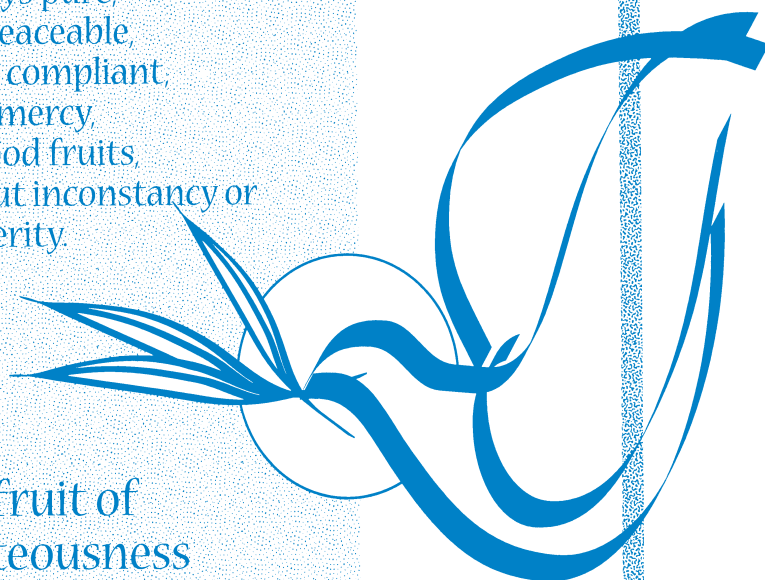


September 20, 2009
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom from on high
is always pure,
then peaceable,
gentle, compliant,
full of mercy,
and good fruits,
without inconstancy or
insincerity.

The fruit of
righteousness
is sown
in peace
for those who
cultivate peace.



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OUR LADY OF KNOCK
CHURCH



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

For those who weren't aware, it was Sr. Alban's birthday last Sunday. As usual she played sacristan at the Masses, arranged for cross bearers, and took her turn as lector or extraordinary minister. She is in charge of our social outreach. As such she spent time with a needy man who needed carfare for work on Monday. She then had her first class this year with the RCIA program and had candidates from St. Jude, St. Andrew and here. She then took her turn as cook for the meals at St. Victor before finally putting her feet up around 5 PM. I mention these events to share with you what a treasure she is to the parish and to ministry in God's service. However, the main reason is to point out that the combination of priest shortage and tight economy means existing staff take on more roles than previously. Whether it is our parish or any parish, if you hear a complaint about there is less attention to parish needs, you might ask the "concerned parishioner" what has he/she done to help out lately.

Speaking of parish staff, this weekend, you may get a picture of my replacement at retirement time. A Mundelein seminarian will speak at all the Masses about his journey and hopes. If he happens to remind you of someone you know in your family or in your neighborhood, you might suggest priesthood to him.

As a follow-up to the Theology on Tap program this summer, there will be a monthly Mass geared to young adults at St. Ann in Lansing. The next opportunity is next Sunday, September 27 at 6 PM offered by Fr. John Cusick, leader of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Since healthcare is still a hot topic, here is a website sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that will give you relevant information – www.usccb.org/healthcare.

The Catholic Festival of Faith is just around the corner. A few staff members and catechists are planning to attend. If you are interested, there are a multitude of flyers on the bulletin board at the church entrance. Check out this site: www.catholicfest.org

Please pray for me, as I do you.

Fr. Pat



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Members of the OLK Spred Ministry are taking part in the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend. You will see them at the OLK church doors before and after Masses.

Spred's only source of funding comes from the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. Please consider making a donation toward some delicious Tootsie Rolls.

Also, direct donations to the OLK Spred Ministry are always welcome!



OLK PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS MEETING

The Commissions of the Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, September 27th in the parish hall following the 10AM Mass.

All organizations and ministries are asked to have a representative present at this meeting.



OLK PET BLESSING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

The Annual Our Lady of Knock Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis will take place on Saturday, October 3rd in the parking lot at 10:00AM

All pets are invited (and bring your owners, too!).

PEOPLE OF THE EUCHARIST

People of the Eucharist is a monthly adult education and discussion group for those who would like to explore their faith more fully.

Our first meeting for this year will be **Thursday, September 24th at 9:00 AM** in the Church. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The monthly pledge billings for the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal pledges have been mailed. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal.

Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, we receive all of the additional funds for use in our parish ministries.

PARISH GOAL:	\$ 22,566.00
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$ 19,910.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$ 18,034.00
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 1,876.00



FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE

The next Focus on the Positive presentation will take place on Thursday, October 8th in **church** beginning at 7PM and concluding at 8PM.

