

St. Paul the Apostle Church

18 Woodlawn Avenue

www.stpauljoliet.com

Joliet, Illinois



Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

February 12, 2012

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 Sr. Karen Marie Lanigan, O.S.F., D.R.E. x301
 Jeremy Hylika, Liturgical and Youth Minister x320
 Tanya Rand, Dean of Devel.&Mrktg. x201

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday 7:30 AM (Tues, 8:30 AM during school year)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses: Variable-check bulletin.

Reconciliation: (Confessions): Saturday 3-4 or by appointment.

Baptisms: Usually the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 Mass; a preparation meeting for parents is mandatory. Call the parish office before making any arrangements.

Weddings: Engaged parishioners must contact the parish office at least 6 months before intended date. Call the parish office before making any arrangements.

Homebound: Regular sacramental visits are provided to homebound parishioners upon request; please call the parish office.

Hospital: Father makes regular sacramental visits to Provena St. Joseph Medical Center; please notify the hospital of your parish at registration.

RCIA: Classes from September to Easter for those interested in becoming Catholic.

Becoming a Parishioner: Please contact the parish office to register; **All Are Welcome!**



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Saturday, February 11
4:30 PM The People of St. Paul the Apostle

Sunday, February 12
7:30 AM Casimir Slaga
9:00AM Edward Yaklich
10:30 AM Larry Dolinsek
11:30 AM Baptisms

Monday, February 13
7:30 AM Emmett Dalton

Tuesday, February 14
8:30 AM Oscar & Laura Stephen

Wednesday, February 15
7:30 AM Mike Krok

Thursday, February 16
7:30 AM Bernard Wrona

Friday, February 17
7:30 AM Louise Tolosano

Saturday, February 18
4:30 PM Mary & Barney Bottino

Next Sun. February 19 Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 AM John & Teresa Vidican
9:00 AM Rosemary Colonna
10:30 AM The People of St. Paul the Apostle

NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

TIME	LECTORS
Saturday, February 18 4:30 PM - J.Roof/D.Pultorak	
Sunday, February 19 7:30 AM L.Deiss/a.Kokosz	
9:00 AM - M.Homung/C.Hinkleman	
10:30 AM M.Louck/M.K.Robbins	

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

P.Larranaga,J.Stofko,R.Baskerville,,
Sr.M.F.Seeley,J.Militello,P.Wilda,C.Wilda

J.Peceniak,K.Brick,L.Brick,A.Prock,,
C.Schultz,C.Lehman,C.Lukowski
J.Simpson,S.Smith,A.Theobald,,
F.Theobald,D.Lennon,R.Nahas,J.Nahas
M.L.Crossen,B.Bayci,M.Maloney,
B.Bodach,P.Bodach,M.Knorr,S.Hobbs



Next Weekend's Servers:

Saturday, February 18
4:30 PM - J.Scherf/D.Glasgow/J.Tomich/J.Blake

Sunday, February 19
7:30 AM - O.Yaklick/V.Hir/Z.Offerman
9:00 AM J.Parfitt/G.Underhill/I.Todd/K.Sawyer
10:30 AM - J&E Webb/A.Biasella/N.Brozyna

This weekend, the Gieseke Family will carry the Offertory gifts at the 10:30 am liturgy.

Next weekend, February 18-19, The Buza Family will carry the gifts at 4:30, the Kaminski Family at 9 am and the Mejia Family at 10:30 am.



OFFERING

Reflection on Stewardship

Embracing a simpler lifestyle enables us to live more generously.

January 29 2012 \$18,162.00

(This amount includes Direct Donation.)

Budgeted per week: \$20,500.00

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day; Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Sixth Sunday
Ordinary Time
February 12, 2012

Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand...

Both the First Reading from the Book of Leviticus and the Gospel focus on leprosy. We do not hear much about leprosy today. In fact, we do not even use that term anymore. Instead, we speak of Hansen's disease, named after the doctor who discovered leprosy was caused by a bacterium that can now, if diagnosed early, be quickly cured with antibiotics.

In biblical times, however, there was no cure for leprosy and once discovered the person was named "unclean" and could no longer live among the "clean". They were rejected by society and their disease was thought to be a punishment for their sins. In the New Testament Jesus showed a new way of treating these outcasts. He was moved with pity and he freely touched them. He treated them with compassion and healed them.

Lessons for us from today's readings:

God does not cause disease (disasters) as a form of punishment for sin. He loves us totally and desires only good for us. We can say that sin, like a disease if not treated, can spread leading to other sins causing damage to our relationship with God and others. We are gifted with the Sacrament of Reconciliation that heals us and restores us to "health".

We are to be like Jesus and reach out to those rejected by society. The rejected are men, women, and children who are ostracized, shunned, made fun of, bullied, and are unwanted. The rejected person may be a foreigner, physically or mentally challenged, materially poor, be of a different race or religion, be addictive to compulsive behaviors, or have a disease that is socially "unacceptable". Every time we reject another person we reject Jesus.

