

January 29, 2012
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Cluster Corner....Mass Times

SATURDAY

4:00 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:30 pm Mary Queen of Heaven

5:30 pm St. Aloysius



SUNDAY

7:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

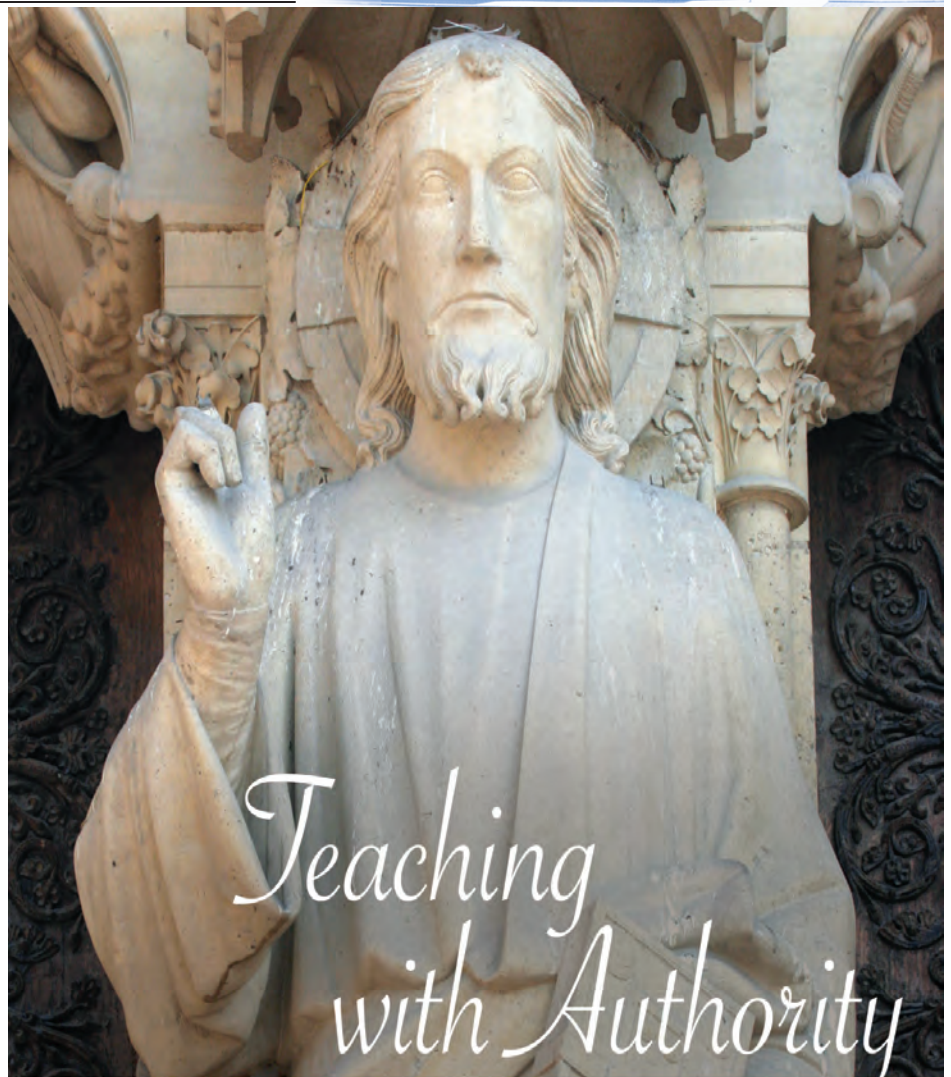
8:30 am Mary Queen of Heaven

9:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary

10:00 am St Aloysius

11:00 am Mary Queen of Heaven

7:00 pm St. Aloysius



Teaching
with Authority

• All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Mk 1:27-28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

Harden Not Your Hearts

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9

1 Corinthians 7:32–35

Mark 1:21–28

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Jesus amazes the people with his “authority.” His message differs from that of the scribes because he not only backs it up with signs (casting out demons), but its truth penetrates and quickens people’s hearts. God had promised Moses to send a prophet and to “put my words into his mouth” (Deuteronomy 18:18). Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of that promise and the people sense it. This man can’t be ignored, they realize. Because God’s prophet does his bidding and speaks his word, God expects us to listen to him. In fact, God warns, we’ll have to answer for ignoring any words the prophet speaks in his name (Deuteronomy 18:19). Moses reminds the people they wanted an intermediary, someone less intimidating than the awesome God who spoke to them in fire and thunder at Sinai. The irony is that God’s ultimate intermediary is his own divine Son. Today’s crowd understands the need to listen to him. And Paul does, too—that’s why he endorses an “undivided” life. Paul isn’t denigrating marriage, but emphasizing the need to be attentive to God’s Word as spoken in Jesus. Anything that distracts us from that should be eliminated.

Single people know it’s no easier for them to hear and obey the Lord than married people. They, too, must eliminate distractions from their lives.

It takes an open heart to recognize “a new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:27), and a generous heart to make room for it.



“What is this? A new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:27).

