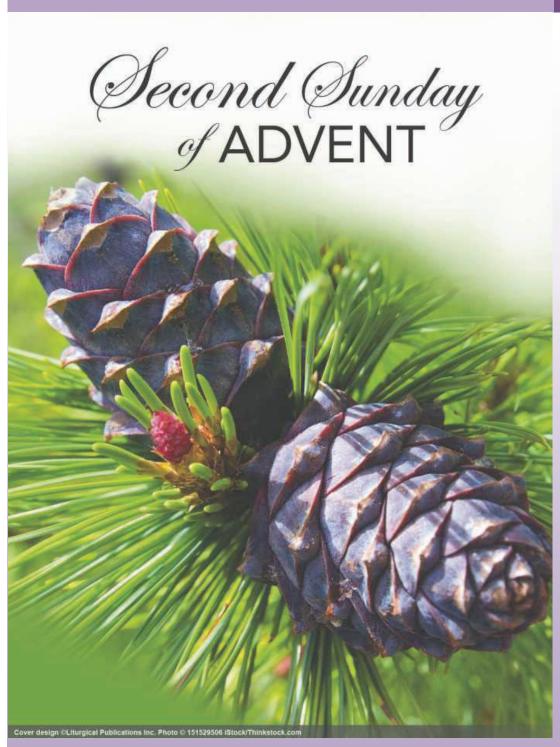
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December 8, 2013 Second Sunday of Advent



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

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

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Note from the Pastor



That's Your Opinion

So waddya think? What's your opinion?

We all have opinions. The dictionary defines opinion as: 1. A belief or conclusion held with confidence but not substantiated by positive knowledge or proof. 2. A judgment based on special knowledge and given by an expert (a medical opinion). 3. The prevailing view (public opinion). Editorial pages in the newspapers are the opinions of those who are supposed to be in the know. But we do not have to be a professional to have an opinion on something. Through our study, reading and most of all our own personal experiences we all have opinions on various topics and issues.

So what's your opinion? In your opinion, what are the Cub's chances of winning the Pennant? On the economy recovering? Of Obamacare working? And of some very important issues and topics in the Church? In the Church!? No one has asked our opinion about that before, why would they ask it now? Well, they are. And while there is no new sheriff in town, there's a new pope. And he wants to know.

In October of next year, the Holy Father is calling an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on, The Pastoral Challenges of The Family in the Context of Evangelization.

It is no secret that there have been massive shifts of our traditional concept of what constitutes family. In Jesus' day, your entire extended family literally lived together. One was so glued to the other that the word in Aramaic was the same for both brother and cousin. Extended family held on for a very long time right up through the Industrial Revolution. Once we got off the family's farm and an agrarian economy, however, we began to move around and extended families began to break up. Then it became all about the Nuclear Family: mom, pop and the kids. Today, it's the Modern Family (and thanks to TV we all know what that looks like).

So, how does the Church respond to an everchanging sociological and cultural shift? Do we circle the wagons and become cultural warriors? Do we accommodate and say that anything goes? What about those who are divorced and remarried? Can they ever go back to receiving communion? How about single parents? And gay couples? So... do you have an opinion? The Pope wants to know.

This is extraordinary and not so extraordinary. For centuries, the Church has always taught that it takes into account the census fidelium (the sense of the faithful). What do the people in the pews believe? What is their sense of what the scripture and tradition teaches? Before the doctrine of the Assumption was proclaimed, the people were asked, "do you believe it?" They responded with overwhelming, "yes we do." There was something deep in the heart and soul of the people that dared to believe that Mary was assumed bodily at her dormition into heaven. Rome listened, confirmed it and made it official Church teaching.

In the 1960's there was a commission of some 70 experts: theologians, pastors, psychologists, population experts, marriage counselors and married lay people on the question of artificial birth control. Except for six dissenters the vast majority recommended that Pope Paul VI end the ban on artificial contraception. Pope Paul rejected the advice of the commission and issued Humane Vitae in 1968 upholding the ban. I am told that one of the cardinals on the commission who voted with the majority report was the then soon to be Pope John Paul II. And one of the six dissenters was the then soon to be John Paul III. So, you never know.