The "leper" may be me. I may have to reach out and touch the leper inside of me. I may need to embrace my own imperfections, my sins, and mistakes. When I am healed of my prejudices and natural dislikes I can be free and be filled with compassion to reach out to heal others.

We need to look beyond the physical and see as Jesus sees. We need to be courageous and reach out to heal ourselves and do what we can to heal others. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians "Whatever [we] do, do everything for the glory of God."

Sister Karen Marie Lanigan, OSF

Parish News



St. Paul's Youth Ministry (FOLLOW)

New members are always welcome.
You must be confirmed and/or in high school!
Contact Youth Minister Jeremy Hylka at
815-730-8599 or stpaulsyouth@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.stpaulyouth.com
Facebook: St. Paul's Youth Ministry Joliet

FOLLOW Night Tues., Feb. 14 6-7pm Social, 7-9pm FOLLOW

Praise and Worship Night

Retreat Prep Meeting Wed., Feb. 15 6-8pm.

Youth Mass and Open Gym Sat., Feb. 25
from 3-8pm.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

After 7:30am Mass on Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday,

**SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CREATOR
IT IS WORTH MORE
THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE**



R. E. P. NEWS

**In need of information about
Our Religious Education Program?
Please call the REP office at
815-725-6927**

There are no REP classes on Monday,
February 20, 2012. REP classes resume on
Monday, February 27, 2012 at 5:45pm in
the school.

WHAT: MARDI GRAS COFFEE

WHERE: TOWER ROOM OF THE CHURCH

**WHEN: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19
AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS**

PLEASE COME BY TO PARTY



The Catholic Woman's League of Joliet invites all members of the parish to our Morning of Renewal. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 1, at St. Patrick's Church, 710 W. Marion Street. Father Jim Lennon will celebrate Mass.

All members of the CWL who plan to attend the luncheon at Al's Steak House should send their checks made out to the Catholic Woman's League for \$14 by February 20, 2011 to:

Mrs. Mary Whalen
1500 Woodbridge Rd. 2A
Joliet, IL 60436

*No reservations will be accepted at the door.
Money will be collected for the needy at the meeting.*



Calendar News



Sunday, February 12

7:30am	Sunday Mass	Church
9:00am	Sunday Mass	Church
9:00am	FLAG	All Bldgs.
10:00am	RCIA (Convent)	Comm. Room
10:30am	Mass	Church
11:00am	Baptisms	Church

Monday, February 13

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
3:00pm	Day Care	School Hall
5:45pm	FLAG	All Bldgs.

Tuesday, February 14

8:30am	School Mass	Church
3:00pm	Day care	School Hall
6:30pm	Boy Scouts #15	SH

Wednesday, February 15

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
3:00pm	Day Care	School Hall
6:00pm	Rainbows	School Rm 106
6:00pm	Basketball Games	Gym
6:30pm	GRIEF Support	A 1

Thursday, February 16

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
2:00pm	FESTIVALE	All AC
3:00pm	Day Care	School Hall
3:00pm	Children's Choir	Church
6:00pm	Adult Choir	Church

Friday, February 17

NO SCHOOL

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
8:00am	FESTIVALE	All AC

Saturday, February 18

8:00am	FESTIVALE	ALL AC.
3:00pm	Confessions	Church
4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Church
5:30pm	Music Ensemble	Church

Sunday, February 19

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Festivale Clean up	ALL AC
9:00am	Mass	Church
9:30am	Hospitality (coffee donuts)	Tower Room
10:00am	RCIA (Convent)	Comm. Room
10:30am	Mass	Church
1:00pm	Liturgy Committee	Church

For the most current calendar information please go to www.stpauljoliet.com

Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers who are seriously ill or who are suffering from long-term illnesses:



Nicholas Veghts, Mason Briese, Ann Juhlmann, Eugene Oetter, Helen Locher, Erin Bartel, Harn Family, Jeanie Nunue, Amy Remallard, Laura Criel, Kurt Palmer, Nancy Zimmer, Marie Richards, Kay Prock, Lisa Savero, John Mowbray, Bernie Hastings, Rev. George Klepec, Gerald Colagrossi, Shirley Max, Jack Jackson, Tony Simone, Sami Henderson, Louis Toka, Judith Gahala, Jim Escoe, Joan Murray-Olufs, Richard Schreiner Sandy Hathway, Jean Fabich, Mary Modlin, Fran Schultz, Fr. Marty Gabel, Patricia Balla, Brian Gross, Barbara Schreiner, Carol Malnar, Mary Patricia Fischer, Cathy Buza, Cathy Rodway, Patricia Burda, Noemi Canales

May they and their families be comforted by our prayers and our Lord's compassion.