Guest speaker will be **Rev. Dominic Grassi**. He is known as someone who has a very special way with words and with people. He is the author of the popular "*Bumping Into God*" books.

All are invited. Delicious refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the rectory, (708) 862-3011.



GARAGE SALE UPDATE

Just a reminder that our garage sale is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th** and we will need a lot of willing hands to make this event a great success. If you can help ahead of time with pricing or set-up the week of the sale, or lend a hand the day of the sale please leave your name and number at the rectory.

This event will also depend on the generous donations of your treasures so we wanted to let you know what we would like to have available to sell.

We are planning to sell household items, tools, toys, books, decorations, small appliances, furniture, lamps, dishes, pots & pans, etc. So start cleaning those closets and pantries. We will not sell clothing or major appliances like stoves or refrigerators. TV sets that work will be accepted.

We have set a few dates for you to drop off your treasures: **Saturday, September 26th from 10 - 2** and **Monday, October 5th from 5 - 8PM**. Volunteers will be available on those days to help you unload your car.

Our garage sale will include a raffle and a dining area where breakfast and lunch can be purchased as you browse for great bargains. Keep watching the bulletin for more information

Parish Garage Sale Committee

REGIONAL YOUNG ADULT MASS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 6:00 PM

St. Ann Parish
3010 Ridge Road
Lansing, Illinois

Join Your Peers
College Age, 20's & 30's, Married and Single

Social Time
With Tacos Available to Follow

FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH

Even though we have already started it is not to late to register. Our program works in partnership with the parents to provide Religious Education for the children of our parish who are in grades Pre-K - 8th and attend the public schools. Just give me a call, 868 - 1711, and we will make arrangements to meet. Due at registration will be the first month's tuition and book fees. New students must also bring a copy of their Baptismal certificate.

Tuition:

\$150.00 for one child,

\$200.00 for a family with 2 or more children.

Tuition can be spread out over 8 payments.

Book fee: \$25.00 per student

Peace,
Cathy



FAMILY RESOURCE ROOM

Yesterday was a busy day in the Family Resource Center as we switched our clothes from summer to winter wear. The task of unpacking, sorting, and folding the clothes is a big job and I am very grateful for everyone who offered their help and to those who donated the much needed items.

Please keep our moms and their children in mind when you unpack your families' winter clothes and find that some items no longer fit. We'd love to give them a new home. Thank you to everyone who keeps us in your prayers.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Matthew; Eid al-Fit'r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week
Tuesday:	Autumn begins
Wednesday:	St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday:	St. Cosmas and St. Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

SHEDSOMELIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Plans for our first Black Tie Gala in the Spring of 2010 are now underway. We are seeking alumni from our founding parish schools: St. Andrew, St. Jude the Apostle, St. Victor, Holy Ghost, Our Lady of Knock, and Queen of Apostles. Your gifts and talents are needed to help form committees for our black tie affair. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Tanzy Lewis, Advancement Director, at 708-333-8173 for further details.

Our students attended Mass on Friday, September 11 in honor of those who perished in the tragic 9/11 attack eight years ago. The West Campus fifth grade students, led by Mrs. Sandy Radecki, prepared the school liturgy. The East Campus students participated in a very moving Blue Mass honoring local police officers, firefighters and emergency service workers of Calumet City who risk their own lives each and every day.

We would like to thank everyone who participates in the Target "Take Charge of Education" program through use of their Target REDcards. We recently received a check in the amount of \$700 from Target to be used for school needs. The program donates up to 1% of a buyer's purchase to their designated school. To participate, you need a REDcard; to enroll in the program go to Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142.

If you have any alumni news that you would like to share, please let us know. You may send the information to Miss Rogers or Mrs. Brodzik. We love to hear about our former students' accomplishments.

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

POSSIBILITIES

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

—St. Lawrence



ON WRITING, AND BEING FIRST, AND LAST

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My friend Meri is a writer, and our conversations often turn to the craft we both love. Meri writes fiction, having put together a manuscript of well over two hundred pages. I know people who call themselves writers but who seldom write. Meri's production, though, speaks for itself, so whether her manuscript gets published or not--and she's just now beginning to put herself out there--this woman qualifies for the title. She recently registered for an upcoming fiction writers conference and she e-mailed me the link. I told her I was content for now to be writing nonfiction, adding that it seems easier to simply relate existing stories each week rather than having to invent new ones.

