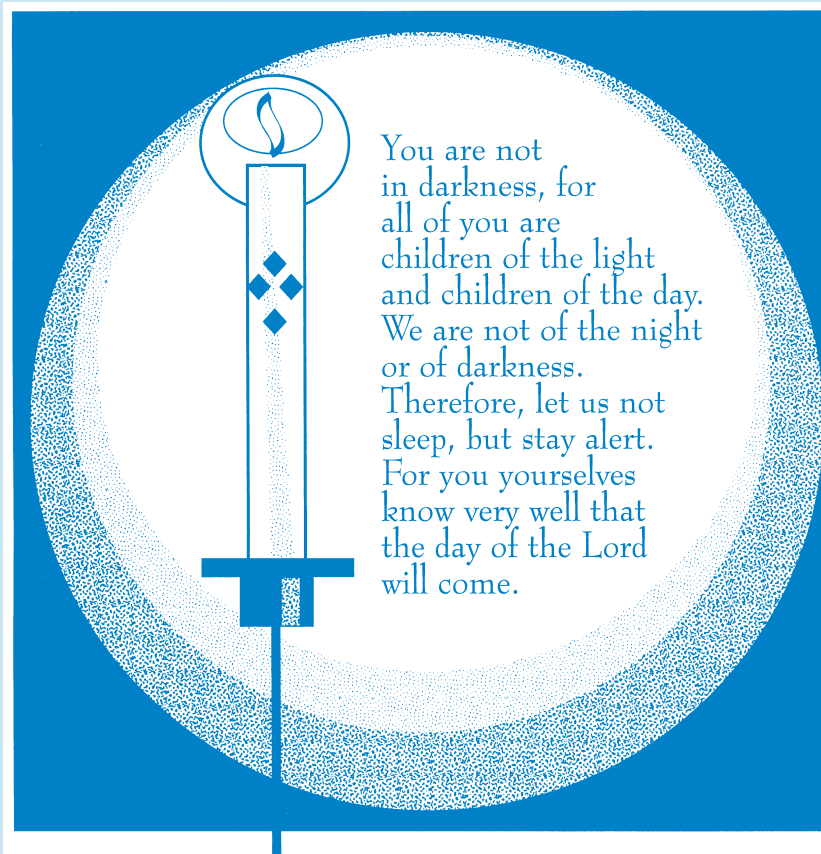


November 16, 2008  
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



You are not  
in darkness, for  
all of you are  
children of the light  
and children of the day.  
We are not of the night  
or of darkness.  
Therefore, let us not  
sleep, but stay alert.  
For you yourselves  
know very well that  
the day of the Lord  
will come.

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OUR LADY OF KNOCK  
CHURCH



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I am grateful for all those who turned in a declaration of intent card to the rectory, through the mail, or in the collection basket. There has already been a noticeable increase in weekend contributions. We were above budget 2 weeks ago and just a bit under budget from last week's donations. Please keep up the good work. For those who might have left their card at home, there is still time to return them.

As a follow-up for support for the parish, some people look at their finances towards the end of the year in light of tax consequences. Any special gift you make to help yourself out will obviously also help us out as well.

I hope you enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Footsteps in Faith Program as much as I did. The food was good and the chance to sit down informally with parishioners was better.

At the Priests' Council Meeting in Mundelein, some time was spent on "best practices and parish guidelines." They centered on what was possible/not possible in areas of awards and invitations, political activity and voter education, placement of priests/pastors, and some changes to the Council Constitution. There was an open forum with Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey (Superintendent of Schools) and Kevin Marzalik (Director of Finance). Many of their comments and our questions spoke to the economic conditions that are effecting our schools and parishes. Two longer range programs Catholics Come Home (archdiocesan wide evangelization program) and Archdiocesan Future Planning (church platform convention for the Archdiocese) were briefly discussed and will return on future agendas. The Lake County Sheriff made a brief presentation about violence in the community that will be followed up by the Chicago Police Commissioner at our January meeting.

