

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

Bishop George Lucas has requested that each of us contact our State Legislators regarding HB 2354, the “Reproductive Health and Access Act”) that would

remove the right to conscientious objection to abortion and related procedures for all health care workers. (See Bishop’s letter in this bulletin). Call your representative and tell them to vote no on this.



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, March 22nd TODAY!

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*

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

Msgr. Carl Kemme, Fathers Bob Jallas, Steve Janoski, and Kevin Laughery have indicated that they will assist me at this Communal Penance Service, to be held in our St. Jude parish hall.

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

Area Penance Services include:

Sunday, March 22: 2 pm St. Aloysius Church, Spfld
St. Joseph Church, Springfield
Sunday, March 29: 1 pm St. John Vianney, Sherman
2:30 p St. Katherine Drexel, Spfld
4 pm St. Frances Cabrini, Spfld
Tuesday, March 31: 7 pm St. Church of Little Flower
Thursday, April 2: 6:30 p St. James, Riverton

FEAST of the ANNUNCIATION: The first joyful mystery of the Rosary is March 25. Calculated 9 months from the feast of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Announcement to Mary that she would give birth to our Savior. The Word of God, Jesus, was made incarnate in her womb. It is a day for **Blessing of Women who are pregnant.** The blessing will be given during the 8:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm Evening Prayer, Wednesday, March 25.

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. Michelle Cowan of the Diocesan Finance Office was here to control our parish audit. She will be making her recommendations for our implementation. When received, the recommendations will be given to the Finance Council.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

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

Monday – March 23

8:30 a Morning Prayer

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4 - (Deimel, Benson, Egizio)

6:30 p Evening Prayer

7:00 p Liturgy Committee

Tuesday – March 24

8:30 a Morning Prayer

6:30 p Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday – March 25

8:30 a Morning Prayer

5:30 p Children’s Choir Practice

Noon **Clergy Convocation**

6:00 p Evening Prayer

6:30 p RCIA

PSR Classes

7:30 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – March 26

8:30 a Morning Prayer

9:00 a **Clergy Convocation**

6:30 p Stations of the Cross

Friday – March 27

8:30 a Morning Prayer

5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Saturday – March 28

8:00 a Lectio Divina

9:00 a Rosary

10:00 a Butter Braid/Cookie Dough Delivery

Sunday – March 29

9:10 a PSR Classes

10:30 a **Third Scrutiny of the Elect**

5:00 p Seder Super

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – March 28 - 29

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Scheufele/ Feraris	Palumbo/Rayhill/Wuellner	Warren/Hostetler Deacon Tom
Lector	LoCascio/Kenworth	Nelson/Miller	Jasinski/Warren
Hospitality	Carrigan Fam/Egizio	G&K Park/Smith/Brandis	Sutker Family
Servers	D&M Western/Ziegler	C Merriman/A&G Otten	Biesiada/Cornett/Foster
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Blasko	Conni & Wayne Hutchinson	Jeannette Waters

Church Dusters for the week of March 23: Lynn Alewelt & Michelle Bertrand

Art & Environment for next weekend: Conni Hutchinson

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

Recycling Volunteers for March: David Waters Family

St. Martin's Food Volunteers for March: Debra & Steven Decker

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 21 Sat	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
Mar 22 Sun	8:00 a	Bob & Wanda Zeller †
	10:30 a	Nieberding Family †
Mar 23 Mon	8:00 a	Sam Barnhart †
Mar 24 Tue	6:45 a	Parish Family
Mar 25 Wed	8:00 a	Doug Hoppin †
Mar 26 Thu	6:45 a	Maria Santos
Mar 27 Fri	8:00 a	Bill Sinkus †
Mar 28 Sat	5:30 p	Tom Urbanckas †
Mar 29 Sun	8:00 a	Al Mavis †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

Daily Readings

Sun. - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10;
Jn 3:14-21

Mon. - Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54

Tue. - Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wed. - Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10

Thu. - Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Fri. - Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. - Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sun. - Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;
Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



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)

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)

Margaret Mary Hogan (Nancy Kruse's niece)

Walter Hanke, Sr. (Dennett Hanke's father-in-law)

(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	\$214,533.51	\$ 4,205.75
Electronic Funds	\$ 37,011.00	\$ 2,615.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 14,494.00	\$ 218.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 308.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,319.82	\$ 41.10

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

I took out the recycling.
 I played with my sister
 I gave my favorite poster to my friend who liked it.
 I picked up candy at the parade and gave it to my friend.
 Fed the dog and cat for my sister.

Stewardship Message

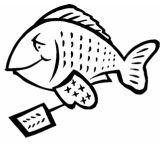
All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."



Bill Callan
 1903 E. Lake Shore Drive,
 Springfield, IL.

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 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

Judy's Hallmark Shop

"When you care enough to send the very best!"

