MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH February 27, 2011

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> "Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" ~Mt 6:26

Excerpts from the *Lectionary* for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Schedule

<u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass Thurs.: Communion Service All at 8:30 a.m.

<u>Rosary Devotion</u> Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



FROM THE ARCHIVES

"When you give alms (works of mercy) do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing and your Father who sees in secret, He will repay you."

In this season of serious alms giving and works of mercy, I reprint a note written in 1996. Jesus always comes back to repay you.

It doesn't happen very often and so I have learned never to expect it. When it does happen, it is oh, so sweet!

Despite the so-called rosy economic look, there are a lot of people in financial trouble. I daresay we have had more people at the door in the last two months than all of the rest of the year combined. And I must confess that after a while I get a little wary. The hardest thing to discern is when you are genuinely helping people or when you are playing the co-dependent and simply enslaving them in their habits of self-destruction. It is a judgment call almost impossible to make.

A holy man once told me that whether you give something or not is not as critical as paying attention to the person in front of you, to look into their eyes and to give them the time of day (sometimes it's easier and faster to just stuff cash in their hands and dismiss them). About three years ago, there were two young Mexican men not at my door but sitting in my backyard. They were accompanied by a state trooper. They looked a wreck. I would later learn that they hadn't slept in two days, eaten in three nor changed their clothes in a week. The officer told me of their plight. They were caught by a trucker on I-57 who found them hiding inside the wind cowl of his semi-tractor. They had evidently hid in there at the rest stop near Peotone. Can you imagine traveling sixty miles an hour down the interstate holding on for dear life and not knowing where you're going? Well, lucky me, they ended up in my backyard.

"Cual es tu nombre?" What is your name? "Jesus" (that's pronounced hey-soos). And to the other I asked the same question, "Jesus, también." Oh, great, I thought, just what I need, two Jesus's in my backyard. I thanked the officer for bringing them to me and told him I would take care of them.

I looked into their eyes. Hidden under the grime and the hardness of their life, I saw two young boys, vulnerable and scared out of their wits. I asked them what I could do for them and they couldn't even respond. I brought them into the house, found a change of clothes for them and pointed to the shower. A half hour later they emerged looking (and smelling) much better. Luis took them to an all-you-can-eat buffet and, believe me, the restaurant made no money on them that day. By now, they were more relaxed and told me that what they truly wanted to do was to get back to Atlanta where at least they had some friends and the possibility of work. A bus for Atlanta didn't leave until the next morning and so, after discussing it with Luis and his brother, Jose, who was living with us at the time, we invited them to stay for the night. I unfolded the hide-a-bed in the downstairs living area and quietly instructed Luis to lock his room. My room and Jose's don't have locks on them, so Luis with a smile suggested that we just hide the kitchen knives. Very funny, I thought, but didn't smile.

Very early the next morning Luis drove them to the bus station, bought them tickets to Georgia (one of our parishioners three days before put some money in my hand and said, "Here, use this for the poor."), gave them \$20 of his own money for food and bade them farewell. And that was that. Until last Friday. I had just come back from Mass and was on my way out to the hospital when the front doorbell rang. It was a young Hispanic man and I asked him with an audible sigh in Spanish if I could help him. He responded in English. "Do you know who I am?" I had violated my own rule and did not want to look in his eyes but did so. He seemed familiar but being poor not only at names but also faces, I couldn't place him. "I'm Jesus" he said. "Sure" I thought, "they are all Jesus." "Don't you remember? Three years ago you took me in and sent me and my friend back to Atlanta." It was him alright, Jesus #1. He told me that he couldn't remember the name of the church or my name but remembered that he was in the city of Kankakee. And so he took a bus from Louisville where he is now living to Chicago down to Kankakee and started walking from Catholic church to Catholic church until he found us. St. Teresa was the fourth church he visited. "All I ask from you, Father, is un sobre (an envelope)." I gave him an envelope, invited him in, asked him if he was hungry (silly question) and we shared breakfast together. I told him it was neat to see him and asked him what he was doing in the area. He told me he had some business and would be returning to Louisville the next day. I offered to take him to the bus depot and drop him off on my way to the hospital. "That would be just fine." As he was leaving the car he handed me the envelope and said, "Sometime I will see you again." "I hope so", I said and gave him my name and address. "By the way, what's your name?" "Jesus Estrada" he replied. As he left the car I shouted out, "Que les vaya con los ángeles." And that was that. Well, not quite.

