

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

The Scriptures for the next several weeks will be different at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass from the Scriptures at the other two weekend Masses. Why? We are in the second year of

the cycle of Scripture readings for Sundays. Thus the Gospel is about the Cleansing of the Temple this Sunday. However, the Gospel for the celebration of the Scrutinies for the Elect is taken from Cycle A. The Gospel for our First Scrutiny of the Elect will be the story of the Samaritan Woman coming to faith in Jesus. As she thirsts for the living water, so do Marc Staley and Melvin Dambacher who desire to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Next Sunday the Gospel at the 5:30 pm Saturday and 8:00 am Sunday Masses will be the story of Nicodemus and Jesus whereas the 10:30 am Sunday Mass will be the story of the Man born Blind but given sight by Jesus.

Please read the bulletin article by Fr. Paul Turner regarding the Scrutinies as he explains the Scrutinies. While the Scrutinies are basically for the purification of intentions of the Elect, they are an opportunity also for us, the baptized, to examine our own hearts. How have we grown in faith and observed the responsibilities of our baptismal vocation to follow the Lord?

While the Elect will receive the forgiveness of sin through the water and Spirit of Baptism at the Easter Vigil, we, the baptized have the opportunity for the forgiveness of our sins through the Sacrament of Penance: the Rite of Reconciliation.

Msgr. Carl Kemme, Fathers Bob Jallas, Steve Janoski, and Kevin Laughery have indicated that they will assist me at the **Communal Penance Service**, scheduled for **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm** in the our **St. Jude parish hall**. St. Joseph the Worker Church in Chatham is also hosting a Communal Penance Service that evening. Other area Penance Services include: St. Frances Cabrini Church, 4:00 pm Sunday, March 29, and Church of the Little Flower, 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 31.

The individual rite of reconciliation is available from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Saturdays at St. Jude Church and other times as requested.

PARISH AUDIT: As required by particular law of our Diocese, each parish is to undergo a review of its internal controls regarding its temporal goods. Recently Michelle Cowan of the Diocesan Finance Office was here to control our parish audit. She will be making her recommendations for our implementation. It was a delight to visit with her and discuss how things are presently being handled and to discover areas for improvement to protect the integrity of everyone. When received, the recommendations will be given to the Finance Council.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND:

St. Joseph Home Collection

A representative of St. Joseph's Home of Springfield, operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception, will be here to speak of their request for assistance with their construction of a facility for dementia patients. Please be generous in the special second collection taken today.

MISSION TRIP AVAILABILITY:

There have been several inquiries regarding the availability for more participants on the Mission Trip to Denver, June 6-14, 2009. Originally, I had requested 45 spaces and then stated that we only needed 40. Since then 2 more parishioners have indicated their interest. If anyone else is interested, please let me know. The cost for attending is now \$250 as the workcamp increases its fees for late registrations. Participants are required to assist at the KC Fish Fries, Parish Pancake Breakfasts, and remaining fundraising activities in support of the Trip.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – March 15

9:10 a NO PSR Classes
10:30 a **First Scrutiny of the Elect**

Monday – March 16

8:30 a Morning Prayer
9:00 a Collection Counting Team 3 - (Lower, Helling, Tomashavich)
6:30 p Evening Prayer
7:00 p Finance Council

Tuesday – March 17

8:30 a Morning Prayer
7:00 p K – C Meeting

Wednesday – March 18

8:30 a Morning Prayer
6:30 p RCIA meets
NO PSR Classes
7:30 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – March 19

8:30 a Morning Prayer
9:00 a Rochester Ministerial Association
1:00 p Parish Staff meeting
6:30 p Stations of the Cross

Friday – March 20

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

Saturday – March 21

8:00 a Lectio Divina
9:00 a Rosary
10:00 a 1st Reconciliation Retreat

Sunday – March 22

8:00-Noon Pancake Breakfast – Mission Trip
9:10 a PSR Classes
10:30 a **Second Scrutiny of the Elect**
6:30 p High School Electives