The comparable group on a parish basis is the Parish Council. Our Commissions meet this Sunday after the 10 AM Mass. Since we are always looking for new members for the Commissions as well as their committees, all are invited to attend and see what is going on.

Please pray for me as I do you.

*Fr. Pat*



### IT'S TURKEY RAFFLE TIME

Turkey raffle tickets are available in the vestibule or from any usher.

All proceeds are returned 100% to Our Lady of Knock Parish

The drawing will take place on Thursday, November 20th. Be sure to get your ticket today!



### FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH

The next Focus on the Positive presentation will take place on Thursday, December 11th. Guest speaker will be our own Sr. Alban.

Sr. Alban will give a prayerful reflection on the Season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of our Savior.

The presentation will take place in the parish hall beginning at 7PM and concluding at 8PM. Delicious Christmas goodies will be served. There is no fee.

All are most welcome. For more information, please call the rectory at (708) 862-3011.

### USHERS MEETING

There will be an ushers meeting on Thursday, November 20th at 7:30PM in the Ministry Center. The turkey raffle drawing will take place at this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

### MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day pick up will be **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH** in the parish hall from 4-5PM. Order forms are available at the church doors and can be returned to the box in the vestibule or to the rectory.



**ADVENT, 2008,  
A TIME TO SHARE, Part 3**

**Sharing**, the act of **Giving** and **Receiving**, is our theme for Advent this year and last week in the bulletin we told you about one area of **Giving** we will continue; the tradition of the Giving Tree. This week we would like to tell you about another area of **Giving** we would like your help with during the four weeks of this holy season.

Behind the pews in the back of church in our gathering space we will place 4 large containers. Each will be labeled with the name of items necessary to meet some of the needs of those who come to us for help. One will say **Diapers and Wipes** for the Family Room and one will say **Food** for the Resource Center. The other two will be labeled **Winter Clothes** and **Baby Clothes** and these items will be distributed as needed. Think about bringing just one item for each box as your gift to the Child whose birth we celebrate on Christmas.

Watch the bulletin next week for an explanation of the second and very special aspect of our theme, the **Receiving** part.

The Liturgy Committee

**WOMENS' CENTER OF GREATER  
CHICAGOLAND FAMILY ROOM**

Working in our **Family Room** is a little like playing Santa Claus without the reindeer and milk and cookies. Women come to us with their wish lists of things they need for their children and, through your generosity, we are able to send them home with those needed items and the promise of our prayers.

If you would like to volunteer to be one of Santa's helpers on Mondays or Fridays please give me a call, 868 – 1711.

You will also find copies of our Wish List by the doors of the church. Take a few and share them with family and friends.

Thank you for your support and please keep the volunteers and the families we serve in your prayers



**FRIENDSHIP CLUB  
NEWS**

The next meeting of the Friendship Club will be Thursday, November 20th in the parish hall at 1:00PM

Come on out and enjoy a happy afternoon with good friends. There will be time for some games as well as some delicious refreshments, as usual.

Christmas party plans are in the making and Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner.

God bless us all and God bless our great country!



**2008-2009 GOLDEN  
OPPORTUNITY BOOKS  
BOOKS ARE HERE!**

Golden Opportunity Coupon books for 2008-2009 are available here at Our Lady of Knock Rectory. Stop by the Rectory during regular office hours to purchase either the Northwest Indiana or South Suburban edition for just \$25.

Golden Opportunity Books make wonderful Christmas gifts and as we know, Christmas IS just around the corner! For more information, please call the rectory, (708) 862-3011.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT**

A parishioner has a small, one-bedroom apartment, first floor, for rent. Ideal for Seniors. Rent is \$500 per month plus security deposit. For more information call 708-868-2590.

