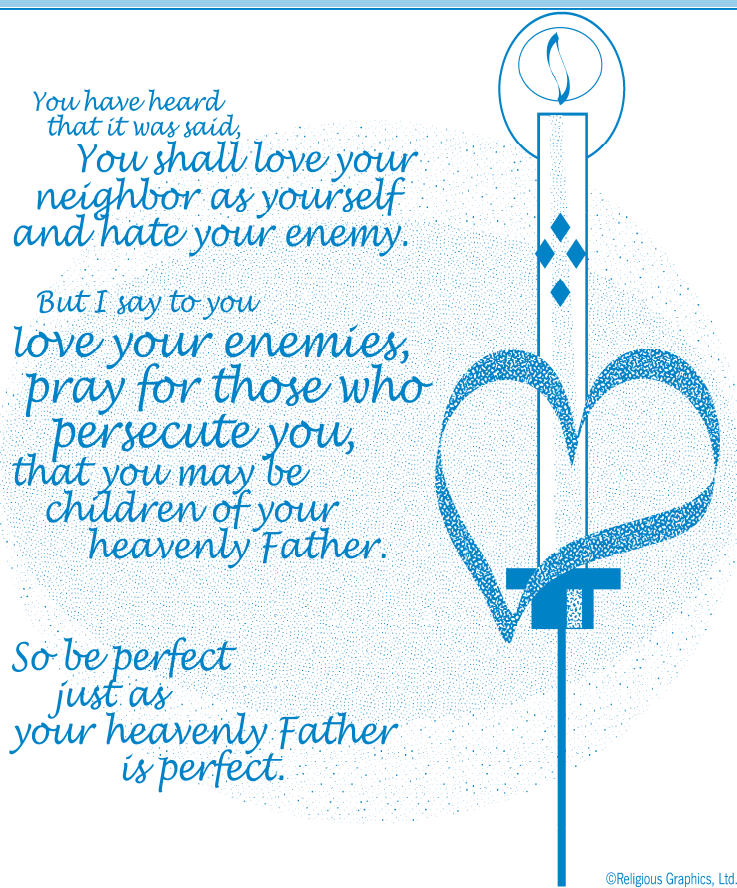


February 20, 2011
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I hope you had as much fun at the Parish Appreciation Party as I did. It was a great opportunity to honor those who give so much of their time and energy to make this a warm, hospitable and faith filled community. Because of their efforts, I get much more credit than I deserve for what Our Lady of Knock is.

Parallel to the Grammy Awards, I asked our candidates in the various categories (ministries to the parish) to stand and take a bow. Then I announced our parish Persons of the Year. Our first acknowledgement went to Frank and Arlene Kaslewicz who work together on many ministries as well as individual efforts. Our next recipient was Juanita Towns. Although a relative newcomer compared to many in our parish, she has made a wide variety of contributions.

We did have 11 guests that made a \$5 donation to be part of the festivities. To get in free next year, simply join one of our ministries. Two that come to mind are the Ushers and the Money Counters. If interested, simply give me a call at the Rectory.

If you tried to contact me early last week, you found out that I took soon time for prayer in the annual retreat at Mundelein that I took with many other priests mostly from our geographical area. I am able to do this with the great help I have from the office staff as well as Fr. Don, Sr. Alban and Deacon Tom. I hope you were nice to them in my absence.

There is more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal in today's bulletin as a follow up to the Cardinal's words at all of this weekend's Masses. Not only does it help fund many of the Archdiocesan services that the parish benefits from; but it also has greatly subsidized Christ Our Savior Catholic School. Prayerfully consider what your pledge might be for next weekend.

I am looking forward to next Sunday's First Mid-Winter picnic. We are playing the alphabet game with side dishes. More information is elsewhere in the bulletin.

Please pray for me, as I do you,

Fr. Pat



MID-WINTER PICNIC TIME !!!

Only 1 more week until our 1st Mid-Winter Picnic.

When: Sunday, February 27
 Time: 11:00AM- 2:00PM
 Where: Parish Hall
 What: A good time with food, games, and prizes and people who know how to have fun.
 Games for adults and children
 Who: Anyone who wants to have a good time. Invite family, friends, and neighbors.
 Cost: \$3.00 and a side dish or dessert for the sharing table.

So that we have a variety of items we are asking families whose last names begin with the letters **A-K to bring side dishes or salads**. If your last name begins with the letters **L-Z we ask that you bring a dessert**.

Bingo and door prizes are also needed and can be dropped off at the Rectory.



CABIN FEVER GOT YOU DOWN?

Then begin thinking SPRING! On **SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011**, Our Lady of Knock Parish is sponsoring a fund raiser at Balmoral Park in Crete, Illinois. Doors will open at 6 PM. A delicious buffet dinner will be served from 6:30PM—8:30PM. Tickets are \$30/person and are now available at the Rectory.