Meri said she thinks nonfiction is tougher, "especially to keep it interesting and insightful on a weekly basis." This column you're reading (and as always, thanks for stopping by) is in its 14th year. That's a lot of deadlines, but so far, so good. Making deadline, I mean. Not the quality of the work. I always *try* to be interesting and insightful, but the words don't always deliver. I told Meri I think I'm brilliant sometimes--Pulitzer material--while other times I struggle just to get words (any words) on paper. Meri said when she looks back at her work sometimes, certain passages that were once great in her mind read poorly to her. But vice versa, too. This, perhaps, is what keeps all writers going.

In his essay "Ranking, Evaluating, and Liking: Sorting Out Three Forms of Judgment," Peter Elbow, a guru in the world of English composition and assessment, makes the case that liking one's own work is critical to a writer's success. Why? Because it makes the writer want to do better. According to Elbow, "Conventional wisdom assumes a Darwinian model: poor writers are unread; then they get better; as a result, they get a wider audience, finally, they turn into Norman Mailer. But now I'd say the process is more complicated. People who get better and get published really tend to be driven by how much *they* care about their writing." If I didn't like my own work, I would have put my pen down years ago when those initial rejection letters came flying in.

Jesus chides his disciples today for arguing who's the greatest among them. I want to be the best bulletin columnist ever. Does this make me a bad guy? I don't think so. But in my human-ness, I even cut the disciples a little slack for essentially trying to out-Christ each other. Like Meri's going to the conference, it seems everyone should strive to get to the top of their game, no matter the game. And yet Jesus brings it home for all of us when he says, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." It's good to like ourselves--especially in our shortcomings--because this pushes us to be better in whatever it is that we do. We just have to always remember who ultimately is behind each gift we bring to the world. We have to remember, too, that we've been given our gifts to grow the Kingdom as best we can. At your service, then. Thanks again for reading. I'll let you know about the Pulitzer.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?



Liturgy Intentions

SUNDAY (25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Sophie Kmetz
(Family) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00 AM—Ray Griggs
(Chet) (Fr. Lyons)

MONDAY (MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Henrietta Czerniak
(Claudine)
8:30 AM Service—William & Claudette Goldrick
(Family)

TUESDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM **Mass**—Joseph Kozak & Dorothy Davis
(Mary Ann Kozak)

WEDNESDAY - NO LITURGIES

THURSDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM Service—Purgatorial Society of
Our Lady of Knock Parish
8:30 AM **Mass**—Anne Phillips
(Tony & Sylvia)

FRIDAY (WEEKDAY)

7:00 AM **Mass**—Stan Lampa
(Wife)
8:30 AM Service—Intentions of All Parishioners of
Our Lady of Knock Parish

SATURDAY (VIGIL: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

5:30 PM—Michael Keenan
(Leslie & Chris) (Fr. Fenske)

SUNDAY (26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM—Sophie Kmetz
(Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stefaniak) (Fr. Fenske)
10:00AM—Shirley Griggs
(Chet) (Fr. Lyons)



DUSTBUSTERS

Group #2, JO KENNEDY, Captain, please be at the church on Friday, September 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.

Wedding Banns

I & II - Kimberly Laster and Christopher Vlcek



Our Lady of Knock Parish Stewardship Report

SUNDAY COLLECTION September 13, 2009

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$6500	\$6713	+\$213

Fiscal-Year-To-Date

REQUIRED BUDGET	TOTAL ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
\$71,500	\$ 66,799	-\$4,701

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES	NUMBER	TOTAL
	13	\$16

No. Of Envelopes Used:	237
Average Donation Per Envelope	\$27.23



A MESSAGE FROM DEACON TOM

Do it now! There's an old saying that actions speak louder than words. Our actions should always give credence to the changes that Christ can make in the lives of those who walk with him. God calls each of us to act according to his will and with respect for his commandments. If we are to be responsible believers, we must realize that it is never enough to hear the instructions of God. We must also live by them. And it is never enough to wait idly by while others do God's work here on earth. We too must act. Doing God's work is a responsibility that each of us must bear, and when we do, we build character moment by moment, day by day.

Are you in the habit of doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done, or are you a dues paying member of the Procrastinator's Club? If you've acquired the habit of doing things sooner rather than later, congratulations! But, if you find yourself putting off unpleasant tasks until later, or never, it's time to think about the consequences of your behavior.

One way you can defeat procrastination is when you are facing a difficult choice or an unpleasant responsibility, don't spend endless hours fretting over your fate. Simply seek God's counsel and get busy. When you do, you will be richly rewarded because of your willingness to act. So today, pick out one obligation you've been putting off and take a step to complete it.

Please keep us in your prayers
Your brother in Christ

Deacon Tom

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 Tom & Cathy Knetl
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 868-1723
DRE: Mrs. Catherine Knetl
 868-1711
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Spred Chairperson: Cheryl Marz-Perl
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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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