

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2010

1. Today's second collection will be for both the Building and Maintenance Fund and the Renovation Fund. All donations to the Renovation Fund will be used to cover expenses related to the installation of the video projector and screen system in the church.
2. Thank you for taking the time to stop and take a tag from the Trees of Hope! We have been receiving your items and please know that anything donated is greatly appreciated by the Missionaries of the Poor as well as the poor and handicapped they serve. The items on the trees have changed and we are now focusing on larger items like wheelchairs, canes, walkers, cribs, strollers, car seats, twin size sheets and towels. YOU have the power to change lives and you are doing just that with your donations! You can also use the purple-bordered Envelopes for this purpose. Envelopes are available on the table in the back of the Church. Please return all of your donations to the Church, School Office or Parish Office by Palm Sunday. Once again thank you for all you do to help the Missionaries of the Poor.
3. Reminder: Stations of the Cross are held every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.
4. Please join us at the Fish Fry on Friday. This coming Friday we will have Elvis Night. Volunteers are needed to help with Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays. Please see bulletin for details.
5. Attention Men of the Parish. We are currently seeking volunteers to act as adult altar servers for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Monday thru Saturday. If you volunteer, you would be required to serve at just two masses a month and you will have a choice of days. Please see the bulletin for details.
6. All are invited to the organ dedication concert that will be held on Saturday, March 13th at 6:30pm in the church. Please speak to all of your family members and encourage them to attend this free concert. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors too. We are looking forward to seeing you there.
7. Please remember our Food Pantry when you shop this weekend. Even one can or box of non-perishable food is a tremendous help to keep our pantry open. Thank you.
8. Next week there will be second collection in support of Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please see Cardinal's letter in the parish bulletin, explaining how our donation helps Churches in Europe. Extra envelopes for the second collection are on the table in the back of the Church. Please be generous. Thank you.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

1. As is the custom during Lent at St. Ferdinand Parish, we fast for the good of our bodies, we pray for the good of our souls, and we give alms for the good of our neighbors. This year the recipients of our alms are the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. Purple-bordered Envelopes for this purpose are available on the table in the back of the Church. Please return them by Palm Sunday. We are using envelopes from the previous year so please disregard the recipients listed on them. This year we also have Lenten coin boxes for the children, which can be found in the back of the church. Thank you.
2. Please note: The Irving Park Catholic Women's Club will NOT meet on Wednesday, March 3. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7.
3. Stations of the Cross are held every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.
4. During Lent, Masses at 6:30 a.m. on Monday and Friday are celebrated in Latin. In addition, the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday is also celebrated in Latin.
5. Please join us at the Fish Fry on Friday. This coming Friday we will have Kid's Night. Details are in today's bulletin. Volunteers are needed to help with Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays. Please contact the Rectory for details.
6. We are currently seeking volunteers to act as adult altar servers for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Monday thru Saturday. If you volunteer, you would be required to serve at just two masses a month and you will have a choice of days. Our next training class is scheduled for Saturday, March 6th with Fr. Robert at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.
7. By now, you may have seen the flyer in the bulletin regarding the upcoming organ dedication concert, to be held on March 13th at 6:30pm in the church. Please speak to all of your family members and encourage them to attend this free concert. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors too. We are looking forward to seeing you there.
8. Next weekend we will have a second collection for both the Building and Maintenance Fund and the Renovation Fund. All donations to the Renovation Fund will be used to cover expenses related to the installation of the video projector and screen system in the church that was demonstrated last week. Please be generous. Thank you.
9. Please welcome Javier Vilchez, our new Seminarian, who was assigned to our parish for his pastoral internship.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

1. As is the custom during Lent at St. Ferdinand Parish, we fast for the good of our bodies, we pray for the good of our souls, and we give alms for the good of our neighbors. This year the recipients of our alms are the Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. Purple-bordered Envelopes for this purpose are available on the table in the back of the Church. Please return them by Palm Sunday. We are using envelopes from the previous year so please disregard the recipients listed on them. Thank you.
2. Stations of the Cross are held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Church.
3. During Lent Masses at 6:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday will be celebrated in Latin. In addition the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated in Latin too.
4. Please join us at Fish Fry on Friday. This coming Friday we will have a tribute to Frank Sinatra with Sam Magdal. Details are in today's bulletin.
5. In the spirit of Almsgiving, we would like to invite all to stay for a few minutes after the Mass for a short presentation. In this presentation, you will see how the Missionaries of the Poor are able to ease the suffering of the people of Jamaica. There will also be opportunities for you to contribute to this worthwhile and Christ-like cause.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

1. On behalf of our Annual Catholic Appeal Committee, we want to thank all of those who either donated or pledge their donation during our in-pews solicitation last weekend. If you did not donate or pledge your donations last week, you can still do it today by using Catholic Appeal envelopes located in the pews. May God bless You.
2. Today's second collection will be for both the Building and Maintenance Fund and Renovation Fund. Please be generous. Thank you.
3. The baby bottles filled up with spare change are still being collected in the back of the Church today after all the Masses. All funds will go to the Women's Center and will help many single mothers. On behalf of the Women's Center, we thank you for your support.
4. Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses and Prayer Service. Schedules of the Masses and Service for Ash Wednesday are posted on every church door.
5. Stations of the Cross will be held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. with the school students and at 6:00 p.m. in the Church
6. Our Lenten Fish Fry begins this Friday with "Chocolate Lovers Night". Please see today's bulletin for details.
7. In the spirit of Almsgiving, we would like to invite all to stay for a few minutes after all the Masses next Sunday for a short presentation. In this presentation, you will see how the Missionaries of the Poor were able to ease the suffering of the people in Jamaica. There will also be opportunities for you to contribute to this worthwhile and Christ-like cause.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

1. The baby bottles filled up with spare change are being collected in the back of the Church today after all the Masses. If you forgot to bring back your bottle, you may still do it next weekend. All funds will go to the Women's Center and will help many single mothers. On behalf of the Women's Center, we thank you for your support.
2. We would like to remind you that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m. Consider spending a few quiet moments with Our Lord in the Eucharist.
3. Celebrate Fat Tuesday with KrispyKreme. Doughnuts can be ordered through the St. Ferdinand Class of 2010. Order forms are placed in the back of the church.
4. Due to the Annual Catholic Appeal, our Second Collection in support of the Renovation Fund will take place next weekend at all the Masses. Please be generous. Thank you.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2010