St. Paul the Apostle School, Joliet

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
5:30 p.m. - midnight

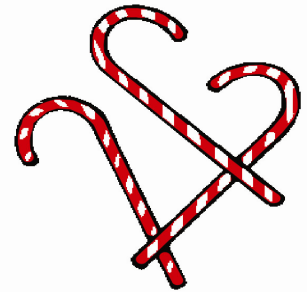
Join us for food, a silent & live auction,
music and fun!

For **tickets**, contact Missi Papesh, 815.258.5800 or
mpapesh@comcast.net. If you would like to **donate an auction**
item or purchase a **sponsorship ad**, contact Allie
Rios at 815.603.2261 or allisonbaileyrios@yahoo.com.

COLLECTING USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

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Do you have Christmas cards that you had received in 2011 and are ready to dispose of them? Well, there is a need for those cards right here at St. Paul. They will be used for the 2012 Giving Tree. Kindly separate the front of the cards from the second portion, which contains messages and names. Bring the front portions of the cards to Church and there will be a box in the Narthex in which to deposit them.



Thank you!!!

THE 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND” (MARK 1:15)

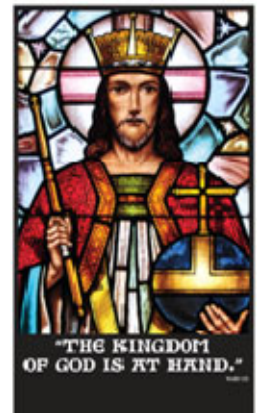
Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “The Kingdom of God is at Hand.” God constantly gives to us. His grace is ever present. His blessings are abundant. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish, such as, Youth Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, Pastoral Care Ministry.

Please answer the bishop’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

DIocese of Joliet 2012
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL



Director of Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Joliet is establishing the position of *Director of Office of Child and Youth Protection*. To read a full description of this position, see the required qualifications as well as how to apply, go to Employment at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/.

Diocese of Joliet Office of the Bishop



Bishop Conlon Addresses HHS Mandates to the People of the Diocese of Joliet
January 31, 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

On January 20th an agency of the federal government created a serious threat to the freedom of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. As Americans and Christians, we must take steps to counter this threat. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a directive that all private health care insurance programs must include several reproductive services for women. These services must be provided without any co-pay or deductible. Among the services are FDA-approved prescription contraceptives (some of which can cause early abortion), sterilization procedures and related education and counseling. The directive applies to religious employers, even if the services in question violate their moral principles. It also places an unnecessary burden of conscience on other employers, Catholic and otherwise, who consider these services immoral.

The directive does provide an exemption for some religious employers, but the terms of exemption are very narrow. The employer must employ primarily members of its own faith and serve primarily members of its own faith. Certainly most Catholic hospitals would not qualify for an exemption and perhaps many Catholic universities. Catholic Charities would not qualify. It could be argued that Catholic dioceses, parishes and schools likewise do not qualify, since Christ clearly sent his followers to proclaim the Gospel to everyone, to invite everyone into his Kingdom and to serve all who are in need. The Church doesn't exist just to take care of its own.

Now, it is no secret that many Catholics dissent from the Church's longstanding teaching on artificial contraception, elective sterilization and abortion. However, pursuing old arguments on these issues will sidetrack us from the real one at hand. The Health and Human Services directive is a violent breach of the wall of separation between church and state. For the government to force a religious body to pursue a course of action that contradicts its beliefs, particularly where no public interest is at stake, is completely unacceptable.

Throughout the history of this country, religious groups, certainly the Catholic Church, have made good use of religious liberty by contributing enormously to the common good. We have run hospitals and nursing homes that cared for everyone, especially the poor. We built universities and schools that educated millions of people who went on to develop this nation. Every day we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, fight for the oppressed and in many other ways give hope to the downtrodden—all done in the name of God, all done because of our faith.

Now our ability to carry out many of these apostolates is at stake, and many of our dedicated employees are potentially at risk of losing their medical insurance.

Your help is greatly needed, both as Christians and as Americans. First, please pray that this grave threat to religious liberty be stopped. Surely, if the gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church, God can manage a cabinet department. Second, support whatever efforts I may ask you to support in the future, such as legislative or judicial remedies. Even now, you can contact the President, the Secretary of Health of Human Services, and your members of Congress. Third, be courageous in your conviction. Take action of your own. For additional information about this issue, visit the special link on our diocesan Web site (www.dioceseofjoliet.org).

The United States is a great country. It was founded by people who sought freedom, initially, religious freedom. The first right enshrined in the Bill of Rights is the free exercise of religion. We are justifiably proud that in this country people of virtually every faith on earth are able to pursue their religious objectives in peace and friendship. Our federal government should help preserve and promote that heritage. Let us work together at this moment to assure that it does. God bless all of you, whom I am privileged to shepherd in the name of Christ.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet