

TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — JUNE 8, 2008

Mass Intentions

June 7 - SATURDAY—EVENING MASS

4:15 PM — Deceased Members of the Melei and
Aprati Family

June 8 — 10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF OUR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

NO 9:00 AM MASS THIS DAY!

11:00 AM — Michael Miela by Jim Duskey
and Family

- For The People of The Parish

June 9 - MONDAY - WEEKDAY/EPHREM

7:00 PM— Intention of the Celebrant

June 10 — TUESDAY— WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM — Kottmeyer Family by Family

June 11 — WEDNESDAY— BARNABAS

8:00 AM — Dorothy and Charles Butterfield by
Family

June 12 — THURSDAY— WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM — Chuck Smith by Family

June 13 — FRIDAY— ANTHONY OF PADUA

8:00 AM — Connie Karr by South Suburban
Council

June 14 — SATURDAY - EVENING MASS

4:15 PM — Clarence Lennertz by Pat Lennertz

June 15 — 11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM — Jim Wegrzyn by Family

11:00 AM — Mary Beth Kroitsfeld by Edward
Fenelon

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,083.00
School Support	55.00
50th Anniversary	1,463.00
Father's Day Remembrance	556.00

Many thanks to all for your support of the
Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary Parish and School will be holding a
Holiday Cash Raffle in conjunction
with our 50th Anniversary. Tickets are
available in the office now if you would
like them. The drawing will be held No-
vember 21 at our Dinner/Auction. More
information will follow.

St. Mary Website: www.stmaryparkforest.org

Weekend — June 14-15

Eucharistic Ministers

4:15 PM — C. Herrmann, F. Carra, (D. Marconi)

9:00 AM — J. Dinnocenzo, G. Lipka, (C. Bartels)

11:00 AM — C. Russell, D. Pierce, (M. Gorman)

Lectors

4:15 PM — R. Falcioni

9:00 AM — E. Szymanski

11:00 AM — S. Drechny

Altar Servers

If you see Altar Servers are needed on the
weekends, please volunteer at Mass.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

We are still accepting registrations for the 2008-
2009 school year for Kindergarten-8th grade.
Our final fee payment day will be August 7th
from 7-9 PM and August 9th from 9:00-12 Noon.

For more information on the school, call 708-
748-6686.

*For an increase in vocations to priesthood and reli-
gious life in the diocese of Joliet, that more men and
women will respond with generosity to the call to
serve God in religious vocations, we pray to the Lord.*

DON'T WAIT!!

Vacation Bible School registration will be closing
when a class is filled or June 30! Don't let 4 year-
olds—6th graders miss this fun-filled summer
activity. For \$10 we have crafts, music, snacks,
skits and lessons related to all the other exciting
offerings! 5 great days from July 14—July 19
from **9-NOON** at St. Mary comes at just the right
time for a break-up of the summer. Call Sandy
Drechny at 747-1125.

SENIORS! Join us for a Day Trip to I & M Canal boat trip and lunch at Starved Rock. June 27th—8:30 to 4:30. Cost \$45.00 Deadline is June 10th. Call Liz Green 748-4086 or Lucy Pluth 481-8431 for application.

CCW FAITH REFLECTIONS
June Devotion: The Sacred Heart

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Invocation: O Heart of love, I put all my trust in Thee; for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from Thy goodness.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

St. Barnabas, Apostle June 11

The Acts of the Apostles described Barnabas as “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 6:24). His Jewish parents called him Joseph, but when he sold all his goods and gave the money to the Apostles in Jerusalem, they gave him a new name: Barnabas, which means ‘son of consolation’ or ‘man of encouragement.’ Although Barnabas was not among the original “Twelve,” he is traditionally thought to have been among the 72 commissioned by Jesus to preach, thus, he is given the honorary title of Apostle.

ADMITTING OUR NEED FOR GOD

As often as we hear the message of today’s scriptures, we seem to be able to resist it. The readings invite us, once again, to rely completely and utterly on God’s love and mercy in our lives. And, once again, we continue to find ways around that invitation. It’s for other people, not us. It’s for tomorrow, not today. We can make it on our own talents, goodness, money, hard work, or wisdom. Yet, today’s scriptures call our bluff. They invite us to admit our need for God and put our lives in God’s hands. We who sit comfortably and smugly at the Lord’s Table are beckoned, once again, to follow Jesus in faith and gratitude and love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13-1-3; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

PARISH COOKBOOK

Our cookbooks are now available for purchase! You can obtain your copy by completing an order blank available in the back of Church. Put the order form and payment (\$15 per book) in one of the envelopes provided, and place it in the jar. If you are writing a check, kindly make it payable to St. Mary Church. Questions? You may call Mary Knutson at 708-758-7747 or e- mail her at MK52559@aol.com.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week’s Treasure considered our posture of genuflection, which is virtually unknown in Jewish prayers, although scripture does describe Jesus kneeling in heartfelt prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you’re visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the “when in Rome” rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the Eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or Eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a “metasis,” toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed to original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the Eucharist table is the principal sign of Christ’s presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar’s significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

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