

February 5, 2012
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Praise the Lord
for he is good;
he heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

*He sustains the lowly;
the wicked he casts
to the ground.*



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OUR LADY OF KNOCK
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In January the mailbox becomes a source of fear as the bills come in from holiday spending. A similar situation happens for pastors as they work on budgets for the coming year in parish and school that will also be scrutinized by the Archdiocese. A week ago Friday the Christ Our Savior School staff worked on their budget for 5 hours and I did the same on Saturday for the parish budget. The bottom line for the parish is that we will be almost \$20,000 short. Because of our good credit history of no previous indebtedness, the archdiocese will turn that shortage into a debt. However, it is not sound financial planning to start a fiscal year with a loan. Effective business plans dictate that you do not use next year's revenue to pay this year's expenses. We need to try and avoid a loan from the archdiocese. In order to "break even" we need to increase donations. Increasing our weekly Sunday Collection by \$500 would be a big help. More donors on our Wish List would have the same effect. Since my mom and dad's wedding anniversary is Valentine's Day, I am sponsoring the February wine in their memory.

This weekend begins the Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign. Just as the parishes have financial problems, the Archdiocese does as well. You may have read in the newspapers that they are considering a bond issue. Because of the help the archdiocese has been to our parish and Christ Our Savior School, I joined the Lumen Cordium donors with a personal gift of \$1,000 and I am planning to do the same this year.

Our annual Parish Volunteer's Appreciation Party is next weekend. If you haven't submitted your reservation, please do so today, or call in your reservation to the rectory on Monday. If you are not part of a parish volunteer group, you can still come for a modest donation of \$5 and see what you are missing. You can even join one of the groups where you see some familiar faces.

If you are gathering with friends to enjoy the Superbowl today, why not invite them to join you next week at the super worship of Our Lady of Knock next weekend?

Please pray for me, as I do you,

Fr. Pat



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Tuesday, February 7th for the parents of children scheduled for Baptism here at Our Lady of Knock Parish.

Class will begin at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center. If you plan to have your child baptized in February, you must PRE-REGISTER by calling the rectory (708) 862-3011, before attending the class.

Please keep in mind that to have your child baptized here, you must be registered, active parishioners of Our Lady of Knock Parish. Also, Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

USHERS MEETING

There will be an Ushers meeting on Thursday February 16th at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center. All ushers are asked to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served.



USED EYE GLASSES

You will find a box in the vestibule for eye glasses which are no longer being used. The Lions Club collects these eye glasses and recycles them. Thanks for sharing.

FOOD COLLECTION

Each month the generous members of Our Lady of Knock Parish contribute non-perishable food for distribution at the Calumet City Resource Center.

With the increasing numbers of people in need, your generosity in providing non-perishable food as well as bags is greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Sister Alban

Annual Catholic Appeal 2012

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. While funding a number of Archdiocesan ministries, **the Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities.** It is also one of the largest philanthropic sources of financial assistance for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign is **much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Archdiocese. After our parish goal of \$21,420.00 is reached in cash, 100 % of the additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



WOMEN'S GUILD FEBRUARY MEETING

Please join the ladies of the Women's Guild for their meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. After the business meeting, there will be a fun-filled evening of BINGO!

As usual, there will be wonderful desserts, Split-the-Pot and fantastic door prizes.

Please wear red for the Valentine's day celebration of fellowship and Bingo. Hope to see you there.



DO YOU HAVE PALMS?

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, your palms from last year can be placed in a basket in the vestibule the weekends of February 12 and 19.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

The cost of the altar hosts we are using at our Eucharistic celebrations for the month of February was donated in loving memory of **Mariann Orlick** by her family.

The cost of the altar wine we are using for the month of February was lovingly donated in memory of the **Wedding Anniversary of Sarah and Patrick Lyons**, by their son, Rev. Patrick M. Lyons.

We thank both families for their generosity to Our Lady of Knock Parish.

If you would like to make a similar donation for altar bread and/or wine or for any of the other items on our Wish List, there are forms in the vestibule or call the Rectory.



FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

LENTEN LUNCH OF SHARING AND PRAYER

- WHEN:** Sunday, February 26, 2012
- TIME & PLACE:** 11:00 - 12:30 PM
Parish Hall
- WHO:** All God's children, young and old.
- WHAT:** A celebration of the season! We will pray, share a story, make a craft and enjoy a lunch of soup and bread
- FEE:** Free! We do ask that each family bring a non-perishable item for the Calumet City Resource Center.
- RSVP:** By Thursday, February 23rd so the proper amount of crafts and food can be planned. 708-868-1711.

