



Annual Deacon Assembly Day, February 23

Notification for the Annual Deacon Assembly Day was mailed January 10 to all Deacons, Candidates and wives of the Diocese of Rockford. As a reminder, this is a day which requires attendance. Registration and sign-in begins at 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall of the Cathedral of St. Peter.

The day begins with Bishop Thomas G. Doran, D.D., J.C.D., celebrating Mass and the Admission into Candidacy for the Class

of 2010 at 8:30 AM. Following Mass, Bishop Doran will address those in attendance during a continental breakfast. Monsignor William Schwartz, Director, will be the main speaker for the day giving a Diaconate Update, Conference and Discussion. A catered lunch will be provided followed by an afternoon discussion concluding at 2:30 PM.

Enclosed with your notification was a stamped, self-addressed reply card. Please fill out the reply card in it's entirety and return to the office by **Friday, February 15.**

Chrism Mass

Invitations to attend Chrism Mass were sent to all deacons of the Diocese of Rockford. Included with the invitation was a green reply card asking you to complete it accordingly and return to the Administration building.

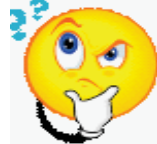
If you have not yet done so, please complete the reply card indicating if you are *unable to attend Chrism Mass* or if you *will be attending Chrism Mass* as well as indicating if *you will be attending the luncheon* or if you *will not be attending the luncheon* and finally, include your name.

A couple have been received with only a name or they have completed the card and omitted their name.

America Votes 2008

If you haven't already, you might find yourself in a political discussion relating to the Presidential Election. As deacons, you can help influence by providing resources that will aid in Catholics voting like Catholics.

Bishop Doran has approved the use of "The Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics." It can be downloaded from www.caaction.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1. There is also a four page edition which can be used as a bulletin insert: www.caaction.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=81&Itemid=72.



Pre-nuptial and Annulment Certification

Deadline for contacting the office is **March 19** for deacons wishing to attend the class for Pre-nuptial and Annulment certification.

The class will be held Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Newman Center, DeKalb, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Attending the class also qualifies for 4.5 hours of ongoing formation credit.

The test, required to take and pass for certification in order to do this paperwork, will be held Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the Diocesan Administration Bldg. at 9:00 AM.

The next opportunity for this class will likely not be for two years or more.

Deanery Confirmation Update

Although there have been no changes since the January newsletter, changes may have been made regarding deacon availability. Please review the confirmation schedule carefully, making note of all vacancies and contact the office with your willingness to assist. The office appreciates the response from deacons who have contacted the office offering their assistance.

Special Note: Please plan to bring an Alb, Stole and Cincture when assisting at these Confirmations. Letters of instruction will be sent to deacons assisting prior to each Confirmation.

Tax Manual For Deacons--Revised Edition: Dr. Wayne Lenell, CPA, and Director for the Department of Financial and Administrative Services for the Diocese of Rockford has updated his 1999 first edition Tax Manual for Deacons through the end of 2007.



The publisher, Alt Publishing Co., mailed post cards to all subscribers to the Deacon Digest magazine describing the manual. The manuals sell for \$24.95 each plus postage/handling, which is waived if the order is prepaid. If interested, please order the manual via e-mail at jalt@deacondigest.com or fax at 920-983-5328.

Catholic Diocese of Rockford Centennial Directory

Deacons attending Assembly Day will receive the directory at that time. If you are unable to attend, the directory will be mailed to your home February 22.

Diaconate Calendar 2008

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Assembly Day	February 23, 2008	Cathedral of St. Peter
Pre-Nuptial / Annulment Class	April 19, 2008	Newman Center, DeKalb
Pre-Nuptial / Annulment Test	April 26, 2008	Diocesan Administration Bldg.
Permanent Deacon Ordination	May 24, 2008	Cathedral of St. Peter
Deacon Retreat	September 5 - 7, 2008	Bishop Lane
Couples Retreat	October 10 - 12, 2008	Bishop Lane
Priest / Deacon Symposium	September 12, 2008	TBA

