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November 9, 2008

*Feast of the
Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica in
Rome*



*Do you know that
YOU are the temple of God,
and that the SPIRIT of God
DWELLS in you?
If anyone destroys God's temple,
God will DESTROY that person;
for the temple of God,
which YOU are, is holy*

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

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 Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:00 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

Evening and weekend appointments can be made with the Pastor by calling the Parish Office.

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Note from the Pastor

THE SECRETS OF JOY

In the common room of our rectory hangs a drawing of Peanuts' Snoopy dancing up a storm with a smile on his face. Under him reads the caption, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." If you find a person filled with joy, you will find one filled with God. Do you want to see joy right before your very eyes? Then, watch your little children screech with delight at the littlest things. They have not yet learned to take themselves so seriously, they are not yet preoccupied with getting good grades and getting ahead, they know they are safe and secure in the arms of those who love them without condition and thus they are filled with joy. Do you want to see the face of God? Then look at the face of a child in joy. The operant word here is the little preposition "In". To be in-joy is to en-joy. If, indeed, joy is God's presence then when we are in-God, we are in-joy. No wonder the marriage encounter movement used as its catch word, "ENJOY!". Now, if to be in God is to enjoy it is worth our while to take a peek at the nature of God. What do we know about God? Not much. Very very little. God is Ultimate Mystery. But this much we do know. God is love. God is gift. And God gives love which in turn gives life. And a life fully lived brings joy. This is the real circle of life.

How do we enter into it? We enter into the joy of God and consequently our own joy by practicing the four infinitives: to receive, to nurture, to share, to return.

To receive. To receive God's gifts gratefully. If it is of the nature of God to give then there must be a receiver. If the quarterback throws the ball down the field with no one to receive it, he is wasting his time, his talent and the gift to the ball. God has thrown at us all kinds of gifts. Our work is to receive them...gratefully. We did not earn the gift of life or our abilities to speak, to dance, to love, to parent, to teach, to...the list goes on forever. This is the easy part of entering into joy. There is also a difficult part and that is to receive our limitations and weaknesses gratefully. One of the great surprises at the end of life is how salvific our powerlessness, weakness and flaws have been in leading us to the true joys of life. It is, indeed, a true paradox but if we can receive our own limitations with grace and gratitude, there will be joy.

To nurture. To nurture God's gifts responsibly. One of the things I will be doing with our confirmandi this year is to help them name their gifts. What have they been given? Now, what are they going to do with these gifts? If they are not nurtured and exercised and used they will shrink and die. And what a tragedy that would be. The word we

don't want to hear here is, "Discipline." To responsibly nurture our gifts takes great discipline. In season and out of season we practice the piano, we study our lessons and we do what is necessary to nurture the gifts that God has given us.

To share. To share those gifts justly and charitably. This is crucial. Without sharing the gifts we have received and nurtured there will be no joy. If you are given a gift, for it to be fulfilled it *must* be shared. Jesus tells us that if we hide our light under a bushel basket, it's useless. There is no joy in hoarding just fear. How sad. Do you have it? Share it!

To return. To return to God what he has given to us in abundance. How shall I make my return to the Lord for all he has given me? Let me count the ways.

These are some of the secrets of an abiding Joy. Do this and you will experience God's presence and joy but, it is not easy. It will take a major mind shift. We have been taught by our culture and society that we are the owners of our lives (whose life is this, anyway?) and that we have earned all that we own. But what the gospel calls us to is to shift from a mind set of ownership to a mind set of being a caretaker. The scriptures have a word for this. It is called being a steward.

Today is Stewardship Sunday. In our mind, many of us have thought of stewardship as drudgery or an obligation. Today I hope to change our minds (a *meta-nous*/ a new mind). This new mind sees everything as gift and in the wonderful divine-human exchange gives back as gift. And it leads to...joy.

Enjoy!

In Jesus the gift and joy of God,

Father Tony



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Parish News



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Early this week, you will be receiving in the mail a letter from me concerning our annual stewardship campaign. Please take time to read it and pray over it as you contemplate your return to the Lord for the many gifts he has given to you. Discuss it with your family, especially your children who have already been given their stewardship envelopes at RE last week.

