

Notes from  
Fr. Dean



## Happy New Year!

On the first weekend of 2010 the church honors the second manifestation of Jesus during the Christmas Season. The first manifestation is the birth of Christ. Today's feast is the manifestation of "What Child Is This?" in

Epiphany. Jesus is honored by the gifts of the magi which signal that he is a priestly (frankincense), prophetic (myrrh) and royal (gold) person. The third manifestation which ends the Christmas Season and begins Ordinary Time is the Baptism of the Lord, which is next Sunday's feast.

### HOUSEHOLD BLESSING.

A package of incense and chalk for the blessing of your of home will be handed out to families after each Mass this weekend. The chalk is used to mark the lintel of the doorway of the home with the following:

**20 + C + M + B + 10.**

The letters denote the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters are also the initials of the Latin words:

Christus mansionem benedicat: (Christ bless this house)

### BAPTISMS:

Congratulations and welcome to our new Christians: Sydney Catherine and Lyla Marie Rovey, infant twins of Joshua and Erin (Park) Rovey of Rolla, Missouri. With the permission of their pastor (my seminary classmate), the twins were baptized at the 10:30 am Mass, December 27.

### THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

--to Greg & Kathy Park of Wilson Park Funeral Home for the 2010 calendars. The calendars are available in the church foyer and also in the parish office.

--to Terry Day for repairs to the roof of the Church.

--to Kevin Johnson and Mike Carlisle for plowing the snow off the Church parking lot.

--**All Liturgical Ministers** for the Masses (Art & Environment Committee Members, Coordinators, Deacon, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Servers and especially the Musicians (choirs and instrumentalists).

### APPRECIATION DINNER, Saturday, January 16.

The parish will honor the parishioners who provide their stewardship of service at a catered meal following the 5:30 pm Saturday Mass. Please return your RSVP cards.

The **staff joins me in extending prayerful Christmas blessings (of joy, peace, faith, hope and love) in the New Year 2010** to each of you. You are being remembered in our prayers especially during our Morning Prayer throughout the Christmas Season.

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

### Sunday – January 03

9:15 a RCIA Catechesis  
No PSR Classes

### Monday – January 04

9:00 a Counting Team #1: Rowden, Catalano, Hattes  
2:00 p Staff Meeting  
5:00 p Rosary  
7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting

### Tuesday – January 05

7:15 a Rosary  
8:30 a Morning Prayer  
6:30 p Protecting God's Children Class

### Wednesday – January 06

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

### Thursday – January 07

7:00 p Adult Choir Practice

### Saturday – January 09

9:00 a 1<sup>st</sup> Euch 3<sup>rd</sup> Ritual Mtg for parents and children  
5:30 p 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prep Ritual

### Sunday – January 10

8:00 a 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prep Ritual  
9:10 a PSR Classes  
9:15 a RCIA Catechesis  
10:30 a 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist – 3<sup>rd</sup> Prep Ritual

## PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Each year three persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, contact Fr. Dean Probst or Gary Helling by Monday, January 18. The names of those willing to serve on the Council will be placed in a bowl and three names will be drawn during the 5:30 pm Mass, Monday, January 18. The first meeting of the new Council will be February 8, 2009.

**CATHOLIC TIMES** – There is a special envelope in your monthly packet. Your \$15 contribution helps our parish pay its diocesan billing for the *Catholic Times*. The *Catholic Times* is a valuable way to keep informed on the vital issues that affect us and our faith as Catholics. Collection will be on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – January 9-10

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Settles/Tomashavich/Deacon Tom	N&J Calvert/DeGroot	Hostetler/Jasinski/Kerley
<b>Hospitality</b>	C&D Kuntzman	Palumbo/Petit	Kohlrus/Warren
<b>Servers</b>	J&D Kratz	McWard Fam/G&C Park	Sutker Family
<b>Minister of Care</b>	Settles/D&M Western	McClintock/Newman/Leach	McCall/Martyn/Magro
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Carmel Settles	Jerry Calvert	Emma Van Dyke
		Richard & Beth Yong	

