

QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

Evergreen Park, Illinois



Rev. Edward M. Mikolajczyk, Pastor
Rev. Kevin McCray, Associate Pastor
Rev. Thomas McCarthy, OSA, Weekend Associate
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Robert Landuyt, Permanent Deacon

Second Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2015

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.*

Luke 3:3



Memos from



Mikolajczyk

One of the interesting activities people engage in today is taking the time to fix up and renovate their homes. With popular shows such as “The Property Brothers”, “Love It or List It”, or “Flip or Flop” as seen on the HGTV channel, people are willing to invest and make changes as they plan for the future. It’s amazing to see how houses and rooms get transformed from disastrous situations to modern and luxurious living conditions. With a little effort, time and money, what seemed impossible became a reality and a dream come true. Change is important. Today’s Scripture readings invite us to make a change in our lives. We are called to let go of our misery and mourning and seek ways that bring glory and justice. John the Baptist challenges us to be a people of repentance that help prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths. What changes are we willing to make in our spiritual lives that will help us get closer to God?

This Tuesday, we begin the Year of Mercy. An opportunity for us to receive and give mercy in old and new ways. How will we help to break down the barriers of misery and loneliness, of hatred and violence, of hunger and homelessness? Advent provides the time for us to make the changes needed to welcome the Christ Child this Christmas. The question is: Are we ready to change?

This Tuesday, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday evening at 7:00PM, Tuesday morning at 6:00AM and 8:30AM and Tuesday evening at 7:00PM.

My thanks to the Women’s Ministry for sponsoring the Advent by Candlelight event. It was a wonderful way to enter the season of Advent and prepare for the celebration of the Christmas season.

My thanks to the members of the Altar & Rosary Society for hosting the Christmas party last Friday. It was an enjoyable and memorable event to get us ready for Christmas.

If you have not taken an ornament from the Giving Tree, I would encourage you to support the Girl Scouts and Youth Ministry programs by taking an ornament and helping them make Christmas happen for those families that are in need.

Have a good week.

God Bless,

Fr Ed



Stewardship

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—November 22, 2015

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed	\$10,000	\$210,000
Amount Collected	\$6,655	\$176,304
Online Giving	\$135	\$675
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(3,210)	\$(33,021)
Number of Weekly Envelopes.....	290	
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....	\$2,173.58	

Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—November 29, 2015

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Amount Needed	\$10,000	\$220,000
Amount Collected	\$9,783	\$186,087
Online Giving	\$155	\$830
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(62)	\$(33,083)
Number of Weekly Envelopes.....	335	

Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to decrease our deficit. Your sacrifice is appreciated.



St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Sandwich Schedule for Adult Members at 9:00 A.M. in the Convent on the following **Wednesdays:**

2015
December 16 & 30

2016
January 13 & 27

As we begin the second week of Advent and continue to prepare our homes for Christmas and the coming of Jesus, think of what you can do to better prepare yourself for Christ's coming. Remember, simple acts of kindness during your everyday life are a great way to get ready to welcome Christ into your life. Don't let the true meaning of the holiday get overshadowed by the commercialism all around us.



On Monday, November 23rd, Envelope No. 1765 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was \$4,845.00.

On Monday, November 30th, Envelope No. 0414 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was \$6,025.00

To be eligible for the raffle, you must use two separate envelopes for the current week. In your regular weekly envelope, your contribution **must** be at least \$5.00; and you **must** use the corresponding week's 50/50 envelope with a \$5.00 contribution in that envelope. **To be included in the weekly 50/50 drawing, envelopes must be in the rectory office by 8:30 A.M. on the Monday morning immediately after the weekend.**

Good luck next week!

Early Bulletin Deadline

The following bulletin articles must be submitted early due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays:

<u>Bulletin Issue Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
December 13	December 8
December 20	December 15
December 27	December 16
January 3	December 21



Queen of Martyrs Adoration Chapel of Divine Mercy

***"I will show Him, I will exalt Him
and make Him manifest"***

(Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Our Lady asked for a church to be built to glorify her Son. At our church we are very blessed to have daily Mass and a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel which is open 7 days a week, 12 hours a day. This Saturday, on the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** we celebrate the **22nd Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel**. It exists so that we may assist Our Lady in her mission to show, exalt, and make Him manifest. Please consider committing to a specific hour and become a Eucharistic Adorer.

