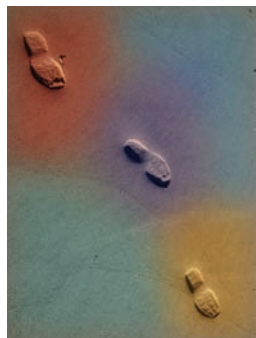


Kathy Hutchins, Director of Contact Ministries in Springfield, holds a few of the blankets St. Jude's parishioners made for the teenagers and babies who are served by the charity's overflow shelter. The Social Justice Commission will hold another blanket-making session in the parish hall this fall. Watch for announcements of the day and time, and join us to learn how to make these warm fleece blankets and do something good for those less fortunate!



Prayer Walks for High Schoolers



Break up the summer monotony with three unusual "prayer walks." The purpose of these outings will be to experience prayer in three unique settings that will utilize ancient prayer styles with a focus on social awareness and ecological stewardship. Join Dan Frachey, Sara Rhodes and others as we...

- walk the Stations of the Cross on the tree-covered grounds of the Franciscan Motherhouse in Riverton and consider Jesus' road to Calvary as we discuss the modern-day crosses we all carry.
- walk through the wildflower "Labyrinth" atop a vast prairie on Jubilee Farms (Springfield Dominican sisters) and consider how many Christians used this ancient prayer walk to simulate one's pilgrimage to the Holy Lands.

- walk through the neighborhoods adjacent to the Faith Temple AME (African Episcopal Methodist) church, pray for those in these neighborhoods and listen to Pastor Nathaniel Randall describe life in a small African American inner-city church community.

These prayer walks will take place respectively on July 10th, 12th and 17th. We will meet up at the St. Jude parking lot at 6:45 p.m. and visit each site. Those interested can call Dan at the parish center.



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Dear parishioners,

We offer our congratulations to the first class permanent deacons ordained for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois by Bishop George Lucas on June 24, 2007. Special gratitude and congratulations goes to Deacon Al Laabs, Deacon Ray

Roth, Jr. and Deacon Tom Walker and their wives, who have spent five years in preparation for the ordination of these men to service of the Church as Deacons. Reverend Mr. Ray Roth, Jr., and Reverend Mr. Thomas Walker are members of St. Jude parish, and Reverend Mr. Al Laabs was assigned to St. Jude parish for his Acolyte ministry. We pray for them that they may follow the motto of Jesus, "I came not to be served, but to serve." The ministry of deacons is to assist the pastor in proclaiming the Word of God through the Service of Charity.

The parish provided these Deacons with new Albs which they wore during their ordination. They ministered as Deacons on Saturday, June 30, 2007, the first Sunday Mass following their ordination. They began their appointments the next day.

Bishop George Lucas appointed the Deacons to assist the pastors to whom they are assigned beginning July 1, 2007. Their assignments are as follows: Deacon Al Laabs to assist Monsignor David Lantz, pastor of Christ the King parish in Springfield, IL; Deacon Ray Roth, Jr, to assist Father Alan Hunter, pastor of St. Mary parish in Taylorville, IL, St. Rita parish in Kincaid, IL, and Holy Family in Stonington, IL; and Deacon Tom Walker to assist me as pastor of St. Jude, Rochester, IL.

As the first order of the three-fold (Bishop, Presbyter, Deacon) Sacrament of Holy Orders, a Deacon is able to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage and Preside at Communion Services and Funerals, all of which are outside of the context of Mass (Eucharist). The Deacon proclaims the Gospel at Mass, is able to preach the homily,

sets the Altar table, and is the Ordinary Minister of the Cup at Mass. As a minister of charity, the service is open-ended and will be developed according to the interests of the Deacon and the needs of the parish.

May God who has called these men to service bless them, their wives, and their ministry and bless the Church through their charity of service.

July 1, 2007, begins the new fiscal year of the parishes in the Diocese. The financial report is being prepared and will be presented to the Finance Council (meeting July 9th) for its review. Once the report is approved and signed for submission to the Diocese, a financial report will be made available to the parish. Although the income from the Farm Operations is intended for future parish development, the income from it this year seemingly will allow us to pay off our debt to the Diocese for past ACSA shortfalls. I am grateful to Mike Bulta, who is the farm operations manager for the joint account of Holy Redeemer (Barry) and St. Jude (Rochester).

At this writing, the Youth and Adult Mission Group is preparing to leave for Jackson, Mississippi. All participants join me in saying "Thanks" to you who have supported this Catholic Heart Workcamp mission trip. Look for articles of the trip in the August newsletter.

Blessings,

Fr. Dean

Confirmation Notice!!



