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December 11, 2011

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Advent*

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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

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



Confession is Good for the Soul

It's never the crime. It's always the cover up. If modern history has taught us anything about human behavior it is this: everybody screws up. Everybody. No exceptions. At one time or another, we will all make a bad decision that will have negative consequences for ourselves and maybe others. In the moral realm it is called sin. And St. John tells us clearly, "He who says he has no sin is a liar." (And lying is a sin.) So we all sin. So what are we gonna do about it?

There are three basic responses to sin: Bury it, blame it or name it. The first two are cover ups. They come from an incredible human capacity for denial and a powerful human ability to rationalize. And... they don't work.

In the material world when there is a blemish it can be covered up. Up to a point, makeup can do wonders. A new paint job can cover up years of wear and tear on an old house. In the spiritual world, however, covering up can prove disastrous. The reason is that you never bury anything spiritual dead. You always bury it alive. Because it is of the spirit, it cannot be destroyed simply by covering it or burying it. It won't go away. It just stays there and then from time to time escapes out in the ugliest ways.

Say to yourself, I won't think about it, I will simply put it out of my mind and bury it and you are kidding yourself. Bury resentment and sooner or later it will pop out. Bury an abortion and it will haunt you all the days of your life or until you get it out and expose it to the light of day. Covering up, denial and burial may be a good short-term solution but in the long run it never works. Don't believe me? Ask Bernie Madoff, ask Richard Nixon, ask Bill Clinton, ask... need I go on? Truth is, no matter how deep you bury a sin, it will never go away by itself but will sit there and fester, eating your insides out until you can get it out. And with you or without you, it will come out and manifest itself. With you it becomes confession with the power to heal. Without you it will get out with the power to destroy. The best example of this is the

aforementioned buriers contrasted with that late night talk show host David Letterman, who exposed his sin publicly, immediately and has been able to move on with his life. Had he buried it, he would have been ruined.

The other reaction to sin is to blame. Johnny did you hit your little brother? It's his fault, he hit me first. Truly the best defense is a good offense, at least in the short run. But like burying, it doesn't work. It's another cover up, a smoke screen. We can only say the devil made me do it so often. If we are continually finding ourselves blaming others for our situation, we have a serious problem. If you are the cause of all my troubles, I'm in big trouble. And the trouble is I refuse to take responsibility for my actions or to accept the consequences of them. The old saw holds true; every time I point a finger at someone, three are pointing back at me.

So what is the best response to my sin? Bury it, blame it or name it? Name it! Confession, indeed, is good for the soul. Every twelve step meeting begins with a confession. My name is _____ and I am a(n) _____. We all know that the number one symptom of alcoholism is denial. As long as we bury it, blame it or deny it, it will never go away. The first step in healing is admitting it. So too with all of our sins. We are only as sick as our secrets. Hence, it's time for confession. And confession is good for the soul.

I will be honest, I do not like going to confession. I go once a month. The last thing I want to do is say out loud the things I'm ashamed of, the shadow side I would rather bury and not look at. But until I name it and look at it squarely in the eye, it will control me and sooner or later I will act out on it. And so I confess. And I invite you to do the same. This Tuesday (December 13) we have our communal penance service which is a marvelous opportunity to take an inventory of our own dark side, our own debilitating attitudes, our own sins. It is a marvelous opportunity to confess them, to say them out loud. To get them out. Of all the sacramental gifts that the Catholic Church gives us, none is more liberating or freeing than confession. And yet, of all the sacraments, it is the one least taken advantage of. How sad.

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Note from the Pastor (cont.)

Now I must confess, hearing confessions is not one of my favorite things to do. But watching the transformation in the heart of the penitent, experiencing them coming in filled with guilt and remorse and leaving free, is a gift more precious than gold. And so I gladly sit in the confessional Saturday after Saturday often like the Maytag repairman, the loneliest man in town.

We are now halfway through Advent. It is the time of preparation and I can think of no better way to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord than through the sacrament of Reconciliation. To go to Confession. Because confession is good for the soul.

In Jesus, the Reconciler of the Father,

Fr. Tony

Parish News

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Lady of Guadalupe celebration will occur on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a procession a short play, and a bilingual Mass. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021 or email at wdew@att.net.