Sign up at the Adoration Chapel or for more information call Marion at (708) 424-8433.

HOUR OF GRACE

Please join us for a special Holy Hour in honor of Our Blessed Mother this Tuesday, December 8th on the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. It will begin promptly at 12 noon.



You have seen the **MIRACULOUS MEDAL** where Mary's hands are extended and rays emanate from her fingers. These rays are the graces she is offering to all who ask for them. This hour of prayer is offered in honor of Our Blessed Mother. The Virgin Mary promised many graces to all who join in this hour of prayer on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. (ROSA MYSTICA)



CHRISTMAS AT QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00P.M [church] Choristers, Cherub and Bell Choirs, trumpet, organ/piano

4:15 P.M. [Vitha Hall] cantor, piano

6:00 P.M. cantor, trumpet, organ

10:30 P.M cantor, trumpet, French horn, organ/piano

Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

7:30 A.M. cantor, trumpet, organ

9:30 A.M. cantor, trumpet, organ

11:30 A.M. Adult Choir, trumpet, harp, oboe, organ/piano

Queen of Martyrs Youth Ministry



QMYM
NCYC
Here I Am Lord - Aquí Estoy Señor
NOVEMBER 19-21, 2015 - INDIANAPOLIS

"Little parts of everyone we were able to hear speak inspired me; there was no specific moment alone that outright changed my perspective or made my weekend, it was a combination of all the experiences that changed me. I loved the Pope cardboard cutouts. More seriously, I loved being able to explore a new city and have a completely different experience than anything I've ever had with some of my favorite people. I saw God in the people who worked so hard to put this all together, in the keynote speakers, and in all the people that were in attendance. I will share NCYC with others through the stories and the things I've learned and by emulating the wonderful role models I saw this weekend in everyday life." -Addie



ADVENT 2015

Contact Tina if you are interested in getting involved with QMYM for any of the ADVENTures in the upcoming weeks!!

Freshmen Sophomore Winter Retreat Planting Seeds, Growing Roots



Saturday January 9, 2016
9am-6pm

Mass at 4pm with FAMILY
\$25 includes lunch & dinner and retreat supplies

Forms Available online soon!! Due 1/4/16



QMYM Ski Trip

Monday January 18th 6am-6pm

Sign Ups will take place 12/17 5:30-6:30pm in the Youth Room.



Questions about QMYM?
 Contact Tina O'Shea at
QMartyrsYM@gmail.com

Religious Education News

School children in grades 3-8 will celebrate Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 7.

First semester Saturday School of Religion classes will conclude Saturday, December 12 with a prayer service led by the students and catechists. All are welcome to the 10 AM service.

Children in grades 1 and 4 in the school will present Breakfast in Bethlehem at 9:30 AM Monday, December 14 in the gym (Bethlehem). Grade 6 will lead the singing. All are welcome.

A very **Happy Birthday** and **Happy Anniversary** to all who will celebrate during the new month of December.

Jesus, be with me today, in everything I do and say."



Thank you for attending our very exciting series, "Women in the Bible" this fall. We learn so much more about Bathsheba, Ester, Ruth, Naomi and Miriam. We look forward to continuing our women in the bible study and will begin in late January 2016. The girls decided to look into the life of "Delilah". Remember her, Samson and Delilah? If you have time, google "Delilah" or look her up in the Bible in Judges 13-16.

"Advent by Candlelight" was a warm and lovely evening filled with reflection and song as we were taken to the manger. We contemplated the glory, comfort, gifts and hope we receive from Jesus. Thank you to all the ladies who attended!

We wish all of you comfort, peace, joy, and love this Christmas season!