1. We welcome and invite all Catholics who have not practiced their faith in recent years to come home. Your Heavenly Father is waiting with open arms. If you are a returning Catholic or know someone whom you wish to invite to come home to the Church, please see our Greeters at the vestibule of the church. Welcome home.
2. St. Ferdinand School is hosting two Open Houses for PreK through 8th grade on today (Sunday) from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.
3. Please remember our Food Pantry when you shop this week. You can bring any non-perishable food to Church or Chapel on Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7. Thank you.
4. Do you want to get to know some great people while supporting your parish? We can show you how stewardship can be fun. Do you want to feel more connected to your child's school? If you would like to be a part of our energetic team of volunteers please join us at Fish Fry "Prefry" meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Canning Hall.
5. We would like to remind you that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m. Consider spending a few quiet moments with Our Lord in the Eucharist.
6. Next weekend will be a time to make a commitment to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Cardinal will speak to us and invite to join the first community of disciples who followed Jesus with full commitments and generous hearts. The Appeal, as you know, benefits the works of the Archdiocese including schools, religious education, pro-life effort, ministerial formation, and -beyond the Archdiocese-Catholic Relief Services that extends help to people facing natural disasters and wars throughout the world.
7. Due to Annual Catholic Appeal, our second collection in support of Renovation Fund was moved to second Sunday of February.
8. Individuals wishing to make donations in support of relief efforts in response to the massive earthquake that struck Haiti earlier this week, should make their checks payable to Catholic Relief Services, and put "Haiti" on the Memo line. Mail donations to:

Catholic Relief Services
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653-1402

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2010

1. Today's second collection is in support of our schools. When making your donation, please keep in mind how vital Catholic Schools are in supporting and nurturing young minds to become the educated and spiritual leaders of the future. Thank you.
2. We welcome and invite all Catholics who have not practiced their faith in recent years to come home. Your Heavenly Father is waiting with open arms. If you are a returning Catholic or know someone whom you wish to invite to come home to the Church, please see our Greeters at the vestibule of the church. Welcome home.
3. Please review the Annual Catholic Appeal brochures that are placed in the pews. The theme of the campaign is: "...they left everything and followed Him." (Luke 5:11. The Apostles gave up everything to follow Jesus. You are not asked to do the same. Rather, you are asked to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that while funding a number of Archdiocesan ministries, the Annual Catholic Appeal is also the largest philanthropic source of financial support for ALL of the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese.
4. St. Ferdinand School will host two Open Houses for PreK through 8th grade on Sunday, January 31 from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.
5. Candidates' Forum for 10th Illinois Legislative District will take place in Wright College Atrium on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. Brochures will details are placed in the back of the Church.
6. Individuals wishing to make donations in support of relief efforts in response to the massive earthquake that struck Haiti earlier this week, should make their checks payable to Catholic Relief Services, and put "Haiti" on the Memo line. Mail donations to:

**Catholic Relief Services
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653-1402**

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2010

7. We welcome and invite all Catholics who have not practiced their faith in recent years to come home. Your Heavenly Father is waiting with open arms. If you are a returning Catholic or know someone whom you wish to invite to come home to the Church, please see our Greeters at the vestibule of the church. Welcome home.
8. The Knights of Columbus are selling Fannie May Chocolate Bars in the back of the Church to help finance many charitable programs.
9. Our parish is participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting the Women Center. Today Ushers are distributing empty baby bottles. Please take the bottle home and fill it with your spare change, and return 3 weeks later, weekend of February 6 or 7.
10. 2009 Contribution Statements will be prepared by request only for any registered parishioner. Please call the Parish Office with your name, address, and envelope number. The statement can be either picked up at the office or it will be mailed to your home address.
11. Next Sunday, January 24 Cardinal Francis George will celebrate 12:30 p.m. Mass. During this Mass, Cardinal George will welcome the Notre Dame High School in St. Ferdinand Parish and will also bless our new organ.
12. Next weekend there will be second collection in support of our schools. When making your donation next weekend, please keep in mind how vital Catholic Schools are in supporting and nurturing young minds to become the educated and spiritual leaders of the future. Please be generous. Thank you.
13. Individuals wishing to make donations in support of relief efforts in response to the massive earthquake that struck Haiti earlier this week, should make their checks payable to Catholic Relief Services, and put "Haiti" on the Memo line. Mail donations to:

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Chicago, IL 60653-1402**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 2010

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for the Church in Latin America. All fund collected for this purpose will be directed towards a comprehensive evangelization effort, as well as towards the formation of seminarians, catechists, and lay ministers in more than 200 dioceses in the southern hemisphere. Please be generous. Thank you.
2. We welcome and invite all Catholics who have not practiced their faith in recent years to come home. Your Heavenly Father is waiting with open arms. If you are a returning Catholic or know someone whom you wish to invite to come home to the Church, please see our Greeters at the vestibule of the church. Welcome home.
3. 2009 Contribution Statements will be prepared by request only for any registered parishioner. Please call the Parish Office with your name, address, and envelope number. The statement can be either picked up at the office or it will be mailed to your home address after January 15.
4. All 18 years old and older are invited to the Texas Hold'em Poker Night, sponsored by the Knight of Columbus, that will take place on Saturday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m. in McManus Hall. Please see bulletin for details.
5. Beginning the weekend of January 16/17, our parish will be participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefiting the Women Center. We will be distributing empty baby bottles next weekend. Please take the bottle home and fill it with your spare change, and return 3 weeks later, weekend of February 6 or 7.
6. Next weekend the Knight of Columbus will be selling Fannie May Chocolate Candy Bars to help finance many charitable programs.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2010



1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both Renovation Fund and Building and Maintenance Fund. God bless You for all your donation.
2. The "Catholics Come Home campaign" is in full swing. We welcome and invite all Catholics who have not practiced their faith in recent years to come home. Your Heavenly Father is waiting with open arms. If you are a returning Catholic or know someone whom you wish to invite to come home to the Church, please see our Greeters at the vestibule of the church. Welcome home.
3. All Parishioners and Guests are invited to the Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Please see details in today's bulletin.
4. Next weekend there will be second collection for the Church in Latin America that will be directed towards a comprehensive evangelization effort, as well as towards the formation of seminarians, catechists, and lay ministers in more than 200 dioceses in the southern hemisphere. Please be generous. Thank you.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday

December 27, 2009

1. We would like to remind everyone, that on Friday, New Year's Day, we celebrate a Feast of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; a holy day of obligation. Masses in English will be celebrated on Thursday, Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and on Friday at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (chapel) and 12:30 p.m. There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Years Day.
2. The "Catholics Come Home campaign" is in full swing. We welcome and invite all Catholics who have not practiced their faith in recent years to come home. Your Heavenly Father is waiting with open arms. If you are a returning Catholic or know someone whom you wish to invite to come home to the Church, please see our Greeters at the vestibule of the church. Welcome home.
3. All Parishioners and Guests are invited to the Christmas Carol Concert on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Please see today's bulletin for details.
4. Please remember our Food Pantry when shopping this week. You may bring any non-perishable food to Mass on Saturday and Sunday, January 2nd and 3rd. Many Thanks.
5. Our buildings are already 50 years old and are in need of repairs and renovation. Your regular contributions to our Building and Maintenance Fund are only enough to cover expenses associated with buildings' maintenance on daily basis. For that reason, starting January, your monthly envelope packet will contain a Renovation Fund envelope. In order to allow everyone who comes worship God in our church a safe and comfortable environment, special collection will be taken up for this purpose next weekend and on every first Sunday of the Month throughout the year. Please be generous. Thank you.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

1. Today members of Knights of Columbus are present at all the Masses. All eligible men of St. Ferdinand Parish, eighteen years of age and older are invited to join this wonderful organization. In conjunction with the membership drive, the Knights are selling Fannie May Chocolate Candy Bars only for \$1.00 to help finance many charitable programs.
2. Christmas Trees are in the back of the Church and Chapel for you to decorate them with Hats, Scarves, Mittens and Gloves. Thanks to you, we will be able to help people keep warm this winter. Thank you.
3. Everyone is invited to Sinbanga Gabi Celebration that is a beautiful Filipino Christmas Tradition. The celebration will take place on Tuesday, December 22 and will start at 6:30 p.m. As usual, food will be served in McManus Hall after Mass. Please see bulletin for details.
4. On Christmas Eve there will be 5:00 p.m. Mass in English and then the midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m. Both Masses will be celebrated in the Church. On Christmas Eve Parish Office will close at 1:00 p.m. and will reopen on Monday, December 28.

On Christmas Day Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (chapel), and 12:30 p.m. There will be no 5:00 p.m.
5. There will be two collections on Christmas Day. First will be Christmas Collection and second will be your special Christmas Gift to St. Ferdinand Parish as a thank you for all the blessings that you receive during the year from our Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today will be in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious men and women, who spent their lives serving our church and our world. Please be generous. Thank you.
2. Advent Reconciliation will take place on Friday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
3. We are calling on all men of the parish to join us by volunteering to assist at the 8:00 a.m. Mass once or twice a month. If you think you can be part of this new group, please call the Rectory. See today's bulletin for details.
4. Christmas Trees are in the back of the Church and Chapel for you to decorate them with Hats, Scarves, Mittens and Gloves. Thanks to you, we will be able to help people keep warm this winter. Thank you.
5. Everyone is invited to Sinbanga Gabi Celebration that is a beautiful Filipino Christmas Tradition. The celebration will take place on Tuesday, December 22 and will start at 6:30 p.m. As usual food will be served in McManus Hall after Mass. Please see bulletin for details.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both Organ Fund and Building and Maintenance Fund. Once again thank you all for your donations to Organ Fund. Thanks to you, our Organ is completed and since the Feast of the Christ the King, we can enjoy the sound of our new pipe organ.
2. We are calling on all men of the parish to join us by volunteering to assist at the 8:00 a.m. Mass once or twice a month. If you think you can be part of this new group, please call the Rectory. See today's bulletin for details.

3. Christmas Trees are in the back of the Church and Chapel for you to decorate them with Hats, Scarves, Mittens and Gloves. Thanks to you, we will be able to help people keep warm this winter. Thank you.
4. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8. Masses in English will be celebrated at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. Parish Office will be closed on that day.
5. Have you found your perfect high school yet? The NEW Notre Dame High School for Girls will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with the last tour taking place at 8:00 p.m. All 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are welcome.
6. Ladies of St. Anne are hosting their Annual Christmas Party Luncheon on Wednesday, December 16 at 11:30 a.m. in McManus Hall. There will be entertainment and delicious food. Please see today's bulletin for details.
7. Next weekend there will be second collection in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious men and women, who spent their lives serving our church and our world. Please be generous. Thank you.

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please be generous. Thank you.
2. "No greater love has a man than to give his life for his friend." We do not have to die today, but we can share our lives with our fellow men today. Come to McManus Hall today (Sunday) between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and share your life with your fellow men by donating blood.
3. We are calling on all men of the parish to join us by volunteering to assist at the 8:00 a.m. Mass once or twice a month. If you think you can be part of this new group, please call the Rectory. See today's bulletin for details.

4. St. Ferdinand and Notre Dame Schools invite everyone to Brunch with Santa that will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please see bulletin for details.
5. We would like to thank our sponsors for 2010 calendars: Dr. Mary Starsiak, Belmont Funeral Home and Sheldon-Goglin-Kaminski Funeral Home. Thanks to them, we are able to distribute free 2010 calendars to our parishioners. Please pick up the calendar from the Ushers at the back of the church.
6. Next weekend we will have second collection for both: Organ Fund and Building and Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your support.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be in support of Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous. Thank you.
2. There will be only one Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, following Friday and Saturday.
3. The Good Shepherd Club cordially invite to a Dinner Dance, which will take place next Saturday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Please see today's bulletin for details.
4. Notre Dame HS Convent will be once more open on Saturday, November 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for everyone who wishes to purchase convent furniture, benches and other items from the school chapel and convent chapel.
5. "No greater love has a man than to give his life for his friend." We do not have to die, but we can share our lives with our fellow men. Come to McManus Hall next Sunday, November 29 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and share your life with your fellow men by donating blood.

6. We are calling on all men of the parish to join us by volunteering to assist at the 8:00 a.m. Mass once or twice a month. If you think you can be part of this new group, please call the Rectory. See today's bulletin for details.
7. St. Ferdinand and Notre Dame Schools invite everyone to Brunch with Santa that will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please see bulletin for details.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2009

1. All Lectors are asked to pick up their new workbooks for 2010 available in the Church Sacristy this weekend.
2. The Notre Dame High School for Girls is holding an Open House Today (Sunday) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the School Building. All 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited.
3. Winter coats are needed! If you have any coats (men's, women's and children's) to donate, please bring them to COR Office at the Convent on any Mondays. Thank you.
4. Please remember to attend Ladies of St. Anne Meeting on Wednesday, November 18. The Day will start with the Mass at 11:30 a.m. in the Church. Meeting, games and raffle will start after the Mass in McManus Hall. Please see today's bulletin for details.
5. The Missionary Sisters of Christ the King will unite on Sunday, November 22 for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:30 p.m., celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their founding. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Constance Church. The celebration will continue after Mass at Jolly Inn Banquet. Tickets cost \$40.00 each and can be purchase from the Sisters in the school or rectory office.
6. The Good Shepherd Club cordially invite to a Dinner Dance, which will take place on Saturday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Please see today's bulletin for details.