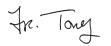
While I was on my way to the hospital, it hit me. Sometimes I'm a really slow learner. Jesus made the trip from Louisville, Kentucky to Chicago to Kankakee and back again simply to find me and thank me. It wasn't an afterthought or a side trip. I was the reason for the trip. Talk about dense. I

Note from the Pastor (cont.)

just didn't get it. I then opened the envelope and inside was a new \$50 bill, a new \$20 bill, and the oldest \$100 bill I have ever seen in my life. It looked like it went through the Civil War. I was touched and humbled at the same time.

The Bible is pretty explicit. When you give money, give it with the idea that you will not be repaid, and your Father in heaven will do the repaying. Through the years whenever people "borrow" money, it is a given that I probably will never see it again. So when something like this happens, I am completely blown out of the water. I have been looking at the old \$100 bill now for a week and have decided to frame it along with this Note from the Pastor. One of these days, Jesus Estrada is going to cross my path again and this time I will have a present for him.

In Jesus, the Eternal Gift Giver,



Parish News



Deadlines for the bulletin for the month of March:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, March 13	Friday, March 4
Sunday, March 20	Friday, March 11
Sunday, March 27	Friday, March 18

Also, this is a reminder that the bulletin deadline has been moved to Friday at noon.

Thank you for your cooperation.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish News

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



<u>Ash Wednesday</u> Wednesday, March 9 Mass 8:30 am & 7:00 pm Distribution of Ashes Noon & 4:00 pm

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

Parish Penance Service Tuesday, March 29 7:00 p.m.

<u>Parish Mission with Fr. Tony</u> <u>At Immaculate Conception</u> April 3, April 4, April 5 - 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday Thursday, April 21 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.



<u>Good Friday</u> Friday, April 22

Children's Living Stations 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

<u>Holy Saturday</u> Saturday, April 23

Blessing of Easter Baskets 11 a.m. in Church

> Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday Sunday, April 24 Masses: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m 12:00 noon

Parish News



COLLECTION OF UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The Peace and Justice Committee will be collecting unwanted prescription drugs at all three

masses this weekend of February 26 and 27. We will take both expired and unexpired drugs. The drugs with remaining efficacy will be given to the Medical Mission of St. Pious Catholic Church for redistribution in countries such as Bolivia, Ecuador and Haiti. Expired drugs will be dropped off at the Naperville hazardous waste disposal facility.



THE HOLY FATHER ASKS FOR IT

Pope John Paul II said: "The encouragement and the deepening of Eucharistic worship are proofs of that authentic renewal which the Council set itself as an aim, and of which

they are the central point. The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation... May our adoration never cease." Come and spend some quiet time in adoration and contemplation during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, March 7 from 9 am to 7 pm. You are invited to join us for Benediction at 7:00 pm to close the day. Please see the sign-up poster in the back of church if you wish to join other adorers during a given hour of the day. For guestions call Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214 or Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.

****************** ✻ ****** **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** ∦ **"WOMAN OF THE YEAR"** ⋇ **NOMINATIONS**

** Nominations for Mary Queen of Heaven "Woman of the Year" are being held the weekends of Febru-* ary 26/27 and March 5/6. All ladies, ages 18 and *** older, can nominate a woman they feel leads a life ******* of faith and love and who has given generously of her time and talent to the various ministries and organizations in our parish. They should also give a ****** reason why they feel their nominee should be chosen. Nominating slips will be found in the pews those weekends and may be deposited in the collection basket or in the basket in the back of church.

To be eligible for the "Woman of the Year", nominees must be MQH parishioners, not parish staff, ** over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years. * *



EMHURST WALK-IN MINISTRY IC FOOD PANTRY THIS WEEKEND

Our food collection for the Elmhurst Walk-In

Ministry/IC Food Pantry will take place this weekend of February 26/27. The cupboards are bare. There is a great need for canned fruit, vegetables, soup, prepared foods, jello, pudding, juice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, baking items, toilet tissue, kleenex, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, etc. and any other cleaning supplies, nonperishable. Your contributions to this food drive over the past year are very much appreciated by the food pantry and the families that benefit from it. Please continue to be as generous as possible. Thank you.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING March 10, 2011 (Thursday) 7 pm - 8 pm in Church

EUICHARISTIC As our Parish family continues to grow, so MINISTERS does the need to increase the number of Eucharistic Ministers. Even with our dedicated core, we could always use new members to provide Communion at the Lord's table. The "how-to's" will be explained at this training session. Teenagers from 16 years old to grandparents are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Derrick StaRosa at (630) 291-9115; otherwise, we'll see you there.

FAITH CONNECTION **COME AND SEE**

Our small Christian community meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month except during the summer months. We do not discuss theology, nor do we pretend to be scripture scholars, but we do experience the support that comes from sharing our faith journeys.

