



First SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Notes from
Fr. Dean



The Forty Days of Lent begins with the First Sunday of Lent. The "40" days go through Holy Thursday. Some people count the 40 days as Ash Wednesday through Saturday after Lent and the Mondays-Saturdays until Easter Vigil Saturday, thus

excluding the Sundays in Lent. However you count it, the Season of Lent is for us to enter into the love of Jesus through imitation of his sacrifice of himself for us. May our Lenten Observances of increased Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving lead us to more faithfully reflect the image of Christ to the world.

Lenten Prayer Opportunities:

Daily Mass: 5:30 pm Monday, 6:45 am Tuesday and Thursday; 8:00 am Wednesday and Friday. Consider attending Mass each day and/or one day during the week besides Sunday obligation.

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Thursdays
Walk the path of Jesus from his condemnation to his crucifixion as we hear the words of Jesus "to take up our cross and follow him."

Eucharistic Adoration: 7:15-8:30 am Tuesdays
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar for Adoration and Prayer. Spend a few minutes before our Lord in the Eucharist.

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am Weekdays

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Our parish has contributed over \$7,000 to the Catholic Service Relief Fund to assist the people in Haiti.

PARISH OFFICE: Sue Bozarth will be on vacation this week. Frances Tomashavich will be filling in as receptionist and answering the phone in the parish office this week.

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated prior to any hospitalization. If you know that you are going into a hospital for illness, surgery or tests, please let me know beforehand and I will be privileged to administer the Sacrament for you.

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities – next weekend

A special collection will be taken up for the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charities, at the Masses on the weekend of February 28th. A



special envelope is in your February packet. Please be generous in your support for this important mission of the Catholic Church. Catholic Charities provides tremendous services, and programs, for needy families and children in our area. From the St. John's Breadline to adoption and foster care services, to the free St. Clare's Health Clinic, to name just a few, Catholic Charities volunteers offer hope to thousands of people in our community. Your generous support is very much appreciated.



KC Fish Frys continue this Friday, Feb. 26, 5-7:30 pm

Volunteers are needed! Any and all volunteers are welcomed to assist the Knights of Columbus at the Friday Fish Fry's. A sign up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – February 21

9:10 a PSR Classes
9:15 a RCIA
6:30 p HS Electives

Monday – February 22

8:30 a Morning Prayer
9:00 a Counting Team #4: Kratz, Lower, Egizio
5:00 p Rosary

Tuesday – February 23

7:15 a Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 a Morning Prayer

Wednesday – February 24

7:15 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer
5:30 p Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p PSR Classes
7:30 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – February 25

7:15 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer
5:30 p Stations of the Cross
7:00 p Building Committee Meeting

Friday – February 26

7:15 a Rosary
8:30 a Morning Prayer
5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Sunday – February 28

9:10 a PSR Classes
9:15 a RCIA
6:30 p HS Electives

LENTEN TAIZE` - Come and gather in the spirit of the Risen Lord –

Sunday, Feb. 21, 6:00 pm - St. Cabrini Church,

Sunday, Mar 7, 6:00 pm – Christ the King Church

Sunday, Mar 21, 6:00 pm – St. John's Lutheran Church
2477 W. Washington, Spfld.

Please bring a gift of food for the poor

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – February 27-28

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	Tomashavich/Stefano/Deacon Tom	Godar/Palumbo/Rayhill	Walker/Kohlrus/Deacon Tom
Hospitality	McMinn/Ashbaugh	Miller/Nelson	Warren/Williams
Servers	P&J Jones / D&J Kratz	McWard Fam / G&C Park	Sutker Family
Minister of Care	C&E McMinn/Settles	M&A Lafferty/Marx	Biesiada/Decker/Vose
Mass Coordinator	Carmel Settles	Lenna DeGroot	Emma Van Dyke
Church Dusters for the week of February 22: Cindy Scott and Donna Spurlock			
Hospitality – Donuts – Next Weekend: Melvin & Teri Dambacher			
Art & Environment for next weekend: Rita Williams & Jan Catalano			
Children’s Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Brandee and Aaron Toliver			
Recycling Volunteers for February: Mel & Teri Dambacher			
St. Martin’s Food Volunteers for February: Teri Dambacher			

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 20 Sat	5:30 p	Jack Downey †
Feb 21 Sun	8:00 a	Charles Yong †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
Feb 22 Mon	5:30 p	Joseph Kratz †
Feb 23 Tue	6:45 a	Tom & Marie Lawless †
Feb 24 Wed	8:00 a	Kay Johnston †
Feb 25 Thu	6:45 a	Mary Agnes Nevins †
Feb 26 Fri	8:00 a	Frank Beeve †
Feb 27 Sat	5:30 p	Our Parish Family
Feb 28 Sun	8:00 a	Ben Lake †
	10:30 a	Alberta Nieberding †

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

The Adult Formation Group will meet **6:35 pm Feb. 24th** to discuss the subject of **Lent**. Please come if you have any questions or if you would just like to share your faith.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR February 21-28

Sun	– Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Mon	– 1 Pt 5:1-4; 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tue	– Is 55:10-11; 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed	– Jon 3:1-10; 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thu	– Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri	– Ez 18:21-28; 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat	– Dt 26:16-19; 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun	– Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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

	Year to Date	Last Week
Collection	\$177,474.62	\$ 4,614.51
Electronic Funds	\$ 35,710.60	\$ 2,816.44
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 13,800.14	\$ 1,231.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 408.00
Poor Fund	\$ 627.43	\$ 37.52
Catholic Times	\$ 2,153.00	\$.00
Haiti Collection	\$ 7,000.00	\$

Children’s Stewardship: Collection \$ 6.51
Among the deeds: carried in groceries; being nice

Stewardship Message

Stewardship of treasure asks only a percentage of income. Many people find that when they trust God and return a certain percentage of their income to the Church and other charities, they can live adequately on the rest of their income.

Annual Catholic Services appeal: Goal: \$35,000.00
As of 1/27/09: 105 Contributors Pledged: \$17,464.00

Please pray for the sick



Maude & John Kenworth - Parishioners
Ray Roland - parishioner
Beverly Zimmerman - sister of Tom Bowen
Mary Beth Vetter - sister of Teri Dambacher
Barbara Barnett - niece of Joan Mavis
Mason Houser – Parishioner
Joe Hittler – brother-in-law of Sarah Clare

David King – bro/son of Deb, Mary Beth & Mary King
Bob Cooley - parishioner & father of Jan Heissinger
Marge Klaus – friend of Fr. Dean
Patti - friend of Amy Zack
Judy – mother of Amy Zack

(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

Williamsville State Bank & Trust
698-9728

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted. The completed application (available in the parish office, on the bulletin board, or on line) must be received no later than April 1, 2010. Eligibility is not limited to high school seniors.

For inspiration during the Lenten season listen to AM 1410 WIHM, Catholic radio. Hear *Lenten Parish Mission* with Father Bill Casey and the Stations of the Cross. Plus, daily Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER: Proceeds to Benefit the St. Jude Youth Mission Group. We are collecting unused cell phones, old digital cameras, laptop computers, radar detectors, inkjet cartridges, handheld game systems, etc. A box is in the foyer of the Center and also in the Church for such items.