Deanery Location Date Time

Freeport St. Thomas Aquinas Church 2/17/08 2:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Holy Cross, Stockton; St. Wendelin, Shannon; St. Joseph, Lena; SS. John & Catherine, Mt. Carroll; St. Ann, Warren; St. John, Savanna; St. Mary, Freeport. Eight deacons needed for this date.
1. Randy Fast 2. Dick Mulcahey 3. Vince Drees
4. Marty Czerniewski 5. Don Brunette 6. Dick Dinneen
7. Bill Lemmer 8. Dan Goetz **LIST COMPLETE**

Rockford Boylan H.S. 2/24/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Holy Family, St. Edward, St. Rita, St. Stan's, Rockford.
1. Rich Gerdeman 2. Ron Magee 3. Bill Dean 4. Randy Fast
5. Dick Mulcahey 6. Marty Czerniewski 7. Jim Hudzinski
8. Bob Sweeney 9. Bill Bronzi 10. Bill Dall 11. Phil Abel
12. Bert Verstynten 13. Hans Rokus **14.**

Rockford Boylan H.S. 2/24/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. James, Rockford; St. James, Belvidere; St. Peter, S. Beloit; Holy Spirit, Roscoe; St. Mary, Durand; St. Mary, Byron; St. Bridget, Loves Park.
1. Rich Gerdeman 2. Ron Magee 3. Peter Calgario 4. Randy Fast
5. Dick Mulcahey 6. Marty Czerniewski 7. Jim Hudzinski 8. Bob Sweeney 9. Bill Bronzi 10. Bill Dall 11. Phil Abel 12. Hans Rokus 13. Bill Dean 14. Jim Olson **LIST COMPLETE**

DeKalb NIU, Holmes Student Center 3/9/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Christ the Teacher, St. Mary, DeKalb; St. Mary, Sycamore; St. Patrick, Rochelle; SS. Peter & Paul, Virgil; Vietnamese Ministry.
1. Steve Puscas 2. Jim Dombek 3. Bill Dall 4. Tom Petit
5. Hans Rokus 6. John McPhee 7. Bill Bronzi 8. Bob Sweeney
9. Bert Verstynten 10. Greg Urban 11. 12. 13. 14.

DeKalb NIU, Holmes Student Center 3/9/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Charles, Hampshire; St. Gall; Elburn; St. John, Somonauk; St. Mary, Maple Park; St. Paul, Sandwich; St. James, Lee.
1. Steve Puscas 2. Jim Dombek 3. Bill Dall 4. Tom Petit
5. Hans Rokus 6. John McPhee 7. Bill Bronzi 8. Bob Sweeney
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Aurora Aurora Central Catholic H.S. 4/5/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Holy Angels, Sacred Heart; Aurora.
1. Dick Groom 2. Mike Zibrun 3. Ray Weaver 4. Ignacio Felix
5. Tom Petit 6. Tim White 7. Greg Urban 8. Tom Hawksworth
9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

Aurora Aurora Central Catholic H.S. 4/5/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Peter, Geneva.
1. Mike Zibrun 2. Ray Weaaver 3. Ignacio Felix 4. Tom Petit
5. Greg Urban 6. Tom Hawksworth 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.
13. 14.

Aurora Aurora Central Catholic H.S. 4/6/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Annunciation, O.L.G.C., St. Mary, Aurora.
1. Dick Groom 2. Ray Weaaver 3. Norb Szudarski
4. Ignacio Felix 5. Tom Petit 6. Bruce Watermann 7. Greg Urban
8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

Aurora Aurora Central Catholic H.S. 4/6/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Holy Cross, Batavia
1. Norb Szudarski 2. Ray Weaaver 3. Ignacio Felix 4. Tom Petit
5. Bruce Watermann 6. Greg Urban 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.
13. 14.

Sterling Newman H.S. 4/19/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Patrick, Dixon; St. Mary, West Brooklyn.
1. Terry Wagner 2. Larry Zitkus 3. Ron Szakatits 4. Sam Berard
5. Kevin Prunty 6. Bill Dall 7. Al Swearingen 8. John Kellen
9. Bill Lemmer 10. Dan Goetz 11. 12. 13. 14.