7. Next weekend there will be second collection in support of Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous. Thank you.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2009

1. All Lectors, including Teen Club Lectors, are invited to the meeting with Fr. Torba and Fr. Pajor on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please RSVP to Betty Hotcaveg before November 12.
2. Winter coats are needed! If you have any coats (men's, women's and children's) to donate, please bring them to COR Office at the Convent on any Mondays. Thank you.
3. Have you found your perfect High School? The Notre Dame High School for Girls will be holding an Open House on Sunday, November 15, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the School Building. All 7th and 8th grade student and their parents are invited.
4. The Missionary Sisters of Christ the King will unite on Sunday, November 22 for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:30 p.m., celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their founding. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Constance Church. The celebration will continue after Mass at Jolly Inn Banquet. Tickets cost \$40.00 each and can be purchase from the Sisters in the school or rectory office.
5. The Good Shepherd Club cordially invite to a Dinner Dance, which will take place on Saturday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Please see today's bulletin for details.
6. Today we welcome our guest, a Member of Northwest Neighborhood Federation, who will speak on behalf of Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Second Collection in support of Catholic Campaign for Human Development will take place in two weeks during the weekend of November 21/22.

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund.
The Catholic New World Subscription Envelopes can be also placed in the collection basket.
2. Everyone is invited to the Ushers' Pancake Breakfast that will take place on Sunday, November 1 in the School Building from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3. Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At the 7:00 p.m. **Bilingual Mass** we will remember in a special way, all those who were buried from St. Ferdinand Church since last November 1st. The names of the deceased parishioners will be read during the prayers of the faithful at this Mass.
We apologize everyone who received invitation to this special Mass. There was a mistake in the time of the Mass. This Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
4. Next weekend Members of Northwest Neighborhood Federation will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2009

1. Everyone is invited to the Ushers' Pancake Breakfast that will take place Sunday, November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please see the Ushers after the Mass to purchase the tickets. Adults pay \$6.00 and children pay \$4.00. Please see today's bulletin for details.
2. The Mass Intension Book for 2009 will be opened on Friday, October 30. If you wish to schedule Mass intentions for the next year, please come to the Rectory on Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. Please remember our food pantry when you shop this week. We welcome any nonperishable food on Saturday and Sunday next week. Thank you.

4. Next Sunday Archbishop Jozef Zycinski of Lublin, Poland will celebrate All Saints Day Mass at 8:30am in our church.
5. Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30a.m., 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At the 7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass we will remember in a special way, all those who were buried from St. Ferdinand Church since last November 1st. The names of the deceased parishioners will be read during the prayers of the faithful at this Mass.
6. The Catholic New World, is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The subscription drive be held the weekend of October 31/ November 1. The envelopes are available in the back of the church.
7. Next weekend we will have second collection for both: Organ Fund and Building and Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your support.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2009

1. Today's second collection is taken up for the Society of Propagation of Faith. Your contributions will help support pastoral and evangelizing programs, and the building of churches of Religious Communities throughout the world. Please be generous. Thank you.
2. Polish Highlanders Club invites everyone to the Fall Dinner Dance that will take place next Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please see bulletin for details.
3. Traditional, handcrafted and beautifully decorated items made from the freshest Minnesota Balsam Fir can be order from Boy Scout Troop 51. The order form is included in today's bulletin. Completed orders may be submitted in the collection basket or in the Market Day collection box from now until November 1.
4. Everyone is invited to the Ushers' Pancake Breakfast that will take place Sunday, November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please see the Ushers after the Mass to purchase the tickets. Adults pay \$6.00 and children pay \$4.00. Please see today's bulletin for details.

5. DVDs from 50th Anniversary of Church Dedication Mass and Banquet are available for purchase in the Rectory.
6. Next weekend Missionary Sisters will visit our parish to share with us their experience from operating Single Mother House and to ask you for your support. Please be generous. Thank you.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2009

1. Members of Star of Bethlehem Group are with us today and they are selling their hand carved olive wood gifts from Holy Land. The proceeds from sale will benefit the Catholic Schools and Clinics in Bethlehem area.
2. Just the Reminder: during the month of October Rosary in English is prayed daily from Monday to Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass.
3. Last chance to sign up for Flu and Pneumonia Shots that will be given by registered pharmacist this coming Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. To sign up for the shots please come to the Rectory.
4. DVDs from 50th Anniversary of Church Dedication Mass and Banquet are available for purchase in the Rectory.
5. Memorial Bilingual Mass in the intention of our former pastor, Fr. David Cortesi will be celebrated on the second anniversary of his passing, Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
6. Everyone is invited to the Ushers' Pancake Breakfast that will take place Sunday, November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please see the Ushers after the Mass to purchase the tickets. Adults pay \$6.00 and children pay \$4.00. Please see today's bulletin for details.
7. Next week there will be second collection taken up for the Society of Propagation of Faith. Your contributions will help support pastoral and

evangelizing programs, and the building of churches of Religious Communities throughout the world. Please be generous.

Twenty-Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. The special plaque with the names of all Benefactors who donated \$100 or more to the Organ Fund was just installed in the back of our Church. There are still 20 spaces available for the plate with your name on it. May God bless you for all your generous donations.
2. During the month of October Rosary in English is prayed daily from Monday to Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass.
3. St. Ferdinand will be having Flu and Pneumonia Shots given by registered pharmacist on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. To sign up for the shots please come to the Rectory.
4. DVDs from 50th Anniversary of Church Dedication Mass and Banquet are available for purchase today in the back of the Church and during the week in the Rectory.
5. Star of Bethlehem Group is coming to us next weekend to sell their hand carved olive wood gifts from Holy Land. The proceeds from sale will benefit the Catholic Schools and Clinics in Bethlehem area.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2009

The second collection that will be taken today, will be for Seminary System of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support.

