

Notes from
Fr. Dean



This Sunday marks the last Sunday of Ordinary Time before we enter the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

We weekend we have the RITE OF SENDING our Catechumens and Candidates for full-reception into full

communion of the Catholic faith to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, 7:00 pm Saturday, February 20. This week is filled with activities as we have Mardi Gras on Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and then begin the KC Fish Frys beginning this Friday. Please note:

RITE of SENDING: 10:30 AM Sunday Mass. Upon the recommendation of the sponsors and the acceptance by the parish assembly, catechumens Emmitt Chastain III, Audrey Flores, and David Riedle will sign the Book of the Elect and be sent into the Season of Lent for purification and to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Sheila Buita, Cindy Boarman, Brett Manning, and Chris Winkler will also be sent to the Rite of Election for Recognition to complete sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church.

PLEASE RETURN OLD PALMS to the Church or parish center before Mardi Gras, **Tuesday, February 16.** The palms will be burned and used for our Ashes to mark our repentance on Ash Wednesday, February 17.



FAT TUESDAY or MARDI GRAS. Please sign up for the **Dinner**, followed by **games** and **Evening Prayer** as we “roll up” our **Alleluia** and put it away for

the Lenten Season. After Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm Tuesday – the palms that have been gathered will be burned and the ashes used for distribution on Ash Wednesday.



February 17th

The schedule for the distribution of ashes will be offered on that day at the following times:

Liturgy of the Word 6:45 am
Morning Prayer 8:30 am Mid-day Prayer

NOON

MASS 5:30 pm

Please note that the distribution of ashes is to be done only following or during a liturgy of the word service.

Soup Supper

After **5:30 p.m. Mass, Ash Wednesday**, a day of **FAST** and **ABSTINANCE**, come enjoy a meal of soup and rolls. As the Lent Season begins, all are invited to gather for fellowship and a soup supper consisting of: Cheese Tortellini or Potato Soup w/dinner rolls and beverage. A free-will donation is requested.



HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – February 14

8:00 a Rite of Sending

NO PSR

9:15 a RCIA Catechesis

Monday – February 15

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

8:30 a Morning Prayer

5:00 p Rosary

7:00 p Finance Council Meeting

Knight of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday – February 16

7:15 a Rosary

8:30 a Morning Prayer

9:00 a Counting Team #3: Foster, Spurlock, Ginter

5:30 p Mardi Gras – Roll up Alleluia

Wednesday – February 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY

6:45 a Ashes distributed

8:30 a Morning Prayer – Ashes distributed

12:00 p Ashes distributed

5:00 p Rosary

5:30 p Ash Wednesday Mass

6:30 p Soup Supper

Thursday – February 18

7:15 a Rosary

8:30 a Morning Prayer

5:30 p Stations of the Cross

Friday – February 19

7:15 a Rosary

8:30 a Morning Prayer

5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Saturday – February 20

7:00 p Rite of Election at Cathedral

Sunday – February 21

9:10 a PSR Classes

9:15 a RCIA

6:30 p HS Electives

Lenten Prayer Opportunities:

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Thursdays

The song, “Lift high the Cross” may be appropriate as we look up to the Stations rather than a direct view. The first station begins near the Eucharistic Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle, and ends near the Baptismal Font, the tomb in which we die to ourselves and rise to new life in Christ.

Eucharistic Adoration: 7:15-8:30 am Tuesdays

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar for Adoration and Prayer.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS 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.

Attention Knights: Our next meeting has been moved to Monday, February 15 at 7 P.M. We will not meet on Tuesday because of the Mardi Gras Celebration.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – February 21-22

Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30 am
Lector	McMinn/Scheufele/Settles	Nelson/C&G Leach	Kerley/VanDyke/Deacon Tom
Hospitality	D&C Kuntzman	J&H Hendrickson	Walker/Bertrand
Servers	Egizio/Jemison-Herr	McClintock Family	Gadert/C&M Houser
Minister of Care	D&M Western/Freveletti	A&G Otten / Leach	Riedle/Schoedel/Warren
Mass Coordinator	Frances Tomashavich	Richard & Beth Yong	Vicki Walker

Church Dusters for the week of February 15: Carol & Dave Foltz and Brenda Magro
Hospitality – Donuts – Next Weekend: Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden
Art & Environment for next weekend: Michele Naffziger
Children’s Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Pete Gegen & Frances Tomashavich
Recycling Volunteers for February: Mel & Teri Dambacher
St. Martin’s Food Volunteers for February: Teri Dambacher

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 13 Sat	5:30 p	Frank & Rose Beeve †
Feb 14 Sun	8:00 a	Special Intention
	10:30 a	Parish Family
Feb 15 Mon	5:30 p	All Souls †
Feb 16 Tue	6:45 a	Rose Cardoni †
Feb 17 Wed	5:30 p	Michael Catteau, Jr †
Feb 18 Thu	6:45 a	Leroy Santarelli †
Feb 19 Fri	8:00 a	Tony Antonacci †
Feb 20 Sat	5:30 p	Jack Downey †
Feb 21 Sun	8:00 a	Charles Yong †
	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 Week
Collection	\$172,860.11	\$ 5,961.27
Electronic Funds	\$ 32,894.16	\$
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 12,569.14	\$ 1,018.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 3,642.00	\$
Poor Fund	\$ 589.91	\$ 17.44
Catholic Times	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 45.00
Haiti Collection	\$ 7,000.00	\$

Children’s Stewardship: Collection \$ 2.00
 Among the deeds: Helped make dinner’ helped make beds

Stewardship Message

“None of those who cry out ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Mt 7:21). Jesus made it clear that being stewards of our time, talent and treasure is part of the will of His Father.

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




Thank you, **Kevin Johnson** and **David Waters** for cleaning the snow off our parking lot during the past two weeks!

Thank you, **Marie Ginter and Evelyn Convoy** for preparing the luncheon following the Mass for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Daily Readings – February 14 thru 21

Sun	– Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Mon	– Jas 1:1-11; 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tue	– Jas 1:12-18; 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wed	– Jl 2:12-18; 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	– Dt 30:15-20; 1:1-4, 6 ; Lk 9:22-25
Fri	– Is 58:1-9a; 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sat	– Is 58:9b-14; 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sun	– Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Please pray for the sick:

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- 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 Cookey** - Parishioner & father of Jan Heissingner
 - 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.)

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship.

Applications are now being accepted for this scholarship sponsored by the St. Jude Parish Knights of Columbus. Should you have an interest in applying, a 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.

Advertiser of the Week

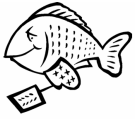
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RECYCLING FUNDRAISER: Proceeds to Benefit the St. Jude Youth Mission Group. We are collecting unused cell phones, old digital cameras, laptop computers, radar detectors, inkjet cartridges, handheld game systems, etc. A box is in the foyer of the Center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

Mardi Gras Dinner Sign-up

All families and individuals are welcome to come together for the dinner on Mardi Gras which will take place on Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish center. Once again you'll have the opportunity to choose some homemade Jambalaya or Macaroni & Cheese served with Cole slaw. Tickets for dinner are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 per child aged 5-12. Children 4 and younger eat free.



K - C Fish Fry

The **K of C, St. Jude Council 9640 annual Lenten fish fries**, are scheduled for February 19th, 26, March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Serving time will be from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The menu will include

Alaskan Walleye, baked potato or French fries, Cole slaw, drink and dessert. Cost for adults is \$8.00 and \$4.00 for children. Family pack is \$28.00. Both drive-up and carry out available. The K-C's are again be asking for donations of desserts (cakes, cookies and fruit pies).

Collection for Catholic Charities – Feb. 27-28,

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.



LENTEN FASTING Operation Rice Bowl

The Poor Basket will become the Parish's "Rice Bowl" during Lent. The decision was made, a few years ago, to collect as a parish family. We bring from our individual fasting the savings to provide

food for others. All funds collected will be forwarded to the Catholic Relief Services – Operation Rice Bowl to be used for helping farmers improve crop yields, bring clean water to communities, provide basic health and nutrition services, education and supports HIV and AIDS projects.



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

Please bring a gift of food for the poor

FATHER PATRICK CAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Father Pat played an important role in the lives of hundreds of young men and women, as well as his fellow parishioners. As we enter into another calendar year, St. Jude Knights of Columbus wishes to remind everyone of a scholarship program we initiated in his memory. Since 2003, we are proud to report that seven recipients have been awarded a \$500 annually renewable scholarship, and applications for 2010 are now available.

Keep in mind that eligibility is not limited to high school seniors. Full-time students of any post secondary undergraduate school, including but not limited to, private business and/or professional schools, colleges or universities, who meet the eligibility requirements may submit an application for consideration.

The eligibility requirements are:

- A 3rd Degree member of KC Council #9640 in good standing, or
- A spouse or child of a 3rd Degree member of KC Council #9640 in good standing, or
- A spouse or child of a deceased 3rd Degree member of KC Council #9640 who had been in good standing, or
- Any registered member of St. Jude Parish, Rochester, IL.

Should you have interest in applying for the 2010 Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund, a completed application must be received by the selection committee no later than April 1st, 2010. Applications can be picked up at the church rectory or downloaded from the St. Jude website.

Lastly, I would be remiss without mentioning that the Knights of Columbus generously contributes annually to the Scholarship Fund. However, to sustain this effort and to possibly increase the number of annual scholarships in the future, the Scholarship Fund needs parishioner support. The Scholarship Fund is recognized by the federal and state governments as a non-profit charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible. Please consider providing financial support. Contributions made payable to the **Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund** can be placed in the church collection basket. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided.

Thanks in advance for your consideration,
Brian Blough, Trustee