If you have any suggestion or questions for Women's Ministry, or know of someone in need, please contact JoAnne at 773-520-7454, jojocpa@gmail.com or Margie at 773-842-4104, mmizerapt@gmail.com

"In the giving it becomes clear that we are chosen, blessed and broken not simply for our own sakes, but so that all we are about, all that we live, finds its final significance In its being lived for others".
 Henri Nouwen

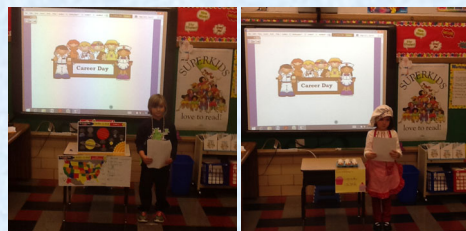
Queen of Martyrs First Grade Students
Explore Careers



Mrs. Gagner's students participated in a Social Studies Lesson about jobs. Each student was asked to think about a job that they would like to do when they grow up. Students came dressed as teachers, doctors, pet trainers, principals, athletes, policemen, bakers, and priests. Students listed three facts about their job choice and shared their ideas with their classmates.



The students were very excited to dress up for their future professions. This hands on lesson helped the students to understand the many different careers will be available to them in the future. They also discussed how important each job is to our community. Father Ed and Principal, Mrs. Kathleen Tomaszewski, were delighted that two of the First Grade students, Tim and Lizzie, aspire to be a priest and a school principal when they grow up. The students really enjoyed this informative Social Studies Lesson!



December Holy Name Meeting
Monday December 7th @ 7:00

Dinner menu will be Smoked Brisket and Pulled Pork along with sides
Drinks, Split-the-Pot, Big Screen for Football
Meeting Format Again



Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends

Prayer is a powerful prescription for whatever ails you. Please remember our sick in your prayers:

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| Luke Amelio | Raymond Farano | Jacqueline Olsen |
| Bill Barts | Vikki Finkel | Bernie O'Reilly |
| Jerry Becmer | Mary Fergus | Laura Orlando |
| Maddux Blunt | Jean Harazin | Anthony Pappalas |
| Jack Carr | Joyce Hoff | Alex Pier |
| Jan & Jack Clisham | Conor Kilmartin | Richard Pollack |
| Carol Coleman | Teresa Li | Daniel Ramsden |
| Baby Patrick Cox | Doris Locascio | Elizabeth Reilly |
| Janice Della Posta | Lauren McGovern | Mary Schneider |
| Don DiFilippo | May Mescio | Bob Sigel |
| William Dillon | Georgene Mitchell | Judy Ulrich |
| Jim Downing | Judy Mitchell | Bob Warda |
| Erin Eustaquio | Sharon Nanesta | |



While They Serve...

We pray for our Parishioners and the Relatives of Parishioners who are serving in the Military and protecting us...

- Matthew Beemsterboer* - USMC - nephew of Barry and Joan McClorey
Daniel Birmingham - USMC - son of Ed & Mary Birmingham
Jade Guest—US Navy—Granddaughter of Ray & Sharon Cramsie
Captain Daniel R. Johnson—US Army—son of Betty and Roy Johnson
Colton Kielbasa-US Marine-Son of Rich & Charmaine Kielbasa-Brother of Chris Kielbasa
Ryan Marth
Sgt. First Class Wayne Mutnansky
Lt. John Mutnansky
Lt. Col. John "Pete" Petracca—US Army—nephew of John and Judy Berleman
Colin Prendergast—son of Carole Prendergast
Lt. Col. Ellen Shannon-Ball—daughter of Barbara and sister of Jack Shannon
Mike Slomski—US Marine—nephew of Steve & Mary Currier
David Slomski—US Army—nephew of Steve & Mary Currier
2LT Martin J. Springer - US Army—son of John Springer
2LT Robert J. Springer - US Army—son of John Springer
Daniel Talty—USMC—grandson of Colleen & Pete Cunningham
Sergeant Clifford Oskvarek—USMC—son of Chuck & Carol Oskvarek
Ted Bos—USMC—grandson of Theresa Bos

If you would like us to pray for a Parishioner or a Relative of a Parishioner serving in the Military, please contact the rectory at 708-423-8110 or email jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com.