Sterling Newman H.S. 4/19/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Patrick, Amboy; St. Anne, Dixon.
1. Terry Wagner 2. Larry Zitkus 3. Ron Szakatits 4. Sam Berard
5. Kevin Prunty 6. Bill Dall 7. Al Swearingen 8. John Kellen
9. Bill Lemmer 10. Dan Goetz 11. 12. 13. 14.

Sterling Newman H.S. 4/20/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Mary, Sterling; St. Ambrose, Erie; St. Catherine, Prophetstown.
1. Terry Wagner 2. Larry Zitkus 3. Ron Szakatits 4. Sam Berard
5. Al Swearingen 6. John Kellen 7. Bill Lemmer 8. Dan Goetz
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Sterling Newman H.S. 4/20/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Andrew, Rock Falls, Sacred Heart, Sterling, Immaculate Conception, Fulton.
1. Terry Wagner 2. Larry Zitkus 3. Ron Szakatits 4. Sam Berard
5. Al Swearingen 6. John Kellen 7. Bill Lemmer 8. Dan Goetz
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McHenry Marian Central Catholic H.S. 5/3/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: SS. Peter & Paul, Cary; St. Joseph, Harvard; Sacred Heart, Marengo; St. Peter, Spring Grove.
1. Jim Devona 2. Joe Kayser 3. Hans Rokus 4. Jack O'leary
5. Lou Farinella 6. Art Holt 7. Bob Anchor 8. Cy Grossmayer
9. Greg Duffey 10. Allen Bondi 11. John McPhee
12. Mike Boyce 13. Tony Koss 14.

McHenry Marian Central Catholic H.S. 5/3/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Margaret Mary, Algonquin; St. Mary, Huntley; St. Joseph, Richmond.
1. Jim Devona 2. Joe Kayser 3. Hans Rokus 4. Tom O'Brien
5. Lou Farinella 6. Art Holt 7. Bob Anchor 8. Cy Grossmayer
9. Don Miller 10. Gene Schubert 11. Armand Ferrini 12. Greg Duffey 13. Allen Bondi 14. Howard Fischer **LIST COMPLETE**

McHenry Marian Central Catholic H.S. 5/4/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: Holy Apostles, St. Mary, McHenry; St. Mary, Woodstock; St. Elizabeth, Crystal Lake.
1. Ed Morrison 2. Jim Devona 3. Jim Woeste 4. Jack Roder
5. Hans Rokus 6. Art Holt 7. Tom O'Brien 8. Greg Duffey
9. Allen Bondi 10. John McPhee 11. Joe Kayser 12. Joe Phelan
13. Cy Grossmayer 14.

McHenry Marian Central Catholic H.S. 5/4/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Thomas, Crystal Lake; St. John, Johnsburg; St. Patrick, McHenry.
1. Ed Morrison 2. Jim Devona 3. Hans Rokus 4. John Nelson
5. Art Holt 6. Greg Duffey 7. Allen Bondi 8. John McPhee
9. Joe Kayser 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

Elgin St. Patrick Church, St. Charles 5/17/08 10:00 AM
Includes the following parishes: St. Catherine, Dundee; St. Thomas More, Elgin.
1. Greg Stevens 2. Steve Fox 3. Bill Whitehead 4. Marty Hetzel
5. Paul Iwanski 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

Elgin St. Patrick Church, St. Charles 5/17/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. John Neumann, St. Charles.
1. Marty Hetzel 2. Greg Stevens 3. Lou Farinella 4. Paul Iwanski
5. Steve Fox 6. Bill Whitehead 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

Elgin Elgin Community College 5/18/08 1:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Joseph, Elgin.
1. Bill Johnson 2. Norb Szudarski 3. Jack Roder 4. 5. 6.
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Elgin St. Patrick Church, St. Charles 5/18/08 4:00 PM
Includes the following parishes: St. Patrick, St. Charles.
1. Norb Szudarski 2. Jack Roder 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.
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