



# St. René Goupil Church

New England Ave & 64th St, Chicago, Il. 60638

## The Epiphany of the Lord *January 8, 2012*

Some people have the custom of blessing their home's doorway while recalling the visit of the Magi and celebrating this Feast of Epiphany. (You can use one of the 'kits' available for this purpose that are in the narthex today.) Use the chalk and mark the initials of the traditional names of the Magi (C, M and B for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar), the numerals of the year 2012 and 3 crosses which stand for the title 'saint' before each name. This will form the inscription '20 +C +M +B 12'. CMB can also stand for the Latin motto *Christus mansionem benedicat* ('May Christ bless this house'). A blessed door is meant to help focus our insight in order to see the presence of God in those who come to that door and to keep this special 'field of view' with us as we walk through that door to face our world each day. May each of us recognize the presence of God with us in the stranger and the familiar who come into our lives all through this year.

*Father Tom K.*

P.S. All men and women who have attended CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH retreats in our parish are invited to attend an 'All CRHP Reunion' beginning with the 11:30 Mass next Sunday and continuing on with a gathering in our parish hall. CRHP has proven to be an effective spiritual renewal tool by calling together men and women of our parish in order to recognize God in their own lives and experience a true sense of community within the environment of St Rene. Teams committed to their own spiritual growth and service to others have entered into a time of structured formation and have already presented eight weekend retreats to other members of the parish over the past years. The retreat process continues because those who attend are then invited to commit to prayerfully preparing for another group's CRHP experience. Men and women teams are now getting ready for our next retreats. I am personally grateful to all who have responded to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to become a part of this gift to our parish. If you have not participated in a CRHP retreat yet, look forward to the next opportunity. You will not regret the time spent.

**Pastor: Father Thomas R. Kasputis; Pastor Emeritus: Father Peter Paurazas;  
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Sal Lema**

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<i>Monday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 9, The Baptism of the Lord</i> <b>William Milton</b>
<i>Tuesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 10, Weekday</i> <b>Henry Kosinar</b>
<i>Wednesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 11, Weekday</i> <b>Irene Sutkowski &amp; Family</b>
<i>Thursday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 12, Weekday</i> <b>December Deceased: Patrick J. Price, Patricia Wallow, Clarence J. Krol, Irene Wayland</b>
<i>Friday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 13, Weekday</i> <b>Leonard &amp; Judy Siwek</b>
<i>Saturday,</i> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<i>January 14, Weekday</i> <b>Guadalupe, Juan, &amp; Maria Barragan Mary Kral</b>
<i>Sunday,</i> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<i>January 15, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Leona Leo Francesco &amp; Anita Pulizzi Adam Oleksy</b> <i>Blessing for 50th Anniversary - Leonard &amp; Judy Siwek</i>

### Altar Servers Schedules distributed in school

<i>Saturday,</i>	5:30 pm
<i>Sunday,</i>	7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### Altar Cleaning (*Altar & Rosary*)

Jan 13—Jan 14—	Mary Lou Halerz, Bernice Cieslewski
Jan 20—Jan 21—	Helen Mailhot, Gladys Gonzalez
Jan 27—Jan 28—	Arlene Capparelli, Rose Mazzone, Grace Gryska

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS SUNDAY

**January 22, 2012 and February 26, 2012**  
Baptismal Preparation Classes, 1PM, in Church

### Bible Passages - For Sunday, January 15, 2012 are:



1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1: 35-42

### School News

#### Sixth Graders

In Science, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are beginning their study of the properties of matter and energy. The students will learn about physical properties through designing their own boat that will need to be able to float once filled with pennies. The students will only be allowed to use aluminum foil in their project. To conclude our study of properties of matter and energy, the students will adopt an element. After researching the element thoroughly, they will create a "baby book" for their adopted element to highlight all pertinent information.

Miss Pirman

#### 2011 Contribution Statement

You can request a copy of your 2011 contributions by calling the rectory, at 229-8523, between 9:00AM-8:00PM, Monday through Friday. Please give us your name, address and phone number.



