



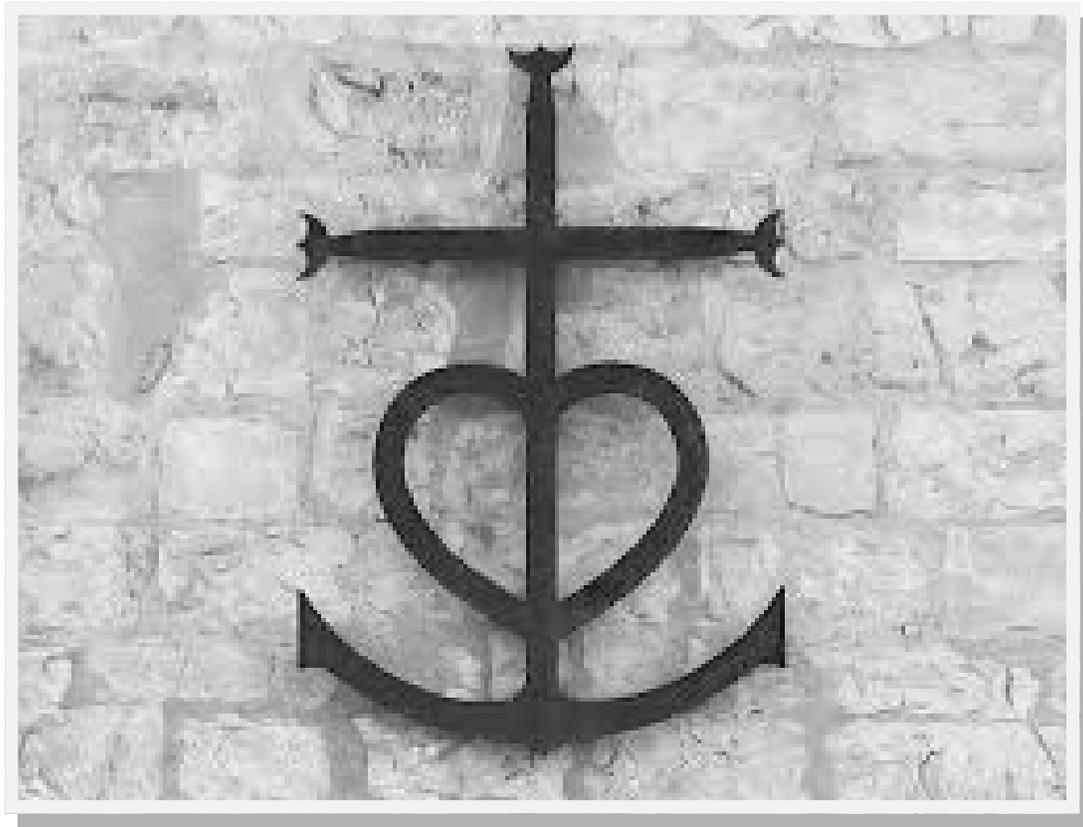
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*Faith, hope, and love
remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 2013**

“BIG FUN ON THE BAYOU”:

Mardi Gras New Orleans Style

I have never been to New Orleans. I know I'm missing something - - especially at this time of the year. From Epiphany to Ash Wednesday, the “Big Easy” rocks and “the good times roll!” **Mardi Gras** is well known for its unbridled excess, lewd behavior and indecent exposure. I'm not surprised that Chef Emeril Lagasse learned much of his Kamikaze cooking style at **Commander's Palace**. It's Creole cuisine is genteel and jazzy. Emeril was inspired by New Orleans to “Kick it up a notch!” Old guard and new can agree with the celebrated judgment of Mae West when it comes to New Orleans:



“Too much of a good thing can be wonderful!”

My impressions of New Orleans are mostly culinary. I grew up in the fifties with songs like “**Shrimp Boats are a' Comin**” and the foody anthem and love song, “**Jambalaya.**” Once you hear the lyrics they are hard to forget.

*“Jambalaya, crawfish pie and file' gumbo,
For tonight I'm gonna see my Cheri mio,
Pick guitars, fill fruit jars and be gay-o,
Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the Bayou!”*



Later, I would taste that “lyrical menu” along with beignets, **etouffee'**, remoulade sauce, red beans and Po-boy sandwiches. When a desperate palate craves, there's always a “quick stop” at **Popeye's** or a **Zatarain's** Mix in your own kitchen.

