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December 9, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent

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. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Second Sunday of
ADVENT

Segundo Domingo de
ADVIENTO

Note from the Pastor



Prophets Among Us

This holy season of Advent, the season of the coming of the Lord, is also the season of the prophets. We often think of a prophet as one who tells us the future. Last week we heard from the prophet Jeremiah who told of one coming from the house of David to be the Son of Righteousness and because of Him, "In those days, Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure." (We're still waiting.) A Biblical prophet, however, is more than just a soothsayer. He is much more a truth teller and speaks in the *Vox Dei*, the voice of God. He, or she, will often begin by saying, "thus says the Lord..." Most often the message is tough to hear (that's why we kill the prophets) but it is always liberating.

When we think of the prophets we think of Old Testament figures like Isaiah, Hosea, or Jeremiah but in truth, prophets are still among us today. And we still get upset by their messages. Yet, if we can listen, they can change our lives. Modern day prophets may be famous like the Berrigan brothers or living next door to us. They may not even be conscious that they are prophets or even speaking for God but you know that they are real when what they say cuts you to the core, unmask your illusions and reveals the truth. And the truth will set you free (but first it will make you miserable). One such prophet in my life is my spiritual director, Fr. Ray Lescher. I cannot encounter him without coming back a little more bloodied, a lot more humbled and much freer for having my illusions dispelled and the truth about myself revealed. Another such every day prophet lives in my own household. His name is Clarence Edward Knudsen, also known as "Butch".

I first met Butch while pastoring at St. Theresa in Kankakee. His daughter attended our local Catholic grade school and Butch attended nothing. I brought this to his attention and immediately he began to weekly attend Mass and to contribute to the needs of the parish. I later learned that his wife, Andrea, was bed-ridden with Multiple Sclerosis and he took care of her every need. He was the first person in my 25 years of priesthood at the time who actually paid back a substantial loan in full. In short, while a bit rough



Clarence Edward Knudsen (Butch)

around the edges, here was an honest man. You might not always like what you see, but what you see is what you get. When I moved to St. Isidore in Bloomingdale, I invited Butch to come to live in the attic of our old church to be our night watchman (Shades Of Quasimodo). This allowed him to live closer to his bride so as to visit her every day. When I moved to Mary Queen, guess who came along?

For those of you who know Butch you know that he is a first class curmudgeon. What comes into his head comes out of his mouth without a filter. When you hear his preface, "Now, I don't mean no offense by this but..." look out. You are going to get it with both barrels. And much of the time it is not just his opinion. He has struck a cord and truth deep within. He's a pretty good reader of people and once in a while his read rises to the level of prophecy.

This is what happened several years ago during his walking the grounds of St. Isidore. Every day, after visiting his wife, he would come back to the parish to check things out. At this time, at least twice a week a young woman would come to the office to have Butch unlock either the chapel or the church. The moment she walked into the church door she would burst into tears. An hour later she would walk out as sad as she walked in. This went on for almost a year. And then it was time.

One day, out of the blue, Butch knew it and he sensed that she knew it and so he spoke. "I don't mean to pry, lady, but for almost a year now I have been unlocking the church or the chapel for you and everyday you come in crying and walk out crying. May I ask you, what's your problem?" She was a young and beautiful woman in her 20's and as she spoke the tears began to flow again. Several years

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before she lost her three year old child to a sickness. And even though she had no control over it, her husband blamed her for the child's death. Every day she came filled with regret, remorse and guilt. And there was no end in sight. "May I say something? I don't mean no offense but you are right. You really do have a problem. And you are wrong. You don't need to carry this on forever. I know you feel bad for the loss of your child and for that I am truly sorry. But you have no business taking on your husband's accusations because you did all you could for your baby. And let me tell you about your little boy. He's fine. He's in Heaven with Jesus and no more harm can ever come to him. Now, do you honestly think he wants to see you coming in here day after day crying your eyes out destroying your life for something you had no control over?" And then he went on, and on and on... for 20 minutes. While his words were hard, they were said with a truth and a love that seemed to be sinking into the heart of this young woman. When he was done, he finally said to her, "Honey, it's time to come off the cross. Someone else needs the wood." She looked at him with a peace that he never saw in her before. She hugged him and then she left. He never saw her again. Had Butch tried to speak to her six months earlier, nothing would have happened. Had he done it two days later, who knows. All he knew was that it was time. And timing is everything. As the old saying goes, "God might not be there when you want Him, but He's always on time."