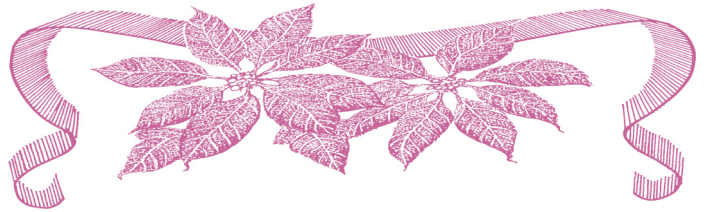
PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** It is our annual Advent Parish Penance Service and a wonderful opportunity to receive sacramental reconciliation.



GOSPEL OF MARK GROUP READING

You are invited to join our final group reading of the entire Gospel of Mark on Sunday December, 11 between the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. We will begin at 9:40 a.m. in Classroom 9-10 of the school building and conclude at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your Bible. For more information, call Lynn Suwanski at (630) 530-2523.



Advent | Christmas Schedule

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12

7:00 p.m.

Parish Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy

6:30 p.m. Family Mass

10:30 p.m. Choir Music

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

Mary the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Parish News



CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Food Collection will take place this weekend, December 10 and 11. We are in need of canned fruit, soup, vegetables, cranberries, stuffing, cereal, baking items, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, prepared meals, goodies, paper goods such as paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dish soap, etc.

The Giving Tree is up in the rear of the Church. Please take an ornament or two off the tree, purchase the gift requested, wrap it, place the ornament on the top of the package (name up) and return it under the tree this weekend, December 10 and 11. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila at (630) 833-6657.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD UPDATE

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry. We plan to begin in January. There's always room for more volunteers, so if you're interested, please contact Maria Balice Kresnicka (RMBalice@comcast.net or (312) 543-6630). An orientation meeting for volunteers will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11 after the 10:30 am Mass. Also, all volunteers who work in any child-related ministry need to be certified in the Protecting God's Children workshop. If you are a volunteer and are not already certified, Sr. Marlene will be conducting a special session of the workshop on Dec. 17. Please contact Sister Marlene in the Parish office so you can be added to the group and become certified. Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at the 10:30 Mass for children ages 4 to 8 – or until a child receives First Holy Communion. While we do not want to turn away any child, the leaders realistically will be able to accommodate only 25 children each week. Twenty five Children's Liturgy passes will be distributed in the vestibule before 10:30 a.m. Mass on days when Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place. If the number of children who wish to attend significantly exceeds 25, additional leaders will be needed so another classroom can be created.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Second Grade Parents: The request form indicating your preference of the date of your child's First Communion should have been submitted by now. Dates are filling up quickly. April 28 is closed. You will hear from us only if the date you have chosen is filled.

Please note: Confirmation will be celebrated at the parish on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Imesch will preside.

Advent Service Projects: The "polls" will continue to be open on December 14 for the students to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3rd world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. Over the years, our children have really enjoyed this project.

Please mark your calendars: There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break: December 21 and 28, and January 4. Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962 or email: mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

For information please contact :
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 Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500
 Website: www.maryqueenpresschool.org
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 18

Sunday, December 11, 2011

- 8:30 AM Christmas Food Drive
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Gospel - Mark in School Room 9-10
10:30 AM RCIA
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM MQH Mass
11:30 AM - 12 Noon CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children's Liturgy of the Word
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Volunteer Meeting in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Children's Christmas Group Practice in Church/Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice in Church
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Christmas Food Drive Sorting in Church

Monday, December 12, 2011

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES DECEMBER 25

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Feast of Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Advent Reconciliation in Church

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES JANUARY 1, 2012

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes

Thursday, December 15, 2011

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM Yoga for Kids in Barrett Hall
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Room 4-5

Friday, December 16, 2011

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preschool Road to Bethlehem in Church
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Pick up Christmas Food Baskets in Church

Saturday, December 17, 2011

- 3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, December 18, 2011

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA
10:30 AM MQH Mass
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal in Church/Barrett Hall
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wings to Heaven Christmas in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice in Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

2011 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Please come and share your time and talent.