***"THANKS BE TO GOD"***

Our Offertory Enhancement Program enables us to continue our ministries at Our Lady of Knock and outreach to those within our local and greater Church. Thank you to those who have responded

If you have not yet been able to respond, please do so if you can. Extra Intention Cards and envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Cards may be returned to the rectory or in the collection.



## FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

### ADVENT LUNCH OF SHARING AND PRAYER

Date: Next Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Who: All are invited  
 Where: In the Parish hall  
 When: After the 10:00 Mass  
 For: An opportunity to begin the Advent season with a story, an optional craft project, and a delicious lunch of soup and bread.  
 Cost: A donation of food for the Calumet City Resource Center.  
 RSVP: By Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, so we have an approximate count for projects and food, 868 - 1711.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

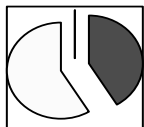
November  
 20<sup>th</sup> – People of the Eucharist, 9:00AM, portable, all adults are invited to this enrichment program. Refreshments will be served.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Advent Lunch  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Blessed Thanksgiving  
 30<sup>th</sup> – No Classes

Peace,  
 Cathy Knetl

## POT OF GOLD

The odds of winning a Pot of Gold prize are a better showing than the Bears for a successful season this year. Our goal is to make a much bigger profit towards our pledge of support to Christ Our Savior Catholic School. There are only 2 weeks left to turn this slow start around.

Please be sure to make your returns as soon as possible. This way you will be eligible for the 2nd and remaining early bird drawings.



■ 824 Tickets  
 Sold  
 □ 1176  
 Unsold

## SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

We have now completed the first quarter of the school year. Report cards were sent home on October 30, and parent teacher conferences were held on Thursday, November 6. Teachers had the opportunity to address the achievements and the needs of each student with their parents. We applaud our teachers for constantly going the extra mile by keeping parents abreast of their child's progress either by telephone calls, e-mails, morning or after school meetings, weekly notes, and at times, daily correspondence. Our teachers also use a variety of strategies, interventions and accommodations in the curriculum to help struggling learners to be successful in their classrooms.

Our fourth through eighth grade students participated in a mock election on November 4. Prior to the school election, the children learned about the candidates, the electoral college and the process of voting on Election Day. With the votes cast, Barack Obama defeated John McCain 194-8.

Marian Catholic High School will host a Step-Up Day for our seventh graders on Tuesday, November 18. Step-Up Day allows those students who are seriously considering Marian Catholic High School a chance to see the school in action. The morning will include mini-sessions which will consist of an opportunity to see and hear about the various athletic teams and extra-curricular activities available at Marian, some hands-on computer time, a chemistry lab presentation, an excerpt of the fall play, a presentation from the Forensic/Speech coach and team, selections from the choir, a performance from the seven-time Grand National Champion Band and a look at the service opportunities and faith life at Marian Catholic. Students will be allowed to visit several of the academic classes while in session as well. What a great experience!

Congratulations to alumni Trent James (2008) and Kwame Watts (2006) who achieved Honor Roll status for the First Quarter at De La Salle Institute.

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



## ON ATHLETES AND TALENTS

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It took me three tries to run a sub-2:50 marathon, and to this day, qualifying for Boston by way of Chicago in 1981 remains one of my greatest sporting memories. I have great memories of actually running Boston for the first time, too, of course. I remember lining up in Hopkinton on Patriot's day in 1982 and checking out my form in the window of a hardware store somewhere along the course. I remember the coeds at Wellesley College and struggling on Heartbreak Hill. I remember keeping that first Boston Marathon t-shirt on a hanger for years between washes and wears. And I remember as fondly as any of these receiving my Amateur Athlete Card from the Boston Athletic Union.

I cherished that card for a long time, as if it were something the Wizard might have had in his bag of tricks. You know. A diploma for the scarecrow, a testimonial for the lion, a heart-shaped clock for the tin man. I *knew* I was an athlete, but getting that piece of paper recognizing me as one meant the world to me. The card is long gone now, lost over the past twenty-seven years to who knows where. But I still cling to what it represented to me back then. When I coached the track and cross country teams for St. Constance Grade School, I always told my runners and jumpers and shot-putters--my SCS Eagles--that God makes us all athletes, but that too many of us just get out of training as we grow older. "Don't ever stop training..." I told them. Regardless of the game.