If your son or daughter is entering the 8th, 9th or 10th grades this fall, you should have received an important letter about enrolling them in the Confirmation preparation process. If you did not receive this letter, contact Dan at the parish office.

Confirmed and Engaged

By Dan Frachey



Over the last few months, I've been explaining what it means to be confirmed as a Catholic Christian in the church. I also stated the reasons for changing the Confirmation age to include those in the 8th & 9th grades. In this article, I'd like to lay out what our sacramental preparation will look like beginning this September.

As much as we want to prepare our young people for *all of life's twists and turns* that they'll face as adult Catholics in the 21st century, **our aim is to bring a keen focus to the workings of the Holy Spirit in this sacrament at this stage of their lives.** The main outcome is that our young people will better understand the grace of the Holy Spirit and then *seek to live in that grace in the midst of academic pursuits, activity choices, dating options,*

etc. In order to move our young people towards that outcome, we will offer three Sunday evening preparation classes along with a one day Saturday retreat beginning in September. During that period we will focus all of our learning and discussions on the following 7 areas:

- * Understanding the sacraments of initiation
- * Christian witness
- * Living out the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- * Worshipping for a lifetime (Mass & Eucharist)
- * Prayer
- * Service to others
- * Being in community

Rather than operate under the usual “adults-teach-and-teens-listen” model, this time of preparation really calls for both groups to integrate their life lessons and real understanding of what it means to be a Catholic Christian today, much like how the RCIA functions. Both adults and teens already possess a lot of experience that will help bring about a greater sense of community during this process. Don't get me wrong, there is a need for strong catechesis (echoing of the church's vast wealth of wisdom and knowledge) and we will assure Fr. Dean that when he stands before Bishop Lucas in October, he'll be able to say, “*Yes, our Confirmandi are ready to step forward.*”

I need to share an honest assessment of what I've seen operative in our parish and in other parishes that I've been a part of. So often, our young people are educated and prepared *in general isolation from the wider community.* Yes, there has always been a small and dedicated group of catechists to teach but so much of the preparation happens out of view of most everyone else. Because of space issues, we must have separate liturgies in the evenings in order to celebrate this particular sacrament. The message to our young people can often be, “go off, get prepared and we'll see you when you're done.”

What will really make this process exciting (and true to the integrity and spirit of WHAT this sacrament really means) will be the addition of **Adult Mentors** who will step forward to journey alongside the Confirmandi during their preparation. While the sponsor is already expected to do this, often these individuals are family members who are far off. The goal here is to better integrate our young people into the wider parish community. If you are reading this and feel convicted by the Holy Spirit to step forward and make a difference in the life of one of our Confirmandi, check out the parish website, under Christian Formation/ Sacraments of Initiation/ Adult Mentor Guidelines or call me. Such acts are the markings of a vibrant community that flourishes when the Holy Spirit is invited to take part. Because of this, we can expect great things in the months to come!

CHURCH OF ST. JUDE - JULY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1:45 PM Men's Softball Game 3:00 PM Co-ed Softball Game	9:00 AM Collection Counting Team 2 - Foster, Spurlock, Waters 6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.	5:00 PM High School BBQ	Independence Day	10:00 AM Emmaus Walkers 6:30 PM Prayer Walks for High Schoolers	1:30 PM Women's Prayer Group 5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	Wedding -
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3:00 PM Co-ed Softball Game	Collection Counting Team 3 - Presney, Lower, Tomashavich 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Breadbakers - Calvert, Carmichael, Crusen, Egizio, Garcia, Muhs 6:30 PM Christian Formation Commission Mtg. 6:30 PM Finance Council Mtg.	6:30 PM Prayer Walks for High Schoolers		10:00 AM Emmaus Walkers 6:30 PM Prayer Walks for High Schoolers	5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	Wedding -
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1. Etta Bunger Marie Hagerman
Elliana Harris Harold Morrow
Michelle Oldfield
2. Nicole Blumhorst Ron Bortmess
Timothy Fanning David Molohon
Gunnar Monical Janine Oxencis
Gary Ryan Karen Schweighart
Peter & Theresa Gegan
4. Al Fox Tom & Vicki Walker
5. Gerald Altadonna Zachary Barnett
Michael Brinkman Pete & Tami Blatz
6. Cheryl Biesiada Michael Pietras
Ian Sutker
7. Christopher Faloon Katherine Harper
Vicki Rowden Colten Stock
MaryBeth McClintock Colleen Zeibert
8. Tori Bruno MaryBeth Miller
Tim Schmitz Roger Williams
Stan & Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Jan & Carroll Heissinger
Janet & Drew McMinn
9. Sarah Campbell Grant Henson
Maggie Patterson Matt Walker
Ron Wojcicki Cathy & John Wells
Harold & Daphne Hurley
10. Diana Rowden Andrew Sforza
Kathi & Bob Best
11. Bob Parnell Daniel Ryan
Peter & Kalynn Jerszynski
12. Teresa Paulek Amy Potter
Wesley Potter Ethan Rousey
Nathan Rousey Alex Wagner
13. Sue Hankins Zachary Howard
Riley McMinn Liz Murer
Karen Wojcicki
Scott & MaryBeth Miller
14. Chance Austin Tony Freveletti
15. Megan Auxier Ryan Gunter
Tracy McDermott Ryan Scott
16. Taylor Bartolozzi Alisa Blumhorst
Bob Churchill Tim Cray
Sally Czapar Delaney Drewes
Casey Rayhill Kate Ross
Tony & Courtney Freveletti