Anyone having difficulty walking up the aisle to the Communion Station is encouraged to tell the ushers that she/he would like to have the Eucharistic Minister bring Communion to the pew. We are most happy to do that for you.

#### Have you thought about joining *ParishPay*?

Parishioners can now make parish donations automatically—The ParishPay program allows parishioners to:

- Budget your prayerful monthly gifts
- Support your parish when you cannot attend Mass
- Manage or monitor your parish donation at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com)

If you prefer you can come to the rectory and we would gladly help you set up your ParishPay.

Dear Fr. Kasputis,

On behalf of the Faith Community of St. Benedict the African-West, I would like to thank you and your parish family for the sharing donation of \$488.00 that greatly assists us here in our ministry to the poor of West Englewood. The generosity of good, kind-hearted people is never forgotten and is certainly very much appreciated. Please know that you and your parishioners are remembered in our prayers. Thanks again for your generous contribution. Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Paul Whittington, O.P.  
Pastor



Dear Heavenly Father,  
 We place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

***Please Take Note*** IN CASE OF ILLNESS — As a church family, we care about you and your family. Please notify us as soon as possible, or have your family/friends notify us, when you are sick, hospitalized or homebound.

***Please Pray For Our Sick*** Patrick Mullins IV, Rose Gallichio, Sophie Setlak, Doreen Kroll, Steve Czopkiewicz, Emily Diraffeale, Peter Paterimos, Rev. Ronald Turcich, OSA, John Schultz, Jo Motyka, Vincent Ciccio, Ron Neubert, Dolores Sorrentino, Vincent Barton, Robert Civinilli, Joseph Vassella, Janet Szponer, Donna Szponer, Dorothy Walsh, Sophie Rovensky, Richard Zilka, Penny Rogalin, Eileen Healy, Betty Piccioni, Hailey Flemm, Joan Russo, Lou Russo, Alice Cello, George Vojtech, Anna Tomassini, Nicole Ciampaglia, Dominic Ciampaglia, Vincent Tonissen, Rich Lenart, Bob Franden, Ann O’Neal, Gabrielle Ziemba, Rosemary Halpin, Chuck Biondo, April Lenart, Betty Baker, Theresa Siedlicki, Ed Heidekruger, Rochelle & Dan Piegari, Rose Lindsay, Tim Lindsay, Larry Adkins, Alan Badowski, Bobbie & Joanie Wilson, Ron Nemchausky, Mary Lou Hobe, Jenny Catterson, Mary Combs, Doug Combs, Jeanne Valenti, Rebecca Leshik, Michael McDonald, David Bouvia, Virginia Korzenowski, Donna Clark, Tony Boudos, Arlene Boudas, Angelique Trevino, Lynn Ternand, George Ternand, Michael Ternand, Sandy Kehoe, Diane Fiorenza, Susan Szumanski, Leon Boyes, Geri Tomaselli

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of  
 God’s love for the recently deceased:

**Rev. Gery Stefanski**  
**John Ridges**  
**Joseph Melilli**



**We Are Listening**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to assist those in need. We can help those we know about. We hear of their need from people like you. Do you know of a parishioner in need of temporary assistance? Please call the rectory and leave a message.  
 Furniture Pick Up: 773-779-6700; Auto Donation: 312-655-7183. Website is: [www.svdpchicago.org](http://www.svdpchicago.org).

**RCIA**

**Christian Initiation**  
 The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation to each person’s needs.  
 Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church and had never been baptized are offered in these meetings a process of formation in the Catholic Christian faith and way of life. Christian initiation is a gradual process.  
 Baptized adults of other Christian denominations who seek membership in the Catholic Church are welcome as well. Families who worship with us at St. Rene often have spouses who are not Catholics, yet have joined us for years. Their becoming Catholic is not long nor difficult. Each person’s situation is evaluated and his or her needs met in an appropriate way.  
 Contact Ben Shafer at 773-586-5099 if you have questions.

