

February 6, 2011
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Although it wasn't a New Year's resolution, I was a little more on the ball this year with acknowledging Christmas donations at the suggested level of \$85 and above. Your generosity was breathtaking.

Our parish calendar is a gift that many parishioners appreciate because it has the Mass times and phone numbers handy when those "senior" moments happen and we just can't remember that basic information. Again this year our friends at Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home covered the cost. Bless you.

Another left-over item from the holiday season is from the Ushers' Turkey Raffle. If you have not redeemed your gift certificate from Misch Brothers Market, please do so as quickly as you can. They have been great in cooperating with our annual event.

You might want to take a look at the outside back cover of the bulletin and find some local business that you can support for your family needs. These businesses support the cost of the bulletin as well as a gift to the parish.

If you are fond of Gospel music, Willie Wilson and the Sensation Singers will be at St. Victor during their 5:30 PM Mass next Saturday. If you channel surf on Sunday morning, you may have come across this very talented group.

Our Women's Guild meets this Tuesday. After a short business meeting and planning for the March meeting, bingo will be available with a special guest announcer.

Our final blessing at Masses this weekend was the Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise. Earlier in the week we celebrated the Church Feast of Candlemas and reflected on the image of candles as used in various worship moments. The sanctuary candle that shows Christ in the tabernacle, the altar candles to show worship is going on; the vigil lights at the side doors to represent a desire to be at prayer even when our bodily presence isn't available, and the Paschal Candle for Christ's Resurrection and presence at Baptism are just a few.

Please pray for me, as I do you,

Fr. Pat



A PARTY FOR OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS: NEXT SUNDAY!

A Party to show the parish's appreciation to all of our volunteers will take place in the Parish Hall following the 10:00AM Mass on **Sunday, February 13th**. This party is held each year to thank those who volunteer in the parish.

Reply cards should be turned in to the Rectory or dropped in the collection by February 7 so the proper amount of food can be ordered. You may also RSVP by calling the Rectory, (708) 862-3011.



MID-WINTER PICNIC TIME !!!

Only 3 more weeks 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.

SENIOR CITIZEN ISSUES

Due to the snow storm of last week, the meeting sponsored by SSAC and AARP has been rescheduled. The new date is Thursday, February 10 from Noon to 2 PM in our Parish Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues important to Seniors. These issues include crime, transportation and safety.

All are invited! Please plan to attend.

2100 Archdiocesan annual Catholic Appeal Begins

Please Respond Generously to Cardinal George's Letter

The theme of the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal is "...seek first the kingdom of God..." (Matthew 6:33). Jesus taught that we are not to worry about the things of this world. Rather, we are to seek the kingdom of God and the Father will reward us. God provides all that we have and all that we are. Stewardship, in part, is the recognition of God's gifts and the obligation to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in his work. Our gifts to our parish, to our Archdiocese and the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for what God has given us. A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide education, services, and ministry to thousands within and outside of our Archdiocese.

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 support for catholic schools in the Archdiocese. The appeal also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

Also, when our parish reaches it's goal of **\$21,776** in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. Please make a significant pledge to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal.



WOMEN'S GUILD FEBRUARY MEETING

Please join the ladies of the Women's Guild for their meeting on Tuesday, February 8th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. After the usual business meeting, there will be a fun-filled evening of "Bingo"!

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

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



MARDI GRAS PARTY

St. James Parish at 22400 S. Torrence Avenue in Sauk Village is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 19th. Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner will be served from 6 PM to 7:30 PM.

In addition to the buffet dinner, there will be a Mardi Gras parade, favors, dancing and a cash bar.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults; \$10 for children 12 and under. Children 3 and under are admitted free. Tickets are limited. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call (708)757-2170.



A DAY AT THE RACES

Be sure to save the date: **SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011.** Our Lady of Knock Parish is sponsoring a fund raiser at Balmoral Park in Crete, Illinois on that day. Doors will open at 6 PM. Dinner buffet will be served from 6:30-8:30 PM.

There will be a Main Raffle and a wide variety of fabulous indoor raffle prizes and split-the-pot.

Donations of prizes for these raffles would be gratefully accepted! Please call the Parish Office at 708-862-3011.

Tickets are \$30 per person which includes the buffet dinner, free admission, official race program and special race dedication. Tickets are now available at the Rectory. Watch the bulletin for details.