Each rehearsal is from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dancers: Sundays Dec. 11 & 18

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tableaux Players: Sundays Dec. 11 & 18

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Dec. 18 will be a full dress rehearsal

Please call CJ Fuchsen with any questions

(630) 941-8168

cell (312) 301-7299

I can participate in the 2011 Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy as a:

Shepherd _____ Angel _____ Liturgical Dancer _____ Banner Bearer _____

Proclaimer/Reader (6th grade or older, please) _____

Child or Student Gift Bearers _____

Adult Gift bearer _____ Family Gift Bearers _____

Young Adult helper _____ Parent Coordinator _____

Child(ren)'s name and ages:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ CELL: _____

Carpooling with: _____ Phone: _____

Parish News

STEWARDSHIP

Sharing of your time, talent and treasure

Ministry opportunities in the Christian Service area abound. Whatever your passion, chances are that we have a ministry that can provide you to opportunity to give back. Don't see your niche or passion listed? Just contact the Parish Council with your ideas and we will research and see if we can implement the ministry. You can email gdolesy@aol.com with any questions or ideas you have.

If you are interested in any of the ministries in the Christian Service area please contact the parish office and your name will be provided to the ministry leader for follow-up.

- Bereavement – assist families suffering the loss of a loved one
- Business Networking – to assist with expanding and growing your business
- Council of Catholic Women – Fun and educational events for all women of the parish
- Daybreak of Elmhurst – mentor and assist with families in transition
- Garden Club – assist with the garden areas around the church, school and rectory
- Hospitality – assist with the regular fellowship and special event receptions / gatherings

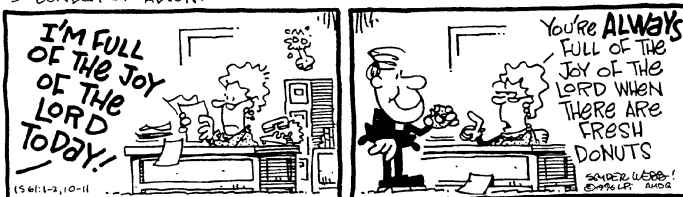
- Marriage Ministry – work with engaged couples preparing for marriage
- Men's Group – fun social events for men only as well as couples and families
- PADS - assist at a PADS shelter overnight
- Peace and Justice – assist with providing the parish with information on current social issues and the provide the elements of Catholic Social Teaching
- Prayer Shawls – newer ministry
- St Vincent de Paul - assist with the food collections for holidays, monthly Food Pantry collections, clothing drive and providing assistance when requested.
- Welcoming New Parishioners – acquaint new parishioners with Mary Queen programs and customs to make them feel at home with their new parish family
- Welcoming Catholics Home - encourage people to return to the church and help make the transition from non-practicing to full participation in the church a smooth process

For more information on a specific ministry call the parish office or watch for the monthly fellowship to be hosted by the ministry as members will be available to share their insights and experiences with you. Please consider one of these stewardship opportunities, or contact us with your ideas. This is your parish home, be an active member of the family.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Articles for bulletins for the month of December and January have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles Due by Noon
Sunday, December 25	Monday, December 12
Sunday, January 1, 2012	Wednesday, December 14
Sunday, January 8, 2012	Monday, December 19

Thank you for your cooperation.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011**

	7:00 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	TBA	B. Lawlor	G. Dolesy	M. Reed
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA	M. White (S) S. Pingatore (C) M. Zelinski R. Liljegren M. Conway T. Sabel C. Reisenbuckler	D. Bernstein (S) J. Eichorst (C) G. Regan J. Unger K. Vicary D. StaRosa	G. Pstrzoch (S) J. Spears (C) D. Styka R. Styka D. Justus J. Lindberg K. Mueller M. McCall
Altar Servers	K. Selfridge B. Hernandez C. Hernandez	M. McDonough J. Nosek E. Zielinski	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez D. Bolivar	H. Rossiano K. Selfridge R. Hendron



Church Support

**Collection Totals for:
Sunday, December 4, 2011**

Adults	\$8,419.00
Parish Pay	\$3,454.16
Children	\$58.44
Collection Total	\$11,931.60

211 parishioner envelopes were used.
109 parishioners contributed
via Parish Pay.
Thank you for your kindness
and generosity.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:30 AM † Albert and Gloria Kabat
10:30 AM Frank Marrano

Monday, December 12, 2011

Feast of Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM † Joe Cancilla
7:00 PM All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

8:30 AM † Katherine Ennis

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

8:30 AM † Ted Pogorzelski

Thursday, December 15, 2011

8:30 AM † Mary Gorman

Friday, December 16, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 17, 2011

4:30 PM † Tony Carlevato

Sunday, December 11, 2011

8:30 AM †
10:30 AM †

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2011

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Prayer List



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. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Baby Sophia Kathleen Nolan
Brenda Scanlon