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – March 21 - 22

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Kuntzman/Settles Deacon Tom	G & C Leach Deacon Tom	Kerley/Riedle Deacon Tom
Lector	Doherty/Day	H & J Hendrickson	Hostetler/Garland
Hospitality	Jemison & Urbanckas Families	Otten & Palumbo Families	J & E Bedore/Walker/Gadert
Servers	R & B Doherty/Settles	C Brown/M & A Lafferty	Warren/Riedle/Marx
Mass Coordinator	Carmel Settles	Jan and Carlo Catalano	Vicki Walker

Church Dusters for the week of March 16: Sue and Victoria Arnish and Carla Houser

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend NO CLOW

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 14 Sat	5:30 p	Woodrow & Della Cook †
Mar 15 Sun	8:00 a	Mary Ann Nelson †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Mar 16 Mon	8:00 a	Maude Kenworth
Mar 17 Tue	6:45 a	Robert Smith †
Mar 18 Wed	8:00 a	Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of St. Jude
Mar 19 Thu	6:45 a	Our Parish Family
Mar 20 Fri	8:00 a	All Souls
Mar 21 Sat	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
Mar 22 Sun	8:00 a	Bob & Wanda Zeller †
	10:30 a	Nieberding Family †

Daily Readings

Sun.	- Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Mon.	- 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tue.	- Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wed.	- Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thu.	- 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-20, 24 or Lk 2:41-51
Fri.	- Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sat.	- Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
Sun.	- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



Please pray for the sick

Jack Downey (parishioner)
Margaret Angeli (Trish Leach's niece)
Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Cecelia Mudd (Nancy Torricelli's sister)
Jerome Sommer (father of Brian Sommer)

Emily Jansen (8th grade friend of many of our youth)
Jane Luecking Hogan (Nancy Kruse's sister)
Kaelyn Luecking (3 yr old great niece of Nancy Kruse)
Steve Dwyer (Son-in-law of Trish Leach)
Dean Schulte (brother of Dennett Hanke)
Trish Leach (parishioner)
Karen Keen (parishioner)
Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher'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.)

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$210,327.76	\$ 6,591.05
Electronic Funds	\$ 34,396.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 14,276.00	\$ 263.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,812.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,278.72	\$ 51.25

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

Helped sort and load Girl Scout cookies.
 To feed the dog.
 I helped my mom with the yard.
 Helped my friend up when she fell.
 Helped my sisters clean their rooms and closets.
 Helped mom put away the dishes.

Stewardship Message

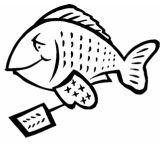
"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.



With heartfelt sympathy, we pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Smith**, father of Teresa Vinson and grandfather of Mindy Ashbaugh, who passed away last week.

DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL REQUEST:

The Tribunal is in need of Spanish speaking persons to learn the annulment processes in order to assist the growing number of Spanish speaking clientele in the diocese. If you would be interested, please contact Becky Donaldson at 217-321-1119 or at bdonaldson@dio.org.



K - C Fish Fry

The K of C, St. Jude Council 9640 annual Lenten fish fries, are scheduled for March 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 are available. The K-C's are again be asking for donations of desserts (cakes, cookies and fruit pies).

Advertiser of the Week

Williamsville State Bank and Trust
For Home and Construction Loans
698-9728



All Butter Braid and Cookie Dough forms along with the money collected is to be

turned in to Vicki Walker in the parish office no later that Wednesday, March 18th. If you still need to place an order and don't know anyone going on the Mission Trip contact Mike Spainhour, Father Dean or Vicki Walker at the parish office.



As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our **fasting** keep us

mindful of the hunger of the people of the world.

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Mar 9 – Mar 15

Mon.	#104	Suzie Tarter (Cookey)
Tue.	# 464	Donald Vanover
Wed.	# 341	Molohon Family
Thu.	# 214	Barbara Hattes
Fri.	# 137	Janice Tuxhorn (Downey)
Sat.	# 296	Zach Frey (Sprinkel)
Sun. \$35	# 122	Donna Day

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Apke, Bortmess, Bucher, Flanagan (Schmit), Hagerman -2, Hankins, Heisinger, Hutchinson, Liken, Riedle, Roland, Settles, Shackelford, Streb



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

NEXT Sunday, March 22nd

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection Next Weekend

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today's collection.

