

January 1, 2012
Solemnity of Mary

*The shepherds went
in haste to
Bethlehem and
found Mary
and Joseph
and the infant.*

*When they saw this
they made
known the message
that had been told to
them about this child.*

*And Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on
them in her heart.*



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The smell, sights, and sounds of Christmas are still surrounding me. From the aroma of flax soap as the Dustbusters cleaned the church to the fragrance of incense that blessed the crib scene, I was prepared for the pristine environment to be enjoyed by all. Then my eyes beheld the wonderful decorations provided by the Art and Environment Committee with some additional touches by our own Fr. Don. My ears came alive to "The Sound of Music" provided at the 10:30 PM Eve Mass and the 10 AM Christmas Day Mass with Lori Moreland, her special Christmas Choir and guest musicians. Welcome them again as they return this weekend at the 10 AM Mass. As in most parishes, the largest crowd was at the early eve Mass with energizing music provided by our Guitar Group. I am sure that the congregations at each of these Masses were also stirred by the skills of our greeters, ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers and cantors.

As we begin the New Year this weekend, you might consider taking increased ownership in the parish by strengthening your bond. There are openings in all areas of ministry at Mass: lector, usher, greeter, server, cantor, choir member, dustbuster, Footsteps in Faith, and SPRED. All parish organizations would welcome new membership: Women's Guild, Friendship Club, Scripture Study, and Girl Scouts. Look at the monthly calendar on page 5 of today's bulletin, to get an idea of when they meet. Interested parishioners can leave their name and phone number at the Rectory and we will pass it on to the appropriate representative. Another bonding opportunity is through your financial commitment to the parish. Any increase in your weekly offering is deeply appreciated as well.

The Scrooge side of me has to mention money. The Christmas collection on the weekend itself was over \$21,000 (goal of \$25,000). With early donations and donations coming in this weekend, our goal is reachable. When the holyday coincides with Sunday, there is danger that the weekly goal might be affected. However, we were only short of our weekly budget by \$658. This information can always be found on page 6 in the bulletin for those who like to keep track.

Pray for me, as I do you,

Fr. Pat



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Tuesday January 3rd for the parents of children scheduled for Baptism here at Our Lady of Knock Parish.

The class will begin at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center. If you plan to have your child baptized in January, you must PRE-REGISTER by calling the Rectory at (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.

DONATION STATEMENTS

Statements for 2011 donations to the parish will be available by calling the Rectory 708-862-3011, between the hours of **9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday (REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.)** Only requested 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.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

The Gifts galore!! Thank you for the generous gifts given to the Giving Tree. The gifts were carefully selected and artistically wrapped for each person. Thank you!!

John and Betty Bush delivered gifts for twenty-one families from Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish, our Sharing Parish. Also twenty of our local families received gifts.

We appreciate the care for each gift, your faith was beautifully expressed. Thank you!!!

The food collected each month has been distributed at the Calumet City Resource Center, serving the residents of Calumet City. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sr. Alban



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

January 5, 2012 starts the new year with new officers. We will have installation of officers and also crown "3" Kings, for the Feast of Three Kings. We may even throw in a little surprise activity.

We will have our regular meeting along with bingo and refreshments. We are looking for new members, anyone over the age of 50 is welcome. We will start promptly at 1 PM You do not need to be Catholic, or a member of Our Lady of Knock Parish. For more information, call 708-474-4416 and ask for Lorraine.



In the name of the Retired Religious Women and Men, I express my thanks for the generous contributions made to the Retirement Fund. The Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Order Priests have been a great part of Religious Education in the Catholic Church. The Fund helps tremendously for their retirement.

Thank you,
Sr. Alban

ULTRA GIFT CERTIFICATES

Don't forget, Ultra/Strack Gift Certificates are available at the Rectory. You can purchase \$25 gift certificates at face value. Ultra gives the parish a discount on the gift certificates purchased.

WOMEN'S CENTER RESOURCE ROOM

A few days before Christmas Tom and I, along with 2 of our grandchildren, had an opportunity to see the work of the Women's Center in person. Each year they host a Christmas party for the families they serve. It was fun to meet the counselors that we talk to each week on the phone as we strive to meet the individual needs of their clients. They all expressed their gratitude to the people of Our Lady of Knock Parish for the way we have embraced this ministry.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry with your donations, help, and prayers. God bless you in a special way during this season of peace and joy.

Cathy Knetl



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

Be sure to save the date: SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012. Our Lady of Knock Parish will be sponsoring its third annual fundraiser at Balmoral Park in Crete, Illinois on that date.

Doors will open at 6PM. Dinner buffet will be served from 6:30—8:30PM. Desserts will be available until 9PM. The first race starts at 7:10PM. The ticket price of \$30 per person includes the extensive, all-you-can-eat buffet, free admission, official race program, and special race dedication. No need to do any betting. Just come out and enjoy an evening of fun and camaraderie with your friends and fellow parishioners.

Also there will be raffles, split-the-pot and a wide variety of fabulous indoor raffle prizes for lucky winners.

Prizes for these raffles would be gratefully accepted! Please call the parish office at 708-862-3011.

Get a group together and plan on supporting this important parish fundraiser. Don't miss out on the fun!! Tickets are now available at the Rectory.

**SCRAP & STITCH
CRAFTERS WEEKEND**

Calling all scrapbookers, quilters, needle & yarn artisans, jewelry makers, etc. to our annual Winter Scrap and Stitch Weekend. With the holidays over and winter in full swing, come and spend some concentrated time working on your hobby and hanging out with like-minded women!

You bring your best girlfriends, your supplies and your creativity; we'll provide tables, all meals, FREE goody bags, and lots of fun.

The Scrap and Stitch Weekend will be held January 13-15, 2012 at St. Ann Parish Hall, 3014 Ridge Road, Lansing. There will be a session on Friday night for \$10, Saturday AM or PM is \$15 or \$40 for the entire day, and Sunday is \$15.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact Jennifer Gray at 708-895-9972.



FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Miriam, wife of Joseph the carpenter, mother of Jesus; these were some of the names that identified Mary to her friends and family. We know her today by many other names which honor her as the Mother of the Savior. Today as we celebrate a feast in her honor I thought it would be fun to see how much we really know about this holy woman. You can use the answer key at the bottom to help you.

1. Mary was _____
2. The town that the Holy Family lived in was called _____.
3. The Feast of the _____ celebrates that Mary was born without original sin.
4. Mary and Joseph fled to _____ after Jesus was born.
5. The angel _____ told Mary that she was chosen to be the Mother of the Messiah.

Answer Key

Egypt Annunciation Bethlehem Gabriel
Nazareth Jewish Immaculate Conception

Heifer International Update

When Advent ended we had collected a total of \$90.00. This was not quite enough for a goat, but enough to help 4 families by purchasing a flock of chickens, a flock of ducks, a flock of geese, and a hive of honey bees. Thank you to all who helped and please keep the needy of the world and our community in your prayers.

Peace,
Cathy

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Lansing - Spacious 2-bedroom. Large living room, new carpet, laundry facilities, cable access, patio, second floor. Very clean, senior occupied. \$850 per month plus security. Includes gas, heat, and water. Parishioners. For more information, contact Rod at 708-439-7736

MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day pick-up will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in the Parish Hall from 4PM to 5PM.

Please be on time, orders cannot be held.

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

The students in Grades 5-6 were asked to share their New Year's resolutions with us. Here is a sampling of their thought provoking changes for the New Year:

This year I will resolve to:

*not get sent down to our counselor,
Sr. Eileen's office.....as much
read at least an hour every single day
do better in life while I am young
improve my worst subject....science
give money to the poor and be generous all
around
TURN in all homework assignments
exercise and eat salads
spend extra time with family members
show improvement in the grades I earn so I
can move to the next educational level
be a little bit nicer
eat healthier for breakfast, lunch and dinner
add more positive changes to my life style
get all A's in all subjects
be more respectful at school and at home
focus more in class
finally get that 4.0
control my anger and keep all those negative
opinions to myself
try harder than ever to achieve the goals I set
and live a happy, successful, fulfilled life
don't allow people to lower my self esteem
make a big sacrifice....just as Jesus did for us*

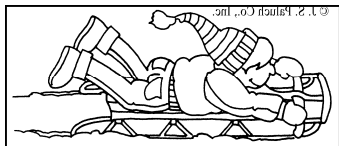
On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Christ Our Savior Catholic School, we want to wish you a very happy, healthy, peace filled blessed New Year.

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

SETON ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

January 8, 2012
2-4 PM

16100 Seton Drive
South Holland, IL



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bldg./ Maint. Coll. No Footsteps	2 Bible Study 9AM Bible Study 2PM No Rosary	3 Bapt. Prep. 7:30PM	4 Market Day 4-5PM	5 Friendship Club 1PM	6 Dust Busters #1 9AM	7 1st Sat. Mass 8:30AM
8 Footsteps RCIA	9 Bible Study 9AM Adoration 2PM Holy Hour 4PM	10 No Women's Guild Mtg.	11 Bible Study 1PM	12	13 Dust Busters #2 9AM SPRED Prep. 5:30PM	14 SPRED Class 9AM
15 Latin America Coll. Footsteps RCIA	16 Bible Study 9AM Bible Study 2PM Rosary 4PM	17	18	19 Friendship Club 1PM	20 Dust Busters #3 9AM	21 Respect Life Baby Shower
22 SOS Coll. Footsteps RCIA Respect Life Baby Shower	23 Bible Study 9AM Rosary 4PM	24	25 Bible Study 1PM	26	27 Dust Busters #1 9AM	28 Respect Life Baby Shower
29 No Footsteps RCIA Respect Life Baby Shower	30 Bible Study 9AM Bible Study 2PM Rosary 4PM	31				



Liturgy Intentions

SATURDAY (VIGIL: MOTHER OF GOD)

5:30 PM—Ted Dominiak
(Spangler Family) (Fr. Fenske)

SUNDAY (SOLEMNITY OF MARY)

8:00 AM—Special Intentions of Dave Przybyl Family
(Sr. Alban) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00 AM—Lorraine Delinck & Hawkins Family
(Marcia Hawkins) (Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (ST. BASIL THE GREAT)

7:00 AM Mass—George Kadar
(Dr. Barbara M. Falk)
8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS)

7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM Mass—Yvonne Graczyk
(Arlene & Frank)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGY

THURSDAY (ST. JOHN NEUMANN)

7:00 AM Service—Peace Throughout the
World
8:30 AM Mass—Joe Phillips
(Tony & Sylvia)

FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Marge
(Andy)
8:30 AM Service—Respect for All Life

FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM Mass—George Kadar
(Wife)

SATURDAY (VIGIL: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

5:30 PM—Joe Eisenhutt
(Carmen & Loretta Gambino) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

8:00 AM—Mariann Orlick
(Family) (Fr. Lyons)
10:00 AM—Mildred & James Rommeiss
(Peggy Higgins) (Fr. Fenske)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #1 Captain, Marian, please be at the church on Friday, January 6 at 9AM.



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION December 18, 2011

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6250	\$5276	-\$974

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$156,250	\$147,314	-\$8,936

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	0	0

No. Of Envelopes Used:	183
Average Donation Per Envelope:	\$27.79
S.O.S.:	\$186.00

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$9,611.26
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Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION December 25, 2011

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6250	\$5592.00	-\$658

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$162,500	\$152,906	-\$9,594

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	0	0

No. Of Envelopes Used:	145
Average Donation Per Envelope:	\$31.43
Christmas:	\$21,805.00

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$9,611.26
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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Happy New Year! Another year has passed and another one begins. A good time to make, and keep, those New Year's resolutions. I have a couple in mind that I am going to work on this year. However, I know that within a few days I will either change my mind, or, resolve not to keep some of the well intended resolutions. Whether I keep my resolutions, or not, one thing is certain. Just as Mary took time to look at Jesus with love, and to ponder what God had done for her, we are also called to ponder things in our hearts. As we begin to accept how God looks on us with love, it naturally leads us to look at others with love. Yes, that includes babies, but it also includes looking with love at those who are middle-aged, elderly, and even teenagers! We begin to see in the faces of others that they, too, are children of God.

As we leave church today, we step forth into 2012. Let us make a resolution to notice the way God shines His face upon us, looking at us with love. Then in turn resolve to look with love at all those around us. *God bless you in this New Year!*

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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