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Men of the parish!



Your time for coffee, conversation and prayer is every **Saturday morning, following the 8:00AM Mass** in the Parish Center Library! Please join us!

Please join us every Monday evening at 7:00PM for a pro-life Rosary in the adoration chapel. All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessions are heard
Saturdays, 11:00AM-12:00PM and 4:15PM-4:45PM
in the Church.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament occurs
Wednesdays, 7:45AM-9:00PM;
Fridays, 7:45AM-7:00PM.

Want to add something to the bulletin?

It's easy! There are two ways to submit something for publication in our bulletin, though we cannot promise that all submissions will be published:

1. Email your announcement or advert to Bulletin@ICparish.org. Please specify the date of your event, and when you would like your piece to appear in the bulletin.
2. Leave a physical copy of the piece you would like published in the [bulletin editor's mailbox at the Parish Center](#), along with the details outlined above.

That's it! Unfortunately, we have terrible memories here at the bulletin staff, so verbal submissions and submissions by phone cannot be accepted.

Submission Deadline:

Monday, 5:00PM

for the following Sunday's bulletin.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Distribution of Ashes will take place at each of the following:

7:00AM Mass

12:00PM Liturgy of the Word

5:15PM Mass

7:00PM Mass

Fr. Nam's Homily



“FORGIVE and FORGET”

We, as human beings, can forgive but we are not able to forget. It is impossible for us to forget the pain we have experienced through someone's thoughtlessness or anger or just plain malice. There are big differences between our forgiveness and God's forgiveness.

God's forgiveness is total and unconditional. In the first reading, God tells His people that He will remember our sins no more. It is not that God cannot remember our offenses. It is that He chooses not to. A forgiveness so complete is not even the memory of the offense remains. Jesus brings us complete forgiveness. The best we can do is 'forgive and accept' our situations. Only God can forgive and forget. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He has “authority on Earth to forgive sins”. He has entrusted this authority to His Church through our priests and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

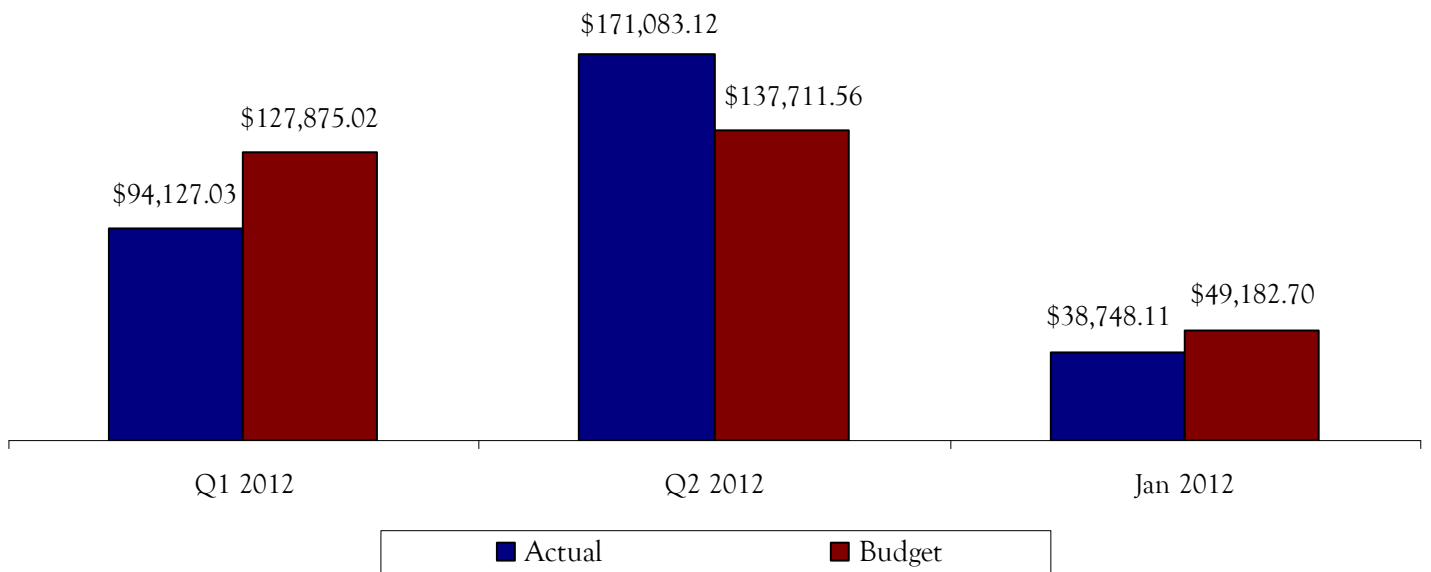
The mystery of sin is a history of salvation. For the destruction of sin is a fundamental reason for the incarnation. St Paul states that, “By sending his only Son in nature like that of sinful man and in order to remove sin, he had condemned sin by the Incarnation.” Today, we hear from the gospel of Mark, “When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.' Some of scribes were sitting there asking themselves. 'Why does this man speak in that way? Who can forgive sins accept God alone?'" Today in our Church many people don't come to the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Like the scribes in the time of Jesus, they argue that, “Why can the priests forgive sins? Who can forgive sins except God alone?"

God speaks to humanity in many ways, but more mysterious and impressive than any other is the way God speaks to us through other human beings. Jesus said, “Whoever hears you, hears me.” In the sacrament of reconciliation, the human voice becomes God's voice. Through the tone of voice and choice of words of the priest, God shows His continual interest and loving care. The priest in the sacrament is a man of God. His attention, his desire to listen and understanding, his feeling for the shame and humiliation experienced by the penitent reveal God's tenderness and solitude. No matter what sins may have been committed, no matter how long since the last confession, the priest will not reject the sinner or turn away from him. He prolongs the presence of Christ, who came to welcome sinners and give them new life. The words of absolution express God's forgiveness. God wants to reassure sinful man of His mercy, reconcile him to himself, and share with him His peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, we know that God see everything that there is in our minds, in our hearts and in our souls. We should be more like the paralytic man and those who carried him to Jesus. We have to show our responsibility, our integrity, and our faith which can prove that we are Christian. Jesus Christ invites us to have confidence in the providence of His Father when He teaches us how to pray. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” It is easy to ask God for forgiveness, but difficult to grant it to others. Whenever we ask God to forgive us, we should ask ourselves. Have we forgiven the people who sins against us? Amen.

Finances

Annualized Monthly Budgeted Income v. Actual Income



February 11-12, 2012 Sunday Offertory

\$7,181.05

The Annual Catholic Appeal

Our parish goal this year for the Annual Catholic Appeal is \$29,140. We must remember that this amount will be withdrawn from parish savings if we cannot reach it in fundraising, so this is an important goal for our parish community to reach. Additionally, if we surpass the goal, 100% of the surplus is returned to the parish, which can be used for various projects, improvements and repairs. Last year, our goal was \$24,303.06, we raised \$51,337 and received a refund of \$27,033.94. This year, the excess funds could be used to defray the cost of damage to our boilers in the Parish Center, or the damage we recently incurred to our beautiful gym floor!

As always, your support is tremendously appreciated!

AROUND THE PARISH

Lenten Season Soup & Spirituality

6:00PM – Soup
7:00PM – Speaker
Immaculate Conception
Parish Center

February 29: Dr. Melanie Barrett

“Growing in Holiness:
A Lenten Journey”

March 7: Fr. Ken Simpson

“Answering the Four Questions:
Who Am I? Where am I going?
Who is going with me?
How can I make a difference in the world?”

March 14: Fr. Kenneth Anderson

“Pastor’s Potpourri”

Melanie Barrett is Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary where she teaches courses on virtue, social justice and sexual ethics.

Fr. Ken Simpson is Pastor of St. Clements Parish in Chicago.

AROUND THE PARISH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH WOMEN'S GUILD

invites you to their

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

to benefit Aid for Women of Northern Lake County

When: Tomorrow, Monday, February 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Where: Parish Center Cafeteria

Please bring NEW layette items, infant clothing, receiving blankets, small toys, bibs, etc. Monetary gifts are also very welcome!

Save the paper and please bring all items unwrapped.

Enjoy refreshments and Bingo while helping mothers in need.

Questions, or need a ride?

Call Alma Morelli (847) 432-2874

AROUND THE PARISH

Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl

You're invited to participate in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet and join us in this simple but powerful Lenten practice. Operation Rice Bowl invites us to PRAY with our family and community, FAST in solidarity with those who are hungry, LEARN about our brothers and sisters around the world, and GIVE contributions to help those in need. Visit www.orb.crs.org for more information and resources to use at home. Thank You!

TEEN LATE NITE!

Next date: Friday, February 24
7:00-10:00PM at St. James
Teens, grades 8-12

TEEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The St. James/Immaculate Conception Teen Group will collect gently used magazines for the residents of the Veterans' Hospital in North Chicago. They would like magazines that are no more than 3 months old.

Please place your items in the boxes that are located at the entrances in church on or before Friday, March 2.

The teens will be visiting the Veterans' Hospital and delivering the items on Saturday, March 3.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women & the Immaculate Conception Women's Guild Board

Cordially invites you and your friends to the

Women's Spring Retreat

NEW TOPIC! Presented by:

Father John Trout

*God the Father... His Presence in Our Lives
God the Son... Jesus' Story Transforming Our
Own*

*God the Holy Spirit... The Spirit's Actions in
Mary's Life and In Our Own*

March 1, 2012 9:00AM to 1:45 PM

Marytown

1600 W. Park Avenue, (Rt. 176)
Libertyville, IL

\$10 includes retreat sessions, lunch and
Mass. Please Reserve by February 23, 2012.
We will car pool.

