

December 28, 2008  
Feast of the Holy Family



OUR LADY OF KNOCK  
CHURCH



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I test staff and some parishioners regularly as to the information posted on our marquee to see if they pay attention to the announcements posted there. How about you? Do you remember what was there today? Most know that is a trick question because the marquee was blown down by high winds in conjunction with frigid temperatures. Although there is insurance, the parish is responsible for the first \$1,000. Perhaps we shouldn't bother replacing the sign and just extend the mini-garden underneath.

In a similar way, I sometimes ask parishioners on the way out from weekend Masses if they can tell me what the announcements were. Many times they can't. Now you may understand why some of the announcements say the info is in the bulletin which we encourage everyone to take home. Dates, times and activities can be forgotten after you leave church due to our limited memory. The paper copy is good for the week if you remember to bring it home. The above information explains our reluctance to mention activities that are already available in the bulletin unless the event is on the weekend itself.

The pastoral side of me hopes that many of our seniors and others with mobility concerns will use good judgment about attending Mass when there is danger of falling or exposure to extreme cold when your body defense mechanisms are low. The practical (administrative) side of me hopes that you then remember to double up your donation on the weekend you return. If you look at our weekly tally sheet on page six you will see that the collection was down almost \$2000 from our budget goal.

After a holyday break, our Footsteps in Faith and RCIA classes return this weekend. May God bless their continued journey in faith.

I would like to thank all who played a part in making Christmas a warm experience to those who attended services here. They include our Dustbusters, the Art and Environment team, the worship support groups (ushers, lectors, cantors, musicians, guitar group, and servers). I offer special thanks to Rich Evers, our maintenance engineer, who faced almost impossible extremes of temperature, snow and ice, to give access to our church and the parking lot.

Please pray for me, as I do you.

*Fr. Pat*



### NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE—WEDNESDAY

**5:30PM**

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY—THURSDAY

**8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM**

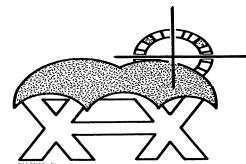
### DONATION STATEMENTS

Statements for 2008 donations to the parish will be available by calling the rectory: (708) 862-3011, between the hours of **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday (REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.)** Only requested statements will be mailed.

Although the office will begin taking requests immediately, statements will not be mailed out until the end of January. Statements will be mailed out in the order in which requests are received.

If you need your statement, please call as soon as possible to allow adequate time for processing.

Also, when phoning in your request, please be prepared to give YOUR PARISH ENVELOPE NUMBER as well as your name and address.



### RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1st and will re-open on Friday, January 2nd at 9AM



**FIRST SATURDAY MASS**

On the first Saturday of every month, a special mass is offered in honor of the Blessed Mother here at Our Lady of Knock. The first Saturday Mass for January will take place next Saturday, January 3rd at 8:30AM. Please join your parish family in honoring Our Lady next Saturday morning.

**MOUNT CARMEL ENTRANCE EXAM**

Mount Carmel High School will host their Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 10th at 8AM. Prospective students should bring two #2 pencils, a calculator, and the \$25 test fee. If you have any questions, contact Bill Nolan at 773-324-1020, ext. 265.



**FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE**

The next Focus on the Positive will take place on Thursday, January 8th in the Parish Hall from 7PM—8PM.

In place of our usual speakers, we will present a VIDEO NIGHT. The video will be on the Parables of Jesus. Refreshments will be served.

Please join us for a casual yet very informative evening. There is no fee. All are welcome. For more information, please call the rectory, (708) 862-3011.



**WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket
- Tuesday: Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
- Wednesday: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Thursday: The Octave Day of Christmas; The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
- Friday: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday
- Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday



**FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH**

Hope your Christmas was filled with the joy and peace of the season. Our students and catechists do not have class today, but we look forward to enjoying our Christmas parties when we return to class next Sunday on the Feast of the Epiphany. We will share treats, gifts, and games as we celebrate the season.

Have a blessed New Year!

Peace,  
Cathy

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

December  
28<sup>th</sup> – No classes  
January  
4<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Epiphany  
- Footsteps' Christmas parties



**SPRED UPDATE**

The Our Lady of Knock Spred Program for 11-16 year olds with developmental and intellectual challenges began classes in October. Currently, there are 5 young people attending. The maximum number in a group is limited to 6.

Each of these young people needs a one on one relationship with an adult so they can journey together in faith. We have been blessed with 5 wonderful, caring adults to act as "helper catechists." We are so grateful to these people who so generously share their time with our "friends." Many thanks to: Michelle Brown, Frances Gambino, Anna Harkenrider, Roy Perl, and Anita Serban for the wonderful relationships they have established with our "friends."

We are also grateful to the many Our Lady of Knock Parishioners who have been so supportive of this ministry.

THANK YOU!

**SHEDSOMELIGHT**

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Greetings From Your Parish School

We would like to congratulate the following winners of our 5/12 Raffle drawing that was held on Wednesday, December 17:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$2,000	F. Lopez
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$1,000	J. Gaines
3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$ 500	A. Thigpen M. Jones E. Robinson D. Hamm
7th-12th Prize	\$ 100	J. Sharpe B. Curry R. Watts R. Crumbley J. Weekley T. Diggs

The top family sellers were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Wandlands (100 tickets) and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The Anthony Evans Family (85 tickets).

The top staff ticket sellers were:

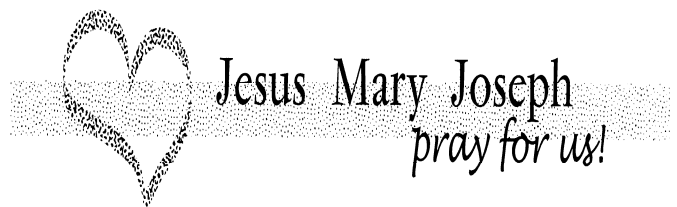
Mrs. Nancy Gifford (199 tickets) and  
Mrs. Karen Brodzik (40 tickets).

We want to thank all of the school families/friends/relatives and parishioners who either purchased tickets or sold tickets to make this raffle a HUGE success.

We wish you a very healthy, peaceful, new year. May the newborn Christ child fill your heart with love and joy and continue to bless your families abundantly in 2009.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ms. Cindy Rogers, Principal  
Mrs. Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal





# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rectory Offc. Closed  Masses: 8AM 10AM	2 Dustbusters #4 9:00AM	3 1st Sat. Mass 8:30AM
4 Bldg/Maint Collection  RCIA 11AM  FOOTSTEPS 8:30AM	5 Bible Study 9AM  Rosary 7:15PM	6 Bapt. Prep. 7:30PM  Bible Study 2PM	7 Market Day 4-5PM  St.VdeP 7PM	8 Focus on The Positive 7-8PM	9 Dustbusters #5 9:00AM  Spred Class 7-9PM	10
11   FOOTSTEPS 8:30AM	12 Bible Study 9AM Adoration 5-7:15PM Holy Hour 7:15PM	13	14 Bible Study 1PM	15 Friendship Club 1-3PM First Reconciliation 7PM	16	17 Dustbusters #6 8AM
18 Latin America Collection  RCIA 11AM  NO FOOTSTEPS	19 Bible Study 9AM & 2PM  Rosary 7:15PM  Liturgy Comm. 7:30PM	20 Ministers of Care 7:30PM	21	22	23 Dust Busters #2 9AM	24 Respect Life Baby Shower
25 SOS Coll.  FOOTSTEPS  Respect Life Baby Shower	26 Bible Study 9AM  Rosary 7:15PM	27	28 Bible Study 1PM	29	30 Dust Busters #3 9AM	31 Respect Life Baby Shower



## Liturgy Intentions

### SUNDAY (HOLY FAMILY)

8:00 AM—Eugene Olszewski  
(Toyota) (Fr. Fenske)  
10:00 AM—Dorothy Marz  
(Cheryl) (Fr. Lyons)

### MONDAY (5TH DAY IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS)

7:00 AM Mass—Joseph & Henrietta Havidic  
(T. Havidic)  
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish

### TUESDAY (6TH DAY IN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish  
8:30 AM Mass—Sophie Kmetz  
(Brodzik Family)

### WEDNESDAY MORNING - NO LITURGIES

### WEDNESDAY (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

5:30 PM Mass—Joe & Anne Phillips  
(Tony & Sylvia Ziak) (Fr. Lyons)

### THURSDAY (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

8:00 AM Mass—Julia Knezevich  
(Joe & Marie Hill) (Fr. Fenske)  
10:00 AM Mass—Tony & Kay Zaversnik  
(Michelle) (Fr. Lyons)

### FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Dorothy Lewkowski  
(Deacon Ed & Carmella Ryan)  
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish

### FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM Mass—Intentions of All Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish

### SATURDAY (VIGIL: EPIPHANY)

5:30 PM—Mildred & James Rommeiss  
(Mary Ann Kozak) (Fr. Lyons)

### SUNDAY (EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

8:00 AM—Steve & Stella Kwinta  
(Leslie Smith & Family) (Fr. Lyons)  
10:00AM—Blaine & Dorothy Marz  
(Family) (Fr. Fenske)



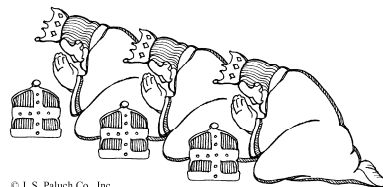
## DUSTBUSTERS

Group #3, CATHERINE OLSON, Captain,  
please be at the church on Friday, January 2nd 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,  
**EUGENE CHUDY, ARTHUR PALERMO** and  
all of our beloved dead of past years.



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## Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

### SUNDAY COLLECTION December 21, 2008

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$7000	\$ 5035	-\$1965

### Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$175,000	\$ 150,154	-\$24,846

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	8	\$13.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	187
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$25.34



## A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Did you ever think about what family life was for Jesus? In Jesus' time, the town of Nazareth had about 100 people. It was a little town on a hill up north. It's never mentioned in Scripture until Jesus became part of it.

Back then everybody in that town would have been a relative of Jesus. Families and extended families lived in tight quarters, near one another, and were part of each other's lives.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that Jesus was thrown together with cousins, in-laws, people of all kinds, and rubbed elbows with them. He was in the thick of family and there was no getting away from it.

If over the holidays you experienced a large family get together, that's what Jesus experienced every day of his life until he left Nazareth.

Family life requires a lot of kindness that you hope will have an effect. Maybe it won't. But you must try to be kind and understanding. You need to do your best. And, to be honest, the chemistry in an enormous extended family can't always be good.

But society can't do without families. And that's what we're all part of. That's what we celebrate on this Holy Family Sunday. Jesus was part of that kind of an extended group, in close quarters.

Jesus has been there. He knew what that was like.

Thank God for families!

Please keep us in your prayers

Your brother in Christ

*Deacon Tom*

## OUR LADY OF KNOCK PARISH

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**Pastor:** Rev. Patrick M. Lyons  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Donald J. Fenske  
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**Secretary:** Pat Turner  
**Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 5:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
**Weekday Services:** (M, T, TH, F) 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM  
**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.

### Christ Our Savior Catholic School:

**Executive Pastor:** Rev. Patrick M. Lyons  
**Principal:** Miss Cindy Rogers  
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