Fairhills Mall White Oaks Plaza Sangamon Ctr.
Capital City Shopping Center

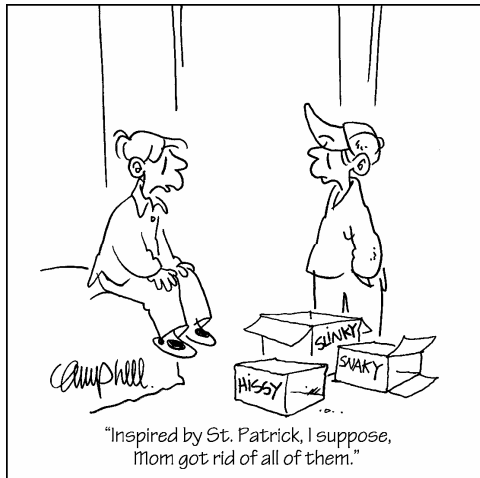
LOTTERY WINNER\$ Mar 16 – Mar 22

Mon. Carol Foltz
Tue. Marie Ginter
Wed. Marilyn Merkley
Thu. Donna Tarr
Fri. Henry Gartner
Sat. Ray Bruzan
Sun. \$35 St. Martin dePorres (Jones)

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Apke, Bortmess, Bucher, Downey (Tuxhorn), Hagerman-2, Hankins, Heissinger-2, Liken, Roland, Schmit (Flanigan), Shackelford, Sprinkel (Frey)

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.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Are you interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister? Memorial Medical Center is recruiting for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

There is a need for volunteers on one of the following days: Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Friday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's. There is also the opportunity to be available as a substitute.

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, April 30th, from 5:30-8:00 PM, at Memorial Medical Center in Room B149. Training meetings will be on May 7th and then the 14th.

Please RSVP by calling 788-3585 before April 28th.

Rev. John Carberry, Diocesan Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary, will celebrate mass at the Annual Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony on Sunday, March 29th at St. Agnes Church. The ceremony will begin with the legion prayers and rosary at 2:30 p.m., followed by Sunday mass of obligation at 3:00 p.m., and conclude with a reception in the parish center. Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary and friends are invited to attend.

Brother James Court's 15th Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner

will be Saturday, April 4th, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, IL. In addition to a terrific sit-down dinner and live entertainment, you'll be surrounded by scores of silent and live auction items and packages, as well as dozens of theme baskets. A half carat loose diamond will be raffled off. You can also purchase chances on a pre-owned, low mileage mid-size sedan. To volunteer your time, donate items, provide corporate support or to purchase tickets (\$75 per person, \$700 for a table of 10) please contact our Development Office at 747-5972

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, April 6, 3:00 to 6:00 pm at St. Jude Church.

4 Facts you need to know about STROKE PREVENTION –

- 80% of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs
- Ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke
- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability
- Screenings are fast, painless, affordable and convenient

**A stroke screening
is coming to your neighbor!**

**St. Jude Church, Rochester
Monday, April 20
Pre-registration required:
1-800-324-1851**



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Office of the Bishop

March 17, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you about a serious threat to our freedom to practice our Catholic faith in the state of Illinois.

A bill has been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly (HB 2354, the “Reproductive Health and Access Act”) that would remove the right to conscientious objection to abortion and related procedures for all health care workers. For thirty years we have been told by the courts and by legislators that abortion is a rare but necessary tragedy and that abortion providers should not face legal punishment. Now some are proposing that abortion is a human right, and worse, that those who would try to qualify it in any way or who will not provide it should be punished under law.

This proposed law will drive Catholic doctors and nurses from health care and will make it impossible for Catholic hospitals to continue to be places where life is always respected, where no one is deliberately killed. In our country, we recognize conscientious objection to war, even though defending one’s country is a noble and moral act. We recognize the conscientious objection of those doctors who will not cooperate in administering the death penalty, even for terrible crimes. Some Illinois legislators want to take away conscientious objection to abortion.

The enemies of human life and religious freedom in Illinois are well funded. Pressure on legislators is great and is increasing. I ask you to contact your Representative this week to express your dismay that the Illinois legislature, elected democratically, would debate a bill that removes freedom of conscientious decision-making for health care workers as a condition of their employment. Surely people of good will can agree that the State should not come between a health care worker and God.

Unfortunately we have had to live with the fact that our laws no longer protect unborn human life. We cannot live with the prospect that our laws will no longer protect conscience. In 1844, Abraham Lincoln broke with his own party, the often anti-Catholic Whigs, and proposed: “Resolved, that the guarantee of the rights of conscience, as found in our Constitution, is most sacred and inviolable, and one that belongs no less to the Catholic, than to the Protestant; and that all attempts to abridge or interfere with these rights, either of Catholic or Protestant, directly or indirectly, have our decided disapprobation, and shall ever have our most effective opposition.” Illinois HB 2354 betrays the legacy of Lincoln in his home State.

Catholics and all people of good will should work to ensure its defeat. I also ask you to thank those legislators who are courageously opposing HB 2354 and to pray for those who are supporting it. To contact your legislator, please go to www.ilga.gov, or call 312-368-1066.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois