

January 31, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR LADY OF KNOCK
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Catholic Schools Week begins today. Representatives from Christ Our Savior Catholic School will make a brief presentation at most of the Masses here and at the sponsoring parishes of the school. The mission of Catholic Schools is articulated well in the United States Bishops' document of 2005 entitled "Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Education in the Third Millennium." There the Bishops write about the purpose of Catholic education and how it is "to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel is proclaimed, a community in which Christ is experienced, service to our brothers and sister is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated." I am proud to be the Executive Pastor of our fine parish consolidated school.

This is the time of the year when our Finance Committee looks at the budget for next year that we need to submit to the Archdiocese. We look at income and expenses, maintenance projects and other unexpected needs (chime system). Pray for the efforts to keep our parish financially sound. Besides praying, keep in mind next weekend's Building and Maintenance collection and my challenge to add \$1,000 when it reaches \$19,000 (presently \$16,643).

Tuesday is primary election day and many of our parishioners vote in the School Hall. I encourage you to exercise your civic duty. You have little right to complain if you don't vote.

Our social season is on the upswing. If you are a volunteer, please help us by returning your reservation form to the rectory or a phone call to help determine our refreshment needs. The "Day at the Races" should be on your March calendar. You will soon be receiving an invitation and some raffle tickets. On May 14 there will be a Gala for Christ Our Savior Catholic School to fund a much needed tuition assistance fund.

For any who fell a little behind on their New Year's Resolutions like me, Ash Wednesday is right around the corner and will give us another chance for a fresh start.

Please pray for me, as I do you,
Fr. Pat



BAPTISMS

The following child was welcomed into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism here at Our Lady of Knock in January:

KATHLEEN MARIE HARKENRIDER
child of
Matthew & Ann Haggerty Harkenrider

We rejoice with Kathleen and her family!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism Preparation Class will take place on Tuesday, February 2nd for the parents of children scheduled for Baptism here at Our Lady of Knock Parish.

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



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

On Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall, the Women's Guild will feature a "Crazy Hat Show." Join us for some outrageous fun as the ladies show off their homemade crazy hats.

As usual, there will be door prizes, split-the-pot and delicious refreshments. Bring a friend, neighbor and your crazy hat and join the fun and laughter! Looking forward to seeing all the ladies!

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:13



**JOIN US AT BEAUTIFUL BALMORAL PARK
FOR "A DAY AT THE RACES"**

On **Sunday, March 21st**, Our Lady of Knock Parish is sponsoring a fund raiser at beautiful Balmoral Park Racetrack in Crete, Illinois!

Doors will open at 5PM. Dinner buffet is from 5:30-7:30PM. First race starts at 6:30PM. Ticket price of \$30 per person includes the extensive, all-you-can-eat buffet, free admission to the park, official race program, special race dedication and group photo in the winner's circle. No need to do any betting. Just come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

There will be a **MAIN PRIZE RAFFLE**: 1st prize—\$500; 2nd prize—\$250; 3rd prize—\$100. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Winner need not be present. There will also be a wide variety fabulous indoor raffle prizes for lucky winners.

Get your friends and family together now and make plans to enjoy a great **DAY AT THE RACES!** **Tickets are now available at Our Lady of Knock Rectory, (708) 862-3011.**



FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEETING

The next Friendship Club meeting will take place on Thursday, February 4th at 1PM in the Parish Hall.

As always, there will be time for some chit chat, lively games of bingo and delicious refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH
PARISH HALL
7PM—8PM**

**PRESENTER:
MR. JOHN REYNOLDS
NOTED AUTHOR & SPEAKER**

**DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS
WILL FOLLOW**

THERE IS NO FEE

**2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
"...they left everything and followed Him."
(Luke 5:11)**

Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2010 *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "...they left everything and followed Him." This familiar phrase from the story of the Apostles walking away from their livelihoods and their worldly possessions to follow Jesus is a familiar one. But how often do we reflect on their example as it applies to our lives. At the core of discipleship is the practice of stewardship. Stewardship is the recognition that all that we have is a gift from God and we are obligated to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in his work. Our gifts are to be 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.

Also, when our parish reaches its goal, 100 % of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

January seemed to speed by. We barely have the Christmas decorations put away and February and Lent are right around the corner. Our focus for the five Sundays of Lent that we have class will be: **Reconciliation: offering and accepting forgiveness.** We will use Scripture to show the importance of the gift of healing that Jesus offers us and wants us to offer each other.

Mark your calendars for two important upcoming events. The first is our **Lenten Lunch of Sharing and Prayer** on Sunday, February 28th. All are welcome to join us for prayer, a story for the season, a craft project, and a delicious meal of soup and bread.

The second is our **Pancake Breakfast/ Raffle** on Sunday, March 14th. Watch the bulletin for more information on both of these activities.

Peace,
Cathy

WOMEN'S CENTER

Our parish is once again participating in the **Baby Bottle** project sponsored by the Women's Center. The money collected will be used to provide counseling for the moms before and after their babies are born. If you have not already taken a bottle they are available at the doors of the Church. We ask that you be as generous as possible and return the bottle next **Sunday, February 7th**.

Thank you and please continue to keep us in your hearts and prayers.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
Wednesday:	St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
Friday:	St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and His Companions; First Saturday

SHEDSOMELIGHT

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Ms. Cindy Rogers is very excited to announce..... Mrs. Karen Brodzik, our Assistant Principal and Reading Specialist, has been named a "Distinguished Service Award Winner" for 2010 by the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools. Mrs. Brodzik was nominated by Ms. Rogers and was one of 25 recipients chosen from a potential pool of more than 5,300 educators in the 255 Catholic schools in Cook and Lake Counties. The award recognizes exceptional dedication, leadership and service of 10 or more years in Catholic Education. Mrs. Brodzik has been a Catholic educator for 29 years. Mrs. Brodzik has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments, inspired students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues and possesses the energy to sustain effectiveness in performing her duties. She will be recognized at a "Distinguished Service Award" Dinner on Sunday, February 21 at the Chicago Marriot on Michigan Avenue. Congratulations, Karen!