17. Jennifer Barkus Eulene Eilts
Matthew Runions Klifton Schmidt
Scott & Vicki Rowden
18. Bryan Finn
Hartzel & Mary Bruno
19. Jeffrey Gass Reagan Martyn
Jonathan Zack Don & Lori Farris
Nancy & Glen Kruse
20. Dottie Anderson Shirley Crawford
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Dan & Leslie Heinen
21. Greg Barnett Elliot Batten
Sarah Clare Scott Miller
Kay Muhs Jason Schnepf
Michael & Lorena Henderson
22. Abigail Blatz Cathy Davis
Julia Meadows Laura Schmidt
Sandi Wagner
23. Peter Jerszynski III John & Teri Runions
24. Paul Brown Bob Cookey
Baylyn Dambacher Dan Ishmael
Christina Lauwerens Marylee Peters
25. Ryan McClintock Jimmy VanBogaert
Christine Williams
Matt & Peggy Cochran
26. Jane Hendrickson
Tom & Michelle Bertrand
Chuck & Mary Callahan
27. Kim Drewes Jacob Lindstrom
Stephen Sandercock Kelly Werthwein
Jim & Cindy Cannamela
28. Mario Cannamela Kole Kersting
Michelle McNicholas Carol Pigati
Catherine Rayhill Shantel Rotherman
29. Calista Cray Steve Jones
Erin Putnam John Wells
Bob & Cheryl Churchill
30. Ali Bortmess Kathryn Judy
Matthew Reeves Lindsey Sapetti
Justin Snyder-Day Deborah Trepanier
Tom & Michelle Green
31. Nancy Calvert Peggy Cochran
Kelly Conlon Diane Felts
Pam Kirkham

2nd Annual Father Patrick Cahill Scholarship Golf Outing



Mark your calendar now for the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 golf outing on September 29th at the Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$75 per person with all proceeds going to the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tee times begin at 10:00am. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for further information.

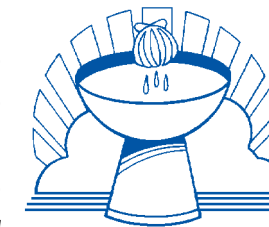


If there are additional parishioners who would like to participate in this ministry, please contact the parish office at 498-9524.

The Church Duster schedule for the weeks of July is:
 Week of July 2 – Suzann Segatto and M & J Fox
 Week of July 9 – V & S Arnish and Carla Houser
 Week of July 16 – Jeannette and Dave Waters Family
 Week of July 23 – Scott and Spurlock Families
 Week of July 30 – Potter Family

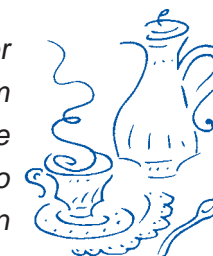
Pre-Jordan

The Pre-Jordan Class is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Parents and parents-to-be anticipating a child's baptism are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism Preparation Class. These 90-minute (or less) sessions will explore the Sacrament of Baptism and prepare parents to baptize their children. Please call the Parish Office (498-9524) to RSVP, and contact Theresa Gegen (498-7814) if you have any questions.



Women's Tea

The "Women's Tea" is scheduled for July 11, 2007 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the parish center. All women in the parish and community are invited to attend. Come and enjoy dessert, fun and fellowship.



