

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday, we conclude the Liturgical Year with the celebration of Christ the King Sunday. Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you a King?" It may be good for us to reflect upon our response to Pilate's question. Does Jesus' command to love and forgive reign in our hearts? This week we share in the Season of Thanksgiving for the Love and Mercy, Christ has given us and share it with others in our focus on food: The Harvest Feast and Canned Goods for the Food Pantry.

Our annual **Harvest Feast** will be held today Sunday, **November 22, beginning at 12:00 noon** in the Parish Center. You are invited to share in the **HARVEST FEAST**, a Thanksgiving Dinner for our parish family. The free dinner with entertainment provided by our parish youth under direction of Michael Spainhour is an opportunity for us to gather as a parish family. We hope you'll join us for this all Parish event. We can be thankful for Jerry & Nancy Calvert for chairing the Harvest Feast for numerous years and all the parishioners who volunteer to share in the hospitality details of cooking, serving and cleaning. **NOTE: Please bring food item(s) to share with the food pantry.**

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE:

The Rochester Ministerial Association provides the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year at the Rochester United Methodist Church. The Prayer Service will begin at **7 pm on Monday, November 23**. A community choir has been assembled to lead praise of God in song. Come join us as the community of Rochester gives thanks to God. **NOTE: Please bring a can of food for the Rochester Food Pantry.**

CHURCH OF ST. JUDE Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 a.m. Thursday, November 26

Note: There will not be Mass on Friday morning.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY: Doughnuts/Drink

Thanks to Jerry and Nancy Calvert for chairing the Sunday Hospitality Ministry for many years. They have requested that in the new year, others take over this ministry. I would like to have four families (each take one week a month) to continue this ministry for people of all ages. Please call the parish office if you are willing to take 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month to do this ministry. Thanks. Thanks also to all who have helped in the past years.

2010 Youth and Adults Mission Trip: July 18-25.
SHINE CATHOLIC WORKCAMP: San Antonio, Texas.

Melissa Bernzen has registered for the Mission Trip, making 37 registrants. I have requested 40 spaces. The registration fee is \$175 until December 1, then the fee jumps to \$200. Registration forms are available in the parish office or at church.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Pick Up a "Friends" Name for Christmas Stewardship

Sunday – November 22

9:10 a PSR Classes
9:15 a RCIA
12:00 n **HARVEST FEAST DINNER**
6:30 p HS Electives

Daily Monday through Friday

8:30 a Morning Prayer

Monday – November 23

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 2:
5:00 p Rosary
7:00 p Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer
(Rochester United Methodist Church)

Tuesday – November 24

Wednesday – November 25

7:30 a Rosary

Thursday – November 26 Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed

9:00 a Mass

Friday – November 27

No Mass scheduled
Office Closed

Saturday – November 28

4:30 p Reconciliation

Sunday – November 29



*Sharing
Christmas*

During this holiday season, as we think of our own families and friends, help us be a "Friend" to someone who is less fortunate or forgotten. Share the wonderful feeling of giving with your own family by adopting a **FRIEND**. Choose a **Friend** today. Names are available on the table in the gathering area. (Be sure and your name is recorded with the

number of the *friend* that you took.) For those who are new to our parish, our *Friends* program provides Christmas gifts and food for children from St. Patrick School (Springfield), and gifts for the residents of Springfield Terrace Nursing Home.

International Nativity Display

Over 120 nativity sets from around the world will be displayed as part of the third annual Franciscan Nativity Festival at Chiara Center, a new Franciscan Retreat Center of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Springfield, Illinois. The display is free and open to the public on Fri. Dec. 4, 2 - 7 PM, Sat. Dec. 5 and Sun. Dec. 6 from noon - 4 PM. The Festival also includes viewing of the historic St. Francis of Assisi Church. Call 217-523-0901 with questions and/or directions or visit www.chiaracenter.org

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – Nov 26-27

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	Settles / Feraris / Egizio	J&N Calvert / Godar	Kerley / Jasinski / Hostetler
Hospitality	D&C Kuntzman	Crawford / Atkinson	Walker / Williams
Servers	McDermott Fam.	Will Family	E&D Bedore / C&M Houser
Minister of Care	Settles / B&R Doherty	A&M Lafferty / Newman	Riedle / Warren / T Decker
Mass Coordinator	Carmel Settles	Jerry Calvert	Emma Van Dyke
RCIA Minister of Dismissal		Jan & Carlo Catalano	
Church Dusters for the week of November 23:		Deacon Tom	
Art & Environment for next weekend:	Committee meets Saturday at 9:30 a.m. to decorate for Advent		
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend:	NO CLOW		
Recycling Volunteers for November:	Scott Settles		
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for November:	Kevin Spurlock		

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 21 Sat	5:30 p	Michael Catteau, Jr. †
Nov 22 Sun	8:00 a	John Brandis †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Nov 23 Mon	5:30 p	All Souls †
Nov 24 Tue	6:45 a	Grover Smith †
Nov 25 Wed	8:00 a	Bobbie Aplington †
Nov 26 Thu	6:45 a	Living/Deceased Benefactors of St. Jude Church
Nov 27 Fri	No Mass scheduled	
Nov 28 Sat	5:30 p	Clarence Calvert †
Nov 29 Sun	8:00 a	Emilio Perez †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

The cross reflects those who have died; non-cross reflects special intention for those still living.

OUR GIFT TO GOD Fiscal Year 7/1/09 – 6/30/10

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$ 99,273.80	\$ 4,277.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 21,645.96	\$ 2,816.44
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,194.14	\$ 153.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,412.00	\$ 308.00
Poor Fund	\$ 350.74	\$ 38.00

Children's Stewardship: Collection \$ 4.70
Among the Deeds: Raked leaves, cleaned dishes, helping elderly with groceries, clean up house, made guests welcome, support Rochester football players

Stewardship Message

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service of* God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Annual Catholic Services appeal: Goal \$35,000.00
As of 11/1/09: 83 Contributors Pledged: \$13,704.00



Notice: Feast of SAINT NICHOLAS is December 6. Mark your calendars now for the Church of St. Jude parish **Saint Nicholas Party.** It is **2-4 pm December 6**, in the parish center.

DAILY READINGS:

November 22 - 29

Sun	– Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:2-3; Rev 1:5-8; Jo 18:33-37
Mon	– Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tue	– Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wed	– Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62,-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thu	– Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Fri	– Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Sat	– Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sun	– Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Please pray for the sick

Maude & John Kenworth (Parishioners)
Mary Beth Vetter (sister of Teri Dambacher)
Frank Beeve (parishioner)
Ray Roland (parishioner)
David Yoggerst (parishioner)
Beverly Zimmerman (sister of Tom Bowen)

Barbara Barnett (niece of Joan Mavis)

Barbara Williams (mother of Doug Williams)

(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.)

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Openings at St. Joseph's Home

St. Joseph's Home now has rooms available in both sheltered care and intermediate nursing care. For information or a tour, please call Sr. Patricia, 529-5596.

Holiday Shopping -- SHG Sports Apparel -- perfect idea for Christmas presents!! Come shop at our SHG main campus located at 1200 W. Washington on Saturday, December 5th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Hope to see you there!