

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners,

There are less than two weeks left of Lent before we begin the High Holy Days of the Easter Triduum. These two weeks focus our attention on the impending death and resurrection of our Lord. The Scriptures for the 5th Sunday of Lent remind us of the unavoidable fact that each of us must die. As a grain of wheat must die to produce fruit, so our Lord will be lifted up on the cross to produce the fruit of God's love: forgiveness of our sins. As the Elect are scrutinized for the third and final time, we hear of the fruit of faith in our Lord and of our dying to self in the waters of baptism, is new life with him in the resurrection of the dead.

Traditionally, this Sunday was known as Passion Sunday and began the covering of religious symbols and statues until the unveiling of the cross on Good Friday and the other symbols of faith on Easter. Since the Second Vatican Council and the revision of the liturgy, Passion Sunday is placed with Palm Sunday, which begins our Holy Week. Statues and symbols may be covered, but is not required.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The solemn primary liturgy with the procession and blessing of Palms will be held at the 8:00 am Mass. Weather permitting, we will begin that liturgy under the portico of the parish center. The other two Masses (the 5:30 pm Vigil on Saturday and the 10:30 am Sunday Mass) will follow the rubrics for Mass with the simple entrance and blessing of palms in the foyer of the Church.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance Rite of Reconciliation:

Prepare your heart for Holy Week. Communal Penance Services are being held at the following places this week:

Sunday, March 29: 1 pm St. John Vianney, Sherman
 2:30 pm St. Katherine Drexel, Spfd
 4 pm St. Frances Cabrini, Spfd
Tuesday, March 31 7 pm Little Flower, Spfd.
Thursday, April 2 7 pm St. James, Riverton

Individual Rite: St. Jude, Rochester 4:30 pm Saturday



Joshua & Molly Chapman
Emma & Joseph
1 Lancelot
Rochester, IL 62563

ROCHESTER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church, Rochester.

Are you interested in playing ... or being the coordinator for St. Jude? Rules, the entry fee, and the schedule will be set at the meeting. League rules require teams to be represented at the meeting in order to be included in league play for the season.

The league also welcomes individuals, or groups less than a full team, from churches to attend. At the meeting they can combine and organize with others to become a team.

Please contact Fr. Dean if you are interested.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – March 29

9:10 a PSR Classes
10:30 a **Third Scrutiny of the Elect**
5:00 p Seder Super

Monday – March 30

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 31

8:30 a Morning Prayer

Wednesday – April 1

8:30 a Morning Prayer
6:00 p Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p RCIA Team Meeting
6:30 p PSR Classes
7:00 p Stations of the Cross (PSR)
7:45 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – April 2

8:30 a Morning Prayer
6:30 p Stations of the Cross
7:00 p Building Committee Mtg.

Friday – April 3

8:30 a Morning Prayer
4:00 p Art & Environ decorate for Palm Sunday
5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Saturday – April 4

8:00 a Lectio Divina
9:00 a Rosary
9:00 a 1st Communion Retreat

Sunday – April 5

9:10 a PSR Classes

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – April 4-5

	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Tomashavich/Egizio Deacon Tom	DeGroot/Atkinson Deacon Tom	Jasinski/Hostetler Deacon Tom
Lector	To be assigned	To be assigned	To be assigned
Hospitality Servers	J & D Kratz R & B Doherty/C McMinn	Benson/Will Family McClintock/G & A Otten/ Newman	Decker Family Biesiada/Riedle/Warren
Mass Coordinator	Frances Tomashavich	Jan & Carlo Catalano	Jeannette Waters

Church Dusters for the week of March 30: David & Jeannette Waters Family

Art & Environment for next weekend:

Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Deona Kuntzman & Brenda Will

Recycling Volunteers for April: Doug & Austin Wuellner

St. Martin's Food Volunteers for April: Kevin Spurlock

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 28 Sat	5:30 p	Tom Urbanckas †
Mar 29 Sun	8:00 a	Al Mavis †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Mar 30 Mon	8:00 a	Fr. Don Meehling
Mar 31 Tue	6:45 a	Raymond Probst
Apr 01 Wed	8:00 a	Bill Sinkus †
Apr 02 Thu	6:45 a	All Souls †
Apr 03 Fri	8:00 a	David & Dolores Goreczkowski†
Apr 04 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Apr 05 Sun	8:00 a	Debbie Schmidt †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

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

Daily Readings

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

Mon. - Dn 13:41-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tue - Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wed. - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thu. - Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Fri. - Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sat. - Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sun. - Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



Please pray for the sick

Fr. Don Meehling (priest)
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.)



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mary Margaret Palazzolo, mother of Cathy Martindale. May she rest in God's peace.

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$218,218.76	\$ 3,685.25
Electronic Funds	\$ 37,011.00	\$ 0.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 14,614.00	\$ 120.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 0.00
Poor Fund	\$ 1,507.72	\$ 187.90

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

I said sorry to my mom and sister when I did something wrong.

I got a drink for my sister.

I was nice to my family.

Making my friend feel comfortable at home.