When not fantasizing about New Orleans food, I slip into cinema. Who can ever forget (or forgive) Bette Davis in **Jezebel**? She was the antebellum belle who shocked Creole society by wearing a red gown to the Olympus Ball. Young ladies of quality didn't do that in the 1850s! New Orleans also makes me think of “**A Streetcar Named Desire.**” Tennessee Williams could not have chosen a better setting for a semi-tragic story of another lady of quality, Blanche. Having lost her virtue long ago, she lives in her dreams. Ravished and driven mad by her brutish brother-in-law, Blanche is like New Orleans - high on history and culture, but a victim of moral decay and unexpected storms of destruction.



Mardi Gras or “Fat Tuesday” is part of Christian culture. It is a French form of Carnival - - a “farewell to the flesh.” **Mardi Gras** is always a very reluctant farewell. Its parades, masked balls and wild abandon in the streets even take in forces of law and order. Imagine veteran police officers decked out in stretch beads, fluorescent sunglasses and Mylar wigs! So much for serious law enforcement! An air of fantasy gives itself over to a topsy-turvy world. Rex, the “King of Carnival,” is a true successor to the Medieval “Lord of Misrule” who was a true master of revels. His command had to be obeyed even by real royalty! In fact, Rex, the New Orleans “monarch,” once received a genuflection and curtsy from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor!

But we must not judge **Mardi Gras** in New Orleans too harshly. The author of Ecclesiastes with his balanced pessimism, includes this unexpected insight:

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment, for these are from the hand of God (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

As Lent fast approaches, I suppose my own **Mardi Gras** will be limited to a box of **Pączki** from a Polish bakery or a big helping of **Popeye’s** spicy tenders with dirty rice. I dream of “Kicking it up a notch” with Dixieland Jazz and a ride on the real Streetcar named “Desire.” I have heard that at the end of that ride, one of the krewes that produces **Mardi Gras** may offer you a “**Get out of Purgatory free**” card.



“Let the Good Times Roll,” but don’t get lost in **Mardi Gras**!

-Fr. Luczak

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2013: “LOVE NEVER FAILS!”

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your prayers and financial support help the Archdiocese of Chicago to carry on the mission of Christ through its various ministries and services. Your efforts also benefit our parish, which makes use of some of those ministries and service. Remember, too, that once we have reached our goal of \$37,761 in cash, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish as we also offer ministries and services in the name of Christ.

If you perhaps need more time to pray and consider how you can best support the Annual Catholic Appeal, please do so this week and then kindly return your pledge form next weekend. Remember that your gift can be paid in installments. If you did not take a pledge form during Mass, they will be available in the Holy Family Room after Mass. We appreciate your prayerful consideration and generous response to this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal.



Grs. 1-2 will have their Child Safety Evening with Mrs. Stanton during class on Monday. Family members are welcome to join us in Rm. 29 at 6:50 p.m.

Grade 5 will welcome several guests during class on Monday night for the annual Vocation Panel. Family members are welcome.

Confirmation Yr. II Candidates are reminded to be on time for their second meetings with staff members. They are to be completed by early February. Part II of the Gifts of the Spirit Journal is due Monday night.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the hand-made items, the diapers, clothing, car seat, and other essentials brought for the Baby Shower for The Women's Center. All was delivered on Wednesday. We also sent them \$505. Your witness on behalf of life is greatly appreciated!

The Teen Group thanks everyone who purchased popcorn and/or made donations last weekend. They raised \$703.50 (before expenses). The proceeds will be used to buy the food needed to make 150 sack lunches, which will be distributed to the homeless through Uncle Pete's Ministry. Assisting the Teen Group's efforts were the Women's Club who gave us \$156 (collected at their Quarterly Meeting) and the speaker of the Liturgical Ministers' Gathering on Tuesday night who donated her stipend to our project. "Thank you so much!"



ALTAR SERVERS

There is a Pizza Dinner and Meeting for all Altar Servers this Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. If you cannot attend, you need to call the RE Office, 847/966-1180. Holy Week/Easter availability response forms are due that night. If you do not turn a response form in, you will be scheduled as needed.