Decide what you wish to make as a return to God. The best way to do this is to choose a percentage of your income to make your return to the Lord. Of our tithe to God, our bishops recommend that we give 5% back to our local church, 1% to the annual diocesan appeal, and 4% to other charities. The percentage you choose is between you, your family and God. But it is imperative that we all return something.

Please fill out the enclosed card and bring it with you next Sunday when we will present it at the regular collection time. You'll notice on the card a place for the sharing of your time and talents. Please take this as seriously as you do your pledge of treasure. There is so much that can be done in bringing about the kingdom of Jesus if we return a portion of all of the talents and time he has given us.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe patroness of all the Americas. If there is enough interest, we will celebrate a (mostly Spanish) bi-lingual Mass at 7:00 PM.

If you are interested, we will have a meeting after the 10:30 mass on November 16 to plan. We need Hispanic musicians.



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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 16

Sunday, November 9, 2008

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM Destiny Meets in School
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wings to Heaven meets in Barrett Hall

Monday, November 10, 2008

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Preschool School Board Mtg in School
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Baptism Prep Class in Church
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Preschool Parent Conf in School
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RE Confirmation Parent Mtg in Church
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conference Rm

Thursday, November 13, 2008

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Preschool Parent Conf in School
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School / Rooms 4-5, 13
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Peace and Justice Comm. Mtg. in Conf Rm.
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Mtg in Barrett Hall

Friday, November 14, 2008

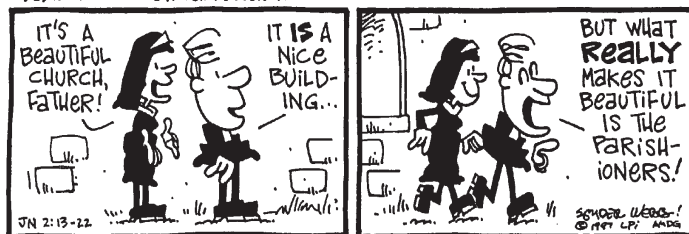
Saturday, November 15, 2008

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Market Day in Social Hall
 3:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church
 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM RCIA Rite of Acceptance/
 Welcome in Church/Social H/School 13, 4-5
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Thanksgiving Food Drive in Church

Sunday, November 16, 2008

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Thanksgiving Food Drive in Church
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



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COMMISSIONS MEETING REMINDER!!!

There will be a Commissions Meeting the evening of **Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall.** Commission Chairmen, please contact the ministries under your commission and remind them to come with reports.

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASSES DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



RCIA UPDATE!

On November 15 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass we will be having the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. At this service the MQH faith family formally witnesses 7 individuals taking the initial step towards initiation in the Catholic faith. Please pray for them and for the RCIA team members.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING

**Mark your Calendar!
Please Note Time Change!
Tuesday November 25, 2008
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

Mary Queen of Heaven will be conducting a training session for current and new Eucharistic Ministers. The theological foundation and "how-to's" will be explained. Teenagers 16 and older as well as grandparents are welcome!

Life is Christ



THE YEAR OF ST PAUL

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year the Pauline Year. From June 2008 through June 2009, the Little Rock Scripture Study Staff is publishing a 13-part series of St Paul columns available online. To access these monthly columns, follow these directions:

1. Go to www.littlerockscripture.org.
 2. Scroll Down and click on the "View the Articles" link found in the "A YEAR FOR SAINT PAUL" section in the bottom of the web page.
 3. When you go to this page you will have access to the following new columns:
 - Disciples are Saints Set Apart to Serve (Oct. 11)
 - Paul's Letters Assure us of God's Grace (Nov. 8)
- A new column will be available on December 20

ARE YOU SEARCHING? WE ARE LOOKING!

