

CHURCH OF ST. MARY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2012



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:15 PM
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Daily: 7:00 PM Monday
8:00 AM Tuesday-Friday

Rosary Devotion: Mondays, 6:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration: First Monday of each month from 8:00 AM-6:30 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:00 PM
Monday 6:30-7:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

If you wish to have your child baptized at St. Mary, parents will be expected to attend a baptism class. Baptisms can be celebrated after any of the weekend Masses, or during the Mass, if you wish. Arrangements can be made by calling Deacon John (708) 747-1125 or Deacon Ed (708) 748-7682.

Sacrament of Marriage

Wedding ceremonies must be arranged at least 6 months in advance. Contact Father Tri at (708) 747-1600.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will be offered after all Masses on the last weekend of each month. While primarily intended for those of advanced age or those with serious illnesses, anyone who is facing surgery, medical procedures, or those with chronic illnesses are welcome to receive this special anointing.

St. James is the only area hospital that notifies us when parishioners are admitted. Please notify the rectory at (708) 747-1600 for those parishioners in other hospitals or seriously ill at home.

Funerals

Arrangements are usually made by the funeral home or by a family member. The wishes of the family will be respected.

Jesus taught with authority



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MASS INTENTIONS

January 30 – February 5

Monday:	7:00p	People of St. Mary
Tuesday:	8:00a	Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday:	8:00a	Intention of the Holy Father
Thursday:	8:00a	Pearl Babiarz
Friday:	8:00a	Priscilla Korun
Saturday:	4:15p	Edward & Estelle Paja (Larry & Donna Hansen)
Sunday	9:00a	Peter & Irene Mantz (Sons)
	11:00a	The Youth of St. Mary Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 4-5

4:15 PM

9:00 AM

EM	Rob Falcioni Mary Moutvic Debbie Marconi	Liz Green Carol Bartels Wendy Martinez
LEC	Richard Moutvic	Rudy Martinez
SER	Mia Tumbarello	Sarah Abbott Matt LeBran

11:00 AM

EM	Ellen Hart Lois Powers Sonia Marcolini
LEC	Youth Lector
SER	Gabrielle Hernandez Stanford Everett

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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BLESSING OF THROATS

Throats will be blessed at the 8 AM Mass on Friday, February 3rd, and at Masses next weekend. On the weekend, it will be a communal throat blessing, with individual blessings on request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday, Feb. 6th from 8 AM until 6:30 PM. The sign up sheet is on the piano in the back of the church. The Rosary begins at 6:30, followed by Benediction, with Mass at 7 PM.

JEFFREY SEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Through the generosity of the Seper family, Father Tri and the parish council are pleased to announce the Jeffrey Seper Memorial Scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded per year (one per student) to a parish student attending (or planning to attend) a Catholic high school. Information about the criteria for the scholarship and the application are available in the church office, from Father Tri, one of the deacons, or a parish council member.

STEWARDSHIP

THE PARISH WEEKLY BUDGET

Estimated Parish Budget Expense (2011-2012)
\$312,641.00

Weekly Parish Budget: \$6,013.00

(Budget Expense divided by 52 weeks. This is the minimum amount needed weekly to help the parish meet its weekly expenses)

Week of January 22, 2012

\$2881.00
Deficit: \$3132.00

January 21-22

Sunday Offertory: \$2881.00

Latin American Mission \$269.00
Parish Scholarship Fund \$5.00
*not included in parish budget

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. MARY PARISH!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN. 29 – FEB. 5

Catholic Schools Week kicks off at MTCA with a Winter Faire on Sunday, January 29 from 11 AM-2 PM. There will be Games for all Ages, Activities, Crafts & Food.

- Jan. 30- Parent Appreciation Day
- Jan. 31- Teacher Appreciation Day
- Feb. 1- Children's Day
- Feb. 2- VIP Day—Thank you to all who support MTCA
- Feb. 3- School Mass

Thank you to all who support Catholic Education with your time, talent, treasure, & prayers.

2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "The Kingdom of God is at Hand." We are challenged as Catholics to build up God's kingdom here on earth. Your contribution to the CMAA enables the diocese to uphold the Gospel message and build up the kingdom of God throughout the seven counties of the Diocese of Joliet.

Please remember that God never forgets us. Even when we believe our successes are self-made, it is the blessings that God has given to each of us that enabled us to get where we are. One way we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and our diocese. The gifts we give enable ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

SAVE THE DATE (S)

VALENTINE'S DAY—TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Knights of Columbus Nina Council 3602 will host their annual Renewal of Marriage Vows and Spaghetti Dinner here at St. Mary.

PIZZA & LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT SUNDAY, MARCH 4

More information to come.....

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

January 29, 2012, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?.

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SO YOU KNOW..

St. Mary Parish recently completed the sale of our former pre-school building on Hawthorne Avenue. The proceeds from the sale total \$38,500.00, and the funds have been deposited into the parish account. Per diocesan directive, the money is to be set aside and used for emergency purposes within the parish. It may not be used as part of the general fund for operating expenses.

Also, the former second grade classroom has been rented to the Park Forest Historical Society for \$225 per month for the purpose of storage and archiving.

Notice the lighting in the church is a bit different? All the light bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs using only a fraction of the energy as before.