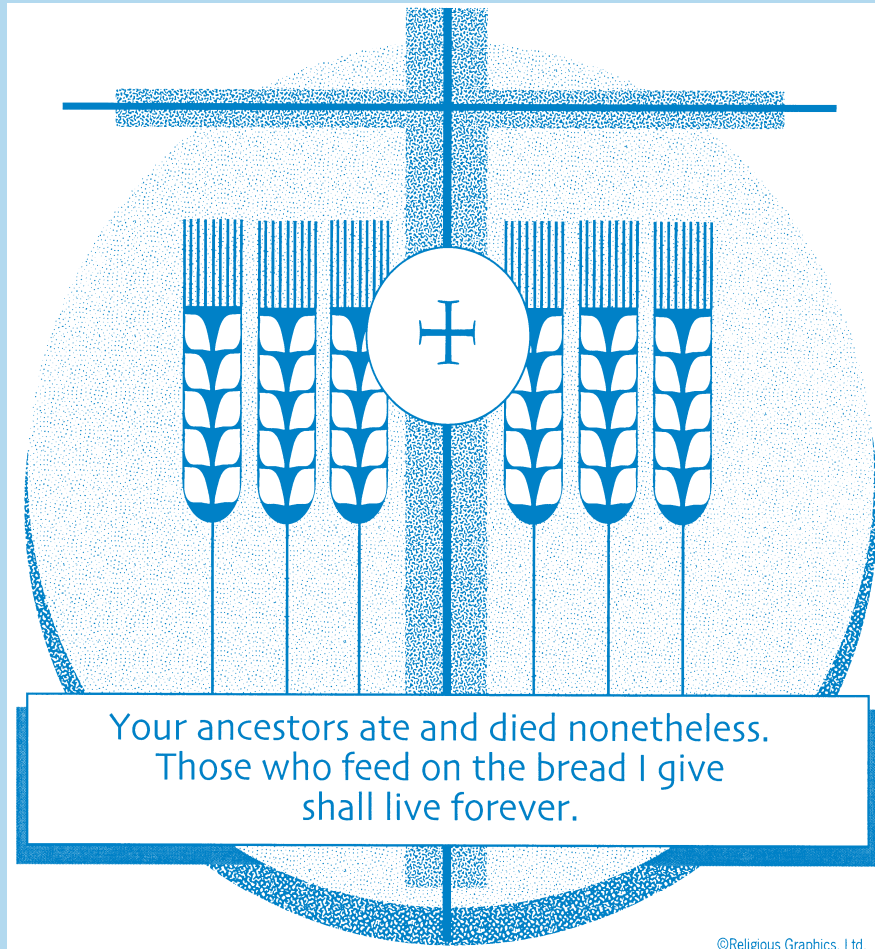


August 16, 2009
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Your ancestors ate and died nonetheless.
Those who feed on the bread I give
shall live forever.

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OUR LADY OF KNOCK
CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August is usually a sign that vacations are over and school is just around the corner. Christ Our Savior School had fee payment days last week and classes will begin a week from Monday. In the meantime registrations for this school year are being accepted at both campuses. Addresses and phone numbers are available on the last page of the bulletin.

Besides our concern for the students at Christ Our Savior, we also have a commitment to the students in public schools for their religious education. Elsewhere in the bulletin, you will find information about Footsteps In Faith regarding registration days and the first day of classes.

In my own attempt to stimulate the economy, I purchased a new printer to replace one that recently collapsed. I discovered 2 extra sets of cartridges for an Epson printer that I can no longer use. If you have a model that takes ink cartridges that begin with TO44??, they are yours free of charge. I checked with the school and they do not have compatible machines. By the way, if you are upgrading any computer equipment and your old machines are still functional, consider making a donation of them to Christ Our Savior. Simply give me a call at the rectory.

Our parish organizations are also returning from their summer breaks. If you have been looking for a way to become more involved in the parish, the groups of the Friendship Club, Women's Guild, as well as the Partners in Mission that we have been highlighting in recent months, will be happy to have new members and volunteers. You will see more information in upcoming bulletins.

If you have been away for vacation, I certainly would appreciate it if you catch up with any backlog of Sunday donations. Our bills don't take any vacation.

A great way to informally encounter people from Our Lady of Knock is provided at our Parish Picnic next Sunday. I have to protect my voice so I will be in shape to call Bingo. I hope to see you there.

Please pray for me, as I do you.

Fr. Pat



PARISH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY!

JUST ONE MORE WEEK! Our parish picnic will take place next Sunday, August 23rd after the 10AM Mass. Please be sure to invite your family and friends to this very affordable event. Ticket price of \$3.00 for everyone over the age of 3 includes all food and games.

Menu consists of sloppy joes and hot dogs on buns, and chips. We also look forward to a delicious array of side dishes and desserts that each family is asked to bring for the sharing table. Everyone is asked to bring their own beverages. Coffee will be available.

Bingo, Split-the-Deck, a Bags Tournament, and a Guess-How-Many Jar are just a few of the activities planned for the day. Games for children will include a cash Treasure Hunt. Other games are being planned by the Boy Scout troop that meets here at OLK each week.