OTHER UP-COMING EVENTS

- February 25th—Picnic Planning Mtg. 10AM
March 4th—Mid-Winter Parish Picnic
18th—Pancake Breakfast

Keep an eye on the bulletin for further details about these events.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



If you are still interested in becoming an Altar Server, a training session will be held on Sunday, February 19th at 11AM. Adults and students in Grades 4 and above are invited.

Peace,
Cathy

WOMEN'S CENTER RESOURCE ROOM

It's hard to believe, but it is already time to put away the winter clothes and prepare for spring and summer.

We will have our Family Room Switch on **Saturday, February 18th at 9:00 AM**. All are welcome to join us. No experience is necessary. Just a willingness and the heart to help us with this ministry of love.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry with your donations, help, and prayers.

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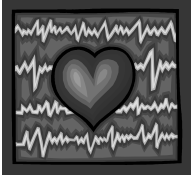
The following students participated in the Knights of Columbus Coronata #3806 Spelling Bee Contest held at St. Andrew the Apostle on Sunday, January 29. Grade 5 – Michael Ogunfowokan, Cheyenne Rios; Grade 6 – Victor Akinyemi, Khari Lewis; Grade 7 – Jalen Marshall; Grade 8 – Debrashea Burton, Darius Dubose, Camille Johnson. After ten spelling rounds, three of our students qualified for the next level of competition which will take place on Saturday, March 10 at the Lansing Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to first place winner, Debrashea Burton, second place finisher Khari Lewis, and third place contestant Cheyenne Rios. Debrashea won a \$25 gift card to Target. We graciously thank the judges and parish helpers of St. Andrew the Apostle Church for their warm hospitality during the entire event.

To highlight our Project Based Learning this year, samples of our students' work have been on display at the MB Financial Bank, 925 Burnham Avenue in Calumet City. All work was displayed during Catholic Schools Week. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

The countdown continues to our Scholarship Gala Fashion Show. Join us on Friday, April 20 for an evening of wonderful dining and dancing. A delicious meal of herb roast chicken, sliced roast sirloin of beef, Virginia carved ham, mashed potatoes, a vegetable medley of cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots, rolls, salad, and yummy dessert will begin the evening. Following dinner our Fashion Show will feature our very own Christ Our Savior runway models (students, parents, and teachers.) Come view the Spring styles of area shops- Cinderella's Boutique, Black Tie, Hannah's African Designs, Elegance Wedding and Evening Wear and Catherine's just to name a few. Tickets will be on sale in the next weeks to come.

Thank you to Peace and Harmony Solutions, Inc., Joy Kopercinski, Anna Kubiak, Karen Kiekenapp, Herb Drazba, Kathy Madden, Fr. Pat Lyons, Audrey Moncado, Edna Lucas, Cindy Rogers, and an anonymous parishioner from St. Jude the Apostle Parish for their donations of basket containers or goodies for our raffle. We are seeking small gift items, gift cards, spirits, etc., to help create our baskets. We truly appreciate your generosity in helping to make our Gala the best one yet. All proceeds from the Gala benefit our Tuition Scholarship Assistance Fund.

With God's Blessings,
Cindy Rogers, Principal
Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



ON HEALTH CONCERNS, AND HEALING

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So I've had a few health concerns lately. They started at my annual physical back in November when the doctor said I had high blood pressure. She's been hinting at this for years but I've never really believed her--and she's always cut me some slack--as I've been giving blood every few months for decades and my blood pressure has never been an issue. She didn't cut me any slack this time, though. Not when I told her that about a week before the exam, the blood bank sent me home for the same reason. The doctor then said that BP typically goes up as people age, and I qualify. Also, I have a family history of coronary concerns on my mom's side. The doctor prescribed medication. I didn't take it at first, but I shared this with a friend and she told me to not be one of those skinny runners that someone finds dead on the side of the road. Gee. When you put it that way. I'm taking the medicine now, and it's working.

But something else is going on, too, and I'm not sure if the two are related. Nor is my doctor. Anyway, at my last visit to confirm that the BP was under control, I told her that my heart's been thumping a little harder than usual lately. In truth, I've been having these experiences forever, but they've never bothered me because of their infrequency and brevity. Now they're more frequent, and each episode lasts longer. It's the feeling I get when I'm about to give a big speech in front of hundreds of people: *thump! thump! thump!* in the middle of my chest with the pounding making its way to my head. Given that my EKG was fine at that November physical, the doctor wasn't crazy concerned, but she suggested I wear a heart monitor for a month. I'm wearing it now, and it talks to me on occasion. In a deep male voice. Weird. So if you're ever next to me at church or the local CVS and you hear a husky, disembodied voice saying something like, "**Battery Needs Charging,**" don't be alarmed.