But it's still worth asking. And our present Holy Father is asking. Next week we will publish the questionnaire in our bulletin but if you want to get a sneak peak you can go to the Vatican survey at www.archchicago.org. Some of the questions seem pretty sophisticated but they are certainly worth reading, questioning and answering.

So what's your opinion?

In Jesus, Who Is Coming Again,

Fr. Toney

Parish News



TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

...but, we will be celebrating it tomorrow. Because the feast day

falls on a Sunday and we are obliged to celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent, it is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will celebrate it, however, tomorrow morning at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited to attend.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our Christmas Food Drive will take place the weekend of December 14 & 15. Items needed to help the 25

families we have adopted are canned fruit, vegetables, soup, prepared foods, cereal, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, potatoes, baking items, paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, dish soap, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, etc. We are also in need of gift cards for Jewel, Mariano's, or Pete's Market.

The food will be sorted on Monday evening, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If you can help, please give Sheila a call at (630) 833-6657.

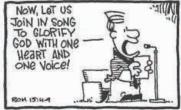


CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please note: all aifts for the Giving Tree must be returned the weekend of December 14 & 15 as the families will be picking them up along with

the Food Baskets on December 20.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT







Senior Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 7 5:30 p.m.

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9 8:30 a.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12 St. Joseph in Addison St. Alexis in Bensenville

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy

Family Mass 6:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

11:00 p.m. Solemn Christmas Eve Mass

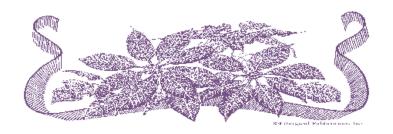
Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

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

Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m. New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.



Parish News

LIFE ETERNAL **BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Beginning in January, we start the Little Rock study: Life Eternal. This series spans from the Old Testament to the letters of Paul and the Gospels. The biblical promise of eternal life appears late in Scripture, but it blossoms into fullness with the resurrection of Christ. "Explore the growing nature of the hope of those who have called upon the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the past, and the crystallization of our hope for eternal life in the victory of Christ over death." [From the introduction in Little Rock]

The first part of the series will meet for 12 weeks, beginning the week of January 20 and concluding in April. Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening sessions are available. We will pick up later in the year using the same books.

In a previous bulletin Father Tony wrote about Bible Sunday. As Catholics, we focus on tradition. To quote Father, "The Scriptures could come later, much, much later. Well, now it is much, much later. It's time for the Scriptures." The Bible holds wisdom and, when studied with others, opens up our souls. Our roots in tradition and the Word provide a depth and integrity to our faith.

Sign-up is Jan. 4-5 and Jan. 11-12 in the back of the church. Book sets will be available at the signup table for \$15.00. If you need assistance with the fee, please speak to Father Tony or Heather Brand (630-833-6199).

BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon	
Sunday, Dec. 22	Wednesday, Dec. 11	
Sunday, Dec. 29	Wednesday, Dec. 18	
Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014	Monday, Dec. 23	

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **DECEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 15**

Sunday, December 8, 2013

St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

(9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 6, 7 & 13 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

in School Room 3

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

Monday, December 9, 2013

8:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception Mass

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting in School Room 7

CRHP (Men) in Room 13

7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Business Networking Group in Social Hall

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Baptism Class in Church

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Bulletin Deadline December 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass

3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Yoga Class in Barrett Hall

Friday, December 13, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, December 14, 2013

Christmas Food Drive and Giving Tree Gifts

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Mass Practice

in Church/Barrett Hall

3:30 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. MQH Mass

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Christmas Food Drive and Giving Tree Gifts

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 6,7 & 13 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

in School Room 3

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Baptisms in Church

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Parish News



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) **CLOTHING DRIVE**

The St. Vincent DePaul Truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of December 7 & 8. We are in need

of clothing, shoes, linens, books, bedding, small house wares such as toasters, blenders, mixers etc. The SVDP is now also accepting small electronic items and computers working or not for their recycling center.

For the pick-up of furniture and heavy items, please call (630) 231-4658 and SVDP will send a truck to your home. Tax receipts are given. For questions or information, please call Sheila at (630) 833-6657. Thank you for your generosity and for your concern for the needy!

Re-activate Healing Meals Ministry Volunteers Needed... Will You Help?

The Healing Meals Ministry provides the opportunity to make a small but significant contribution to another family in our parish.

When a fellow parishioner experiences illness or loss, we collectively reach out and offer meals to those hurting or recovering.

We are looking for people who every now and then would like the rewarding experience of providing a meal that truly heals. Great cooking skills are not required! Nutritious, hearty carry-out food or a restaurant gift certificate for meal delivery is equally appreciated.

Please send e-mail to Jill McDonough at iadamsmcd@aol.com with your name, phone number and email address. Your name will be added to the list, you will receive simple details of the ministry program, and finally you will be contacted in the future so you may sign up to contribute a nourishing healing meal for a family in need.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Communion Date Request Forms should be in the REO by this time. 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 Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Imesch will preside. Confirmation Retreat permission forms are due in the office this Wednesday, December 11.

Advent Projects:

The "polls" will continue to be open on December 11 and 18 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. 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 25, January 1 and 8.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

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



Contact www.parishpay.com, or call 866-PARISH-1 for further information.

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Community News

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is held dear by many. This year you may attend the services at St. Joseph in Addison or St. Alexis in Bensenville.

The schedule for St. Joseph's at 330 E. Addison, Illinois is as follows:

- Wednesday, December 11 Vigil Mass at Midnight.
- Thursday, December 12
 - Mañanitas (morning prayers) from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
 - Mass at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Alexis at 400 W. Wood Street in Bensenville will be having the following services:

- December 3 11 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30 p.m.
- December 12 Morning Serenade/ Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00 a.m. with Bishop Conlon.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021.



SPIRITO! CONCERT

Spirito! Singers will be performing their Christmas Concert, Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day, on December 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 8,

2013 at 3:00 pm at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, IL.

Reserved seating tickets are \$22.00 and can be purchased at http://www.spiritosingers.org or by calling 1-877-8WE-SING. This year the concert will also include selected dancers from Beyond Center Stage. Come out and enjoy the beautiful voices of the Spirito! Singers.

Spirito! Singers offers young singers between 5th - 12th grades the opportunity to learn and grow through exceptional vocal and musicianship training, discipline and performance.

GREEN CORNER GREEN TIPS

Each month, we will give you tips on taking care of God's creation - stewardship of what God gave us.

Here is a list of the items you can recycle at your home in Elmhurst:

- Paper materials: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone directories, brown paper bags, corrugated cardboard, paperboard, junk mail and mixed paper
- Non Paper Materials:
 - Look for the bottom of the item for a triangle, if it is 1 thru 5 or a 7, it is recyclable.
 - You can recycle "gable top" containers juice and milk cartons
 - All items should be rinsed free of foods with caps and lids removed. Metal lids are recyclable.
 - You can recycle frozen food packages.
 - You can recycle empty aerosol cans and empty paint cans.

Examples of a UNACCEPTABLE recycling Items:

- White styrofoam or polystyrene
- Do not place recyclable materials in plastic bags (plastic bags, numbers 2 and 4 can be brought to Jewel)
- Motor oil, anti-freeze, pool chemical containers
- Pesticide and herbicide containers
- Window glass and mirrors
- Food-contaminated paper or cardboard
- Diapers
- Tissue Paper
- Automobile parts

For more information, see the City of Elmhurst's website at http://www.cityofelmhurst.org.

REQUEST FOR A LIVE-IN CAREGIVER

Mary Queen of Heaven have been contacted by a family who is looking to hire a live-in caregiver for their elderly parents. If this is something you might be able to do, please contact Mimi Nolan at the rectory (630-279-5700) or by email **pa@maryqueen.org** for more information. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	M. Reed	S. Napolilli
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Sunday, December 1, 2013		
Sunday Collection	\$9,246.16	
Parish Pay	\$4,211.71	
Children	\$69.34	
Collection Total	\$13,527.21	

176 parishioner envelopes were used. 141 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, December 8, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Daniel Connell 10:30 a.m. Albert Fuchsen

Monday, December 9, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Arthur Caruso

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Joanne Kagey

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Mary Queen Parishioners

Thursday, December 12, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Katherine Ryan

Friday, December 13, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, December 14, 2013

4:30 p.m. † Bill Sherlock

Sunday, December 15, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Vito Carnevale 10:30 a.m. † Lorraine Grunwald

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2013

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 Sunday:

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk

1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Saturday: Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Susana Cortes de Caicedo Barbara J. Godawa Irene Kmieciak Joan Skimina

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