Just a reminder: please bring your donations of items for raffle, bingo and door-prizes to the Rectory. Also needed; gift bags for wrapping the items, so that each prize will be a surprise.

Looking forward to seeing a great turn-out next Sunday for our annual parish picnic!

Parish Picnic Committee



FAMILY RESOURCE ROOM

We have been open almost 10 months now and this ministry still feels new and exciting because each week we meet new Moms and their children with different stories and needs. And we are always aware that we could do nothing without your help and support.

Thank you again for all that you do and please keep this ministry in your prayers.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Catholic Charities' South Region Office in South Holland needs volunteers to help out at its food pantry, clothing room and office. Shifts are flexible, Monday through Friday. Individuals, school groups, and families are asked to consider this vital ministry. Just a small donation of time can make a big difference to those in need.

For more information, call: Lauren Grinage at 708-333-8379, email: lgrnage@catholiccharities.net.

The South Region Office is located on the grounds of Seton Academy at 16100 Seton Drive, South Holland. Parking is free.



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day pick up will be Wednesday, September 2nd from 4-5PM in the Parish Hall. Order forms are available at the Church doors and can be returned to the box in the vestibule or to the rectory. For more information about Market Day, please call Kathy at the Rectory, (708) 862-3011.



**COMING SOON:
FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE**

The Focus on the Positive Committee is looking forward to presenting a new season of interesting and informative guest speakers.

The 2009-2010 season begins on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th with one of our most popular speakers. TODD WILLIAMSON'S topic for the evening will be "*The Our Father.*"

Presentations take place in the Parish Hall, beginning promptly at 7PM and concluding at 8PM. And, you can always count on delicious refreshments! All are invited. There is never a fee.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends and hope some new friends will join us for this season's FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE!

For more information, please call Kathy at the rectory, (708) 862-3011.



**ORDINARY TIME
PARTNERS IN MISSION**

Our special ministries for this week are our musicians: Music Director, Lori Moreland; Cantors; Guitar Group; and Funeral Choir. They help to spread the presence of Christ throughout our Lady of Knock in a traditional and contemporary manner.

Our Music Director provides accompaniment for our weekend Masses, weddings and funerals. She also trains the Cantors and Funeral Choir. Cantors animate the sung worship of the assembly and sing the responsorial psalm at the weekend Masses. The Guitar Group provides contemporary music on the first Sunday of the month at the 10 AM Mass and on some special occasions. The Funeral Choir provides contemporary and traditional resurrection songs for Funeral Masses.

If you have an interest in any of these ministries, please feel free to speak with one of the volunteers or call the Rectory for more information.



SPRED NEEDS YOU

The Spred Ministry for 11-16 year olds based here at Our Lady of Knock is growing! We will be in need of one or two additional adult helper catechists this Fall. Spred ministers to people with developmental and intellectual challenges. Each of our "friends" needs a one on one relationship with an adult so they can journey together in Faith. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided.

Those currently involved in this wonderful ministry all agree that this is one of the most fulfilling commitments they have ever made!

If you would like more information about taking part in the Spred Ministry, please call the Rectory, (708) 862-3011 and leave your name and phone number for Cheryl. We would be so happy to hear from you!

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

We will begin the new year of our Religious Education program for the children of our parish who are in grades Pre-K - 8th and attend the public schools on **Sunday, September 13th**.

Mark your calendars for these dates for registration:

Tuesday, August 25 th	10:00 - 4:00
Sunday, August 30 th	11:00 - 12:00
Tuesday, September 1 st	10:00 - 4:00
Tuesday, September 8 th	10:00 - 4:00
Saturday, September 12 th	10:00 - 12:00

Tuition:

\$150.00 for one child
 \$200.00 for a family with 2 or more children
 Tuition can be spread out over 8 payments.

Book fee: \$25.00 per student

Due at registration will be the first month's tuition and book fees. New students must also bring a copy of their Baptismal certificate.

If you have any questions please call me, (708) 868 - 1711.

Peace,
 Cathy

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

The last coats of wax have been applied to our floors and the insides and outsides of our buildings have been spruced up in eager anticipation of the first day of school. Classes will begin on Monday, August 24.

Please pass on the following information to anyone who has a school-age child. Christ Our Savior Catholic School offers an excellent education with many extra curricular activities. In addition to the core curriculum, Art, Gym, Music, Computers, and Spanish are offered. A Counselor and Reading Specialist are on staff to help the students with social/emotional and educational concerns.

Tuition for the 2009-2010 is as follows:

<u>Parishioner</u>		<u>Non-Parishioner</u>	
1 Child	\$3,940	1 Child	\$4,840
2 Children	\$6,380	2 Children	\$7,780
3 Children	\$7,820	3 Children	\$9,520

There are no extra book fees, technology fees, science fees, or art fees. The registration fee is \$125 per child and is non-refundable. The mandatory family fundraising fee for the school year is \$400.

Extended Day Care is available from 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM. There is a \$10 registration fee per family. The hourly rate for Extended Care is \$3.50 per hour for each child.