Christ Our Savior Catholic School celebrates Catholic School Week January 31 through February 6. The theme for the week is Catholic Schools: *Dividends for Life... Faith, Knowledge, Discipline, and Morals.* Join us for a special Mass on Wednesday, February 3 at 8:10 AM at the East Campus (St. Andrew the Apostle Church) or at 8:30 AM at the West Campus (St. Jude the Apostle Church). An Open House is scheduled also for that day beginning at 9:00 AM to noon and 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at both campuses. Tours will be provided. All are welcome to attend both the Mass and Open House. Special activities such as a Spelling Bee and Wisdom Bowl are planned during the week. For further details contact either school office.

Since Christ Our Savior Catholic School is a merger of six schools, we are looking for alumni from Holy Ghost, Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Apostles, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Jude the Apostle, and St. Victor schools who would like to donate memorabilia for a memory wall at each campus. Please contact either campus office if you have a donation. It is our wish to keep the spirit of our six original schools alive.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners of the six founding parishes for your constant support to Christ Our Savior Catholic School through your prayers, monetary donations, and positive remarks. We truly appreciate your generosity.

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

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study 9AM Rosary 7:15PM	2 Bible Study 2PM Bapt. Prep. 7:30PM PH-Elections	3 Market Day 4PM	4 Friendship Club 1PM	5	6 Dust Busters #6 8AM 1st Sat Mass 8:30AM Spred Prep. 9:30AM
7 Bldg/Maint. Collection Footsteps 1st Comm. Parents' Mtg. 9AM Catholic Appeal Comit. Weekend	8 Bible Study 9AM Adoration 5-7:15PM Holy Hour 7:15PM	9 Women's Guild 7PM	10	11 Focus on the Positive 7-8PM	12 Dust Busters #2 9AM Spred Class 7PM	13
14 Parish Volunteer Party RCIA No Footsteps	15 Bible Study 9AM Bible Study 2PM Rosary 7:15PM	16	17 <u>Ash Wed.</u> Masses: 7AM, 8:30AM & 7PM Ashes 3:30PM Bible Study 1PM	18 Friendship Club 1PM Ushers Mtg. 7:30 PM	19 Dust Busters #3 9AM Stations of the Cross and Soup—4PM	20
21 Footsteps 8:30AM	22 Bible Study 9AM Rosary 7:15PM	23	24 Bible Study 1PM	25	26 Dust Busters #4 9 AM Liturgy of the Hours and Soup—4PM	27 Spred Prep: 9:30AM
28 SOS Coll. Lenten Sharing & Prayer Footsteps RCIA			<p>Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord</p> 			



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

- 8:00 AM—Purgatorial Society of Our Lady of Knock Parish (Fr. Fenske)
- 10:00 AM—Ray Griggs (Victoria Krcmaric) (Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (WEEKDAY)

- 7:00 AM **Mass**—Colette Menn (Sarbieski Family)
- 8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (PRESENTATION OF THE LORD)

- 7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of Our Lady of Knock Parish
- 8:30 AM **Mass**—Toni Szafran (Ann & Jim Bartosz)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

- 7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of Our Lady of Knock Parish
- 8:30 AM **Mass**—Albertina Dietz (Lorraine Rutkiewicz)

FIRST FRIDAY

- 7:00 AM **Mass**—Purgatorial Society of Our Lady of Knock Parish
- 8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of Our Lady of Knock Parish

FIRST SATURDAY

- 8:30 AM **Mass**—Victims of Haiti Earthquake (OLK Parish)

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

- 5:30 PM—John Lyczak (Ushers)

SUNDAY (5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

- 8:00 AM—Chester Kulchawik (Al & Bobbi Emond) (Fr. Lyons)
- 10:00 AM—Joseph & Henrietta Havidic (Thomas Havidic) (Fr. Fenske)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group 6, KATHY/KAREN, Captain, please be at the Church on Saturday, February 6th 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, JOAN O'HALLORAN, DOLORES SURD and all of our beloved dead of past years.



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Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION January 24, 2010

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6500	\$5179	-\$1321

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$195,000	\$179,004	-\$15,996

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	9	\$17.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	202
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$24.14
S.O.S.:	\$824.00

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$16,642.80
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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Do you know someone whose faith is so on fire that he/she is willing to tell anyone about all they believe? St. Luke the Evangelist must have been like that. Luke wrote down all the life stories and teachings of Jesus so that many generations later, we will know the truth.

Luke and his followers showed great faith and courage in taking on this task in a world that was not friendly to Christians. In American society we have absorbed the law separating church and state to the extent that faith has become a personal matter, something to keep to ourselves. Even Catholics who have a strong faith have a hard time talking about it to others.

The Catholics Come Home TV ads have helped many to become aware of the strengths of the Church. We have seen an increased sense of pride in the Catholic Church that encouraged people to talk about the proclamation and service that the Church is doing in the world.

Be proud of all that the Church does to welcome, serve, and support people in need all over the planet. Even though the TV ads are over, we can continue inviting our Catholic brothers and sisters to come home.

Please keep us in your prayers

Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

OUR LADY OF KNOCK PARISH

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Donald J. Fenske
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 868-1723
DRE: Mrs. Catherine Knetl
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Music Director: Lori Moreland
Spred Chairperson: Cheryl Marz-Perl
Bulletin Editor: Cheryl Marz-Perl
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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.

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