Third Sunday
OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2015

Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11
As we draw closer to the celebration of Christmas, we begin to see many preparations taking place to get ready for that day. The people of European descent began counting the days by making chalk marks on their doors. The German people made calendars with little doors to open for each day. Today we refer to them as Advent calendars. We go through many doors in our lives. Some doors we enter are welcoming and inviting, other doors cause us to be cautious and careful and still others may remind us to be afraid or fearful of what we may find behind the doors. There are doors that hold and have a special meaning to them. One such door is found at the Vatican called the “Holy Door”. This door is opened for a year long celebration during a jubilee year. On Tuesday, December 8, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door to usher in the Jubilee year of Mercy. During this year we are called to focus our attention on how we can be more merciful to others. Today, John the Baptist offers us suggestions on how we can achieve this task. Share what you have with others, treat others with respect and honesty and be fair in making sure people are treated equally. It’s an opportunity for us this year to open our own door and be merciful to others. Hopefully we will accept the challenge Pope Francis has given us to go beyond our comfort zone and be more active in our faith by reaching out to others and showing how merciful we can be.

The 2nd collection today is for the Retired Religious in our Archdiocese. Many of us were taught and received the foundation of our faith by the Religious orders of sisters and brothers. It is now our time to give back in gratitude for what has been given to us through these dedicated and loyal men and women. Show your appreciation by giving generously to this collection and supporting the Religious in their retirement years. A reminder that the ornaments for the Giving Tree are due this weekend. Don’t forget to put the ornament on top of the wrapped gift and return it to the St. Joseph’s room or leave it by the tree. The Girl Scouts and Teens are appreciative of your generosity and thank you for your participation and support.

Have a good week.

God Bless,

Queen of Martyrs Rectory Business Hours
Monday thru Friday — 9:00 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

The office is closed from Noon until 1:00 for lunch.

The Rectory is also open for key pick-up/drop-off and pre-arranged appointments with Fr. Ed:
Monday thru Thursday—3:30 to 8:30 PM
Friday—3:30 to 8:00 P.M
Saturday—9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and
Sunday—9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Please call or visit the Rectory during scheduled business hours to ensure prompt attention to your requests.

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—December 6, 2015

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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

In today’s gospel we hear many different people asking John the Baptist what they should do to change their lives. He gives appropriate advice, baptizes them, and “preaches good news to the people” related to the coming of Christ. What can you do this week to change your life and prepare for Christ’s coming?

On Monday, December 7th, Envelope No. 1851 was drawn. There was NO winner. The total amount of the prize pot was $7,215.00.

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!

Total Parishioners Pledged:……………………………… 285
Total Pledges:………………………… …………... $518,083.00
Amount on Deposit as of 11/30/15
In “To Teach Who Christ Is” Account:……..……..$193,917.70

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Queen of Martyrs
Adoration Chapel of Divine Mercy

Happy Jubilee!
Now is the Time of Mercy.

Pope Francis has called for an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, which began last week on Dec. 8th, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, to Nov. 20th 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Holy Father stated, “Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and touch to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.”

Jesus is Love and Mercy Incarnate! Now is the time to come to Eucharistic Adoration and learn the ways of the Master. Embrace the opportunity!

Become a Committed Adorer. Sign up at the Adoration Chapel for a specific day and hour or for more information call Marion at (708) 424-8433.

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Queen of Martyrs
Christmas Bingo

Free Christmas Giveaway
December 17th

Vitha Hall
3550 W. 103rd Street
Evergreen Park, Illinois

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY,
EXCEPT HOLIDAYS
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Guaranteed $2,250.00 Payout In Prizes
Weekly Chance to Win $5,000.00 in Our Tiq Tau Raffle
Queen of Martyrs Youth Ministry

“One person that inspired me was Mark Hart. He was a funny man, but also so passionate about his faith. Mark had great jokes and a great message. I loved seeing all those people in one place to worship God. I saw God in every one there & I felt God every time I was in the stadium. I will share with others by telling them those Catholic jokes.” - Tim Doohan

**ADVENT 2015**
Contact Tina if you are interested in getting involved with QMYM for any of the ADVENTures in the upcoming weeks!!