1. Just the reminder: starting October 1, the morning Mass in English will change from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. This change will give an opportunity to all who starts their work earlier to attend a daily Mass.
2. The month of October, each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Rosary in English will be prayed daily from Monday to Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass.
3. St. Ferdinand Spaghetti Fest is coming. Delicious Spaghetti Dinner will be served on the next Sunday, October 4 at 12:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the School Office Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adults pay \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Children (Ages 4-12) pay \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. More information is placed in today's bulletin.
4. St. Ferdinand will be having Flu and Pneumonia Shots given by registered pharmacist on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. To sign up for the shots please come to the Rectory.
5. DVDs from 50th Anniversary of Church Dedication Mass and Banquet are available for purchase today in the back of the Church.
6. Next weekend we will have second collection for both: Building and Maintenance Fund and Organ Fund. Thank you for your support.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2009

50th Anniversary of Church Dedication

1. Starting October 1, the morning Mass in English will change from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. This change will give an opportunity to all who starts their work earlier to attend a daily Mass. Additionally, starting on the first Sunday in October; the Polish Mass will change from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Mass

will be preceded by Vespers in Polish (except for the month of May and October, which are dedicated to Mary).

2. St. Ferdinand Spaghetti Fest is coming. Delicious Spaghetti Dinner will be served on Sunday, October 4 at 12:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the School Office Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adults pay \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Children (Ages 4-12) pay \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. More information is placed in today's bulletin.
3. St. Ferdinand will be having Flu and Pneumonia Shots given by registered pharmacist on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. To sign up for the shots please come to the Rectory.
4. The Archdiocese of Chicago operates one of the most comprehensive seminary systems in the country. Over five hundred men are currently enrolled in one of our five programs. With your prayers and support, and by the grace of God, they will become our future priests. Next Sunday we will have second collection in support of Mundelein Seminary. Extra envelopes for second collection can be found at the back of the church underneath the picture of Blessed Mother. Please be generous. Thank you.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2009

1. Last chance to purchase tickets for a dinner at Porretta's Banquets celebrating 50th Anniversary of Church Dedication. Tickets are \$50.00 each and may be purchased in the Sacristy today or in the Rectory on Monday only.
2. The Knights of Columbus Mater Christi Council will be selling vocation raffle tickets after all masses this weekend. Proceeds from this event go to support men entering the seminary and women entering religious life. Winners will receive \$20,000 in cash awards with first prize being \$10,000. Please help financially support our seminarians and women entering religious life with your purchase of raffle tickets after mass today.

3. The Parish Calendar is updated and will be distributed to the Heads of Parish Organization by request. If you need a copy of the calendar, please call the Rectory and request one. Thank you.
4. Starting October 1, the morning Mass in English will change from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. This change will give an opportunity to all who starts their work earlier to attend a daily Mass. Additionally, starting on the first Sunday in October; the Polish Mass will change from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Mass will be preceded by Vespers in Polish (except for the month of May and October, which are dedicated to Mary).

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009

The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.

1. You are invited to join us as St. Ferdinand Parish celebrates the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. The celebration will be on Sunday, September 20, 2009 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mass followed by a dinner at Porretta's Banquets at 3:00 p.m. Presentation of the history of our church will be presented at the dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$50.00 each and may be purchased at the rectory, from the heads of all of parish organizations or after the Masses today.
2. All Heads of Parish Organization please remember to return funds collected from the sale of 50th Anniversary Tickets together with the unsold tickets to the Rectory by Friday, September 11. Thank you.
3. On Monday, September 7, there will be only one Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Parish Office will be closed that day.
4. On Tuesday, September 8, we will begin installation of the pipe organ. The Church will be closed from Tuesday to Thursday and all Masses will be celebrated in the Chapel. We apologize for any inconvenience.

5. The Parish Calendar is updated and will be distributed to the Heads of Parish Organization by request. If you need a copy of the calendar, please call the Rectory and request one. Thank you.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2009

1. Please join us outside for the Polish Fest. Traditional Polish food, coffee, cold drinks and sweets will be served. The Polish Fest starts today (Sunday) at noon.
2. You are invited to join us as St. Ferdinand Parish celebrates the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. The celebration will be on Sunday, September 20, 2009 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mass followed by a dinner at Porretta's Banquets at 3:00 p.m. Presentation of the history of our church will be presented at the dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$50.00 each and may be purchased at the rectory or from the heads of all of parish organizations. Tickets are sold after the Masses today and the next weekend.
3. When you are shopping this week, please remember our Food Pantry and bring non-perishable food for Mass on Saturday and Sunday, September 5/6. God Bless you.
4. The second collection that will be taken up next weekend, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. If you wish to make a donation towards Organ Fund and have your name included on the special plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary of St. Ferdinand Church there is still time. May God bless you for all your donations.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2009

1. Today's second collection will be taken up for the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland. Please show your generosity. Thank you.

2. The Knights of Columbus Mater Christi Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Diaper Drive to benefit the clients of the Women Center. The Ladies will be here today (Sunday) in the vestibule until 2:00 p.m. collecting disposable diapers size newborn, 4, 5 and 6. On behalf of the Women Center and Ladies Auxiliary – Thank you.
3. St. Ferdinand Class of 2010 is hosting an exterior car wash on Saturday, August 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school parking lot. Please bulletin for details.
4. You are invited to join us as St. Ferdinand Parish celebrates the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. The celebration will be on Sunday, September 20, 2009 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mass followed by a dinner at Porretta's Banquets at 3:00 p.m. Presentation of the history of our church will be presented at the dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$50.00 each and may be purchased at the rectory or from the heads of all of parish organizations. Tickets will also be sold after the Masses today and the next weekend.
5. Next weekend Fr. Steven Ryan will visit our parish and will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. CICO main purpose is to establish a stronger relationship between America's Catholic parishes and their counterparts overseas with the ultimate goal of helping the poorest of the poor.
6. Next Sunday, August 30 there will be special Mass with procession at 10:15 a.m. Following the Mass, please join us outside for the Polish Fest. Traditional Polish food, coffee, cold drinks and sweets will be served.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2009

1. Today's second collection will be taken up for the Annual Archdiocesan Summer Mission Appeal that will support the Order of Redemptorists Priests. Please show your generosity. Thank you.
2. Parish Calendar meeting for the year 2009/2010 will be held on Monday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. All heads of parish clubs, groups and organizations are encourage to attend the meeting.

3. Notre Dame High School for Girls will held their Open House on Monday, August 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand School Building at 3115 N. Mason Ave. Please see today's bulletin for more information.
4. Next weekend there will be second collection taken up for the Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland. Please see Cardinal's letter included in today's bulletin for details.
5. The Knights of Columbus Mater Christi Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Diaper Drive to benefit the clients of the Women Center. The Diaper Drive will be held next Sunday, August 23. Please bring disposable diapers size newborn, 4, 5 and 6 to the vestibule of the church after all the Masses between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2009

1. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in English will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
2. Parish Calendar meeting for the year 2009/2010 will be held on Monday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. All heads of parish clubs, groups and organizations are encourage to attend the meeting. Empty calendars for you to fill in all the dates you wish to reserve, will be available in the Rectory from Tuesday, August 11.
3. Notre Dame High School for Girls will held their Open House on Monday, August 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the St. Ferdinand School Building at 3115 N. Mason Ave. Please see today's bulletin for more information.
4. Next weekend our second collection will be taken up for the Annual Archdiocesan Summer Mission Appeal that will support the Order of Redemptorists Priests. Please show your generosity. Thank you.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.