FISH FRY

The American Legion Post 330 invites you to their Friday Fish Frys. The first one is February 11 from 4PM to 7PM. Featured are perch, cod, shrimp and chicken tenders with French fries, Cole slaw, rolls and butter and coffee and dessert. Tickets are sold at the door. The American Legion is located at 950 Legion Drive, Calumet City. For more information call 708-862-8685.



FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Today our students heard the story of God's grace given through the intercession of St. Blaise. They had their throats blessed as a reminder that healing and blessings come through the power of God.

For the next few weeks our students will be taking tours of the church between the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses. You are welcome to join them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 17 - People of the Eucharist, 9:00 AM.

March 13 - Lenten Lunch of Sharing and Prayer
11:00 AM

27 - Pancake Breakfast/Ministry Fair,
8:00AM-Noon

Please keep us in your prayers.

Peace,
Cathy



WOMEN'S CENTER FAMILY RESOURCE ROOM

We are very excited with the wonderful items that were donated to our Baby Shower. It gives us great joy to have enough items for the moms and we especially enjoy being able to give them new clothes. Thank you again for your generosity.

We also received the items from a Baby Shower held by Our Lady of Hope in Rosemont and we are grateful to them for their support of this ministry.

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

VOCATIONS

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be "salt and light." May we respond wholeheartedly to His invitation to transform and enliven the world in which we live. For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org. For information about religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez O.P. at 312-534-5240 or at eramirez@archchicago.org.

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Coronata #3806 Spelling Bee on Sunday, January 30 held at the St. Andrew the Apostle Gym: Sixteen out of the eighteen participants were from Christ Our Savior Catholic School: 1st Place – Caitlyn Densmore (Grade 6), 2nd Place – Sierra Jones (Grade 8), and 3rd Place - Andrea DelBosque (Grade 5). These students will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee that will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lansing Knights of Columbus. The other students who were selected from their class to participate in the Bee were: Grade 5: Simone Jones, Khari Lewis, Justin Lockhart; Grade 6: Kourtney Landing, Oreoluwa Osineye; Grade 7A – Blair Bryant, Camille Johnson, Leon Prom, Ashley Redmond; Grade 7B – Darrius Dubose, Garlena Jefferson; and Grade 8 – Lamart Hudson, Jacquelyn James. We would like to thank the members of the Knights of Columbus Coronata #3806 and the parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish for your warm hospitality while hosting the Spelling Bee.

Our recent Town Hall Meeting held on Wednesday, January 27 featured presentations by Fr. Pat Lyons, Executive Pastor; Cindy Rogers, Principal; Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal; Sr. Eileen Lowe, Counselor and Dean of Students; Marla Blanton and Gwen Griffin-Harmon, Institutional Advancement Team; Zenovia Evans, Chair of the Board of Specified Jurisdiction, and Mike Nysten, Vice Chair of the BSJ. Topics that they addressed were the history of COS; the financial profile; a historical perspective and the challenges of each parish; curriculum, state standards/Archdiocesan standards, Terra Nova Test results; our strategic blueprint of success, goals, diversity, staff; technology; our next steps; continued assessment of COS; and the expectations for our "Village." The meeting was well attended by parents and teachers. The presentations shed much light on our past, present, and future goals.

Please note the change in the date and venue for our 2nd annual Scholarship Gala. Our Gala will be held on Friday, May 13 at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a fashion show. Tickets will be \$50 per person. All proceeds will go towards the Christ Our Savior Catholic School Scholarship Fund. More details to follow in the weeks ahead.

With God's Blessings,

Cindy Rogers, Principal
Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



ON BROTHERS-IN-LAW, WEDDINGS, AND LIGHT

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My brother-in-law isn't one of those shiftless, good-for-nothing types. In fact, he's just the opposite. I've written about John a few times over the years, so regular readers may remember that he had a liver transplant two summers ago. It was a rough time for the family. My sister Mary was at his side pretty much non-stop, and their two boys, Chris and Jeff, were present as often as their schedule (Chris is pursuing a PhD in education) and geography (Jeff lives in Oregon) allowed. John got the liver he needed only to die on the table during a post-transplant seizure, but the doctors brought him back. Since then, his recovery has been amazing. These days, he's a new man, and why not...?

I haven't done the research, but it makes sense to me that some essence of a transplant donor becomes some essence of the receiver. John tells me of one documented case in which the recipient individual, a non-coffee drinker, began craving coffee after receiving an organ from a person who had been a big coffee drinker. John has let his doctors know that he'd like to meet the donor family behind his new liver, but the donor family has not yet reached out to John in return, and that's the way these things have to go. In the meantime, John's sister Judy recently joked that her brother must have gotten a female's liver, because he's become much more emotional since the transplant.

It's not my intention to argue for or against this generality, but clearly John has become more expressive after the transplant. For one thing, he cries more easily. John shed tears when Pop died years ago but beyond that, nothing that I've seen. Now he cries readily, typically when expressing his love for his family, or when describing some injustice in the world. Beyond the tears, John has become much more open in sharing his feelings, and this has never been more evident than when Jeff--his youngest son--was married at Old St Pat's recently. John spoke both at the rehearsal dinner and the reception of his love for his family, and as he did so, the tears cut in, then cut out, then cut in again.

As the reception drew to a close, John asked his sisters, his wife, my wife, my daughter, and several of his female friends to join him in the hallway outside the main room. Several minutes later, each woman returned holding a "God is Love" necklace from John and a personal letter from him telling each of them why she was special to him. Nice. The next day, my wife, still sad from the loss of her mother just two weeks prior, said that John's new openness is a great thing, and she herself wants to emulate it more. "It's hard, though," Gail concluded, with work and chores and life always being so busy. I agreed with her. But look at today's Gospel! Jesus himself tells us that we are the light of the world, and that our light must not be hidden away but must shine before all. And certainly part of that light is simply sharing ourselves with the people we love. John understands this, and deep down, the rest of us do as well. Life is short, and it gets shorter every day. We've no time for bushel baskets.

CHRIST *the light of the world*



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Stanley Studzinski
 (Jim and Ann Bartosz) (Fr. Fenske)
 10:00 AM—Anthony Schultz
 (Dennis and Beverly Wilhelm) (Fr. Fenske)

MONDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Irene Morley
 (Ben and Vivian)
 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**—Richard Konecki
 (Mary Lou)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN)

7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
 Our Lady of Knock Parish
 8:30 AM **Mass**—Ray Horak
 (Susan and rob Braasch)

FRIDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Judy DeMayo
 (Berenice Kurack-Tryon)
 8:30 AM Service—Gorney Family
 (Olszewski Family)

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

5:30 PM—Jeanie Kustok
 (Runko Family) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Jeanie Kustok
 (Berenice Tryon) (Fr. Lyons)
 10:00AM—Cheryl and Roy Perl
 (8th Wedding Anniversary) (Fr. Fenske)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #2, GENA, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, February 11th 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.



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION January 30, 2011

| REQUIRED BUDGET | TOTAL ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| \$6250 | \$5320 | -\$930 |

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

| REQUIRED BUDGET | TOTAL ACTUAL | DIFFERENCE |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| \$193,750 | \$182,414 | -\$11,336 |

| CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES | NUMBER | TOTAL |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| | 4 | \$5.00 |

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| No. Of Envelopes Used: | 192 |
| Average Donation Per Envelope: | \$26.59 |
| Latin America: | \$118.00 |

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| Building and Maintenance YTD: | \$13,768.67 |
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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Gloomy Days! Never Fear! Bible Trivia is here! Fill in the blanks. Try to answer without using your Bible. Save this bulletin. Answers in next weeks bulletin. Good Luck!

- 1) The _____ is the name given to the First Five Books of the Bible.
- 2) The Seven Wisdom Books of the Old Testament are: Job, _____, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, _____, and Sirach.
- 3) The Five Historical Books of the New Testament are: the Four _____ and the _____ of the _____.
- 4) The Prophetic Book of the New Testament is the Book of _____.
- 5) In Revelations Chapter 10, John ate a _____ which gave him indigestion.
- 6) _____ accidentally hung himself in a tree. (2 Samuel, Chapter 18).
- 7) The _____, _____, and _____, were kept in the ark of the covenant. (Hebrews, Chapter 9).
- 8) Just for fun - What do you have that Cain, Abel and Seth never had? _____.

Please keep us in your prayers
Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

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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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