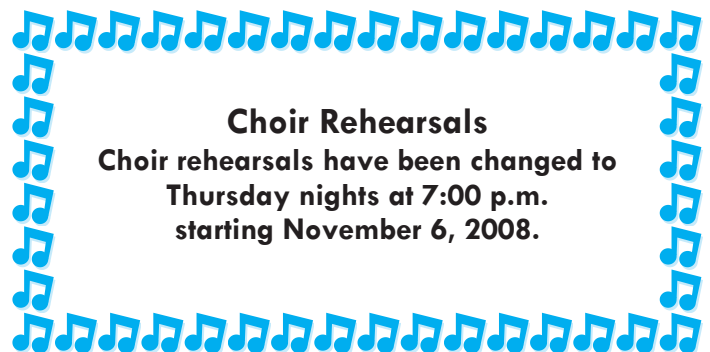
Are you searching for a way to make your participation in your parish more meaningful? Have you considered serving in a liturgical ministry? Both the Eucharist Ministers and the Lectors are looking for volunteers to join their ministries. Both will provide training for their ministries and the responsibilities are light. For Eucharist Ministers you must be at least 16 years of age and for Lectors it is asked that you be 18 years of age. No previous experience at either is needed. We will be having training sessions in November and December. Please contact either **Derrick StaRosa at 630-832-0105 for Eucharistic Ministry** or **Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021 for the Lector Ministry.** Come join us in serving your parish and serving the Lord.



ARE YOU ARTISTIC? CAN YOU HELP?

We are in the need of someone to help redo the large bulletin board in the back of church. If you have any idea of how to go about this task, please contact Mimi Wolak (630-941-3851).

HELP!!



Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals have been changed to Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting November 6, 2008.

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MARKET DAY

Orders for April are due Monday, November 10, at noon. Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on **Saturday, November 15, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.** If you have questions or would like to place an order, please call **Karen** at **279-4108** or **Beth** at **833-5469** or email her at ekujawa121@sbcglobal.net.



ST VINCENT DEPAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection will be held the weekend of November 15 and 16. Because of the economic conditions, we have also received additional calls for help this year and have had to place them on a waiting list. We are in need 25 each of all kinds of canned soups, vegetables, and fruits; cereal, processed meats and fish, jello, pudding, potatoes packaged cake mixes, frosting, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta, coffee, tea, juice, laundry and dish soap, hand soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, and cleaning supplies. Also, dressing mix, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes and other items for Thanksgiving Dinner. Should you wish to donate gift certificates for turkeys, please purchase and place them in envelopes marked "St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving" and put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office. Monetary donations are appreciated too! **Thanks again for sharing your blessings with those who are less fortunate!**



CCW CRAFT NIGHT

The CCW is hosting a craft night at "Pik a Pot n Paint" on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations will be taken the weekends of Nov. 8/9 in the back of church. There are a variety of items to choose from to paint. Space is limited, so sign up soon! This event is for adults only. For further information, call Karen Vicary (279-4108).



BEREAVEMENT

We use the expression: "It takes a village"...Well, at the All Souls Day Mass last Sunday, it was obvious that "it takes a parish"... As the families whose loved ones died this past year gathered together for prayer it was obvious that they felt the support of the entire parish family. Many positive comments were made about Father Tony's homily...thank you, Fr. Tony!

This particular event takes extra planning and team effort for things to work smoothly. A special thank you must be given to those bereavement team members who cheerfully gave of their time to plan, set up, and clean up! So, **Kay Diggins, Deacon Tom, Kay Passarelli, Mary White, Rosemarie and Jose Pizarro thank you** for your support and care of others.

NEED A HOSPITAL BED?

One of our parishioners has a hospital bed he is willing to donate to a family in need. Please call the rectory if you are interested.

"HELP WANTED"!

Do you have some spare time? We could use your help with making up Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Wednesday evening, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. If you can give a couple hours, please call the Parish Office or Sheila Reiter (833-6657).

Christian Worship Commission



To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. 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.

Rose Caffarelli

Christian Education News



MQH PRESCHOOL NEWS

This past week our preschoolers participated in various Halloween activities. All MQH Preschool students were invited to attend class on Friday and partake in our festivities. Our parents decorated the rooms and planned projects and games for the children. There was pumpkin carving, pumpkin toss, arts and crafts, etc., followed by a parade and Trick-or-Treating. We are grateful for the gifted and generous families who created a memorable experience.

In preparing for All Saints Day our children gathered together and prayed a Litany of the Saints. A Litany is a well known and appreciated form of responsive petition. Preschoolers enjoy repetitive verse. What a wonderful way to encourage prayer at home by using a form our children can join in on. We pray that our families will be able to continue this form of prayer at home.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Contact Mrs. Liz Lowrey for more information and registration at: **(630) 833-9500**

Please see our website at www.maryqueenpreschool.org
Preschool tours scheduled upon request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please mark your calendars for the following mandatory Sacramental parent meetings:
Wednesday, November 12 – Confirmation Meeting with Fr. Tony at 7:00PM in church for parents only of Grade 8 students who will be celebrating the sacrament in the spring. Eighth grade RE classes will meet as normal on that day.