An envelope is provided in your monthly packet for this collection. Please be generous.

Brother James Court's 15th Annual Benefit

Auction and Dinner is Saturday, April 4th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm in the ballroom of the Crown Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL. In addition to a terrific sit-down dinner and live entertainment, you will be surrounded by scores of silent and live auction items and packages, as well as dozens of theme baskets. A 1/2 carat loose diamond will be raffled. Please contact the Development office at 217-747-5972 or volunteer your time, donate items, provide corporate support or to purchase a ticket.

Lenten Penance Service

6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 24th
In the Parish Center

Several other area priests will be here to assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



SCRUTINY

By Paul Turner

Tell people they will face a scrutiny before they can join your community, and they will probably say, "Thanks, but no thanks." Boldly, our church expects not one but three Scrutinies of catechumens before their baptism at Easter.

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek baptism in the Catholic Church, they do so by stages. First, we accept them into the order of catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation, we enroll them among the "elect," or those chosen for baptism. This rite of election generally coincides with the beginning of Lent. Three times during Lent, the church prays the Scrutinies to encourage a spirit of repentance among those who seek a worthy celebration of baptism.

Although Scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in church history. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them in the fourth and fifth century to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The moral preparation of catechumens included prayers of exorcism to drive out the spirit of evil, which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. In the Scrutinies, the church discerned if those exorcisms had achieved their effect. Catechumens entered the church, stood barefoot on goatskin and renounced evil influences all night. Those unworthy of baptism had to wait another year for Easter to roll around again.

Today's Scrutinies seem less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest or deacon prays that the spirit of evil may be replaced by the spirit of good. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of baptism worthily.

For those who are already baptized, the Scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter, we renew our baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the catechumens scrutinized. The Scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

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The **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Application** deadline is April 1, 2009. Applications are available in the parish office or downloaded at www.rochesterstjude.com/news.

Calvary Cemetery Cleanup – the cemetery staff has requested that all holiday decorations be removed before March 30, 2009. All shepherd's hooks are to be removed for the summer mowing season, April 30, 2009 through October 1, 2009.

Please direct questions to Vaughn Whiteman 523-3726.



Camp Ondessonk 50th Anniversary Gala -

Saturday, April 18, 2009,
6:15 p.m., Our Lady of the

Snows Shrine, Belleville, Illinois, \$65 per person. Join Steve Jankowski, former KMOX Radio Personality and KSDK-TV reporter, who will serve as Master of Ceremonies for an evening of dinner, music, fun and reflection of the past 50 years. Bid on unique items in the silent and verbal auctions with auctioneer Dave Schumacher of Prindable Schumacher Auction Service. Begin the evening by celebrating Mass at the Shrine Church at 5:00 p.m. Specially priced lodging is available at the Shrine hotel. Registration information is available at www.ondessonk.com.

Register for Summer Camp 2009! - Camp Ondessonk, the youth camp of the Diocese of Belleville, is taking registrations for our traditional rustic summer camps. Sessions are one week long and open to boys and girls ages 10-16. A special 3 day session for 8-9 year olds, and a Family Camp are available as well. Camp opens June 6, 2009 and runs for 9 weeks. Two open houses will be held April 26, 2009 and May 3, 2009, from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Telephone: 618-689-2489 to register, or visit <http://www.ondessonk.com/>.

The **St. Louise de Marillac Ladies of Charity** cordially invite Catholic women from the Springfield area to join them for a dinner meeting on Monday, March 16, 2008 at 6:00PM, at St. Agnes Hall, 245 N. Amos, Springfield, IL. The mission of the St. Louise de Marillac Guild is to raise funds to help care for foster children under the umbrella of Catholic Charities and to foster spiritual growth of its members. Please contact Carol Oldani, President at 546-7634 or Linda Patterson, Vice President at 523-4933, if you are interested in joining this group. They have nine meetings per year and membership dues are \$10 per year.