

Notes from
Fr. Dean



ASCENSION SUNDAY!

We celebrate the feast of the 2nd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary in the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. This feast, universally held on the 40th day of Easter and known as Ascension

Thursday, was transferred to Sunday of the 7th Week of Easter by our National Conference of Catholic Bishops several years ago.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We honor those who are ascending to new levels of education/employment opportunities through graduation. At each of the Masses this weekend, graduates from high school and college/universities will be recognized. A Coffeecake reception will be held for the graduates between the Sunday Masses at 9:15 am, along with the regular doughnuts and coffee/juice hospitality.

PENTECOST VIGIL/FEAST

Next weekend the Easter Season comes to a close with the feast of Pentecost. The Vigil is an extension of our prayer with Mary and the Apostles gathered together and awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

THANKS to Members of the Art and Environment

Committee who have gracefully decorated the Church during the Easter Season and throughout the liturgical year. These include: Rita Williams, Diane Urbanckas, Conni & Wayne Hutchinson, Jan Catalano, Michele Naffziger, Diane Miller, Marilyn Merkley, Ruth Liken, Ed & Judy Bedore and Suzann Segatto.

ST. JUDE SIGNS:

The Finance Council approved the use of Memorial Funds to pay for the newly erected sign. The Memorial Fund is money collected through the years from memorial donations at the time of funerals, or other occasions. Thanks also to Terry Day for installing the old St. Jude sign on the Church. It will help identify our worship building to visitors.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Please note the special meeting this Wednesday as we begin the budgetary process for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2009.

MISSION TRIP Participants:

We are planning to depart at 5:30 pm Saturday, June 6, for Denver, Colorado, expecting to arrive at Ranum High School, Denver by 1:30 pm Sunday, June 7. Following a week of service projects and spiritual program, the group will make pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Frances Cabrini in Golden, Colorado, and activities at Estes Park, before returning to Denver and the return trip home. We **THANK You** who have helped fund this wonderful and extraordinary program of Youth Ministry through your prayers and donations.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Monday – May 25 - Parish office is closed

10:30 am Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery, Springfield: Bishop Lucas.

Tuesday – May 26

7:30 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer
9:00 a Collection Counting Team 1 (Rowden, Catalano, Hattes)

Wednesday – May 27

7:30 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer
6:30 p FINANCE COUNCIL meeting

Thursday – May 28

7:30 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer

Friday – May 29

7:30 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer

Saturday – May 30

9:30 a Art & Environment – Decorate for Pentecost
2:00 p Wedding Liturgy

Sunday – May 31

1:45 p Co-ed Softball – Diamond 2
3:15 p Men's Softball – Diamond 1

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Please join us at **CALVARY CEMETERY** on Memorial Day, **May 25, 2009 at 10:30 A.M.** for the traditional Field Mass offered at the Father Howard Altar. The Most Reverend George J. Lucas, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois, will be the principal celebrant. Accompanying Bishop Lucas in procession will be a number of our local priests, members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and representatives of the St. Andrew's Bag-Pipers. Transportation will be available from the main gate to the Mass site.

VACATION MASS TIMES

While the Parish School of Religion completes another year, our worship of God continues. If you are going to be out of town for vacation or other purpose, you can find the time of Masses available by checking online at www.masstime.org or parishesonline.com. God does not take a vacation from listening to our prayers so be sure not to take a vacation from worshipping God.

Advertiser of the Week

Kerber, Eck & Braeckel, LLP
CPA's and Management Consultants
Jim Hagerman, CPA/PFS

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – May 30-31

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm Tomashavich/Feraris Kuntzman	Sunday 8:00am Atkinson/Brown Deacon Tom	Sunday 10:30 am Hanke/Hostetler/Clare
Lector	Merkley/McMinn	Kruse/Merriman	Deimel/Clare
Hospitality	McDermott Family/Egizio	G & K Park/Parnell/Roland	J & E Bedore/Walker
Servers	R & B Doherty/Ziegler	McClintock/Newman/C Brown	G, L & A Henson
Minister of Care		Rick Atkinson	
Mass Coordinator	Frances Tomashavich	Jan and Carlo Catalano	Jeannette Waters
Church Dusters for the week of May 25: Carol and Dave Foltz and Brenda Magro			
Art & Environment for next weekend: Entire Art and Environment Committee			
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Jeff and Kim Garland			
Recycling Volunteers for May: Dan Marx			
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for May: David Waters Family			