SHARING FAITH

- ◆ Do you know anyone who “speaks with authority”? What characterizes someone who possesses such authority?
- ◆ What do you know about the role of prophets in Israel? Do you think we have prophets today who are sent to speak God’s word?
- ◆ Have you become complacent about or hardened your hearts to some person or situation in your family, community, school, or workplace? If so, what can you do that you aren’t doing?

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- ◆ Make a listing of all of Israel’s prophets (it will be shorter than you think). Which prophet do you know best? Why do you think prophets were often mistreated and seldom heeded in Israel’s history?
- ◆ What do you think it means to be “anxious about the things of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 7:32)? Are you anxious about those things in your life? Are many of the people you know?
- ◆ Baking cookies is a great accompaniment to discussion of softening hearts through love, caring, and sharing. If you don’t have heart-shaped cookie cutters or a desire to bake from scratch, purchase refrigerator dough, and mold hearts by hand. As an alternative, spread the dough in a pizza pan, bake for about as long as a sheet full of cookies, let cool slightly, flip the giant cookie onto a cake plate, and draw hearts on it with icing when it has completely cooled. The final appearance isn’t important as long as there’s lots of love rolled in!

To CARE

First Saturday Mornings of Recollection

Beginning on Saturday, February 4th, the Carmelite Fathers will present a morning of recollection on the First Saturday of the month. Join us at Holy Assumption's Daily Mass Chapel, located on the first floor of the Education Bldg., handicap accessible. They begin with morning prayer followed by a conference, time for reflection and Reconciliation, and concluding with the celebration of the Eucharist. All are welcome. For more information, call Mary Schum, 414-771-9256.

Cardinal Dolan Returns to archdiocese of Milwaukee

**Saturday, April 28th
Basilica of Holy Hill to Host Mass of Thanksgiving**

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan will return to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of his elevation to the College of Cardinals on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the Basilica of Holy Hill, 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus. Mass will be held in the upper church and a reception will follow.

No tickets are required to attend the Mass. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional seating will also be offered in the lower church, with live video of the Mass. For more information, please contact 414-679-3435 or visit <http://tinyurl.com/DolanMass>.



A Traditional Slovenian Pre-Lenten Home-Cooked Dinner
Saturday, February 18, 2012

St. John the Evangelist Church Hall (Northside Entrance)
S. 85th Street & W. Coldspring Road

**ADVANCED SALE ONLY—RESERVATIONS BY
FEBRUARY 8TH**

Donation: \$20.00

For Tickets & Information: Fran 414-541-5116

Need Prayer?

We will be happy to pray for your needs. Please call either:

**Pat Renk @
414-810-4606**

OR

**Mary Ehm at
262-784-8861
or e-mail her at:
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To CARE

I Still Do: Learning to Nurture Your Marriage in a "Maybe I Do" World February 11, 2012

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Keeping it Together Marriage Ministry Series, presents: *I Still Do: Learning to Nurture Your Marriage in a "Maybe I do" World*. Couples are invited to attend this special Valentine's Day Event on February 11th at 6:00 pm at Brookfield Sheraton (375 S. Moorland Road). This special evening is \$45/couple, and includes dinner, dancing and presentation given by Lydia LoCoco, Director of the Nazareth Project for Marriage and Family Formation. **Please call St. John's Parish Office (414-321-1965 to register. Registration deadline is February 6, 2012.**



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HYM NEWS:

Thursday, Feb. 2: 8:00—9:00 pm Bible Study—MQH Parish Office

- Generational Event for Feb: Topic Prophets of the Old Testament
- Feb. 5: 10:30 am—GIFT @ IHM Hall
- Feb. 6: 5:30 pm—GIFT @ IHM Hall
- Feb. 8: 5:30 pm—HOF @ St. Al's Gonzaga Hall
- Feb. 12—8:45 am—GOF @ MQH Gym

- Feb. 9: 8:00—9:00 PM—Teen Bible Study—MQH Parish Office
- Feb. 15: 7:00—8:30 pm—Registration and fee for Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally Due—MQH GYM
- Feb. 16: 8:00—9:00 pm—Teen Bible Study—MQH Parish Office
- Feb 16 & 17: 5:00—7:00 pm—Help With Rummage Sale at St. Al's Gonzaga Hall
- Feb. 18: 7:00—9:00 pm—Arise: An Evening of Prayer and Worship at St. Thomas More High School
- Feb. 19: 11:00 am—1:00 pm—Serve at Open Door Café at St. John Cathedral
- Feb. 23: 8:00—9:00 pm—Teen Bible Study—MQH Parish Office
- Feb. 26: 6:30—7:45 pm—Confirmation and sponsor Nite—MQH Notre Dame Room
- March 1: 8:00—9:00 pm—Teen Bible Study—MQH Parish Office

- Generational Event For March:
- March 4: 10:30 am—GIFT @ IHM Hall
- March 5: 5:30 pm—GIFT @ IHM Hall
- March 11: 8:45 am—GOF—MQH Gym
- March 14: 5:30 pm—HOF @ St. Al's Gonzaga Hall

COMMUNITY LIFE

Separated/Divorced Weekend of Healing

New Horizons Weekend of Healing: Friday-Sunday, February 10-12, 2012 at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. This healing weekend is a **PEER MINISTRY** designed to help each participant embark upon a new phase of life. It is an opportunity for divorced persons to pause and examine their lives—their strong points and weaknesses, their hurts, disappointments, joys and frustrations. It is a weekend of involvement. The cost of \$150.00 includes five meals and lodging for the entire weekend (*financial assistance is available*). **Registration deadline is Friday, February 3rd.** For complete information and a registration form, please contact Annette in The Nazareth Project Office at 414-758-2201.

Are you up for the challenge of the Roman Catholic Church in the 21st Century? Presented by John L. Allen, Jr.—National Catholic Reporter and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN

Tuesday, February 28th—7:00—8:30 pm—Reception and book signing to follow—Mount Mary College—Bergstrom Hall—2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee

Enter Visitor's Parking Lot at 92nd St. (Swan Blvd.)

Cost: \$10.00

Pre-register at www.johnpaul2center.org or 414-758-2201

In his recent book, *The Future of the Church*, John Allen considers the ways the Catholic Church is upside-down in the twenty-first century. In this presentation, he will delve into the impact of globalization on the Roman Catholic Church and argue that it must rethink fundamental issues, policies and easy of doing business drawing on its own traditions and concepts. For more information: Randy Nohl, nohlr@archmil.org or 414-758-2216.



Put this date on your calendar: Saturday, February 25, 2012 for the Appreciation Dinner. More information to follow.

There will be a meeting of the Appreciation Dinner Committee on Monday, February 6th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room. If you're part of this committee, please plan on attending.

New Member Registration Form

Welcome to the prayer community of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the parish office. The goal of our parish is to be a family of faith, prayer and love. God bless you.

Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.

_____ Last Name First Name

_____ Date of Birth Religion

_____ Address

_____ City State Zip

_____ Phone E-Mail

_____ Occupation Place of Employment

Sacraments received: _____

_____ Previous Parish

Single _____ Divorced _____ Married _____ Widowed _____

If married:

Date: _____ Church: _____

_____ Spouse's First Name Maiden

_____ Date of Birth Religion

_____ Occupation Place of Employment

Sacraments received: _____

Please list any children:

1. _____ Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: _____

2. _____ Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: _____

3. _____ Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: _____

4. _____ Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: _____

5. _____ Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

4 Sacraments received: _____

SCHEDULES

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 29, 2012

7:30 am † For Parishioners

9:30 am † Joe & Janet King

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

8:00 am † Cecilia Burgad

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

8:00 am † Charles Cicirello

Thursday, February 2, 2012

8:00 am † Stasia Valenti

Saturday, February 4, 2012

9:00 am—**Reconciliation**—Church

4:00 pm † Charles Cicirello

Sunday, February 5, 2012

7:30 am † For Parishioners

9:30 am † Louis & Ruth Ehm



Mass Intentions

We have several dates in 2012 that are available for you to reserve for a mass intention. These can be for deceased loved ones, or for special prayers for someone who is ill or just needs prayers, as all of us do. Please call the parish office at 414-453-5192 to reserve a mass.

The Eucharistic Chapel Tabernacle Lamp is burning this month For the Health Of Lisa



Parish Calendar

Monday, January 30, 2012

8:45—10:00 am—**Scripture Study**—Parish Conference Room

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

9:00 am—**Heartbeat Proofreading**—Parish Meeting Rm.

1:30 pm—**Mission Meeting**—Parish Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

8:45 am—**Exercise Class**—Church Hall

10:00—11:30 am—**Scripture Study**—Parish Conference Room

Thursday, February 2, 2012

8:45—10:00 am—**Scripture Study**—Parish Conference Room

6:45—8:30 pm—**Adult Choir Practice**—RCIA/Reflection

Friday, February 3, 2012

4:30 pm—**Fish Fry**—Church Hall

Saturday, February 4, 2012

7:00 am—**Men's Scripture study**—RCIA/Reflection

9:00 am—**Reconciliation**—Church

Sunday, February 5, 2012

10:30 am—**Gift Program**—Church Hall



Readings for the Week Of January 29, 2012

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

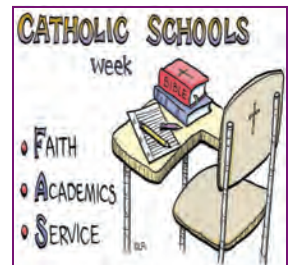
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



News from Mary Queen of Saints

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated throughout the nation. **Thank you** or all you have done to keep Catholic Education alive in West Allis/West Milwaukee. There are many challenges facing all Catholic schools at this time in our history. Only with your spiritual and financial support can they continue to foster the Faith in the next generation.



Please read the insert in today's bulletin to see what the students at MQSCA have to say about what they are learning and how they are growing as Catholic Christians.

Please invite others to join you at our Open House on Thursday, February 2nd, from 4:00—7:00 pm.