The Spiritual Life Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the RE Office to finalize Parish Mission.



Our Parish Mission, Vatican II: In Spirit and Truth" 50 Years of Faith: Receiving and Living the Council in the 21st Century will begin with Fr. Thomas

Baima preaching the homily at all our weekend Masses, February 23-24. Presentations by Fr. Baima and a different guest for each one will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 24 and 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, February 25-26. A video presentation of the previous day's talk will be shown at 9:30 a.m. Monday - Wednesday, February 25-27. Babysitting can be provided, so please call the RE Office if you will use the service, 847/966-1180. More details about the mission will be found in the Lent Overview which will be distributed in a couple of weeks!

Welcome New Parishioners!



Miss Elzbieta Nachman
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Doyle
Mr. & Mrs. Noli Nuevo
Mrs. Ann Wilde

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Our parish's St. Joseph Table will be held on **Sunday, March 10th**, beginning with Mass at Noon, followed by the blessing of the table and serving of food 1:30-4:30 p.m. This tradition began as an expression of gratitude for the intercession and help of St. Joseph. While it originated in Sicily, it has enjoyed popularity among many peoples. There is no charge for sharing in the table, but donations received will go to our parish's work of helping the poor and needy through our St. Vincent DePaul Ministry. **You can help this year's St. Joseph Table with your prayers, your time (set up, serving, clean up), and/or your meatless food or monetary donations (to prepare the table and food for all the people who will come).**

To offer your assistance or for more information please stop in the Holy Family Room after Mass the next couple of weekends or call **Santa DiFranco, 847/966-1802, or Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180.**



Teen Group

The Teen Group will meet next Sunday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m., downstairs in the Parish Hall to prepare the sack lunches. We will also talk about a possible bowling trip for the end of the month. Teens of the parish are welcome to come and help!

MASS INTENTIONS

As you may know, the Mass Intentions for 2013 for our parish Masses are full and the Mass Intentions for 2014 are not yet open. We offer you the following options in order for you to remember family members and friends with your Mass intention.

✠ If you already have a Mass intention for 2013, but only gave one name for the intention, you are permitted to have a second name.

✠ Fr. Kennedy will gladly accept Mass intentions for Masses said at the friary chapel in Chicago. Forms are available at the Rectory. Please fill it out and either mail it or leave it in the sacristy (but please remember that he is here most weekends but not always every weekend).

✠ Pray for your loved one or friend and help the missions at the same time. Request a Mass intention from the Office for Mission Education and Animation online at <http://www.wearmissionary.org> or stop by the Rectory for a form and mail it to them.

✠ Contact other religious communities to see if they have intentions (Servites, Jesuits, Divine Word Missionaries, etc.)

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS – 20S & 30S,
MARRIED & SINGLE – TO JOIN US FOR...
ENCOUNTERING CHRIST
LENTEN FAITH SERIES**

Young Adults throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago are gathering with peers this Lent for good conversation about our Catholic faith and the ways God is at work in our lives. We will also discuss Young Adults' goals, dreams, hungers, concerns, and spiritual needs, as well as our relationship to the larger Church.

The process includes five sessions of faith sharing based on Scripture, and a gathering with Cardinal George and your peers from throughout the Archdiocese. This is an opportunity to meet other Young Adults who share your faith, and, as a group, to let your voice be heard. Join us when you can.

All faith group sessions will take place at St. Francis Xavier Parish Rectory, 7-9 p.m., Courtyard Room, 124 N. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL, 708-352-0168.

The schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 7 – Encountering the Living Christ
- Feb. 21 – The Way to Conversion: Growing Closer to Christ and One Another
- Mar. 7 – The Way of Communion
- Mar. 14 – The Way to Solidarity: "I am with you in this!"
- Mar. 21 – Christ prepares us and Sends us on a Mission

Saturday, April 13 – Meet with Cardinal George and peers at DePaul University for faith sharing, discussions, conversation and Mass with the Cardinal (time to be announced)

For further information and to register for this exciting process, please contact Michelle Gehrke at mgehrke@yamchicago.org or 312-466-9473. Feel free to spread the word to Young Adult friends and relatives. Thanks!



**YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS:
QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Read Luke 4:21-30. If we become what we eat in receiving the Eucharist, how is my life more prophetic because of Sunday Mass?

**KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD
AT A TIME: DIRECT**

"Perhaps you never noticed, but the Mass we celebrate together on Sundays is loaded with directions. The priest or deacon or commenatator directs the congregation in many ways. "Please stand." "Let us pray." "Bow your heads." "Lift up your hearts." "As without end we acclaim..." "Go forth, the Mass is ended." In so many words, they direct us to pay attention to God whom we have come to worship or to go and live out our faith.

At times we all need others to direct us and guide us on a right path. They are living reminders of our movement on the journey to God. The directions we hear and take at Mass prompt us to pay attention to God who wants to direct and accompany us in the whole of our lives."

Louis J. Cameli, 2012 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications

*Altar Flowers
this week...*

"In Memory of
Josefina Pamorada"

Calimag Family



Saint Isaac Jogues

Women's Club

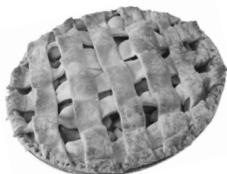
Bake Sale

Saturday and Sunday -
February 9th and 10th after all Masses in
the HOLY FAMILY ROOM

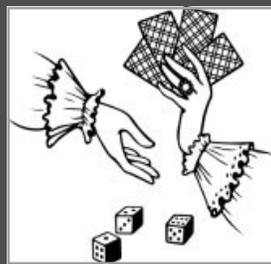
BAKERY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Donations graciously accepted
Saturday, Feb. 9 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 10 before any Mass

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
PAT ZYGMUNT:
847-998-8928



SIJ Women's Club Guild 7 Card & Bunco Party! FEB. 7 at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Room



FREE POPCORN
FREE SODA
FREE DESSERT
TABLE PRIZES

For all the Men, Women & Friends of the Parish
\$10 DONATION
TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AT THE
DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.

Support our Advertisers !!!

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that redeems the most coupons!**

Help SIJ win \$500!

Contest runs from 1/6/13 - 3/31/13

Go get your oil changes & winterizing done
at **LinMar Motors** and don't forget your
coupon on the back of the bulletin.



**Carson Community Days are coming
Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2.
Guild 5 will be selling the booklets in the
Holy Family Room on February 16 & 17 and
February 23 & 24 for \$5 each. Inside the
booklet is a \$10 off coupon plus many
other coupons for a variety of sales. You
get double your money back! All proceeds
benefit St. Isaac Jogues Church and your
support is deeply appreciated.**



The Women's Center February, 2013

In our nation over 1 million abortions are performed each year. The babies aren't the only victims of abortion. The other victims are their mothers who, in many cases, were pressured into the abortion. Sooner or later they experience horrible grief and depression. At the Women's Center we try to help women struggling with a problem pregnancy and save them from grieving later.

Save the date Saturday, (not Sunday) February 9th, 2013 for our 28th Annual Life Banquet at The White Eagle in Niles. We are excited to have as our main speaker, Msgr. Philip Reilly, founder of Helpers of God's Precious Infants. Registration starts at noon and Lunch at 1 p.m. Phone 773-794-1313 for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

We have an excellent opportunity for individuals or friends to work together. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in our Cicero Ave. Resource Room sorting and hanging clothes. Volunteers are needed to clean "spare change" baby bottles, Monday thru Friday between 10am and 5pm at our Chicago office.

Join us for a Mom and Baby Valentine's Volunteer Day on Thursday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to Noon. We will start with a "holy half-hour" of Adoration and then dive into volunteer work. All are welcome to attend Noon mass in the St. Jude Chapel as well. To help, email jkeenan@womens-center.org or call Jackie at 773-794-8807.

We are happy to pass on your used baby equipment to mothers who cannot afford to buy it. We have a waiting list for 3 high chairs, 5 strollers, 6 infant car seats, 4 fixed side baby cribs, 3 bassinets, 2 baby swings, 4 bouncers, 6 pack n plays, and 3 toddler beds. A donation receipt for tax purposes is available. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up is needed, please call 773-794-1313. Mom and baby toiletries, baby wipes, baby formula and diapers in sizes newborn and 6 are needed. These must be delivered to us unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

OUR LADY OF RANSOM PARISH

PALUCH HALL
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24TH ANNUAL

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

12:15 PM MASS

DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

SPAGHETTI DINNER SERVED WITH A
VARIETY OF DELICACIES FOLLOWS...