There will be a Main Raffle with an added prize of an elegant dinner for five at the Rectory along with a wide variety of fabulous basket raffles, and split-the-pot. There will also be a special raffle for a ride in the Pace Car.

Donations of prizes for the basket raffles would be gratefully accepted! Also, donations of empty baskets that could be used to create raffle prizes would also be appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at 708-862-3011.

Think Spring!!!!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2011

This week, you are asked to review the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: “seek first the Kingdom of God...” (Matthew 6:33).

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal. 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 **\$21,776.00** 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 that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Mass next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



“SINGING IN THE RAIN”

Seton Academy’s Spring Musical Review will take place on March 3rd, 4th & 5th at 7:30PM in the Little Theater. Admission : Students-\$3; Adults-\$5.

The Review will feature Disney Songs, a tribute to the Girl Groups of the 60’s, tribute to Franki Valli & the Four Seasons, and the Seton Show Choir performing music from the TV show Glee.



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day pick up will be Wednesday, March 2nd in the Parish Hall from 4-5PM. Order forms are available at the Church doors and can be returned to the box in the vestibule or to the Rectory.

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Have you ever felt a tug in your heart towards the priesthood or religious life? For information about a vocation to priesthood, contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archdiocago.org or check out our website at www.Chicagopriest.com.

For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-4240. or at eramirez@archchicago.org.

GOLDEN OPPORUTNITY BOOKS

We have a few more Golden Opportunity Books available at the Rectory. This will be your last chance to purchase one of these valuable coupon books this year.

Books for Illinois or Northwest Indiana are \$25 and can be purchased at the Rectory until Wednesday, February 23.



FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Our students are off today, but will be back next Sunday in time for our **Mid-Winter Parish Picnic**. Some of our Confirmation Candidates have even volunteered to help. We hope to see all of you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 13th - Lenten Lunch of Sharing and Prayer
11AM
27th - Pancake Breakfast/
Ministry Fair, 8:00-12:00

Please keep us in your prayers.

Peace,
Cathy



WOMEN'S CENTER RESOURCE ROOM

I officially declare winter over and that means that it is once again time to do a seasonal switch of our clothing. If you can spare an hour or two or three on **Saturday, March 19th** we would love your help. We will be working from about **9:00 - 12:00**. We will end our day with a delicious lunch to celebrate the labor of our hands and hearts.

Thank you to all who support this pro-life ministry with their donations, service, and prayers.

Cathy



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SHEDSOMELIGHT

Join us for a spectacular evening of fine dining, fashion, and dancing on Friday, May 13 as we celebrate our 2nd Annual Scholarship Gala. Our Gala will be held at the Serbian Social Center located at 18550 Stony Island Avenue, Lansing. A delicious meal of sliced roast sirloin of beef, herb roasted chicken, baked Icelandic cod (all family style), salad, rolls, amaretto glazed carrots, mashed potatoes and orange sherbet is planned for the evening. Our Fashion Show will follow dinner. Beautiful designs by Cinderella's Boutique of South Holland, Elegance of Highland, and Lourdes Hats located in Beverly are among the stores participating in our show. More details to follow in the coming weeks. All proceeds will go toward our Scholarship Fund for the students at Christ Our Savior Catholic School. Please contact Karen Brodzik if you would like additional information at this time.

Mrs. Lau's Kindergarten class celebrated the 100th day of school on Tuesday, February 1. The children built with 100 blocks, drew pictures of themselves at 100 years of age and wrote what they would buy if they had \$100. During the month of February, the children will perform 100 acts of kindness at home and at school. They will write their actions on pink hearts and add it to their bulletin board of "100 Acts of Kindness."

Our third quarter Exploratory Classes began on Tuesday, February 8. Children in grades K-2 are participating in Story Time From A to Z; How My Body Works; Exploring Children's Literature and Authors, and Acting Out in Class (short plays, choral reading, etc.) Students in Grades 3-4 are excited about Advanced Crochet; Crafty Fun; Health, Hygiene, Nutrition and Safety; and Fun with Watercolors- Part II. The junior high students are enjoying Beginning Violin (Grades 5-6 only); Mind Games; Film Studies and Stop Action Video Making; Plastic Canvas Stitchery; Puzzle Time; Arts and Crafts; and Healthy Snack Habits. As you can see, the children have the opportunity to experience some unique and challenging classes. We applaud our teachers for their time, talent and effort in planning and preparing for these enriching class options.

With God's Blessings,

Cindy Rogers, Principal

Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



ON BLIZZARDS, DIBS, AND EYES FOR EYES

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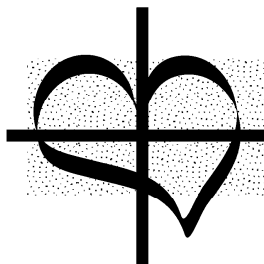
Chicago Tribune columnist John Kass had fun when the big snow hit by asking the top mayoral candidates their position on Dibs. Moving to Chicago over thirty years ago, I learned about Dibs firsthand when I saw old chairs and such showing up on my street following the '79 snow, so I knew what Kass was referring to. Dibs, he wrote, is “a tradition in which Chicagoans dig their cars out of snowdrifts and claim the freshly cleared street parking spaces with broken furniture and other fascinating junk from their garages and basements.”

According to Kass (aka Judge Dibs, in matters of Dibs disputes), multiple calls to Carol Moseley Braun’s PR staff went unanswered, but per Gery Chico, “I’d put a chair in the place. I’m pro-Dibs...It’s the Chicago way.” Per Rahm Emanuel, “Kass would expect me to go into my basement and get a broken chair and put it in front of my house...” (vague, but pro-Dibs-esque). And per Miguel del Valle, “People have a right to mark their spot after shoveling for a couple of days...but it should only be a couple of days to clear the snow from the street.” Thanks, Kass, for keeping us informed on the issues.

Me? I’m pro-Dibs, too, and yet, even though I live on the northwest side where Dibs are rampant, I’ve never once resorted to marking my turf. Well, not until the 2011 blizzard, that is. I guess I’d always figured that if a driver saw a freshly cleaned spot in front of my house after a big snow, he or she wouldn’t dare park there because of his or her fundamental sense of fairness. “Unmarked Dibs” has failed me only once or twice over the decades, speaking certainly to the integrity of my neighbors. The cab owner, though, lives around the corner, and he/she recently drove me--for the first time ever--to true Chicago Dibs.

People on the block had all cleared their cars/spaces over the course of that post-blizzard Wednesday except for the cab owner, and the cab was totally snowbound. At bedtime, though, I saw that the cab’s owner had shoveled just enough to access the vehicle and pull it forward into my neighbor’s cleaned-out space (Jim was at work and was counting on “Unmarked Dibs” to hold his spot for him). Knowing he’d have no place to park upon his late-night return, I shoveled the space the cab owner should have shoveled, then marked the spot with a bucket and a big hand-made sign: “FOR JIM.” *Dibs!* The Chicago Way.

As I was telling this story at the office the next day, a co-worker asked if I’d let the air out of the cab’s tires. No, but I was plenty angry. Later, a friend said that when someone ignored his “Unmarked Dibs” once, he shoveled snow onto the culprit’s car. Hmmmm... “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil,” Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel. And, “If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.” And, “...be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” It’s a crazy high standard. *And* a nearly impossible one, Judge Dibs might say. You know. When Dibs are at stake.



The Lord is kind and merciful



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Joseph J. Phillips
(Kolanowski Family) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00 AM—Ken Jackowski
(Shirley Jackowski) (Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Albertina Dietz
(Lorraine Rutkiewicz)
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE)

7:00 AM Service—Rosalie Hughes
(Jim & Ann Bartosz)
8:30 AM **Mass**—Judith DeMayo
(Kolanowski Family)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM **Mass**—Stefan Sepiol
(Family)

FRIDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Theresa I. Krawczyk
(Son Louis)
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

5:30 PM—Paul Harkenrider
(Anna) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Lucille Cyrnek
(Gene, Mike & Maryann) (Fr. Lyons)
10:00AM—Mildred & James Rommeiss
(Walter & Pat Motyka) (Fr. Fenske)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #4, KATHIE, Captain, please be at the church on Saturday, February 26th at 8AM.



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, **ROBERT LAURISCH** and all of our beloved dead of past years.

Let's All Pitch
In
Next Sunday
So
The Parish
Makes Budget!



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION February 13, 2011

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6250	\$6756	+\$506
Fiscal-Year-To-Date		
REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$206,250	\$195,260	-\$10,990
CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	8	\$11.00
No. Of Envelopes Used:		255
Average Donation Per Envelope:		\$25.63
Building and Maintenance YTD:		\$15,152.67



A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

I hope many of you enjoyed the Bible Trivia. Hopefully it took your mind off the cold and snow. And of course, gave you an opportunity to open your bibles.

This may be a good time to read the Gospels. The Gospels are filled with stories of people who were intrigued enough by Jesus that they wanted to know more about him and his message and tried to live what Jesus preached. All those people were disciples - people who believed in the message of Jesus, tried to live by his spirit, and were committed to his cause, that is, they embraced his mission to build God's Kingdom on Earth.

As disciples of Christ, we must come to understand the message of Jesus and embrace it as truth. We must grow in love of Jesus and our neighbor. Our love must be expressed in concrete acts of compassion and service toward others. This is why it has been said that Christian faith demands the disciple's head, heart, and hands - that is, the total person.

Don't wait until the next bible trivia - **Read the Bible!**

Please keep us in your prayers

Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

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