**Church Dusters for the week of January 04:** Cindy Scott & Donna Spurlock

**Hospitality – Donuts – Next Weekend:** Don & Roberta Vanover

**Art & Environment for next weekend:**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word for next weekend:** No Clow

**Recycling Volunteers for January:** Gleason Family

**St. Martin's Food Volunteers for January:** Carlo Catalano

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Jan 02 Sat</b>	5:30 p	John Blasko †
<b>Jan 03 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Mary Ann Nelson
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
<b>Jan 04 Mon</b>	5:30 p	Mary Agnes Nevins †
<b>Jan 05 Tue</b>	6:45 a	Tom & Marie Lawless †
<b>Jan 06 Wed</b>	8:00 a	All Souls †
<b>Jan 07 Thu</b>	6:45 a	Michael Catteau, Jr. †
<b>Jan 08 Fri</b>	8:00 a	Helen Peifer Family †
<b>Jan 00 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Joseph Kratz †
<b>Jan 10 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Our Parish Family
	10:30 a	David Yoggerst †

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 Sun & Christmas
Collection	\$140,907.16	\$ 13,983.35
Electronic Funds	\$ 28,339.28	\$ 1,938.44
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 9,549.14	\$ 228.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,136.00	\$ 198.00
Poor Fund	\$ 529.47	\$ 25.47

**Children's Stewardship:** Collection \$ 2.05

Among the deeds: Gave food for the food pantry; delivered Friends gifts; worked at Catholic Charities holiday store; helped a friend who was sad; did the dishes before Mom got home

### Stewardship Message

The Blessed Virgin Mary was the model steward with her unqualified, "yes" and complete trust in God's will. When I put God first in my life, everything else falls into place.

Annual Catholic Services appeal: Goal: \$35,000.00  
As of 12/22/09: 101 Contributors Pledged: \$15,964.00

**The 2010/2011 DISCOUNT COUPON BOOKS** include automobile maintenance, various entertainment for children/family, & discounts at various restaurants. The \$25 coupon book supports the Youth Mission Group.

*Advertiser of the Week*  
**SUBWAY**

Rt. 29 Rochester 498-9475

### DAILY READINGS:

#### January 3 - 10

**Sun** – Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Mon** – 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tue** – 1 Jn 4:7-10; 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wed** – 1 Jn 4:11-18; 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thu** – 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

**Fri** – 1 Jn 5:5-13; 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Sat** – 1 Jn 5:14-21; 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sun** – Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 8-10; Acts 10:34-38;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



### Please pray for the sick

**Maude & John Kenworth** (Parishioners)

**Ray Roland** (parishioner)

**Gary Dumonceaux** (parishioner)

**Beverly Zimmerman** (sister of Tom Bowen)

**Mary Beth Vetter** (sister of Teri Dambacher)

**Barbara Barnett** (niece of Joan Mavis)

**Barbara Williams** (mother of Doug Williams)

**Shelli Crifasi** – (daughter of Harold & Helen Morrow)

(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.)

### RIGHT TO LIFE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN and PRAYER VIGIL

The Springfield Area Right to Life will again sponsor a **signature campaign in the State Journal-Register**, to be published on January 25, 2010. If you would like your name included, please enclose a \$5.00 donation per entry (individual, or family or group), and sign the form on the bulletin board in church. Call the church for more details.

A **Prayer Vigil will be held January 22, 2010**, from 9:45 am – 4:45 pm, outside Planned Parenthood, located at 1000 E. Washington Street, to pray for an end to abortion. Give 30 minutes of prayer to this cause. A sign up sheet is also available in the Church on the bulletin board.

### 2010 Mission Trip

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

**8:00 – Noon, Sunday, January 24**

**Tell your family and friends!**