

May 1, 2011
2nd Sunday of Easter

*Put your finger here
and see my hands
bring your hand
and put it into my side.
Do not be unbelieving*



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bells are still ringing in my ears from last week's Easter celebration. Such a wonderful day happened because of the great numbers of hands involved. First our Dustbusters with help from Rich Evers got into every nook and cranny to make the church sparkle. Then our Art and Environment Committee made magic with flowers and fabrics to create the display that took away your breath when you entered church. Not only did bells tingle our ears, but the Cantors, Choir, and Extra Musicians under the "baton" of Lori Moreland brought reverence to each ceremony on Easter but also at the Holy Week Services as well. Whether you were a regular parishioner or a visitor, hospitality was the watchword from both our Greeters and our Ushers. Finally, the Word of God was proclaimed well by our Lectors and Presiders. My special thanks go to all who made a contribution to make this Easter as special as it is.

On the financial-minded side of me, the Easter collection presently stands at just under \$17,000 very close to our budget figure of \$18,000. Just as we had visitors here, some of our parishioners visited other parishes to be with their family. I am sure we will come even closer.

In the final weeks of Lent, Fr. Don and I set aside some time to offer Confession, Communion, and the Sacrament of the Sick to many of our homebound. If you or a member of your family would like Communion, please call Sr. Alban at the Rectory and she will make arrangements.

The Christ Our Savior Scholarship Gala is coming up on Friday, May 13 at 7 PM in the Serbian Hall. I have managed to get a table of 8. If you are still interested, Fr. Don is willing to be at a second table. Tickets are \$50. If you are interested, give me a call at the Rectory and I will pick up your tickets. For those who would like to support in a smaller way, Karen Brodzik – parishioner and assistant principal will be manning (or should I say womanning) a table with raffle tickets this very weekend.

Please pray for me, as I do you,

Fr. Pat



BAPTISMS

MADISON JADE GONZALES

child of Robert and Caroline Rodriguez Gonzales
and

CLARYSA IMARI GOMEZ

child of Raul and Estrella Rosado Gomez

were welcomed into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism here at Our Lady of Knock during the month of April. We rejoice with Madison and Clarysa and their families.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Our next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center for the parents of children scheduled for Baptism here at Our Lady of Knock Parish.

If you plan to have your child baptized during the month of May, you must PRE-REGISTER by calling the Rectory, (708) 862-3011 before attending the class. To have your child baptized here, you must be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Knock Parish. Also, Godparents must be practicing Catholics.



WOMEN'S GUILD INSTALLATION

The Women's Guild Installation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, beginning with Mass at 6PM in Church. Dinner will follow immediately after Mass at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 178th & Burnham Ave., Lansing. Cost of the dinner is \$16 and reservations can be made by calling Fran at (708) 862-4038.

Dinner money can be submitted in the Sunday collection or dropped off at the Rectory. Please indicate on the envelope "Women's Guild Dinner." Reservations must be made by **MONDAY, MAY 2nd**. All women of the parish are invited!

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Please join us in celebrating another successful Women's Guild Year!



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

On Saturday, May 7th and Sunday, May 8th, the Our Lady of Knock Respect Life Group will sell beautiful bouquets of fresh cut flowers after the Masses. Prices range from \$7 to \$30.

Proceeds from your purchase will be used to help teen girls and young women who are in a crisis pregnancy situation and need assistance. Please support this life-saving work of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

The Our Lady of Knock Senior Citizens Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, May 5th in the Parish Hall at 1PM. We still have empty chairs for new members. Anyone over the age of 55 is invited to join us.

Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon with a group of friendly people. Play bingo and enjoy delicious treats!



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME !

Plans are still in the works to attend a White Sox ballgame on Sunday, July 31 at 1:10 PM. We are trying to arrange for lower box seat tickets. Cost will be \$57 per ticket if we get a group of 20 or more. The ticket price will be a little higher if we get less people to attend. If you are interested in joining this group of baseball fans, please call the Rectory, (708) 862-3011 as soon as possible. In order to get good seats we need a definite count by May 9th.

Come on out and celebrate Fr. Pat's birthday and hear our favorite organist, Lori, do her thing!

THANK YOU

The Women's Guild would like to say "Thanks" to all who donated baked items, worked at the bake sale, purchased baked goods or gave monetary donations. All of you made this bake sale a huge success!

Our raffle winners are: Beverage Dispenser, Monica Chorba; Sandwich Maker, Doreen Lathrop; Jewelry Set, Doug Hall; Plaque, Ashley Cushing; Beverage Set, Tom Knetl.



Thanks!

Thanks to all who generously made donations of baskets, prizes, gift certificates, etc. for our Day at the Races. This fundraiser was a wonderful parish-wide project as individuals and parish organizations worked to provide a bountiful array of prizes for the raffle. We are also grateful to business donors who provided many donations for this event. Most of all, we thank all who attended and the volunteers who generously gave of their time to help at the event. A huge thank you to all who helped to make this a great success!

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Parish Organizations

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Blessed are those
 who have not seen
 and have believed!





FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Today at the 10:00 Mass we welcome **Carlos Armatys** and **Lourdes Torres** to the Table of the Lord for the first time. We offer our support and prayers for them and their families as we celebrate this special occasion.

Today is also the last class of the year for the children in our program. While we are sad to end our program for the summer when the catechists and I have so much more about our faith to share with them, I know that their parents will continue to build on the foundation of faith we have begun together. We wish them a safe and joyous summer.

Peace,
Cathy

WOMEN'S CENTER

The warmer weather means more moms are able to get over to us and we really enjoy having the opportunity to share with them the wonderful donations that you have given us. In the past two weeks we have given away 10 strollers to moms who really need them to get to the store, doctor's appointments, etc. Please keep an eye out for strollers as you browse the yard and garage sales.