Some people think that revelation is over and that God no longer speaks to us. Of course He does. He speaks to us through the ancient prophets like Baruch in today's second reading, "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God." And He speaks through the everyday prophets. They are all around us, they may even be living in our own household. Sometimes they mumble gibberish and you will know it. But when the time comes for something you need to hear that will liberate you, listen. It may be the voice of God hidden in a curmudgeon.

In Jesus, the Vox Dei,

Fr. Tony



Advent | Christmas Schedule

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12

7:00 p.m.

Weekend Masses December 22, 23

Masses at regular weekend times

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy Mass

6:30 p.m. Family Mass

10:30 p.m. Choir Music

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

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

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.



Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 16

Sunday, December 9, 2012

Christmas Food Drive

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Room 13
 10:40 AM - 11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

Monday, December 10, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Business Networking Meeting
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting in Room 7
 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Christmas Food Sorting in Church
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee in Conf. Room
 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Class in Church

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES DECEMBER 23, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass
 3:15 PM - 8:00 PM RE Classes
 7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Church

Thursday, December 13, 2012

8:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Barrett Hall

Friday, December 14, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Christmas Food Distribution in Church

Saturday, December 15, 2012

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Children's Christmas Grp. Practice in Church
 3:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Room 13
 10:40 AM - 11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3
 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Youth Group Wings Holiday Party in Barrett Hall

Parish News



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Mass of our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates the apparition of our Lady to Juan Diego. We will be celebrating it on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. For the past few years we have been putting on a short play re-enacting this for our parish before Mass begins. Any help offered would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Ellen Walker Liturgy Committee
 (630)279-4021 or wdew@att.net



WINGS TO HEAVEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 16

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Barrett Hall

Bring a white elephant for the grab bag.
 RSVP to Mrs. Gusloff at kgusloff@gmail.com

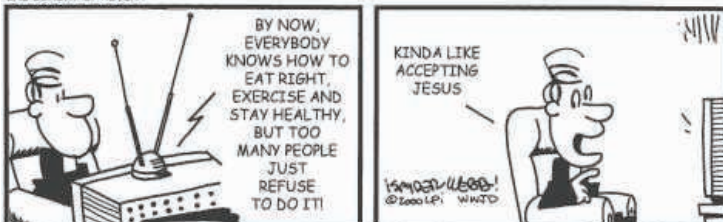
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have been notified by LIFE TOUCH that our Parish Pictorial Directory will be shipped on Dec. 17. If things go as planned, we should be ready for distribution of the directories the weekend of Dec. 22/23 after all the Masses. If you did not have a photo taken for the directory, but would like to purchase one for \$6.00, please let Mimi Nolan know by calling the rectory (630-279-5700 ex. 122) or email her: pa@maryqueen.org

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, February 3, 2013 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Dr. Scott Alexander from the Chicago Theological Union will be returning to Mary Queen to speak on the lives of American Muslims. The Parish Council invites all parishioners to join us to learn more about this important non-Christian religion and the experiences of many of our Muslim neighbors.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Parish News



CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Food Drive will be held the weekend of Dec. 8 & 9 and sorting will take place on Tuesday, Dec 11. As we did on Thanksgiving we have 25 boxes to fill. We would also appreciate donations of gift cards from Dominick's & Jewel so that the families can purchase meat & poultry. The gifts from the Giving Tree are due back the weekend of Dec. 8 & 9. Make sure the *name* on the *gift tag* is on the top of the package. The *gifts* and *food* will be given out on Dec. 14. Thank you for your donations at Thanksgiving and your generosity in past years!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If you wish to be included in any special e-mail announcements from Mary Queen, please go to our home page, www.maryqueen.org and follow the prompts.

JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS MEETING DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 PM

The Parish Council invites all commission heads and ministry leaders to a joint meeting on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall. The Parish Council will be updating the ministries on the progress of the three initiatives that have been the focus of the work the Parish has undertaken in the past year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please consider recycling Christmas, Halloween, or any other holiday lights along with extension cord. Now recycling lights couldn't be easier! Here are a few local options:

- ◆ **SCARCE**, ongoing at 799 Roosevelt Road, Building 2, Suite 108, Glen Ellyn.
- ◆ **Elmhurst, York High School: Nov 26- Jan 25** at 355 West St. Charles Rd.
- ◆ **Oak Brook Public Library: Nov 19 - Jan 31** at 600 Oak Brook Road.

Religious Education News



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Communion Date Request Forms should be in the REO by this time. The only date that is still open is Saturday, April 27. You will hear from us only if the date you have chosen is filled.

Confirmation parents please note: Confirmation will be celebrated at the parish on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Imesch will preside. Confirmation Retreat permission forms are due in the office this Wednesday, December 12.

Advent Projects:

The "polls" will continue to be open on December 12 for the students to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a third 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.

This Wednesday is the last day that we will accept toy donations for Marillac House.

Please mark your calendars:

There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break:

December 19, 26 and January 2.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



Parish News



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

For Bulletin On	Articles Due by Noon
Sunday, December 23	Wednesday, December 12
Sunday, December 30	Tuesday, December 18
Sunday, January 6, 2013	Friday, December 21

Thanks for your cooperation



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT SCHOOL

At this time, registration is only available
For the Kindergarten Enrichment Program (KEP).

For information please contact:

Genet Pinkerton, Director (630) 833-9500

Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org

e-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN

I'm the life of the party ...even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

I'm very good at opening childproof caps
with a hammer.

I'm usually interested in going home
before I get to where I am going.

I'm awake many hours
before my body allows me to get up.

I'm smiling all the time
because I can't hear a thing you're saying.

I'm very good at telling stories;
over and over and over and over ...

I'm aware that other people's grandchildren
are not as cute as mine.

I'm so cared for -- long term care, eye care,
private care, dental care.

I'm not grouchy, I just don't like traffic,
waiting, crowds, politicians.

I'm sure everything I can't find is in a secure place.

I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and
that's just my left leg.

THANK YOU MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH



Woman's Choice Services would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to parishioners for participating in this year's Baby Bottles for Life fundraising campaign! As of November 19, 2012, Mary Queen of Heaven Parish has raised \$1,736.44! Your generous donations help contribute to the spread of the Culture of Life for those in your community, and truly reflect the universality of the Catholic Church by supporting an organization that serves the Chicago land area. We greatly appreciate your support and prayers!



RETIREMENT FUND
FOR RELIGIOUS

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Senior catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social-service agencies, often for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave a profound gap in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports more than 34,000 religious past age 70 in the United States. Please give to those who have given a lifetime and donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection during the weekend of December 8/9, 2012.

Community News

Gabriella Miller, 9 years old, was recently diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer. She qualified for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and she is asking all her friends to join her in writing letters to Santa. Macy's is working with Make-A-Wish this holiday season to benefit sick children all across the country. For each letter Macy's receives addressed to Santa in the North Pole with a return address they will donate \$1 up to the million dollar level. If interested in helping Gabriella reach her personal goal of 10,000 letters to Santa please drop off at the Uditsky's house at 334 N. Highland Ave by December 14. Letters will be delivered on the 15th in time to be counted and mailed ahead of the holidays.

create a Ripple One small change in your life... can light the lives of many others

“My dear brothers and sisters, who will bring light to dispel the darkness of our world? If not you and me, then who? And if not now, today, then when?” Cardinal Bernardin



2.
**CRS
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Fair trade is an approach that *guarantees* farmers and artisans a fair price for their products and safe working conditions. CRS Fair Trade builds stable, long-term relationships between producers in developing countries and fair trade companies in the U.S. It offers socially-conscious consumers a way of “solidarity shopping” that helps the producers of the products we enjoy every day (i.e. coffee, chocolate, hand-crafts) earn a fair living, plan and save for the future and invest in their own growth.