If you were in an SCC in the past, or if you have ever wondered about what an SCC does, we invite you to "come and see" by joining our group, Faith Connection this Lent. We will be exploring the Christian life, including conversion to Christ, reconciliation, and redemption. The first meeting is on Thursday, March 10. This is a great way to explore faith sharing with just a six-week commitment. You may want to continue meeting with us after Lent. We would encourage that too! For questions, or to make a six-week commitment, please contact Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238 or Debbie Styka at 630-941-7224.

Parish and Religious Education News

ABOLISHMENT OF DEATH PENALTY

On February 9, DePaul University unveiled the personal archives of Sister Helen Prejean, the outspoken New Orleans nun and author who became one of the nation's leading voices against the death penalty and whose story was the basis of the film "Dead Man Walking."

Her archives include personal journals, notes from meetings, letters, speeches and other artifacts spanning three decades. "Sister Prejean has long been a leading light in the fight for social justice across a wide spectrum of issues, especially the movement to end capital punishment in the United States," said the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, DePaul's president. Illinois legislators voted to abolish the death penalty last month. Gov. Pat Quinn still must sign the legislation for it to become law. John Holden, a spokesman for DePaul, said Prejean's gift had nothing to do with the pending legislation, but was purely coincidental.

To contact Gov. Pat Quinn's office in support of the abolishment of the death penalty call: 217-782-0244 or 312-814-2121.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

There is one Open House remaining for registration: Thursday, March 3 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Our classes are filling up quickly. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Preschool is full, but there are still openings for Tuesday and Thursday and all days for the KEP Program.

For information please contact : Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500 Website: www.maryqueenpresschool.org

Christian Worship Commission

Prayer A

Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray

for these persons every day.

Jim McMahon Sheila Reiter

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, March 5 - Confirmation final interviews will take place in the school building for all our 8th graders starting at 9:00 am. Candidates have been notified by mail of their exact interview time and place.

Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm: Fr. Tony will meet in Church with all 8th grade Confirmation candidates, parents, and if possible, sponsors. Please note: there will be no 5:15 pm 8th grade class on March 16.

The 5:15 8th grade Confirmation class wishes to thank all the wonderful parishioners who supported their Bake Sale on Sunday, February 13th. They sent out a special thanks to a guardian angel (she also happens to be a Sister) who dropped off 12 loaves of heavenly home baked bread for the sale. The class is sending \$625 to Ronald McDonald House. This is quite an accomplishment since there are only 12 young people in the class and only 9 were able to participate. They certainly gave new meaning to making good on an investment. This past fall Fr. Tony gave each 8th grade class \$100 to use as seed money for a group service project if they wished. Congratulations 5:15 Confirmation class, job well done.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Socha and Mrs. Giammarino who share their faith with this group each week. You are both a gift to our RE program.

> For more information on any of the above, please contact:

Mary Ann Woods at the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 5 - SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011						
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM			
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony			
Lector	A. Novar D. Novar	R. Villamil	S. Napolilli			
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Los (S) H. Todd (C) M. White B. Eadon L. Loresch C. Reisenbuckler G. Psztrzoch	D. Styka (S) R. Styka (C) J. Unger K. Vicary K. Carambot T. Nanak A. Grozik	P. Mason (S) D. Justus (C) J. Spears B. Quist M. Quist K. Mueller J. Lindberg K. Gusloff			
Altar Servers	ТВА	TBA	ТВА			



Collection Totals for: Sunday, February 20, 2011			
Adults	\$7,485.00		
Parish Pay	\$3,506.41		
Children	\$27.59		
Collection Total	\$11,019.00		

Thank you for your continued support!



Sunday, February 27, 2011 8:30 AM † Gerald Wilkes 10:30 AM † Cecilia Garstki

Monday, February 28, 2011 8:30 AM † Theresa Dufalo

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 8:30 AM † Rosemary Bularzik

- Wednesday, March 2, 2011
 - 8:30 AM † Virginia Cassidy † Albert Fuschen
- Thursday, March 3, 2011 8:30 AM Communion Service
- Friday, March 4, 2011 8:30 AM † Helen Colucci
- Saturday, March 5, 2011 4:30 PM † Joseph and Joan Prinske

Sunday, March 6, 2011 8:30 AM † Dan Scanlon 10:30 AM † Dolores Poremba

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of February 27, 2011

Sunday:	ls 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
Monday:	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12c-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/
-	Mt 7:21-27

Community News

JOYFUL AGAIN! FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS

The Joyful Again! retreat is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and joy in their lives.

To be held at: Holy Family Medical Ctr, 100 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL On: <u>March 19 & 20, 2011</u>

For more information: Phone: (**708**) **354-7211** E-mail: joyfulagain@att.net Website: <u>www.joyfulagain.org</u> Early registration is encouraged. Limit 25 participants.

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