

October 26, 2008  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR LADY OF KNOCK  
CHURCH



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you for the attention you gave my presentation of the parish finance report for 2007-08. I hope the follow-up mailing you should have received this week gave you an opportunity for a deeper look at our situation. For those who have a more detailed question about the report, please feel free to give me a call. If you have some financial expertise in this area, we are looking for more members to supplement the Finance Committee. Please give me a call.

I am sure you gave a similar attention to the parishioners who spoke at this weekend's Masses. They related the part that OLK played in the life of their families in the past and with all our financial help can be there for them in the future. Thanks to Deacon Tom Knetl, Karen Brodzik, and Denise Rzonca for their insights.

Some of you may have noticed extra lights in the sanctuary of the Church. Originally, our altar was on the back wall. Then the altar was moved forward about 10 feet to implement the new liturgy with the priest facing the people. With our Church renovation on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary, the altar was again moved forward and down two steps to be closer to the congregation. However, the original lighting is immovable and highlights the wrong area. As we experiment with new lights, we hope to better emphasize the altar area and make the celebrant more visible in the rear of the Church. Let us know what you think.

SSAC sponsored a FAITH AND DEMOCRACY public meeting last weekend that highlighted concerns in the areas of healthcare reform, jobs and economic development, educational funding, and immigration reform. Local politicians were there to proclaim their support for these issues. Now it is up to us to reflect on these issues and vote our conscience on November 4th. For those interested in an active role, there is an Annual Rally in Springfield on November 20th. Bus transportation will be available. Give me a call at the rectory if you are interested.

Please pray for me, as I do you.

*Fr. Pat*



### NATIONAL PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2008

Father, You sent your Son, Jesus Christ  
To be our High Priest,  
And you gave us the gift of the priesthood  
To continue his saving work.

Please bless all priests, especially Father Lyons  
and Father Fenske, who serve you so well here at  
Our Lady of Knock Parish.

Make all priests holy.  
Strengthen them to proclaim the Gospel of Life,  
and to defend the rights of all.

Bring us, your priests and people  
To the life that never ends.  
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Thank you  
Father Pat and Father Don  
For all you do!*



### WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL TREAT? Well, look no further!! On Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th, the Women's Guild will hold their Fall Bake Sale in the Parish Hall. Baked goods will be sold on Saturday, October 25th after the 5:30PM Mass and after both Masses on Sunday, October 26th. The wonderful bakers of the Parish are back in their kitchens, baking all the gourmet treats that will tempt your taste buds.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday and Sunday at the Women's Guild Bake Sale. All contributions are greatly appreciated!!



**WOMEN'S CENTER OF  
GREATER  
CHICAGOLAND FAMILY  
ROOM**

The **Family Room** opened last week and it was both an exciting and humbling experience. Exciting because of the opportunity it provides to serve God by helping others and humbling because we realize that the needs of many of these families are greater than we can meet without your help. Please share this list of most needed items with friends, relatives and neighbors and help us provide for those who come to us. Items can be brought to the portable Thank you.

Gently used clothes for moms, babies, and children, **disposable diapers (all sizes)**, baby furniture, bedding, car seats, strollers, diaper bags, safety equipment, formula, blankets, baby soap, shampoo, wipes, etc. are all needed.

The Room is staffed by volunteers and open on Mondays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Fridays from 9:30AM – 3:00PM. We could still use some volunteers so if you can help for even a few hours each month, please call me, 868 – 1711.

Please keep the volunteers and the families we serve in your prayers.



**MARKET DAY  
PICK UP**

Market Day pick up will be Wednesday, October 29th from 4-5PM in the parish hall. Please be on time. Orders cannot be held.

**“THANKS BE TO GOD”  
PLANNED OFFERING PROGRAM**

A second letter will be mailed to you this week inviting you to consider your financial giving to our parish. Your donations help us to serve you and others in our community. We hope that you will be open to this letter, pray about what God is asking of you, and respond accordingly.



**FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**

Our next Focus on the Positive will take place on Thursday, November 13th in the parish hall from 7PM-8PM.

Guest speaker will be **Rev. Dominic Grassi**. Father Grassi was featured in the September 21st issue of the Sun Times as one of the “50 People who Make Chicago a Better Place.” Father Grassi is known as someone who has a very special way with words and with people. He is also the author of the popular “*Bumping Into God*” books.