We are happy to announce that the pipes and chests for organ are expected to arrive here from Italy on or around August 20th. Installation and completion will take some time, but the new organ should be completed and ready to be played on September 20th when we will celebrate 50th Anniversary of the Church dedication.

2. Join your Neighbors, Police and local political officials in a safety march around our neighborhood that will take place on August 8th at 10:00 a.m. Please gather at the school parking lot at 9:30 a.m. For details, please see brochures placed at the back of the church.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2009

1. 30th Ward Alderman Ariel Reboyras and 31st Ward Alderman Ray Suarez invite everyone to the Community Forum to discuss details regarding Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympics Games. Forum will take place on Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Kelvyn Park High School located at 4343 W. Wrightwood Ave., Chicago.
2. Please shop for our Food Pantry this week and bring any non-perishable food to Masses next weekend. Many thanks for remembering.
3. The second collection that will be taken up next weekend, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. Please see today's bulletin for updates on Organ Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2009

1. *Faustynki*, the girl's choir who visited us today and joined us in singing during the Mass es will be selling CDs with their music in the back of the Church. All proceeds will benefit the constriction process of Divine Mercy Church in Helenowo, Poland.
2. Everyone is invited to attend the Novena to St. Anne, that has begun on Saturday, July 18th and will continue through Sunday, July 26th. Weekday services are held each morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and on Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
3. Everyone (21 years old and over) is invited to the Poker Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus that will take place on Saturday, July 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Please see bulletin for details.
4. Polish Rosary Group will held Garage Sale next week on Friday, July 24 and on Saturday, July 25, both days from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the school parking lot.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2009

1. Everyone is invited to attend the Novena to St. Anne, that begins on Saturday, July 18th after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and continues through Sunday, July 26th. Weekday services will be held each morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and on Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
2. Everyone (21 years old and over) is invited to the Poker Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus that will take place on Saturday, July 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Please see bulletin for details.
3. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. Consider spending a few quiet moments with Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.
2. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to check the list posted in the Church Sacristy, it concerns renewal of your mandate as Eucharistic Ministers, which will expire June 30 of this year. If you wish to renew your mandate for another year (until June 2010), please indicate with a "yes" or "no" next to your name on the list. Thank you.
3. Lector's Schedule for July and August is included in today's bulletin. Please take a copy of the bulletin with you.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2009

1. Today we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in today's Peter's Pence Collection. Thank you.
2. The Farewell Reception for Fr. Mariusz Stefanowski will follow today's 12:30 p.m. Mass. Father will be available in school cafeteria to accept your good wishes.
3. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to check the list posted in the Church Sacristy, it concerns renewal of your mandate as Eucharistic Ministers, which will expire June 30 of this year. If you wish to renew your mandate for another year (until June 2010), please indicate with a "yes" or "no" next to your name on the list. Thank you.

4. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 in Observance of Independence Day. On Friday Masses will be celebrated at regular hours. On Saturday there will be only one morning Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Evening Mass (Sunday's Vigil) will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. as always.
5. Please shop for our Food Pantry this week and bring any non-perishable food to Masses next weekend. Many thanks for remembering.
6. The second collection that will be taken up next weekend, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2009

1. Members of Miles Jesu Group are here with us today and they are selling art prints and reproductions of religious masterpieces printed on canvas paper. Prints are available for a donation of \$10.00 for one, and \$25.00 for three. All proceeds from today's sale will benefit Miles Jesu.
2. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to check the list posted in the Church Sacristy, it concerns renewal of your mandate as Eucharistic Ministers, which will expire June 30 of this year. If you wish to renew your mandate for another year (until June 2010), please indicate with a "yes" or "no" next to your name on the list. Thank you.
3. Everyone is invited to the 12:30 PM Mass on Sunday, June 28 when Father Stefanowski will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving. There will be a Reception in School Cafeteria following Mass. Father will be available to accept your good wishes.
4. Next week our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This Collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week's Peter's Pence Collection.

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

June 14, 2009

The second collection that will be taken up today in support of Retired Priest Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.

1. The Parish is observing the feast of Corpus Christi this Sunday. The observance includes a neighbourhood procession with the Blessed Sacrament after 12:30 p.m. Mass, which will be in English, Latin and Polish. Main celebrant for this Mass and procession will be Bishop Thomas Paprocki. All are encourage to participate in this treasure of our Catholic heritage.
2. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to check the list posted in the Church Sacristy, it concerns renewal of your mandate as Eucharistic Ministers, which will expire June 30 of this year. If you wish to renew your mandate for another year (until June 2010), please indicate with a "yes" or "no" next to your name on the list. Thank you.
3. Just a reminder: Father's Day cards are still available at the back of the church under the picture of the Blessed Mother.
4. After all the Masses next Sunday, June 21, members of the Miles Jesu Group will be selling art prints. The prints, reproductions of religious masterpieces, are printed on canvas paper and suitable for framing. They will be available for a donation of \$10.00 for one and \$25.00 for three prints. Please see today's bulletin for details.
5. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. Consider spending a few quiet moments with Our Lord in the Eucharist.

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2009

1. The second collection that will be taken up today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.
2. Please join us at Parish SummerFast today until midnight and tomorrow from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. Free admission, carnival rides, great food, refreshments, live music, folk dances, children choirs, raffle and many more attractions. All proceeds from the picnic will benefit our Parish.
3. The Parish will observe the feast of Corpus Christi next Sunday. The observance includes a neighbourhood procession with the Blessed Sacrament after 12:30 p.m. Mass, which will be in English, Latin and Polish. All are encourage to participate in this treasure of our Catholic heritage.
4. Father's Day cards are still available at the back of the church under the picture of the Blessed Mother. There is a card inside a larger envelope. Take the card out and keep it and on the larger envelope print the names of those you wish us to pray for, enclose your donation, and drop it in the box marked "Father's Day".
5. Next weekend's second collection will be taken up in support of Retired Priest Fund. There is a letter in today's bulletin from Cardinal George explaining how much our ministry depends upon the generosity of retired priests.
6. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Thursday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. Consider spending a few quiet moments with Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2009

1. Everyone is invited to our Parish Summerfest that will take place from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7 at the school parking lots. Please see bulletin for details. The raffle tickets are available for purchase after all Masses this weekend or in the Rectory during weekdays. For just \$5.00, you might be a winner of the great prizes.
2. St. Ferdinand Parish will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the church dedication on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. Mass and followed by a dinner at Porretta's Banquets. We are preparing presentation on the history of our church to be presented as a part of this celebration. If you have any pictures of the area before the church was built, pictures taken during construction, at the first Mass, or early parish celebrations, please share it with us. We will scan the pictures and return to you.
3. Next Sunday there will be second collection to support our Organ and Building and Maintenance Funds. Please see the bulletin for updates on new organ.

Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2009

1. On Monday, May 25 there will be only one multi-language Mass at 9:00 a.m. The parish office will be closed on that day in observance of Memorial Day.
2. Our St. Ferdinand Grammar School graduation will be held at the regular 5:00 pm Mass next Saturday, May 30th.
3. All elderly and ill parishioners are invited to a Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick next Saturday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. Before the Mass at 9:30 a.m. the priests will be available for the Sacrament of Penance. If you have any elderly neighbors or friends, please offer to bring them to Church that day. Thank you.

4. St. Ferdinand Parish will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the church dedication on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. Mass and followed by a dinner at Porretta's Banquets. We are preparing presentation on the history of our church to be presented as a part of this celebration. If you have any pictures of the area before the church was built, pictures taken during construction, at the first Mass, or early parish celebrations, please share it with us. We will scan the pictures and return to you.
5. Everyone is invited to our Parish Summerfest that will take place from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7 at the school parking lots. Please see bulletin for details. The raffle tickets are available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. For just \$5 you might be a winner of the great prizes.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

1. Mr. Andrew Warzocha, our Music Director and Liturgy Coordinator is leaving the position with our Church to explore other opportunities and endeavors. To express our gratitude and appreciation and the thank him for the past 14 years of his much dedicated service to St. Ferdinand Parish, please join us at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on next Saturday, May 23 followed by a reception in the School Cafeteria.
2. St. Ferdinand Parish will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the church dedication on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. Mass and followed by a dinner at Porretta's Banquets. We are preparing presentation on the history of our church to be presented as a part of this celebration. If you have any pictures of the area before the church was built, pictures taken during construction, at the first Mass, or early parish celebrations, please share it with us. We will scan the pictures and return to you.
3. All ladies ages 18 years and older who are interested in participating in fundraisers and church activities as well as services that benefit our community are warmly invited to join the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. Their goal is to support the mission of the Church in a manner that is enjoyable and brings people closer together. The Ladies Auxiliary will be present at the Masses on Sunday, May 31 to extend and invitation to perspective members and answer your questions.

4. Everyone is invited to our Parish Summerfest that will take place on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7 at the school parking lots. Please see bulletin for details.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2009

Today's second collection will be in support of Catholic Charities. Please be generous. Thank you.

1. Lector's schedule is included in today's bulletin.
2. Please see today's bulletin for all the events in our neighborhood.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2009

The second collection that will be taken up today, will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations.

1. Everyone is invited to the Poker Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus that will take place on Saturday, May 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Canning Hall. Please see bulletin for details.
2. Mother's Day cards are still available at the back of the church under the picture of the Blessed Mother. There is a card inside a larger envelope. Take the card out and keep it and on the larger envelope print the names of those you wish us to pray for, enclose your donation, and drop it in the box marked "Mothers Day".
3. There will be second collection next weekend at all the Masses in support of Catholic Charities. Families in crisis come to Catholic Charities to rebuild

their lives. They learned job skills, gained control of their finances, developed healthier ways of communicating during counseling sessions, joined recovery programs, and found answers to some of life's most pressing problems. Please give generously to "Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal".

Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

Today's second collection will support our School Scholarship Fund. Envelopes that can be used for your donations are placed in the pews. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

1. Everyone is invited to 45th Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will be served until 1:00 p.m. today. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
 2. Don't miss our School Open House and Science Fair today from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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3. Anyone who would like to become parishioner of St. Ferdinand Parish, please see the person at the back of the Church, who will help you to register.
 4. Everyone is invited to the Poker Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus that will take place on Saturday, May 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Canning Hall. Please see bulletin for details.
 5. The second collection that will be taken up next weekend will be for both, the Organ Fund and the Building and Maintenance Fund. May God bless you for all your generous donations. Please see updates on Organ Fund in today's bulletin.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2009

1. Everyone is invited to 45th Pancake Breakfast that will take place on Sunday, April 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Ushers after all the weekend Masses.
2. Next week there will be New Parishioners Registration Drive after all the Masses in the Church and at the Pancake Breakfast. Everyone who would like to become part of the St. Ferdinand Parish Community will have opportunity to register. Please see bulletin for details.
3. Don't miss our School Open House and Science Fair on Sunday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
4. Polish Highlanders invite everyone to Dinner Dance Party that will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased after Masses in Polish or at the door for \$20 each.
5. All heads of parish clubs and organizations are asked to pick up a letter from the Rectory.
6. Please welcome our student who came here to talk to you.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2009

There will be a second collection at all the Masses today. The first collection is for your regular Sunday offering in support of St. Ferdinand Church.

The second collection is for your special Easter Offering in gratitude to our Lord Jesus for the salvation He has won for us through His Resurrection.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2009

1. Today's second collection will support our Organ Fund. Names of the people, who donated \$100 and over to this fund, will be included on the special plaque. There is still time to donate to the Organ Fund and add your name to the special plaque.
2. Every one is invited to participate in the return of the Tabernacle to the main altar. There will be solemn procession after 12:30 Mass today.
3. The Holy Week scheduled is included in today's bulletin. Please take a copy of the bulletin home with you.
4. Envelopes for Easter Flowers donation are in the back of the Church for anyone who wishes donate to this fund.
5. Lenten Reconciliation will be held on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
6. The Parish Office will close at 4:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday and will remain closed until Monday, April 13.
7. There will be a second collection on Easter Sunday. The first is for your regular Sunday offering, and the second, for your special Easter gift to the Church.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2009

1. The Church will be closed from Monday, March 30 to Thursday, April 2 for a major cleaning. During this time, all Masses will be celebrated in the Chapel. We apologize for any inconvenience that may cause, but it is necessary to close the Church in order to clean it properly.
2. The Holy Week scheduled is included in today's bulletin. Please take a copy of the bulletin home with you.
3. There is a red envelope attached to today's bulletin. The envelope includes letter in English and Polish addressed to the President of the United States

with request to help stop abortion in this country. All you need to do is: seal the envelope, add your return address, place the postage stamp on it and drop in any mailbox. Thank you and God Bless You.