Queen of Martyrs "2015" Christmas Sharing Tree



Please remember to take an ornament from the Sharing Tree beginning Thanksgiving Day, November 26th. The organizations benefiting from your past generosity have been most grateful. As St. Nicholas so wisely stated, "It is better to give than to receive". Please drop off your wrapped gifts with the paper ornament attached the weekend of December 12th and 13th.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in spreading the Spirit of Christmas!!!!



MONDAY	— Dec. 7, 2015— <i>St. Ambrose</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM—	Hugo Lanuti (Deceased) Joseph Nemeth
7:00 PM—	Jack Shannon (9th Anniversary)
TUESDAY	— Dec. 8, 2015— <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
6:00 AM—	Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs
8:30 AM —	Bernadine Andrick Ruth Egan
7:00 PM—	Pat Nemeth
WEDNESDAY	—Dec. 9, 2015— <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM —	Kay McKendry Nicki DeBerre Jean Prendergast/Rooney
THURSDAY	— Dec. 10, 2015
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM—	Francis M. Griegel
FRIDAY	— Dec. 11, 2015— <i>St. Damasus I</i>
6:30 AM—	Communion Service
8:30 AM —	Marge Machay
SATURDAY	— Dec. 12, 2015— <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
8:30 AM —	Jesus Mora Rosemary Cotter
4:00 PM—	Dorothy, Sophia & Leroy Johnson Leonardo Sagun
SUNDAY	— Dec. 13, 2015— <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
7:30 AM —	Pat Nemeth Karen Hedderman
9:30 AM —	Michael & Bernice Nowaczyk Neal McCann
11:30 AM —	Ralpholine Gerrato and Josephine Delore Patrick & Noreen Linnane Mary Sublewski Daniel Brennan
4:00 PM—	Laurence & Margaret Ferenzi Anna Ferenzi Casey Kasper



Dec. 12	4:00 PM	S. Carter P. Tew D. Siska (L) D. O'Callaghan	T. Haas L. Bachler M. Walsh C. Murray
		Altar Servers M. Murray A. Powell	
Dec. 13	7:30 AM	J. Jager N. Cummings (L) P. Scolan	M. Griegel E. Greigel J. McMahon M. O'Connor
		Altar Servers B. O'Connor T. Quinn	
	9:30 AM	P. McCann A. Moloney (L) K. Lang	J. Mitchell J. Springer K. Reidy
		Altar Servers M. Radgowski B. Rewers	
	11:30 AM	M. Carbonneau (L) B. Reidy	C. Mason T. Scott D. Reyes
		Altar Servers L. Reidy K. Ryan	
	4:00 PM	TBD (L) TBD	TBD TBD A. Rosas
		Altar Servers R. Rice S. Scott	



Notice: Bulletin articles must be received in the Rectory office by **Noon on Tuesdays**. Please drop them off or e-mail them to jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com. Thank you!



Altar Servers

**Week Days Dec. 7—12, 2015
8:30 AM**

Mon., Dec. 7—	M. O'Connor, L. Reidy, K. Ryan
Tues., Dec. 8—	A. Powell, D. Revers, D. Reyes
Wed., Dec. 9—	B. O'Leary, J. Revers, R. Rice
Thur., Dec. 10—	T. Quinn, N. Revers, A. Rosas
Fri., Dec. 11—	K. Reidy, B. Rewers, F. Schmitt
Sat., Dec. 12—	J. McKenna, J. McKenna, B. O'Leary

QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Anticipated Mass on Saturday: 4:00 P.M.
 Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 4:00 P.M.
 Vigil of Holy Day: 7:00 P.M.
 Holy Day: Eucharistic Service 6:00 A.M.
 Masses 8:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
 Weekdays: Eucharistic Service Mon.—Fri. 6:30 A.M.
 Morning Mass Mon.— Sat. 8:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Pre-marriage instructions required. Arrangements must be made by the engaged couple, in person, at the Rectory six months prior to the wedding.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY:

For membership info or assistance call the Rectory.
 Confidentiality assured.

MINISTRY OF CARE

Jane Dunne, Coordinator — 708-499-9808

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

10240 South St. Louis
 Open daily from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.

Registration of New Parishioners:

Please register at the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

Moving:

Please notify the Rectory of your departure or of a new address in the parish.