Thank you to everyone who supports this ministry with your prayers, time, and generous donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SOME OF OUR PARISH'S UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| August 21 | Parish Picnic, 11AM |
| September 11 | Footstep's Registration |
| October 8 | Parish Garage Sale |



MARKET DAY PICK UP

Market Day pick up is WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th from 4-5PM in the school hall. Please be on time. Orders cannot be held.

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Greetings From Your Parish School

On Thursday, April 21, we were honored to welcome Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, State Representative/ Calumet City 3rd Ward Alderman Thaddeus Jones, and South Holland Mayor Don DeGraff as we celebrated Government Day at Christ Our Savior Catholic School. President Preckwinkle spoke to the students in Grades 6-8 about her journey from being an alderman of the Chicago City Council to her current position as President of the Cook County Board. Thaddeus Jones addressed the students in Grades 3-5 about his role as a Calumet City alderman and a State Representative. He also spoke to the junior high students as well. Both President Preckwinkle and Representative Jones asked and answered questions of the students. Mayor DeGraff visited with both groups of students and expressed his pride in Christ Our Savior School. Coincidentally their visit coincided with the fact that our 8th grade students have recently passed the Federal Constitution test and are currently preparing to take the Illinois State Constitution exam. They were well prepared for the questions about government that were asked of them. What a WONDERFUL opportunity for our students to meet these government officials.

We would like to thank the following persons, groups, and businesses who donated a variety of items for the Scholarship Gala Raffle Baskets/Ad book this past week: Erica Johnson, Genevieve McDermott, Fr. Pat Lyons, Mike Gifford, Kathy Madden, Gatling Funeral Home, Curry Family, Tim Magurany (Maggy's Tree Service), and Sandrick Law Firm. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please consider attending our Scholarship Gala Fashion Show on Friday, May 13 at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. The evening promises to be the event of the year!! Gala tickets as well as raffle tickets are available at the school office. Don't miss out on a chance to win some wonderful prizes.

With God's Blessing,

Cindy Rogers, Principal

Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bldg/Maint Coll. Footsteps	2 Bible Study 9AM & 2PM Rosary 4PM	3 Bapt. Prep. 7:30PM	4 Bible Study 1PM Market Day 4-5PM	5 Friendship Club 1PM	6 Dust Busters #1 9AM	7 Respect Life Flower Sale AARP/SSAC 9:30AM
8 Catholic Charities Coll. Respect Life Flower Sale <i>Happy Mothers Day!</i>	9 Bible Study 9AM Adoration 2 PM Holy Hour 4PM	10 Women's Guild Install 6PM	11	12	13 Dust Busters #2 9AM	14 Spred Prep 9:30AM
15	16 Bible Study 9AM Bible Study 2PM Rosary 4PM	17	18 Bible Study 1PM	19 Friendship Club 1PM Ushers Mtg 7:30PM	20 Dust Busters #3 9AM Spred Class 7PM	21
22 SOS Coll. PPC Comm. Meeting 11AM	23 Bible Study 9AM Rosary 4PM	24	25	26	27	28 Dust Busters #4 8AM
29	30 Memorial Day Mass 9AM No Bible Study No Rosary	31	<p>©Religious Graphics, Ltd.</p>			



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER— DIVING MERCY SUNDAY)

8:00 AM—Richard Konecki
(Mary Lou) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00 AM—OLK 1st Communion Mass
(Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)

7:00 AM Mass—Richard Konecki
(Mary Lou)
8:30 AM Service—Ted Dominiak
(Marlene & Jeff :
Wife & Son)

TUESDAY (ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Church
8:30 AM Mass—Bob Wartman
(Lori)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (EASTER WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Stan Lampa
(Wife)
8:30 AM Mass—Daniel Bernero
(Fr. Sullivan Chapter of NAIM)

FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM Mass—Richard Konecki
(Mary Lou)
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM Mass—Bob & Della Sosnowski
(Family)

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

5:30 PM—Sandra L. Bergeron
(Parents & Brother) (Fr. Lyons)

SUNDAY (3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER)

8:00 AM—Marge Pasztor
(Andy Pasztor & Family) (Fr. Lyons)
10:00AM—Mary Kozak & Joseph Kozak
(Mary Ann) (Fr. Fenske)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #1, MARIAN, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, May 6th at 9AM.



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION April 17, 2011

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6250	\$6296	+\$46

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$262,500	\$250,912	-\$11,588

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	7	\$10.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	235
Average Donation Per Envelope:	\$25.79

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$18,924.67
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Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION April 24, 2011

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6250	\$5495	-\$755

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$268,750	\$256,407	-\$12,343

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	9	\$14.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	159
Average Donation Per Envelope:	\$29.12

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$18,926.67
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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

The blessing heard around the world! Today we can officially pray to Blessed John Paul II. So many remember this Pope; his faith with vibrancy and frailty inspire us. One way we connect to the light of Christ is through the holiness of others. Some of these holy ones are well-known to the world, most are well-known to ourselves alone.

St. John of the Cross describes the dark night. Everyone I know has entered a 'dark night' at some point in their lives, a time when the evidence of a merciful God remains hidden and distant. Loss of employment, death of a loved one, the chronic illness of a child, the senseless destructive power of racism - the dark night has a legion of manifestations. Is God faithful still? Can I remain faithful without any evidence to do so? And we know the holy ones who answer a resounding yes to both questions.

One form of divine mercy is allowing others to be holy for us so we might connect to God. And then there is another form of divine mercy - knowing that God asks of each of us to be holy for another, allowing holiness to come from within us. Accept that He is Risen for you! Pray: Christ, be our light!

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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