MASS INTENTIONS

May 23 Sat	5:30 p	Ed Breitung †
May 24 Sun	8:00 a	Bob & Wanda Zeller †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
May 25 Mon	10:30 a	Mass at Calvary Cemetery
May 26 Tue	6:45 a	Special Intention/Sullivan
May 27 Wed	8:00 a	John Brandis †
May 28 Thu	6:45 a	Tom & Marie Lawless †
May 29 Fri	8:00 a	Agnes Reilly †
May 30 Sat	5:30 p	Tom Urbanckas †
May 31 Sun	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	Robert Lyden †

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

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$250,524.50	\$ 4,400.06
Electronic Funds	\$ 46,069.32	\$ 2,666.44
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 17,512.00	\$ 176.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 5,172.00	\$ 308.00
Poor Fund	\$ 2,098.17	\$ 260.00

Children's Stewardship Offering to God

My good deed was . . .

I helped mom in the garden.
Cleaned up the basement without pouting.
Making guest feel welcome

Daily Readings

Sun.	<u>Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23</u> <u>Mk 16:15-20</u>
Mon	<u>Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33</u>
Tue	<u>Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,20-21; Jn 17:1-11a</u>
Wed.	<u>Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36; Jn 17:11-19</u>
Thu.	<u>Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2,5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26</u>
Fri.	<u>Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; Jn 21:15-19</u>
Sat.	<u>Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25</u>
Sun.	<u>Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; Gal 5:16-25;</u> <u>Gal 5:16-25</u>



Please pray for the sick

Dean Schulte (brother of Dennett Hanke)

Jack Downey (parishioner)

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

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)

Emily Janssen & Megan Hesse

Joseph Spannagel (Jill Whitney's dad)

Patty Goodwin (Carolyn Otten's sister)

Mary Beth Vetter (Teri Dambacher's sister)

Nancy Snyder (friend of Marylee Peters)

(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.)

Ushers Needed

Are you looking for a way to be of service to the parish during the Sunday liturgy? We are in need of several adults to serve as Ushers during the weekend Masses. The duties would be to pass the collection baskets, carry the gifts forward and direct parishioners to available seating when the church is crowded. If you are interested in performing this ministry, please sign-up on the form on the bulletin board.

"Youth Mission

Blessings to Share"

Cookbooks on Sale!!

Our Mission Trip Youth and adults are selling cookbooks with over 200 favorite recipes from our youth and parish families! A limited supply was ordered so look for a representative after mass and purchase your copies! Spiral bound books are only \$10.00! Copies are also available in the parish office.

Diocesan Collection

Next week will be the Diocesan Annual collection for the Priest Retirement Fund. The funds collected help to meet some of the immediate retirement and health care needs of the priests of the Diocese. Please be generous, using the envelope provided in your monthly packet.



Graduating from Rochester High School are the following:

Victoria Arnish
Chance Austin
Elliot Batten
Christian Blough
Nicole Blumhorst
Matthew Doherty
Kathryn Felts
Esmeralda Garcia
Ryan Godar
Marie Hagerman
William Herr
Morgan Hovey
Brett Jackson
Meghan Lindstrom
Patrick Londrigan
Alex Murer
Robert O'Brien
Monica Price
Megan Ramsey
Michael Rentschler
Ben Romang
Ryan Scott
McKinsey Sforza
Abby Stybr
Nicole Tinsley
Ryan Tinsley
James VanBogaert
Holly Weitekamp

Graduate of Aquinas Institute of Theology

Daniel Frachey

Graduate of University of Illinois Springfield

Baylyn Dambacher

Graduate of Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

Katie Patterson

Welcome Project of Central Illinois

Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30 pm – 7 pm

at

Holy Land Diner in Vinegar Hill Mall



\$20 all-you-can-eat buffet & drink

Items from the Holy Land and fair trade items for sale

Door prizes for those who RSVP by 5/25

RSVP: Diane, 544-3997 Or Vicki, 321-1120

The Welcome Project of Central Illinois - an interfaith collaboration for spiritual and material support to a family soon to be immigrating to the U.S.