**Working Together We Can Do Much**

The Peace and Justice ministry meets again on Friday, January 20, 7pm in our church narthex. Our foundation is the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church. We welcome youth and adults to our work. Our session will begin with prayer and refreshments are served. Come and learn more about us. We work with the St. Blasé Food pantry, Maria Shelter, Operation Rice Bowl, Fair Trade and those seeking jobs through our Unemployment Network of Services. There are other issues that concern us such as the death penalty and immigration. Working together we can do so much.

May you always have ~  
 Love to share, Health to spare  
 and Friends that care!



**Weekly Church contributions shown the last weekend of the month.**

## ***Events Around Town***

**Marist High School's entrance exam** for current 8th grade students will take place on Saturday, January 14. Students should arrive at 8am and enter through the main gymnasium doors. There is a \$25 test fee. Students should bring two #2 pencils and are asked not to bring a calculator. Approximate dismissal time is 11:45am.

***Fenwick High School Entrance Exam*** for 8th graders is on Saturday, January 14 from 8am-12noon. \$25 testing fee, no calculators, please bring two #2 pencils.

**St. Pius X Parish in Stickney is selling tickets for the "Red Hot Cash Raffle."** Ticket prices are \$25 each or 5/\$100. A total of 33 cash prizes will be awards: 2-\$1,000 prizes, 1-\$500 prize, 10-\$100 prizes and 20-\$50 prizes. Drawing date is Sunday, February 12th. For any further information or to purchase tickets please contact Kathy Grego at 708-484-6547 or St. Pius X Parish Office at 708-484-7951.

***Walking with the Beloved: A retreat for caregivers and hospice workers with Eugenia Callison.***

Caregivers are constantly in the cycle of giving. Take time to pray, rest, pause, and have some fun to refresh your spirit.

Take time to care for yourself and be strengthened for this very special ministry in which your work. Jesus is with you as you walk this journey to replenish your body, mind and soul.

When: 7pm on Friday, January 20; till 3pm on Saturday, January 21. Check-in between 5pm and 7pm on Friday.

Where: Double Tree Hotel, Downers Grove.

Cost: \$175 per person, double occupancy. Price includes a wine and cheese reception on Friday evening, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Commuter rate \$100 for both days, \$75 for Saturday only.

Visit the website to register for this program at [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org) or call their office at 630-268-9000.

## ***On the Lighter Side***

A company in search of a shake-up hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, he noticed a man leaning on a wall. In a room full of workers, the CEO saw a chance to prove that he meant business.

He walked up to the man and asked, "How much money do you make a week?" The man looked at him and replied, "Two hundred a week. Why?"

The CEO handed the man \$200 in cash & shouted, "Here's a week's pay. Now get out, and don't come back!" The man shrugged and left.

Feeling good about flexing his muscle, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that slacker did here?"

One of the other workers sheepishly muttered, "He was the pizza-delivery guy."

## General Parish Information

### Rectory

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School Principal Mrs. Paula Calvert

### Mass Schedule

*Saturday:* 8:30 am, 5:30 pm  
*Sunday:* 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
*Holy Days:* 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm  
*Weekdays:* 8:30 am  
*Confessions* Every Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

*Music Ministry* Frank Glab (773) 726-0962

*Religious Classes (C.C.D.)* for grammar school children are conducted on Saturday mornings. Kay Marks, Coordinator.

Phone Saturday Morning Only (773) 586-4426

*Baptisms* First Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm and the Third Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Mass. Arrangements must be made with the pastor.

*Marriages Arrangements* must be made with the pastor 5-6 months in advance.

*RCIA Adult Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.* Contact the Rectory, or Ben Shafer (773) 586-5099.

*Sick Calls* notify the rectory at any time if someone is seriously ill. The sick and those confined to their homes should contact the rectory so communion can be brought to them.

*SPRED (Special Religious Development)*  
Contact Joanna Baxter (773) 320-2703.

*AA Meetings* Wednesday & Saturday at 7:00 pm, in the Church Narthex.

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our website.