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

Our RE children have been asked to participate in the annual Food Drive. This year each grade level has been asked to bring a particular item that is needed but rarely donated. The items are everything from juice boxes to laundry detergent. Notes should have gone home stating which grade level is responsible for what. Please consult your child's catechist if you have a question. All donations should be brought to RE by November 12. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please be advised that there is no RE class on Wednesday, November 26th because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For more information on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962

Diocesan News

VOCATION NEWS

Vianney Visit – The Diocese of Joliet will be sponsoring a trip to visit St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN on November 20-22, 2008. This is for young men who are juniors in high school or older and there is no cost for this trip. Currently Joliet has 11 seminarians at SJV. Maybe you could be number 12! For more information contact Fr. Burke Master s, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Joliet at 815-834-4004 or frburke23@aol.com.

US CONF. OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS NEWS

CATHOLIC CHURCH RESETTLES NEARLY 18,000 REFUGEES IN 2008; LARGEST RESETTLEMENT EFFORT IN USA

WASHINGTON—The Catholic Church resettled 17,823 refugees in 2008, through Migration and Refugee Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB/MRS) and its network of diocesan entities, representing 30 percent of the total refugees admitted to the nation. Overall, the U.S. government admitted 60,192 refugees during the fiscal year that ended September 30. This number represents a 31 percent increase over last year in the number of cases handled by MRS. In 2007, MRS resettled 13,631 of 48,281 refugees or 28 percent of all refugees admitted into the United States.

Generally, the largest percentage of refugees arrive in the United States during the last three months of the federal fiscal year, July through September. This so-called "bulge" creates an enormous impact and strain on the service capacity of receiving dioceses. "Despite this situation, the diocesan staff, parishes, and other community entities involved in their resettlement once again went above and beyond the call of duty to help refugees build new lives," said Johnny Young, executive director of MRS. In 2008, MRS resettled people from 45 countries. The largest groups came from Burma, Iraq, Cuba, Bhutan, Burundi, Somalia, Iran, Vietnam, Congo, and Liberia.

The Church is especially proud of its "Unaccompanied Minor" program. Ten dioceses—including Galveston-Houston, Texas; Jackson, Miss.; Miami, Phoenix, Richmond, Va.; Rochester, N.Y., San Jose, Calif., Salt Lake City, Seattle and Syracuse, NY—found foster care placement for 190 unaccompanied children, plus 43 other children that have not yet arrived on U.S. soil. This was well beyond the 50 children expected in a typical year. "Both of these situations provide a strong testament to the Church's unwavering commitment to welcome the newcomer regardless of the circumstances that bring them to our land," Young said. USCCB has consistently advocated for increasing the number of refugee admissions into the United States. Refugee arrivals to the United States have been on an upward trend for the past several years, after coming to a significant reduction in refugee admissions after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001. All indications are that the next fiscal year will continue this trend.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	K. Passarelli	R. Villamil	P. Reyenertson
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Sabel (S) G. Los (C) C. Reisenbuckler G. Pstrzoch Volunteer	K. Vicary (S) D. Bernstein (C) J. Unger T. Nanak Volunteer	K. Gusloff (S) M. Murray (C) P. Mason M. McCall J. Spears Volunteer
Altar Servers	G. Gornick B. Gornick	J. McDonough M. McDonough	S. Lewand M. Bourke



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 9, 2008

8:30 AM † Jeanette Morby
10:30 AM † Jeane Carrico

Monday, November 10, 2008

8:30 AM † Edward Weissert

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

8:30 AM † Santa Moscato

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

8:30 AM † Rita Loftus

Thursday, November 13, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, November 14, 2008

8:30 AM † James Ennis

Saturday, November 15, 2008

4:30 PM † All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 16, 2008

8:30 AM † Noeleen Loesch
10:30 AM † Pasquale Rossi

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.
- Jn. 2:19-21

Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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