



NOVEMBER 1, 2009

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
ESPECIALLY THOSE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO HAVE
GONE TO THEIR REST DURING THE PAST YEAR.

MARIANNE SOLCZAK

KATIE YATSKO

EDYTHE KWINTERA

DARLENE BAYER

EUGENE CHUDY

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MARIA NICOLE CIPOLLA-MUNOZ

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WALTER SLAWNIKOWSKI

HENRIETTA DROSKI

May They Rest Peacefully With the Lord



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Health Care Reform is still a topic of conversation. The Bishops' Council position centers around 4 points: a truly universal policy with respect for human life and dignity, access for all with a special concern for the poor and inclusion of legal immigrants, restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers, and pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and variety of options. The goal for the final program would do well to include all.

In October our ushers had the added responsibility of the "October Count" requested by the Archdiocese for all parishes. Our total for this year is 1534 with an average of 384 per weekend. The figures for last year were a total of 1723 and an average of 431. The attendance at the 5:30 PM Saturday and the 8 AM Sunday Masses were very similar. The biggest change is at the 10 AM Mass where the average is almost 60 people less. I haven't seen the figures for the surrounding parishes; but I believe they will be similar.

Just as we celebrated the priesthood of Fr. Don and myself last weekend, one of our neighboring churches is celebrating their own ministry. Pastors Archie and Elaine Graham are celebrating the 15th Anniversary of God's Word Christian Assembly at events this coming weekend. If you would be interested, there is a poster in the church entrance listing the activities.

If you are looking for the entrée centerpiece for your Thanksgiving Dinner, the Ushers would be happy to make available chances on their Annual Turkey Raffle beginning next weekend. If you prefer an alternative to turkey, the winnings are gift certificates for Misch's Market for a turkey or a meat of equivalent cost.

Next weekend at all the Masses, I will make the end of the year financial report. Feel free to bring your calculators and look for any mistakes. I do invite your questions and suggestions if something is unclear.

Please pray for me, as I do you.

Fr. Pat



FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE

Our next Focus on the Positive presentation will take place on Thursday, November 12th from 7-8PM in the Parish Hall.

Guest Speaker will be Rev. Michael Michelini. His topic will be "Opening Gifts We Believe and Giving Gifts to the Whole World."

There is no fee. Delicious refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the rectory, (708) 862-3011.

Special Note: There has been a change in the Focus Program for December. The December 10th Focus on the Positive speaker will be Sr. Marie McKenna, Catholic Charities therapist. Her topic will be "Coping with Holiday Stress and Remembering What Christmas is Really About."



WOMEN'S GUILD NOVEMBER MEETING

Please join the ladies of the Women's Guild for a Celebration Mass and Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 10th at 7PM in CHURCH. This a beautiful and intimate celebration of the Mass. All are asked to bring non-perishable items to be given to the Food Pantry of Calumet City.

After a brief meeting in the Parish Hall, names for the December Kris Kringle gift exchange will be selected. As usual, there will be door prize drawings and split-the-pot. Delicious refreshments will be served.

Remember: ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE WELCOME, IN THIS PLACE!





WE'RE WISHING...

The OLK Spred Group is "wishing" for:

- A Norman Rockwell Book
- Picture Books of Animals & Birds
- An empty scrapbook
- 12 cloth napkins
- Corks from wine bottles

If you can donate any of the above items, please bring them to the Rectory. Thank you for the many ways in which you have helped.

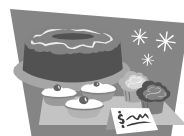


The Calumet City Resources has been blessed for over twenty years with kind and generous supporters who have made a difference. We thank you for being among these wonderful people.

Your gift is matched with countless hours of volunteers who interview, stock shelves, prepare bags of groceries, sort through donated clothing, interact with clients and make compassion more than just a word.

Thank you for your recent donation of food.

Sincerely,
CCR



**WOMEN'S GUILD
FABULOUS BAKE SALE**

Looking for a REALLY special treat? Then you won't want to miss the Women's Guild Bake Sale on Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th.

Mouthwatering creations prepared by the world renowned bakers of our parish will be available for sale in the Parish Hall following the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday and after both Masses on Sunday.

The ladies look forward to seeing you on Saturday and /or Sunday!

All contributions are greatly appreciated!



FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS

Attention All Fun-Loving Seniors: The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Friendship Club will be **Thursday, November 5th** in the Parish Hall beginning at 1PM.

Come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun with your fellow seniors!