1:30 - 4:30 PM

MIN. DONATION: \$5 PER PERSON

INFO: 847-823-2550

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

PROCEEDS ARE USED BY THE ST.
VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WITH
THEIR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOUR COOPERATION IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED.

In today's first reading the Lord came to Jeremiah saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..." What is God's plan for you? Have you ever thought about a vocation to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate? For information about the diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago, contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information about religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at eramirez@archchicago.org, or 312-534-5240 and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at bpuhala@usml.edu or 847-837-4562.

Sunday, February 3

7:30 a.m. RICHARD M. ARENDT
 9:00 a.m. PETER & CECILIA LIVORSI
 10:30 a.m. MARIUS ZURAT
 12:00 p.m. VIRGINIA NIEDZIELA

Monday, February 4

8:00 a.m. **Purgatorial Society**
 LAVERNE & WARREN KETTER

Tuesday, February 5

8:00 a.m. FRANK KOVACHEVICH

Wednesday, February 6

8:00 a.m. GUY ZIMMER

Thursday, February 7

8:00 a.m. JOHN IGOE

Friday, February 8

8:00 a.m. FRANCES KOBYLESKI

Saturday, February 9

8:00 a.m. *Communion Service-
 No Intentions*
 5:00 p.m. JULIA PIMENTEL

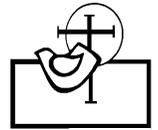
Sunday, February 10

7:30 a.m. *For the Living & Deceased
 Members of St. Isaac Jogues*
 DOROTHY KNAACK
 9:00 a.m. THOMAS MCNALLY
 10:30 a.m. MARY & MICHAEL BURDI
 12:00 p.m. FRANK KOVACHEVICH

FR. LUCZAK

Reconciliation

Liturgy Next Weekend



February 9-10

Celebrant

5:00 p.m. FR. JANAS
 7:30 a.m. FR. MCGLYNN
 9:00 a.m. FR. KALAS
 10:30 a.m. FR. LUCZAK/DEACON PAUL
 12:00 p.m. FR. JANAS
Baptisms FR. LUCZAK
 1:30 p.m.



5:00 p.m. ATHENA LASCO
 JONATHAN PISKA
 ALENA JOSEPH
 7:30 a.m. KHAYLA SANTIAGO
 VIJAY THOMAS
 TRISHA BONTO
 9:00 a.m. GED VALLO
 TARA VALLO
 SAMUEL RATNER
 10:30 a.m. ELIZABETH STANTON
 KATHY JANIK
 ALEXIS JANIK
 12:00 p.m. JANE ESCAREZ
 MARK MALITZ
 LAWSON MATTHEW

Sacristans - ARLENE TUREK
 MARYANNE SCANLON

In Memoriam
 ROBERT I. LUCZAK

PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Luczak

PASTORAL STAFF:

Lori Herbert, Business Manager
Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education
Lisa Hall, Music Director

DEACON COMMUNITY:

Deacon & Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe
Deacon Rod Ranola
Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:

Rev. Ron Kalas
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.
Rev. David Stagaman, S.J.
Rev. Camillus Janas, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.;
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

Sacrament of Baptism: Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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Pray for...

RICHARD HASENKAMP
ELVIRA BAUTTISTA
MARY SANTIAGO
CELSO CASTOR
ALEXIS BARGA
ANGELO MONTANILE
HELEN BREZAK
ELEANORE SWANSON
JOHN NOLAN

**ALTAR FLOWERS CAN BE
A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE**

We are again extending our Altar Flower arrangements from the weekend of January 13th through February 10, 2013. Parishioners are invited to decorate the altar with flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. There can be two arrangements each week. Your name and intention will be listed in the Bulletin. The cost of a flower arrangement will be \$50.00. After Pentecost, Altar Flowers will also be available from the weekend of May 26th through Thanksgiving Day, November 28th. Dates fill up quickly, so please book well in advance. Please call the Rectory at 847-967-1060 to arrange the date to make your remembrance special!

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