PLEASE REGISTER
ONLY THROUGH IC!

Make checks made out to Immaculate
Conception. Questions: **Donna Falzone**
847-831-2682 / **Sue Mortier** 847-831-1658



AROUND THE PARISH

Got Lamps?

...or shoes or pots and pans that
you don't want anymore?

We'll gladly accept them!

New this year! Beginning
March 1, Immaculate
Conception is accepting
donations for our September
Rummage Sale.

Check out our website for
more details!

St. Teresa of Avila Book Club

Half Broke Horses

by Jeanette Walls

288 pp.

If you loved *The Glass Castle* by the same author, this one is for you. This is an honest and vibrant true-life novel. It's the story of Lily Casey Smith, the grandmother of writer, Jeannette Walls. It begins in Texas during Lily's childhood before WWI and ends with the birth of Jeannette Walls. The short chapters brim with vivid memories of events both big and small in Lily's life and her personality bursts through every word. The story gives one the feeling of being transported to another time and place with a fearless woman as your guide.

If Walls intended to write a Great American Novel, it seems she has succeeded.

We will also be discussing parts one and two of *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. We have some of these books available for those who are interested.

Please join us for our next meeting,
This Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00PM
Contact Mary Nelsen at 847-432-2422
for the location of the meeting.

All are welcome!

ODDS AND ENDS

MASS SCHEDULE, FEBRUARY 25-26

	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:30AM	Sunday 11:30AM
CELEBRANT	Fr. Anderson	Fr. Nam	Fr. Nam	Fr. Anderson
DEACON		J. Baier	J. Baier	L. Vignocchi
LECTORS	R. Geraci	N Pasquesi	J. Harrison	S. Hauer
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	E. Jasperson M. Rector A. Moorman J. LaHousse	M. Trogi P. Hunt J. Hunt	C. Harrison E. Palmieri D. Palmieri J. Manning	M. Marsiglio C. Rafferty B. Wilson G. Fancovic
ALTAR SERVERS	Margaret Springman Brian Springman Nina Laube		Nick Drummond Matt Drummond Josh Drummond	Fisher Moses Forest Moses Melissa Schreiner

PARISHIONERS OR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Lt Ian E. Adams, Army
 LCpl Bradley Arends, USMC, Afghanistan
 Cpl Donald Arends, III, USMC
 Sgt Sarah Cvikota, Army
 Lt John Cvikota, Ranger
 Gilles G. Gonduin, USMC, Iraq
 Cpl Janice Lynne Mann, USMC
 Cmdr John V. Menoni, Navy
 Pvt Sean J. Mooney, Army, Afghanistan
 LtCol Robert T. (Ted) Moorman, USAF
 MIDN Peter Roemer, Navy, Annapolis
 1stLt Shea F. McCarty, USMC, Afghanistan
 LCpl Michael Roshetski, USMC, Afghanistan

Please pray for our brave men and women in the Armed Forces. May God protect them and return them safely to their families.

**The 2012 Mass Book is now open and awaits your intentions!
 Please contact the Parish Center for more details!**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEB 18 8:00AM: 5:00PM: Gino & Ida Santi, Noel Quilet SUNDAY, FEB 19 7:30AM: Nanda Mussio 9:30AM: Thor Soderberg, Emory Sr. & Ida Wakat 11:30AM: MONDAY, FEB 20 7:15AM: Irene Bernardoni & Louis Macari 5:15PM: TUESDAY, FEB 21 7:15AM: 5:15PM: WEDNESDAY, FEB 22 7:15AM: Leone & Candida Picchietti 5:15PM:	THURSDAY, FEB 23 7:15AM: A Special Intention 5:15PM: Stephen Chan FRIDAY, FEB 24 7:15AM: Maria & Luigi Police, Rigoberto Batista 5:15PM: SATURDAY, FEB 25 8:00AM: Pellegrino Santi 5:00PM: Gino & Ida Santi SUNDAY, FEB 26 7:30AM: Otto Cortesi 9:30AM: Natalis Zygmunt, Anna Cortesi, Maria Piacenza 11:30AM:
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Weekly Parish Schedule, February 19-25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1P: Mardi Gras Concert (Cafeteria) 1P: Turcanu Baptism (Church) 2P: Federman Baptism (Church) 130P: CMA Volleyball Junior Spikers (Gym)	530P: Full Package Athletics (Gym) 7P: ICWG Baby Shower (Cafeteria)	330P: Kumon Learning (PC) 5P: CMA Volleyball (Gym) 7P: Deerfield Basketball (Gym)	10: Sunday Connection (PC) 6P: 6th Grade PREP (PC) 730P: Deerfield Basketball (Gym)	5P: CMA Volleyball (Gym) 7P: Deerfield Basketball (Gym)	7:30P: Crovetti Hockey League (Gym)	Men's Group, after the 8:00AM Mass (PC)