The program will begin at 7PM and conclude at 8PM. Delicious refreshments will be served. There is no fee. All are invited. For more information, please call the rectory at (708) 862-3011.



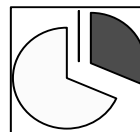
**FRIENDSHIP CLUB NEWS**

Summer is gone, Fall is glorious as usual and the Holidays are just around the corner. Come out and enjoy a peaceful afternoon before the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season Begins. Our next meeting will be Thursday, **NOVEMBER 6TH** in the school hall at 1PM. God bless all!

**Just a thought:** Old age is when you get it all together, then you forget where you put it!

**POT OF GOLD**

The Pot of Gold made just a small spurt this past week. Your help in returning paid chances is extremely important for this major parish fundraiser in support of our parish school – Christ Our Savior. We have only a month to go with about a third of the chances sold. Please be sure you make your returns as soon as possible. This way you will be eligible for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and remaining early bird drawings.



■ 630 Tickets Sold  
□ 1370 Unsold

## FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Be sure and mark your calendars; only 2 weeks until our

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST/ RAFFLE/BAKE SALE

Date: Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 Place: Parish Hall  
 Menu: Delicious homemade pancakes, sausage, and beverages  
 Also: Bake sale and Raffle  
 Tickets will be sold at the door.

### Dates to Remember

#### October

30<sup>th</sup> – People of the Eucharist, adult enrichment program 9:00 AM, portable.

#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> – Reconciliation Parents' Meeting, 9:00 AM  
 - Sacramental Enrollment Mass, 10:00 AM, refreshment to follow.  
 - Community Meal

9<sup>th</sup> – **Pancake Breakfast/Raffle/ Bake Sale**

23<sup>rd</sup> – Advent Lunch of Sharing and Prayer, 11:00 AM

Peace,  
Cathy Knetl

## FIRST SATURDAY MASS CELEBRATES ALL SAINTS

November 1st (All Saints Day) is **NOT** a holy day of obligation this year. However, we will celebrate the occasion at our First Saturday Mass at 8:30 AM. After Mass, the rosary will be recited by the members of our parish. In this manner we can celebrate both events as we remember Mary – Queen of All Saints.

## SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Presidential elections are very important and occur only once every four years. For this reason, grades 4 and 5 at the West Campus have taken a break from the regular social studies curriculum to focus on the elections. Each student received a Scholastic reference book compliments of Mrs. Gifford titled The People Pick A President. As part of their social studies class, students read the book, asking questions and taking notes along the way. Each student researched a presidential candidate and prepared a report. Other election related assignments were done as well. Students learned who votes, who can run for office, how primaries and caucuses work, what happens at conventions and what it takes to get elected. They learned about Election Day and the electoral college. They have engaged in lively discussions about the candidates and the issues. Their study of the election will culminate on Election Day when they cast their votes in class.

Our school, in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, is accepting donations of a variety of personal grooming items, books, magazines, and non-perishable food items to send to our troops. The donations will be distributed by the chaplains to the troops serving in Iraq. Items may be donated through Friday, October 31. If you would like to make a donation to the troops, items can be brought to either campus main office. Some suggested items are: hand sanitizer, sunscreen (30SPF+), bug spray, shampoo, soap, sunglasses, batteries, playing cards, pens, pencils, toothpaste, toothbrushes, phone cards and stamps. Thank you for your generous support to our troops!

### ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to former students Kelly Costello, Alex Jackson and Katie McMillen, Marian Catholic sophomores who received a Marian "Letter of Academics" for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average for two consecutive semesters. The three students, along with their parents, were honored at a breakfast held at the school's Leadership Center on Thursday, October 16.