**Mission Trip 2016 Registration**
Sunday January 24th at 6:30pm

**QMYM Ski Trip**
Monday January 18th 6am-6pm
Sign Ups will take place 12/17 5:30-6:30pm in the Youth Room.

**Ronald McDonald House Brunch**
“This experience was very new for me. I learned how to cook and it was my first time here. I felt good about myself for serving everyone.” — Colin D.

“Spiritually I learned to not complain for what I don’t have. I loved helping everyone. I hope to come here again and help.” — Annie

“I learned that serving others is twice as satisfying as serving yourself. I found RMH to be very humbling. I really enjoyed seeing the happy faces of the children and adults at RMH.” — Isabella

“I learned that cooking for others doesn’t seem like a lot but they appreciate it more than you think.” — Colin O.

“This was a new experience for me and helped me see God in others.” — Declan

“What I learned while preparing the meal today is to always give back to others.” — Sara

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

**Religious Education News**

**Children in grade 4** will present **Breakfast in Bethlehem**
Monday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 in the gym. Children in grade 1 will be their guests and children in grade 6 will join in the singing. All are welcome to attend.

**An all school Advent prayer service** will be held on Friday, December 18 at 1 PM in the church. Faculty and students will prepare for the beautiful feast of **Christmas** before they begin their break for the holiday season.

**Saturday School of Religion children** finished their first semester on Saturday with a prayer service and distribution of Report to Parents. We wish them a restful, exciting time with their family and friends and safe travel. **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy 2016**. Classes resume January 9 at 9:30 AM.

For information about Religious Education events in the school or Saturday school 708-422-1647 bsmierciakqm@gmail.com

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

**NEED A STOCKING STUFFER?**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is selling raffle tickets again this year for a new car. You may choose a 2016 Buick Encore or $25,000 credit at Ray Buick to purchase the car of your choice. The tickets are $25 each and are part of the Friends of the Poor Benefit on April 17, 2016. The drawing will take place at the benefit. Tickets will be available at the rectory or you can contact me at lindapahu@aol.com if you’re interested. (Remember, last year’s winner came from our parish! I will also be selling them again in the back of the church after the holidays as we get closer to the benefit date.) Thanks for thinking of St. Vincent de Paul for your holiday gift-giving!

**Sharing News…**

The last day to order is December 14th. Please be sure to get your order in. By placing your order you will ensure you get anything you might need. Mrs. Budz will have stock in the office but supply is limited and is given out on a first come first serve basis.

Our last cash can carry is Sunday, December 20th. We will resume on Sunday, January 10th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at queenofmartyrssharing@queenofmartyrschurch.com
Queen of Martyrs Kindergarten Students
Bring Reading Series to Life

The students in Mrs. Brown’s and Mrs. Clemens Kindergarten class enjoy acting out scenes from the Kindergarten Reading Series, “Super Kids”.

The reading program focuses on certain letter sounds of the “Super Kid” friend that they read about each week. The students will focus on the beginning, middle and end sound of the character name. They use workbooks each day that focus on the character that they are reading about. Through the course of the week the children learn about encoding and decoding words to help them become fluent readers. They also practice formation of letters centered on the “Super Kid’s” name from their weekly stories.

Pictured below are Makenna dressed as Cass who loves to cook, Mia dressed as Oswald who draws odd animals, Paige dressed as Golly who likes to sniff garden flowers, and Matthew dressed as Alf who enjoys adventures. The students have a great time bringing their favorite characters to life for their very hands on lessons!

Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends

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

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 Mary Schneider
Baby Patrick Cox Doris Locascio Bob Sigel
Janice Della Posta Lauren McGovern William Dillon
Don DiFilippo May Mesco Judy Ulrich
William Dillon Georigene Mitchell Jim Downing
Colin Prendergast Judy Mitchell Erin Eustaquio
Jeffrey Springer 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 Beensterboer - USMC - nephew of Barry and Joan McClone
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
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

Please remember to drop off your wrapped gifts (with the paper ornament attached) THIS weekend.
(Organizations will be picking up their gifts at 1:00PM)
Thank you for your thoughtfulness in spreading the Spirit of Christmas!!!!