I'm telling you all of this because I feel like I'm among friends here, but also because these concerns are occupying my thoughts as I consider today's readings. First, Job speaks of his troubled nights and of how he is sometimes "filled with restlessness until the dawn." My circumstance is cake and ice cream compared to Job's, but a thumping heart at 2:00 AM has given me a few restless nights as well. Then Paul speaks of how he does what he does so that he might have some share in the gospel. When health concerns bring one's own mortality more closely into focus, one wants his/her share in the gospel more than ever. And when Jesus learns of the fever ailing Simon's mother-in-law upon entering her house with his disciples, he takes her hand and helps her up: "Then the fever left her and she waited on them." My mother-in-law Shirley-Mom told me a few years before she died that growing old is not for sissies. Albeit in a small way, I seem to be getting my initial taste of that. In the larger picture, though, I take comfort knowing that Jesus wants nothing more for all of us than healing, comfort, and peace. "**Battery Charged.**"



JOIN US AT BALMORAL PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

Mark your calendars for **SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012**. Our Lady of Knock Parish will sponsor its annual fundraiser at Balmoral Park in Crete, Illinois on that date.

Doors open at 6PM. Dinner buffet will be served from 6:30—8:30PM. Desserts will be available until 9PM. First race starts at 7:10 PM. Ticket price of \$30 per person includes buffet, free admission, race program, and special race dedication.

There will be a cash raffle, split-the-pot and a wide variety of fabulous basket raffle prizes for lucky winners. Prizes for these raffles would be gratefully accepted! Tickets are at the Rectory now and will also be available at the volunteer's party. Please call the Rectory office at 862-3011 for more information



Liturgy Intentions

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

5:30 PM—Joseph Eisenhutt
(Tom & Mary Ann Zack) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—George Kadar
(From the Church Gang) (Fr. Lyons)
10:00 AM—Joseph Eisenhutt
(Rich and Barbara Kolanowski) (Fenske)

MONDAY (ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS)

7:00 AM Mass—Albertina Dietz
(Lorraine & Ronald Rutkiewicz)
8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM Mass—Bob Morrison
(Women's Guild)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGY

THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM Mass—Don Racine
(Jerry & Judi Smith)

FRIDAY (ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN)

7:00 AM Mass—Kim Lau
(Gene Houlihan Family)
8:30 AM Service—For Those Who Have No
One To Pray For Them

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

5:30 PM—George Hanchar
(Friends & Neighbors) (Fr. Fenske)

SUNDAY (6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—George Kadar
(Wife) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00AM—Special Intentions of
Cheryl & Roy Perl (Fr. Lyons)



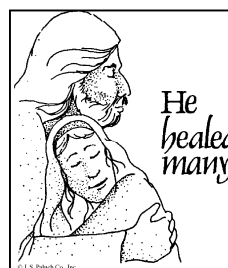
DUSTBUSTERS

Group #3, KATHY, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, February 10 at 9AM.



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the souls of Rev. Martin J. Neary (our founding pastor), Rev. John Ahern, Rev. Thomas Kelly, Rev. James O'Donnell, Rev. Edward Barron, Rev. Michael McPartlan, **CAROLINE BEHNKE**, and all of our beloved dead of past years.



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION January 29, 2011

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6250	\$5416	-\$834

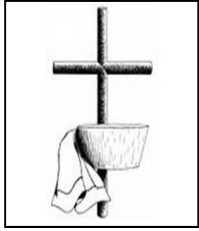
Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$193,750	\$181,179	-\$12,571

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	6	\$8.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	182
Average Donation Per Envelope:	\$28.76

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$11,550.26
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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Deacon Ed, Carmella, Cathy, and I had a very spiritual and informative time at the Diaconate Convocation last weekend. More than two-thirds (over 400) of our deacons were in attendance, many with their wives. This was the largest gathering of deacons at one time in the world. The workshops stimulated our interests and our desire to serve.

Our keynote speaker was Matthew Kelly. He is a renowned Catholic author and speaker. His main focus was on what he calls engaged Catholics. To be engaged means to have a love and a sincere happiness to be a Catholic and feeling good that you are. Unfortunately, only seven per cent of any church congregation are considered engaged in their faith. The signs of an engaged Catholic are: 1) A Routine of prayer; 2) A study of Catholicism (When is the last time you read a Catholic book?); 3) Generosity; and 4) Evangelization. This was a preview of a book he has coming out in a few months.

Our weekend ended with Mass with Cardinal George.

Please keep us in your prayers,
Your brother in Christ,
Deacon Tom

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Confessions: Saturday, 4:30-5:15 PM

Baptisms: Second & Fourth Sundays of the month at 1:00 PM. Preparation Class (required if 1st Child), 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:30 PM.
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