With God's Blessings,

*Cindy Rogers*, Principal  
*Karen Brodzik*, Assistant Principal

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>©Religious Graphics, Ltd.</p>						1 1st Sat. Mass 8:30AM
2 Bldg/Maint Coll. Footsteps 8:30AM	3 Bible Study 9AM Rosary 7:15PM	4 ELECTIONS Bible Study 2PM Bapt. Prep. 7:30PM	5 St. VdeP 7PM	6 Friendship Club 1PM	7 Dust Busters #2 9AM Spred Class 7-9PM	8
9 Pancake Breakfast 8AM RCIA 11AM Footsteps 8:30AM	10 Bible Study 9AM Adoration 5-7:15PM Holy Hour 7:15PM	11 Women's Guild 7PM	12 Bible Study 1PM	13 Focus on Positive 7-8PM Fr. Grassi	14 Dust Busters #3 9AM	15
16 Commissions Mtg. 11AM Footsteps 8:30AM	17 Bible Study 9AM & 2PM Rosary 7:15PM	18 Ministry of Care 7:30PM	19	20 Friendship Club 1PM	21 Dust Busters #4 9AM Spred Class 7-9PM	22
23 Campaign For Human Dev. Sharing & Prayer 11AM Footsteps 8:30AM	24 Bible Study 9AM Rosary 7:15PM	25 Market Day Pick Up 4-5PM	26 Bible Study 1PM	27 Mass 9AM 	28 Dust Busters #5 9AM	29
30 SOS Coll.  NO Footsteps	<p>May the LORD say to us all</p> <hr/> <p>Well done, good and faithful servant!</p>					



## Liturgy Intentions

### SUNDAY (30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Walter Gozdecki  
(Family) (Fr. Fenske)  
10:00 AM—Tom & Cathy Knetl  
(40th Wedding Anniversary) (Fr. Lyons)

### MONDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Mass—Joseph Gambino  
(Fran)  
8:30 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish

### TUESDAY (SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish  
8:30 AM Mass—Rich Paylo  
(Family)

### WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

### THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish  
8:30 AM Mass—Anne Steiner  
(Family)

### FRIDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Mass—Olga Pekala  
(Sister Alban)  
8:30 AM Service—Walter & Kate Paszmowski  
(Family)

### FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM —Bernice Jackson  
(Lehnerer Family)

### SATURDAY (VIGIL: ALL SOULS DAY)

5:30 PM—Bridget McCann  
(McCann Family) (Fr. Lyons)

### SUNDAY (ALL SOULS DAY)

8:00 AM—Purgatorial Society of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish (Fr. Lyons)  
10:00AM—Purgatorial Society of  
Our Lady of Knock Parish (Fr. Fenske)



## DUSTBUSTERS

Group #6, KATHY/KAREN Captain, please be at the church on Saturday, November 1st at 8AM.

## MASS BOOK INFORMATION

The Rectory Office will begin taking intentions for the year 2009 on Wednesday, October 29th. Intentions will be taken Mondays through Fridays, 9 AM to 5PM. Parish policy limits each family to ONE weekend OR ONE holiday Mass and FOUR combinations of weekday Masses and Communion Services.

Mass intentions will be taken by phone for parishioners who are unable to come to the rectory in person.

Please do not ask rectory personnel to take intentions for 2009 before October 26th.

Requested donation is \$10 per Mass or Communion Service.



## Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

### SUNDAY COLLECTION October 19, 2008

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$7000	\$6107	-\$893

### Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$112,000	\$ 94,214	-\$17,786

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	8	\$10.00

No. Of Envelopes Used:	219
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$26.14
Propagation of Faith	\$1,016.00

**A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM**

I would like to begin by wishing my wife a happy and blessed 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I don't know where the years have gone but no matter what our situation has been she has been my strength and support. And believe me there were times when I wasn't that easy to get along with, or, put up with. Probably a big "Thank You," is also in order.

I would also like to take a moment to reflect on being a married deacon.

The Catholic view of marriage is that marriage is a vocation, marriage is a lifelong commitment, marriage contributes to the common good of society, married love reveals God, and the sacrament of marriage extends beyond the wedding day.

As a married deacon, I have a unique role. Many deacons are married and many of us have great marriages, but we will readily acknowledge that we have also struggled, often with great difficulty, to sustain our marriage. As deacons we believe in the grace of the sacrament of marriage. On occasion our spouses have reminded us gently, and sometimes not so gently, that we can't forget our first priority – being a loving spouse and caring for our families. Along with this commitment in our marriage comes our willingness to share the good news of married love to all those with whom we come in contact.

Yes, it is a unique role to be a married deacon. And as a deacon couple, Cathy and I must continue to promote marriage and family. We continue to do this through the witness of our own marriage – by loving our spouse.

Cathy, I Love You!

Please keep us in your prayers

Your brother in Christ

*Deacon Tom*

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**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Donald J. Fenske  
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**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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