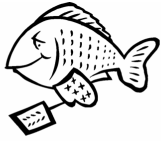
I put my clothes away.

Helped load Girl Scout cookies.

Stewardship Message

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is HE asking of me?

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.



K - C Fish Fry

The **K of C, St. Jude Council 9640 annual Lenten Fish Fry** ends this Friday, 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).

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FINAL DRAWING!

LOTTERY WINNERS\$ Mar 23 – Mar 31

Mon. Stan Duesterhaus
Tue. St. Martin dePorres (Paulek)
Wed. Mary R. King
Thu. Mary Ann Egizio
Fri. Maude Kenworth
Sat. Edith Cape
Sun. \$35 Eileen Nelson
Mon. Jan Pietras
Tue. Kimberlin Family

Please pick up your lottery checks in the Sacristy!

Apke, Bortmess, Bruzan, Bucher, Foltz, Gartner, Ginter, Hagerman-2, Heisinger-2, Liken, Merkley, Roland, Schmit (Flanigan), Shackelford, Sprinkel (Frey), Tarr



If you placed an order for Butter Braids and/or Cookie Dough they are available for pick-up

after all Masses this weekend or during regular business hours next week.

COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK: The Central Illinois Blood Mobile will be at St. Jude Church from 2:00 – 6:30 pm, Monday, April 6th. Give blood so that others might live.

LifeLine - stroke screening is coming to St. Jude Church, Rochester Monday, April 20 Pre-registration required: 1-800-324-1851

Glory in the Cross - A walk through the Paschal Triduum: its history and meaning. Presented by **Rev. Richard Chiola PhD**, with the **St. Cabrini Liturgy Team**. St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center, 1020 N. Milton Ave., Springfield, Saturday, April 4th 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

For inspiration during the Lenten season 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 toll free 1-877-305-1234.

SH-G High School will host a Learning Differences College Fair on Thurs, April 23 from 6 – 8 p.m. The event will be held at SHG's East Campus, 1200 W. Washington and is open to all high school students, especially those with learning differences. Colleges and universities across the state will be available to discuss their programs and answer questions. The schools that will be in attendance include Bradley Univ., LLCC, Greenville College, St. Louis Univ., Illinois College, ISU, Lincoln College, NIU, MacMurray College, SIU (Carbondale), McKendree University, Monmouth College, SIU (Edwardsville), U of I (Springfield), Quincy University, U of I (Urbana/Champaign), Millikin Univ., Benedictine Univ.— SCI, Fontbonne Univ. and WIU. **For further information, contact:** Kara Rapacz, SHG Learning Coordinator at 787-1595, ext128, or by email at rapacz@shg.org

RED ENVELOPE DAY – Get a red envelope, address it to: President Barack Obama, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC 20500 and **mail it on March 31st**. On the back of the envelope, write the following message: ***This envelope represents one child who died because of an abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be a part of our world.***

It may seem that those who believe abortion is wrong are in a minority. It may seem like we have no voice and it's shameful to even bring it up. Let us show our President and the world that the voices of those of us who do not believe abortion is acceptable are not silent and must be heard.

Together we can change the heart of The President and save the lives of MILLIONS OF CHILDREN, Goal: 50 million red envelopes, one for every child who died in the United States before having a chance to live.



Next weekend is **Palm Sunday**. The 5:30pm and 10:30am Masses will begin in the foyer of the church. We will begin the 8:00am Mass at the parish center portico and then process into the

Church. Please remember to dress accordingly.

Chrism Mass
April 6, 2009
6:30 PM
St. Agnes Church

The Mass of Chrism comes once a year to your cathedral. If you have never celebrated it, you are missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, your bishop will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and the oil of chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; chrism spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam. For pastoral reasons, another vegetable oil and perfume may be used.

Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared chrism fresh for the occasion. While they were blessing chrism, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955, we added a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the chrism that the priests and deacons will use. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at their mother church with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

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HOLY THURSDAY
April 9, 2009
7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

This Mass commemorates the Last Supper, the gift of the Eucharist, the command to live the Eucharist in service to the world as we wash one another's feet, and the beginning of the Lord's suffering.

After Communion, there will be a candlelight procession to the parish center to a Place of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are invited and encouraged to spend time watching and praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

It is important that someone be in the center praying from the end of Mass until 11:00 pm. We will close our adoration with the celebration of Evening Prayer.

COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH THE LORD

Good Friday
April 10, 2009

Morning Prayer
8:30 AM

Stations of the Cross
Noon

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
7:00 PM

Holy Saturday
April 11, 2009

Morning Prayer
8:30 AM

The EASTER VIGIL LITURGY
8:00 PM

Following the Easter Vigil, everyone is invited to a in the parish center for a light meal. This will give everyone an opportunity to welcome our honored guests, those who are newly baptized. Reservations need to be made by April 8th by calling the parish office 498-9524.

Easter Sunday
April 12, 2009

Mass with Renewal of Baptismal Promises
8:00 AM

Mass with Renewal of Baptismal Promises
10:30 AM