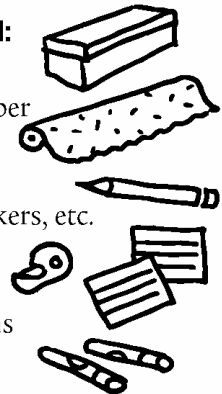


PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.