



Dear Parishioners:

Notes from
Fr. Dean



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The first Sunday of Advent begins the New Year in our Liturgy. Following Christ the King Sunday at the end time, we begin anew with the preparing of our hearts for the coming of our Savior at the end time....and if not this year, the remembrance of His coming in time as an infant which we celebrate on Christmas. Isaiah prophesized asking God to return to his people and Jesus tells us to "Be watchful!" and "Be alert!" Let us use the Advent Season to prepare ourselves for the coming glory of God.

Raymond "Jack" Downey Memorial Gift

We begin the new liturgical year with a new processional cross. The artist developed the cross and delivered it in time for Thanksgiving. The cross was blessed during the Thanksgiving Day Mass for use in our parish liturgies. The processional cross is a memorial gift from the Jack Downey family in honor of their husband and father. We are grateful for their gift in remembrance of Jack who led us in joy with his wit and humble service as a parishioner and member of the Knights of Columbus.

WELCOME INTO THE Parish Family:

Gianna Bella Capriotti, daughter of Jay and Kelly Capriotti and sister of Jillian, Nicholas & Jasper. Gianna was baptized on November 15 at the 10:30 am Mass.

THANKS to all who Shared in the Harvest Feast, especially those who prepared the food, set up the tables and chairs and assisted with the cleanup. It was a wonderful experience of parish hospitality. Thanks to the children's choir for providing entertainment.



We extend our deepest sympathy and offer prayers for **Joseph Kratz**, father of Jim Kratz, who died Tuesday evening.

December 8: Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is the Feast Day of December 8. Not only do we celebrate what God has done for Mary at the moment of her conception, we celebrate our Diocesan and national patroness. We ask the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God to guide us on our journey of faith. The Mass schedule will be **5:30 pm Vigil Mass** on Monday, December 7 and **6:45 am on Tuesday**, December 8th.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY: Doughnuts/Drink

Several families have responded to last week's notice to share in the Sunday morning Hospitality. We need a couple of more families to take one Sunday morning a month. 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 to all who helped in the past years.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Pick Up a "Friends" Name for Christmas Stewardship

Daily Monday through Friday

8:30 a Morning Prayer

Sunday – November 29

Monday – November 30

9:00 a Collection Counting Team 4: Kratz, Benson, Egizio

5:00 p Rosary

6:30 p Liturgy Commission Meeting

Tuesday – December 1

7:15 a Rosary

Wednesday – December 2

7:30 a Rosary

2:00 p Dedication of Cathedral – Offices closed

5:00 p Children's Choir Practice

6:30 p PSR classes

7:00 p **Adult Choir Practice**

Thursday – December 03

7:15 a Rosary

Saturday – December 05

4:30 p Reconciliation

Sunday – December 06

9:10 a PSR classes

9:15 a RCIA

2:00 p St. Nicholas Celebration



Sharing
Christmas

We still have several names to be adopted from our "Friends" Christmas Program.

Without the Christmas spirit and support from St. Jude parishioners, many children attending St. Patrick School and the "forgotten souls" from Springfield Terrace Nursing Home would have very little to help them celebrate this Christmas. Remember how much you have, thank Jesus for

your blessings, and please open your hearts and stop by the table in the foyer and adopt a "Friend". You'll be glad you did!

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

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.

The Adult Faith Formation will meet on Wednesday **December 2nd at 6:30 PM**. This week's presentation is on **Celebrating Christmas**. Everyone is welcome.

PENANCE SERVICE

Mark you calendars to prepare for the Birth of Christ by opening your heart to the mercy and love of God. The Parish Penance Service will be held **6:30 pm Monday, December 14**. Several priests will be here to assist us.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – Dec 5-6

Eucharistic Ministers	Kuntzman/Lower/McMinn	Sunday 8:00am	DeGroot/Eifert/Feraris	Sunday 10:30 am	VanDyke/Deacon Tom/Kohlrus
Lector	Lower/LoCascio		Helling/Kruse		Bertrand/Garcia
Hospitality	Urbanckas/Egizio		Brandis/K&L Feraris		Bax Family
Servers	Freveletti/C&E McMinn		McClintock/Newman/Leach		Becker/Biesiada/Cornett
Minister of Care			Jerry Calvert		Dennett Hanke
Mass Coordinator	Monica Lower		Brenda & Brian Will		Vicki Walker
RCIA Minister of Dismissal			Deacon Tom		
Church Dusters for the week of November 30: Jeannette & David Waters					
Art & Environment for next weekend: Ruth Liken & Suzann Segatto					
Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Pete Gegan & Frances Tomashavich					
Recycling Volunteers for December: Del Reeves					
St. Martin's Food Volunteers for December: David Waters Family					

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 28 Sat	5:30 p	Clarence Calvert †
Nov 29 Sun	8:00 a	Emilio Perez †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Nov 30 Mon	5:30 p	All Souls †
Dec 01 Tue	6:45 a	Michael Catteau, Jr. †
Dec 02 Wed	8:00 a	Helen Peifer Family
Dec 03 Thu	6:45 a	Tom & Marie Lawless †
Dec 04 Fri	8:00 a	Tony Kruger †
Dec 05 Sat	5:30 p	Rose Beeve †
Dec 06 Sun	8:00 a	Catholic War Veterans †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family

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

DAILY READINGS:

November 29 – Dec 6

Sun	– Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Mon	– Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tue	– Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed	– Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thu	– Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	– Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat	– Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35–10:1,5-8
Sun	– Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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

	Year to Date	Last Sunday
Collection	\$104,297.46	\$ 5,023.66
Electronic Funds	\$ 21,645.96	\$
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 7,234.14	\$ 40.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 2,412.00	\$
Poor Fund	\$ 350.74	\$

Children's Stewardship: Collection \$ 12.57
Among the Deeds: Dusting & Sweeping; take out the trash; Helped with Christmas Friends; Vacuumed, got the mail; cleaned my room; got an A on test; Served at St. John's Breadline; helped make dinner

Stewardship Message

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

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



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.)

Advertiser of the Week

ELITE AUTOBODY & PAINT WORKS

Southwest - 726-6200 - 3901 Yucan Dr.
John Conlon, Parishioner, Co-Owner

The **Lincoln Land Community College Madrigal Singers** presents **A HOLIDAY ROMANCE**, on Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m. at the Rochester United Methodist Church. **Concert is free** and open to the public!

The St. John Vianney Women's Society will hold their 10th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK on Sat., Dec. 12, 2009, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the St. John Vianney Activity Center, Sherman. Guests will be able to select their favorites from dozens of varieties of fancy Christmas cookies as well as candies, breads and coffee cakes. Prepackaged trays also available.



Notice: Feast of SAINT NICHOLAS is 2-4 pm **December 6**. Mark your calendars now for the Church of St. Jude parish **Saint Nicholas Party**. **Please call the parish office to register by Thursday, December 3.**