**COMING SOON TO
OUR LADY OF KNOCK PARISH:**

**OLK USHERS ANNUAL
TURKEY RAFFLE**

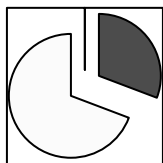
**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND**

**DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE
NOVEMBER 19TH**



POT OF GOLD

Our Pot of Gold continues with another 70 tickets sold this past week. Our fifth early bird winner is Charles Sueppel from South Bend. For a complete sellout, we need to sell closer to 200 tickets a week. Our next drawing is this Sunday after the 10 AM Mass. Get your chances in so you will be eligible.



■ 617 Tickets Sold
□ 1383 Unsold Tickets

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake Breakfast and Raffle last Sunday. It's always fun to come together as a community, especially when it involves syrup and prizes. We are especially grateful to all the workers who made this event a success.

Next Sunday at the 10:00AM Mass the students in our Reconciliation and First Communion programs will be presented to the parish. Please join them as we offer them our support and prayers. Refreshments will follow in the Hall

Peace,
Cathy

FAMILY ROOM NEWS

On October 21st we celebrated the 1st Anniversary of our Family Room. In honor of the occasion my husband Tom and I presented the Family Room staff a statue of an expectant Mary called **Our Lady of Hope**. We hope that it will serve as a reminder to our moms to ask the Blessed Mother to intercede for them to her Son.

We also wanted to report to the parish what we have done in the first year thanks to your generosity and prayers. We have served more than:

Families:	232
Children:	550
Visits:	268

We have distributed more than:

Diapers:	200 packages
Wipes:	300 packages
Cribs and mattresses:	62
Car seats:	50
Strollers:	32
Pack and Plays:	25
Bouncey Seats:	12
Swings:	15

Sleepers, Size 0-3 months: 1,200

Please continue to pray for the families we serve and the amazing volunteers who make this ministry possible.

Cathy

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Congratulations to the following students who were voted as officers for the 2009-2010 Student Council: West Campus officers: President, Whitney Plumery; Vice President, Nicolletta Wilson; Secretary, Kameron Marshbanks; and Historian, Lamart Hudson. East Campus officers: President, Kyla Lee; Vice President, Nathan Holley; Secretary, Gabriella Pierre-Louis; and Historian, Zachary Restaino. Together with their moderators, Mrs. Therese Tobecksen, East Campus, and Mrs. Renae Lewis, West Campus, the Student Council plans many exciting activities for the children during the year as well as service projects for the community. The Student Council members, along with Mrs. Tobecksen and Mrs. Lewis, spend time during their lunch hour as well as after school to organize school events. We thank them for all of the hard work, dedication, and effort they put into making our Student Council a successful extra curricular activity.

Looks like the third time is a charm...after two cancellations because of inclement weather, East and West Campus students in Grades K-3 attended the 17th Annual Plum Creek Fall Fest in Crete. The students celebrated the season of Autumn by experiencing a scenic hayride, walking through the straw maze, visiting the farm animals, and viewing Mulch Mountain. Each child arrived back at school with their very own pumpkin.

The second fundraiser of the school year will be our annual 5/12 Raffle (\$5.00 a ticket – 12 prizes). Tickets go on sale Thursday, October 29. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 15 after the West Campus Christmas Program. If you are interested in purchasing any raffle tickets, please contact either school office. Winner need not be present.

Mark your calendars for our second Scholastic Book Fair. Just in time for your Christmas shopping convenience, Mrs. Brodzik is planning a Scholastic Book Fair at both campuses the week of December 14. Everyone is welcome to attend. Further details will follow in the weeks ahead.

With God's Blessings,

Cindy Rogers, Principal

Karen Brodzik, Assistant Principal



ON APPARITIONS, SAINTS, AND BLESSED ARE THEY

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In Willa Cather's Death Comes for the Archbishop, main characters Bishop Jean Latour and Fr. Joseph Vaillant are missionaries in the 19th century American Southwest. While discussing our Holy Mother's 1531 appearance to Juan Diego in Mexico, Latour tells Vaillant, "Where there is great love, there are always miracles. One might almost say that an apparition is human vision corrected by divine love." So...had any good apparitions lately? I had a dream the other night that three mean-looking, scarred, dwarf Santas were sitting on a bed blocking the door to the men's room in this huge, outdoor mess hall somewhere. Quite a vision, OK, and yet probably not what Cather had in mind.