A call to adults in the mentoring community



Be a Mentor

If you are a confirmed adult in the Catholic faith, you are invited to become a "Mentor" for one of the many Confirmandi this fall during the Confirmation program. As we've taken a close look at what exactly the sacrament of Confirmation confers onto a young person, the wisdom of the church bids them to be more perfectly bound to the Christian community. While our Confirmandi will choose sponsors to provide a witness as in times past, we see the value of asking adults from our parish to consider journeying alongside one of our Confirmandi by doing the following:

1. Attend the three sacramental preparation classes with your Confirmandi on three Sunday evenings in September.
2. Attend the one-day Confirmation (parish center) retreat on Saturday, October 6th
3. Pray for your Confirmandi and stay in contact via cards, e-mails or visits during the program.

If this works, imagine the statement this would make to our young people as we invite them to be a part of our community and to stay at the common table of the faith? For information on how to sign up as an Adult Mentor, visit the parish website under "Christian Formation" followed by "Sacraments of Initiation" or contact Dan Frachey.

Full Conscious Active Participation



Part 8 Dismissal Go in Peace, the Mass is ended

Finally we go from that room to our separate worlds—but now carrying the tune we have heard, murmuring the words we have made ours, nourished by the sacred banquet, ready in so many ways to make all God's creation and all the work of human hands into the kingdom we have glimpsed in the liturgy.
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

Not so long ago when a New Hampshire parish broke ground for its new church building there was an interesting tableau: the bishop carried the ceremonial shovel yet the parishioners had also brought their own. An elderly lady wielded a garden trowel, a little boy had his beach pail and shovel, a commuter brought out the emergency snow shovel from his car. They all turned the earth, preparing a place where God will be worshipped in the beauty of holiness. For these people, the Eucharist they have celebrated over time has molded them into a community committed to make Christ's presence known in the world. The building they prepare is a symbol of their mission in the world.

One of the names we give our worship comes from its ending *Mass*. In Latin, the last words of the priest to the assembly were *Ite, missa est*; literally *Go, you are dismissed*. *Missa* comes into English as *Mass*. The fact that this came to be known as the title of the whole worship event tells us that our dismissal has a great deal to do with the quality of our participation.

Our liturgy is about movement: procession into the place of assembly, movement to the word, procession to the table, and then dismissal back to the rhythms and patterns of daily life. As the cycle continues Sunday by Sunday over a lifetime, we become more attuned to the Eucharist we celebrate, and the rhythms and patterns of our lives are gradually transformed, becoming more revelatory of the presence of Christ in the world.

The mystery of God's life is communicated and exchanged. *Go in peace, the Mass is ended* and immediately we respond: *Thanks be to God*. The Roman Catholic liturgy always ends with a certain urgency. Once holy Communion has been received and a

period of attentive silence is ended by a prayer, the words of dismissal follow at once.

Yet, it is the custom in most places that we are slow to disperse once we have become so aware of ourselves precisely as the Body of Christ. So there is a hymn to be sung, neighbors to be greeted, and the aroma of coffee to lead us to a place where we can begin to put names on the faces of the assembly, and to discover how their stories are woven together in wonderful ways.

Being together for the life of the world: that is a job description for the Church. St. Augustine described the Church as a *new human society* created by the life, death, and rising of Jesus.

Baptized into Christ, we can never be separated from the love of God: no matter the storms that rage around us and threaten to overwhelm us. We are the people in the water: we are inserted together into Christ's saving death and, therefore, into an eternal sacrifice of praise.

When we assemble on the Lord's Day for liturgy, we remember God's saving deeds in the past, we look for signs of this saving life today, and we are moved to give thanks. When we are dismissed, it is only for a time. The next Lord's Day, in obedience to the Lord's own command, we return to the Word that brings us hope, to the bread and wine that bring us life.

In the last eight weeks, we have considered some ways in which we may celebrate the liturgy with greater attention and devotion. *Full, conscious, and active participation* in the liturgy is the birthright of all baptized into Christ.

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A half century ago, Pope Pius XII instructed the church in *Mediator Dei*:

The paschal mystery is not a cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past or a simple and bare record of a former age. It is rather Christ himself who is ever living in his church. Here he continues that journey of immense mercy which he began in his mortal life...with the design of bringing people to know his mysteries and in a way live by them. These mysteries are ever present and active.

We are invited into this procession with Christ and the Church, this journey of immense mercy. This is what the Sunday assembly is all about.

In the words of the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, from a pastoral letter on the liturgy published after his death:

We are sent from the eucharistic table as a holy people always in mission. (The word *Mass*—in Latin *Missa*—means sending or mission.) The spirit which fills us in the liturgy inspires us to re-create the world and in so doing to prepare ourselves for fulfillment in heaven....The dismissal of the assembly is like the breaking of the bread. We have become the "bread of life" and the "cup of blessing" for the world. What happens at home, at work, at meals? What do we make of our time, our words, our deeds, our resources of all kinds? That is what matters.