Consider Christ Our Savior Catholic School for an outstanding Catholic education.

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

GARAGE SALE UPDATE



This **Sunday, August 16th at 11:00 AM** in the Parish Hall we will have a planning meeting for our Garage Sale which is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th**. All are invited to join us with any ideas or suggestions.

We are asking everyone to begin setting aside those treasures that you no longer need or want. We would like you to **keep them** until the beginning of September.

Our garage sale will include a raffle, bake sale, and a dining area where breakfast and lunch can be purchased as you browse for great bargains.

Parish Garage Sale Committee

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wednesday: St. John Eudes
 Thursday: St. Bernard
 Friday: St. Pius X
 Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
 Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting) begins this week



ON THE BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE

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In the Gospel passage on this Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear more of Jesus' Bread of Life discourse, which is found in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. It's not terribly long--about one and a half pages of text in my paperback New American Bible for Catholics--but it covers a lot of ground, and perhaps because of this, the Church, via the readings of the day, presents it to us in parts. Two weeks ago we heard the beginning of the discourse. Last week, roughly the middle, and this week and next, the finish. Given the significance of the subject matter, let's look back at it together, just to see how Jesus, John, and the Church has laid it down thus far...

Two weeks ago, when the crowd left twelve baskets of leftovers to follow Jesus, he responds, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." Then he adds something that sets up the entire remainder of the Bread of Life discourse: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." Mysterious. The crowd reminds Jesus that Moses gave their ancestors bread from heaven to eat. Jesus responds that the bread didn't come from Moses, but from the Father, and then says: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger..."

Last week's Gospel began with the Jews murmuring, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his mother and father?" Jesus chides them, saying, "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me...Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life." He then repeats, "I am the bread of life," and adds, "Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die" before delivering the knock-out punch: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live for ever; *and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*"

For emphasis, I suppose, the Church, begins today's Gospel by repeating the verse. A difficult message, it sets the crowd off even more, but Christ keeps going: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." Jesus then reiterates the point and finishes with, "This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." Our belief in the Bread of Life discourse absolutely defines us as Catholic Christians, but has it all become too routine? I heard a priest on Relevant Radio the other day say that one of the biggest fears of priests in general is taking the sacred for granted, of losing the wonder and awe. May we internalize the precise same fear, and the next time we hear the words of the Consecration, may we all focus on what exactly is happening up there.

THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance.

It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

- 8:00 AM—James Callahan
(Norm & Kathy Szymonik) (Fr. Fenske)
- 10:00 AM—Ray Griggs
(Mary & Gene) (Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (WEEKDAY)

- 7:00 AM Mass—Sophie Kmetz
(Family)
- 8:30 AM Service—Steve Graczyk
(Frank & Arlene)

TUESDAY (WEEKDAY)

- 7:00 AM Service—William & Claudette Goldrick
(Family)
- 8:30 AM Mass—Anne Phillips
(Tony & Sylvia)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR)

- 7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
- 8:30 AM Mass—Ruth Culp
(Wilhelm Family)

FRIDAY (PIUS X, POPE)

- 7:00 AM Mass—Ray Podsiadlik
(Jim & Ann Bartosz)
- 8:30 AM Service—Esther Poi
(Cheryl)

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

- 5:30 PM—Phillip & Amy Sosnowski
(Wilhelm Family) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

- 8:00 AM—George Krcmaric
(Wife) (Fr. Fenske)
- 10:00 AM—Harry Iwaniec
(Ruth) (Fr. Lyons)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #2, JO KENNEDY, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, August 21st 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, and all of our beloved dead of past years.



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Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION August 9, 2009

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6500	\$5653	-\$847

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$39,000	\$36,336	-\$2,664

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	6	\$9

No. Of Envelopes Used:	204
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$26.21



A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Today, I would like to continue relating some facts about deacons. While a small percentage of deacons embrace a life of celibacy like priests, over 90% are married. Most keep their regular occupations, ministering outside work hours. For this reason they sometimes are mistakenly referred as lay deacons. They are clergy just as much as any priest or bishop. But they often serve as a bridge between laity and priests. They give witness to the spirituality of a married person who works in the world. Another gift the deacons bring are their wives. They go through formation with their husbands and many become involved in lay ministry either in conjunction with their husbands or on their own. They are a dynamic gift to their parish. Most deacons begin in the parish where they live. Because of their promise of obedience they may be transferred like any clergyman to meet the needs of the diocese outside the parish where they live.

The diaconate flourished in the first millennium but, in the Latin rite, was gradually suppressed by the second millennium other than to serve as a transitional step made by seminarians prior to becoming priests. The Holy Spirit guided the Second Vatican Council to restore the permanent diaconate.

Lay ministry, diaconate, priesthood and Episcopal ministry are four distinct but complimentary gifts in the Church. Much of what a lay minister, deacon, and priest do often overlaps. Yet each has a distinct charisma. We need them all to be a complete Church.

Please keep us in your prayers
Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

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Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM
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.
Marriages: Call Rectory for arrangements at least 4 months prior to planned date.
Change of Address or New Registration: Call Rectory during business hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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