***REMINDER***
Queen of Martyrs “2015” Christmas Sharing Tree

Mother McAuley is proud to announce that 40 members of the Class of 2016 were named Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations to Queen of Martyrs alumnae Macy Andlinger, Molly Clifford, Amy Geraghty and Jaclyn Prucha for receiving this honor!

Thank you! Thank you to the women you donated to the women’s PAD’s shelter in Oak Lawn. We were amazed and humbled at the 63 gift cards and a multitude of cosmetic bags. Your generosity is so appreciated by these struggle ladies and their children. Have a peaceful and joyful Advent season—a season full of hope and grace!
**Mass Schedule**

| 6:30 AM — Communion Service |
| 8:30 AM — Pat Nemeth |
| TUESDAY — Dec. 15, 2015 |
| 6:30 AM — Communion Service |
| 8:30 AM — Catherine & George Barlett, Malachy McLaughlin, Salvatore DeNardo |
| WEDNESDAY — Dec. 16, 2015 |
| 6:30 AM — Communion Service |
| 8:30 AM — Mary Kay O’Brien, Kukulski & Liberacki Families |
| THURSDAY — Dec. 17, 2015 |
| 6:30 AM — Communion Service |
| 8:30 AM — Living & Deceased Members of the Flaherty/Mason Families |
| FRIDAY — Dec. 18, 2015 |
| 6:30 AM — Communion Service |
| 8:30 AM — William Woods, Charlotte Gardner, Salvatore DeNardo |
| SATURDAY — Dec. 19, 2015 |
| 8:30 AM — James Sullivan, Ruphin T. Kukulski |
| 4:00 PM — Robert & Joan Lukasik, Theresa, Thomas, Charlotte & Robert Refermat |
| SUNDAY — Dec. 20, 2015 — 4th Sunday of Advent |
| 7:30 AM — James & Margaret McGowan, Karen Hedderman, Herman Stringer |
| 9:30 AM — John Hopkins, Sue Boyce, Steve Lewis |
| 11:30 AM — Daniel Dent, Peggy Davis, Kay McKendry |
| 4:00 PM — Kathleen Quinn |

**Eucharistic Ministers**

| Dec. 19 4:00 PM |
| K. Sampson, J. Anderson, R. Paglia |
| (L) S. Lorimer, M. Walsh |

| Dec. 20 7:30 AM |
| B. Pellegrini, E. Griegel, M. Griegel |
| (L) J. McMahon, P. Scolan |
| Altar Servers F. Balto, A. Capuano, N. Capuano |

| 9:30 AM |
| M. Mizera, S. Moss, J. Martin |
| (L) D. Parisi, J. Springer |
| Altar Servers E. Carey, T. Cox, J. Cronin |

| 11:30 AM |
| K. O’Neil, J. Donnelly, N. Currier |
| (L) V. York, T. Gump, C. Dahill |
| Altar Servers E. Carey, T. Cox, J. Cronin |

| 4:00 PM |
| TBD, TBD, TBD |
| (L) TBD |
| Altar Servers J. Davies, M. DelBosque, L. Demcak |

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**Altar Servers**

**Week Days Dec. 14—19, 2015 8:30 AM**

| Tues., Dec. 15 — | L. Schmitt, A. Walter, R. Smith |
| Wed., Dec. 16 — | S. Scott, J. Zupan, A. Clark |
| Thur., Dec. 17 — | P. Voves, J. McKenna, A. Capuano |
| Fri., Dec. 18 — | M. Walter, N. Capuano, E. Carey |
| Sat., Dec. 19 — | J. Szczesniak, J. Zupan, A. Biondo |

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**May They Rest in Peace**

Karen Hedderman
Francis Dyra
Margaret E. Lavery
Paul Vojacek
QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

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DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
Jennie Schmitt—708-252-0359
jschmitt@queenofmartyrschurch.com

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

EUCHARISTICADORATION 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.