These distant memories came to mind the other day at the Leaning Tower YMCA on Touhy. I was getting dressed after a run and a shower and the locker room was empty except for two young men and me. They were high-schoolers, I think, and I got the impression they were swimmers. Anyway, they were talking back and forth and I couldn't help but overhear their conversation. One kid did most of the talking. He told his buddy about how to best recover after a work-out. What foods to eat and not eat. The relative value of various sports drinks. The second guy was clearly impressed and asked his friend how he knew all of this stuff. The friend's response gave me pause. "My dad's an athlete," he said. Then he laughed and added, "I mean, he used to be one..."

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the talents. In the story as it is relayed to us, the talent is a unit of money. Two of the servants receive five and two talents, respectively, from their master before he goes away on his journey. A third servant receives a single talent, and we all know how the saga ends. Some people interpret the talents to be the gifts that God grants each of us, gifts that we must never squander. This interpretation, certainly. Today, though, I look at the talents as our all-encompassing call to discipleship which we receive at our Baptisms and which is solidified at our Confirmations. "Don't ever stop training..." I told my Eagles. God makes us all athletes in more ways than one. Even as we struggle, may we always grow in our call to follow Jesus. May we remain forever in His training, and in His game.

May the LORD say to us all

Well done, good and faithful servant!



## Liturgy Intentions

### SUNDAY (33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—George & Florence Wartman  
(Family) (Fr. Lyons)

10:00 AM—Lucille Bakker  
(Family) (Fr. Fenske)

### MONDAY (ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Sophie Chelminski  
(Deborah Helminski)

8:30 AM Service—Phil Sosnowski  
(Mike & MaryBeth Witkowski)

### TUESDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Dick & Mary Thaldorf  
(Family & Friends)

8:30 AM **Mass**—Catherine Graczyk  
(Szewka Family)

### WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

### THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

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

8:30 AM **Mass**—Eugene Olszewski  
(Olszewski Family)

### FRIDAY (PRESENTATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Albertina Dietz  
(Lorraine Rutkiewicz)

8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish

### SATURDAY (VIGIL: CHRIST THE KING)

5:30 PM—Angeline Rzonca  
(Jane & Danny Stocker) (Fr. Fenske)

### SUNDAY (CHRIST THE KING)

8:00 AM—Harry Zajakowski  
(Adeline & Family) (Fr. Lyons)

10:00AM—Elwood Schumacher  
(Betty Ann) (Fr. Fenske)



## DUSTBUSTERS

Group #4, GENA SHONE, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, November 21st 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.



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## Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

### SUNDAY COLLECTION November 9, 2008

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$7000	\$6985	-\$15

#### Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$133,000	\$ 113,961	-\$19,039

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	8	\$9.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	248
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$27.26

**A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM**

Today I would like to give you some thoughts to focus on in the upcoming week. Reflect on one, some, or all and see if it makes a difference in your life.

- When we die, there are only two things that we will be able to take with us: the love with which we have lived our lives, and the good that we have done.
- Jesus calls us his friend. What does this mean to you?
- Fruitful prayer always begins with honesty.
- Many people ruin their day by brooding over mistakes.
- We can never know enough about Jesus.
- We are continually surrounded by the gifts of God.
- We are made in God’s image. To be lacking in forgiveness and compassion is to forget in whose image we are made
- Once we learn from our mistakes, we might do ourselves a favor by putting them out of our minds and concentrating on what went well.
- The desire to know God is God’s gift.
- Because God loves what he has made, he is with us always.
- Today, allow yourself to be amazed at God’s tremendous unconditional love for you.

Enjoy your week in God’s presence!

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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