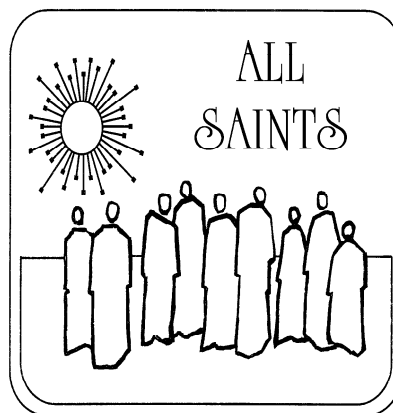
But when the English poet William Blake was four years old, he had a vision of God, and at eight, he saw angels in a tree, with "bright angelic wings bespangling every bough with stars." Now we're talking. Juan Diego's vision, of course, was the stuff not only of angels, but also--given his canonization in 2002--of saints. The Virgin appeared to him and asked that he have a church built for her there. To convince the skeptical bishop, Mary appeared again to Juan Diego, directing him to gather roses from the frozen ground as proof. Juan Diego did as he was told, but when he displayed the flowers to the bishop, it was not the stems and petals the cleric focused on but the radiant image of our Lady imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma.

In today's first reading from the Book of Revelation, the writer speaks of his own vision. "I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God...I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this, I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.'"

Say hello to the communion of saints, for according to one of the elders in John's vision, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." But who are they *exactly*? Yes, they are Juan Diego and the saints we grew up reading about. But they are also all of the holy men, women, and children who go before us in faith, who know of miracles, and who, like Juan Diego, see through "...human vision corrected by divine love." They are the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, the hungry, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted. They are the "great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." Ultimately, they are who we all aspire to be, and on this Solemnity, we especially remember them. Lord, how I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday:	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Tuesday:	Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; Election Day St. Martin de Porres;
Wednesday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	BVM; First Saturday



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Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (ALL SAINTS DAY)

8:00 AM—Rich Paylo
(Family) (Fr. Lyons)

10:00 AM—Joe Chelbana
(Wife Irene) (Fr. Fenske)

MONDAY (ALL SOULS DAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

8:30 AM **Mass**—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

TUESDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Thomas Ryan
(Joe & Dorothy Burke)

8:30 AM **Mass**—William & Collette Goldrick
(Family)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

8:30 AM **Mass**—Rose Kwiatkowski
(Frank & Mary Podsiadlik)

FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 AM **Mass**—Paul R. Harkenrider
(Anna Harkenrider Family)

8:30 AM Service—Karen Emanuel
(Cheryl Marz-Perl)

FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM—Rose Kwiatkowski
(Len & Jan Sajek)

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

5:30 PM—Paul R. Harkenrider
(Anna Harkenrider Family) (Fr. Fenske)

SUNDAY (32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Rose Kwiatkowski
(Rzonca Family) (Fr. Fenske)

10:00AM—Adelene Zajakowski
(Tony & Sylvia Ziak) (Fr. Lyons)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #3, CATHERINE OLSON, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, November 6 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, NICHOLAS CERTA, and all of our beloved dead of past years.

*See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called children of God.*

-1 John 3:1



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION October 25, 2009

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6500	\$5344	-\$1156

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$110,500	\$100,092	-\$10,408

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	14	\$16.53

No. Of Envelopes Used:	232
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$ 21.94
S.O.S.:	\$781.00

Building and Maintenance YTD:	\$6,376.55
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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Today is All Saints Day. A day on which we honor the Saints in heaven. By doing so we are reminded of what awaits us if we persevere in faith.

I believe most people wish to be remembered in some way after they die. Some rely on what is etched into their tombstone. Some live on through the memories that their families pass on from one generation to the next. I would think that for all who have been baptized the celebration of the Mass and when we are mentioned in the prayers for the dead, would be our greatest memorial.

So as we strive to live a faithful life let us call to mind some important things. We are children of God and he promises that one day we will see him face to face. Perhaps then all the things in our life that caused us loss, disappointment, and sadness will begin to make sense. We will realize that what we have gained in heaven has greater value than what we lost while on earth.

It has been said that there is no Saint without a past and no sinner without a future. So let us strive to persevere in our faith, follow the example of the Saints, and seek their help and intercession so we can lead more Christ-like lives.

Please keep us in your prayers,
Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Donald J. Fenske
Deacon Couples: Edward & Carmella Ryan
 Tom & Cathy Knetl
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Alban Hermes, O.P.
 868-1723
DRE: Mrs. Catherine Knetl
 868-1711
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Spred Chairperson: 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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