While most Social Justice tenets are met with the principles of fair trade, Subsidiarity is especially so. While purchasing items you would use anyway you are lifting farmers and artisans from poverty and creating a sustainable environment for them and their families.

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- ◆ Demonstrate a special concern for the poor;
- ◆ Act in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need overseas;
- ◆ Contribute to a more just distribution of wealth;
- ◆ Practice responsible stewardship of Creation; and
- ◆ Promote the principle of subsidiarity.



ACTIONS and RESOURCES

Shop using **CRS Fair Trade**. Buy online at crsfairtrade.org

Though not sponsored by CRS, find fair trade gifts at one of 3 local **Ten Thousand Villages** stores. www.tenthousandvillages.com

While everyday shopping, look for fair trade items (identified by a fair trade logo) in your favorite stores.

For help in setting up your own fair trade sale at your parish contact Tom Ruggaber, CRS Fair Trade Ambassador. t.ruggaber@sbcglobal.net

Joliet Diocese Advocacy Network provides opportunities and information about social justice issues. www.paxjoliet.org/advocacy



“Create a Ripple” is an activity of the Joliet Diocese Social Justice Coalition (JDSJC), a ministry of the Office for Human Dignity, made up of parishes and religious institutions in the diocese. Standing firmly on the ground of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, led by the Spirit, afire for social justice, we are centered in prayer and united in right relationships as we raise awareness, educate, and take action to create a just world locally, nationally, and internationally. Please join us. Email: peace@dioceseofjoliet.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 LADY OF GUADALUPE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012

	7:00 PM	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	TBA	R. Styka	K. Sutkus	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA	C. Reisenbudkler (S) J. Vilim (C) B. Eadon R. Lawlor G. Loss H. Todd K. Diggins	D. Bernstein (S) J. Eichorst (C) D. Gornick M. Nolan G. Pinkerton K. Vicary	K. Gusloff (S) P. Twardowski (C) R. Morro T. Gusloff K. Mueller P. Letouneau T. Kevil
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Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 2, 2012	
Adults	\$8,833.00
Parish Pay	\$4,123.79
Children	\$81.11
Collection Total	\$13,037.90

*208 parishioner envelopes were used.
133 parishioners - Parish Pay.*

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 9, 2012

8:30 AM † Della Rose Schroedl
 10:30 AM † Mary Thornton

Monday, December 10, 2012

8:30 AM † Lois Richardson

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

8:30 AM † Patricia Timothy

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

8:30 AM People of Mary Queen
 7:00 PM Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 13, 2012

8:30 AM † James Geimer

Friday, December 14, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 15, 2012

4:30 PM † Bill Sherlock

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:30 AM † Mary and John Taychman
 10:30 AM Gabriella Miller

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2012

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Gail Hagemann
 Mary Hagerty
 Ramero Martinez
Gabriella Miller
 Kevin Nolan
 Dianne Sierak
 Sue Sterno
 Dennis White



Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.



2012 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 p.m. CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Mass on Christmas Eve has been a beautiful celebration to welcome baby Jesus to Mary Queen of Heaven and to the world. It takes many to make this Mass so beautiful! You can help us proclaim the Savior's birth by getting your children and yourselves involved. We are looking for: shepherds, angels, those to bear gifts, singers, dancers, readers, teen and adult helpers. No age limits - The door is always wide open!

**Each rehearsal is from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturdays December 8, 15 & 22
Saturday Dec. 22 will be a full dress rehearsal**

Please call Norma Williamson with any questions you may have (630) 215-8611.

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:

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