

Notes from  
Fr. Dean



The month of February begins with **special feasts and events** before we begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

**February 2** is the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**. Jesus is manifested as the Light of the World. This fourth Joyful mystery of the Rosary is typically the day celebrated with **the blessing of candles for liturgical use**. The Monday evening Mass will be celebrated as the Vigil of this Feast and Candles will be blessed at this liturgy. We gather in the vestibule to bless the candles, recalling that as followers of Jesus we are to be the light of Christ amidst the darkness in the world.

### February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise.

The blessed candles will be used for the Blessing of Throats, scheduled during the following liturgies:

- 6:45 am Liturgy of the Word Service
- 8:00 am Mass
- 7:15 pm (in the parish hall at end of PSR).

“Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from all illnesses of the throat and all other parts of the body, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

### PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTION/MEETING

Fourteen people of the parish offered to serve on the Pastoral Council. The names were placed in a bowl and following the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, the following three people were called to serve on the Pastoral Council for 3 at-large year terms: **Sarah Clare, Joe Kohlrus, and Beth Yong**. I have also appointed **Teri Dambacher** and **Barry Houmes** to 1-year terms. I am grateful for **Therese Vinson** and **Aaron Toliver** who are completing their terms of service on the Council. The Council will meet **7 pm Monday, February 1**, in the parish hall.

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for the SICK (the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)** is **Thursday, February 11**. A special **11:30 am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick** is scheduled on that day. A luncheon will follow the liturgy. Please RSVP to the Parish office (498-9197) for the luncheon. This annual celebration is for anyone in need of mental, emotional, physical or spiritual healing.

### WELCOME new parishioners:

Shannon Loveless and her daughter Alexandria (“Allie”), 8180 Clarksville Rd., Rochester, IL. She is employed at Mad Menus, Riverton, IL. Allie is in Kindergarten.

### MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING

All participants in the 2010 Mission Trip to San Antonio this year are requested to meet **7:00 pm Wednesday, February 3**, in the parish hall.

### CONFIRMATION/COMPLETION OF INITIATION.

A meeting of those seeking Confirmation at the Easter Vigil will be held 7 pm Tuesday night in the parish hall.

### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

#### Monday – February 1

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a Counting Team #1: Rowden, Catalano, Hattes
- 5:00 p Rosary
- 5:30 p Blessing of Candles & Mass
- 7:00 p Pastoral Council Meeting

#### Tuesday – February 2

- 7:15 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p Confirmation/Completion of Initiation Mtg.

#### Wednesday – February 3

- 6:45 a **Blessing of Throats**
- 7:30 a Rosary
- 8:00 a **Blessing of Throats**
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 5:30 p Children’s Choir Practice
- 6:30 p PSR Classes
- Adult Faith Formation Class
- 7:00 p Mission Trip Meeting
- 7:15 p **Blessing of Throats**
- 7:30 p Adult Choir Practice

#### Thursday – February 4

- 7:15 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer

#### Friday – February 5

- 7:30 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer

#### Saturday – February 6

- 8:30 a RCIA retreat at Cathedral

#### Sunday – February 7

- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 9:15 a RCIA Catechesis

### ADULT ED

There will be a guided **Meditation** with Mother Theresa by Fr. Joseph Langford called “**I Thirst**” this Wed night **February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm** in the church. This encounter with Christ lit the “secret fire” she carried within, her light in the darkness and her strength in times of crisis. Mother Theresa wanted to show even the least among us how much we are treasured, just how good God is, and so to stir up our own longing for Him in return. The presentation shows us how much God thirst for our love, our companionship. Come and feel Gods love for you. This is a great way to slow down, relax and just spend some time with God. In our busy lives, we need to take the time to get closer to God. This is a perfect opportunity for everyone. Please come and experience the Love of God.

### PRE-JORDAN BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Expectant parents and/or parents who have an infant or child to be baptized are required to attend a pre-Jordan session prior to the baptism of the infant/child. The next one is **6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 9** in the Parish Center.

## LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – February 6-7

<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Saturday 5:30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00am</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Kuntzman / Settles / Deacon Tom	Atkinson / N&J Calvert	Clare / Hanke / Deacon Tom
<b>Hospitality</b>	Kenworth / Day	Crawford / DeGroot	Hostetler / Jasinski
<b>Servers</b>	Carrigan Family	Jerszynski Family	Bax Family
<b>Minister of Care</b>	Freveletti / D&M Western	Newman / Marx / McClintock	M, D, & N Lindstrom
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Kathy Blasko	Jerry Calvert	Dennett Hanke
<b>Church Dusters for the week of February 1:</b>		Carlo & Jan Catalano	Joe Kohlrus
<b>Hospitality – Donuts – Next Weekend:</b>	Lynn Alewelt and Michelle Bertrand		
<b>Art &amp; Environment for next weekend:</b>	John & Sheryl Petit		
<b>Children’s Liturgy of the Word for next weekend:</b>	Sarah & Randy Rhodes and Ilana Grenda		
<b>Recycling Volunteers for February:</b>	Mel & Teri Dambacher		
<b>St. Martin’s Food Volunteers for February:</b>	Teri Dambacher		

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Jan 30 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Bill Sinkus †
<b>Jan 31 Sun</b>	8:00 a	Kenneth Feraris, Sr. †
	10:30 a	Our Parish Family
<b>Feb 01 Mon</b>	5:30 p	Rose Cardoni †
<b>Feb 02 Tue</b>	6:45 a	Jack Downey †
<b>Feb 03 Wed</b>	8:00 a	Nieberding Family †
<b>Feb 04 Thu</b>	6:45 a	Leroy Santarelli †
<b>Feb 05 Fri</b>	8:00 a	Tony Krager †
<b>Feb 06 Sat</b>	5:30 p	Larry Kaiser †
<b>Feb 07 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 Week
Collection	\$161,266.09	\$ 4,221.68
Electronic Funds	\$ 31,155.72	\$
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 11,367.14	\$ 75.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,444.00	\$
Poor Fund	\$ 572.47	\$ 5.00
<b>Catholic Times</b>	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 168.00
<b>Haiti Collection</b>	\$ 6,438.57	\$ 742.00

**Children’s Stewardship:** Collection \$ 1.75

Among the deeds: helped my teacher clean her room; helped take out the recycling; held door for strangers at store; nice to my sister; cared for ill sister

### Stewardship Message

All too often, stewardship is presented only with the Church support or the funding of other charities as the goal. This is too limiting. **Stewardship also involves time and talent.**

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

**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.

### Daily Readings – January 24-31

<b>Sun -</b>	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31–13:13 ; Lk 4:21-30
<b>Mon –</b>	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tue –</b>	Mal 3:1-4; 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-32
<b>Wed –</b>	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thu –</b>	Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
<b>Fri –</b>	Sir 47:2-11; 18:31, 47,50-51; Mk 6:14-29
<b>Sat –</b>	1 Kgs 3:4-13; 119:9-14 ; Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sun -</b>	Is 6:1-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

### 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  
**Shelli Crifasi** – daughter of Harold & Helen Morrow

**David King** – brother & son of Deb, Mary Beth & Mary King

**Karen Redenbaugh** – niece of Sue & Leroy Bozarth

**Joe Hittler** – brother-in-law of Sarah Clare

**Bob Cookey** - parishioner & father of Jan Heissingner

**Amy & Nick Webb** – niece and nephew of Fr. Dean

**Marge Klaus** – friend of Fr. Dean

(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.)



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Robert Kenney**, father of Nancy Hagerman (parishioner) and **John Pohlman**, brother of Fr. Steve Pohlman, priest of our Diocese.

### Advertiser of the Week

#### CLOSET DESIGNS

Bill & Trent Rodgers

498-8694

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Rochester Masonic Lodge #635 **SPAGHETTI DINNER** next Sunday, Feb. 7, 11am til 1:30 pm., 107 E. Main, Rochester. Tickets: Adults: \$7, Children under 10: \$3 Dinner includes garlic bread, side dish, dessert & drink. Carry-outs available. (Hot dogs also available).

**Call the lodge for delivery 498-7913**