4. Every one is invited to participate in the return of the Tabernacle to the main altar. There will be solemn procession after 12:30 Mass on the Palm Sunday.
5. Please join us this Friday at the last Fish Fry with the Easter Bunny. Please see bulletin for details.
6. Lenten Reconciliation will be held on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.
7. Next week there will be second collection to support our Organ and Building and Maintenance Funds. Please see Pastor's Letter in today's bulletin for updated on Organ Fund.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2009

Today's second collection will be taken up to cover the expenses of the Lenten Mission. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

1. The Organ Fund donor list is displayed in the church vestibule. Anyone who contributed \$100 or over between December 2007 and March 2, 2009 is asked to check spelling of the names. We need to make sure the names are spelt correctly before they will be placed on the special plaque.
2. Lenten Mission in English with Fr. Carmen Mele started today and will continue through Thursday, March 26. During the week, Masses with Mission Talk will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
3. Just a reminder: This year the recipients of our alms are Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica.
4. The Knights of Columbus Mater Christi Council invites everyone to Feast of the Annunciation Mass and Candlelight Procession that will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at our Church. Parish organizations are invited to carry their banners during the procession. Everyone please bring your candle and your rosary to carry.

5. Please join us this Friday at the Fish Fry Elvis Night. Please see bulletin for details.
6. Stations of the Cross are held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. with the school kids and at 6:00 p.m.
7. Next week there will be second collection in support of our Organ Fund. Please be generous. Thank you.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2009

1. The Organ Fund donor list is displayed in the church vestibule. Anyone who contributed \$100 or over between December 2007 and March 2, 2009 is asked to check spelling of the names. We need to make sure the names are spelt correctly before they will be placed on the special plaque.
2. Just a reminder: This year the recipients of our alms are Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. Purple-bordered Envelopes for this purpose are available on the table under the picture of the Blessed Mother in the back of Church. Please return them by Palm Sunday. We are using envelopes from last year so please disregard the recipients listed on them. Thank you.
3. There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents and guardians of the children that will receive sacrament of First Communion this May. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting will start with 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Church. Please see bulletin for details.
4. Please join us this Friday at the Fish Fry St. Joseph Night. Please see bulletin for details.
5. Stations of the Cross are held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. with the school kids and at 6:00 p.m.
6. Lenten Mission in English with Fr. Carmen Mele will start next Sunday, March 22 at all the Masses and will continue to Thursday, March 26. During the week, Masses with Mission Talk will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
7. Next week there will be second collection to cover to costs of the Lenten Mission. Please be generous. Thank you.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2009

Today's second collection will support Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous. Thank you.

1. Meeting for the parents or guardians of the children who will receive First Communion on Holy Saturday will be held today at 11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Please be present, the meeting is mandatory.
2. The Organ Fund donor list is displayed in the church vestibule. Anyone who contributed \$100 or over between December 2007 and March 2, 2009 is asked to check spelling of the names. We need to make sure the names are spelt correctly before they will be placed on the special plaque.
3. As is the custom during Lent at St. Ferdinand Parish, we fast for the good of our bodies, we pray for the good of our souls, and we give alms for the good of our neighbors. This year the recipients of our alms are Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. Purple-bordered Envelopes for this purpose are available on the table under the picture of the Blessed Mother in the back of Church. Please return them by Palm Sunday. We are using envelopes from last year so please disregard the recipients listed on them. Thank you.
4. Please join us this Friday at the Fish Fry St. Patrick Night. Please see bulletin for details.
5. Stations of the Cross are held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. with the school kids and at 6:00 p.m.
6. Life Line Screening will be here at St. Ferdinand on Thursday, March 12. If you planning to screen yourself for Stroke, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease or for Osteoporosis, please see bulletin for details and register. Screening will take place in Heeney Hall in the school building.
7. Lenten Mission in English with Fr. Carmen Mele will start on Sunday, March 22 at all the Masses and will continue to Thursday, March 26. During the week, Masses with Mission Talk will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2009

Today's second collection will support our Organ Fund. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

1. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, March 2nd in observance of Pulaski Day.
2. As is the custom during Lent at St. Ferdinand Parish, we fast for the good of our bodies, we pray for the good of our souls, and we give alms for the good of our neighbors. This year the recipients of our alms are Missionaries of the Poor in Jamaica. Purple-bordered Envelopes for this purpose are available on the table under the picture of the Blessed Mother in the back of Church. Please return them by Palm Sunday. We are using envelopes from last year so please disregard the recipients listed on them. Thank you.
3. Please join us this Friday at the Fish Fry Kid's Night. Please see bulletin for details.
4. Stations of the Cross are held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. with the school kids and at 6:00 p.m.
5. Next weekend there will be second collection in support of Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous. Thank you.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22, 2009

1. Wednesday, February 25th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses and Prayer Service. Schedules of Masses and service for Ash Wednesday are posted on every church door.
2. Stations of the Cross will be held on every Friday of Lent at 2:00 p.m. with the school kids and at 6:00 p.m.

3. Our Lenten Fish Fry begins this Friday with “Moments to Remember to Honor our Seniors”. Details are in the bulletin.
4. Next weekend there will be second collection in support of our Organ Fund. Please see organ fund update in today’s bulletin.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2009

1. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President’s Day.
2. Kids all ages are invited to the Carnival Festival with the Clown that will take place on Wednesday, February 18th at 4:30 p.m. at the school. Tickets can be purchased at school or at the door. Adults pay \$6.00 and kids 3 years old and older pay \$4.00. Kids under the age of 3 - enter for free.
3. Don’t forget to order Krispy Kreame doughnuts for Fat Tuesday and at the same time support St. Ferdinand Class of 2009 Fund Raising. Order form is included in today’s bulletin.
4. The Knights of Columbus Vocation Raffle Winners List is included in today’s bulletin.
5. The 5th Congressional District Special Election will take place on March 3, 2009. If you want to meet the candidates and hear what they have to say on issues that matter to us, you are invited to attend Candidates’ Forum. Forum will take place on Monday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium in Chicago. Transportation will be available from Northwest Neighborhood Federation. Please see today’s bulletin for details.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 2009

1. Bible Study Group has resumed their Monday meetings. You can join them on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent where they study and discuss Hebrews.

2. Don't forget to order KrispyKreame doughnuts for Fat Tuesday and at the same time support St. Ferdinand Class of 2009 Fund Raising. Order form is included in today's bulletin.
3. Confirmation preparation classes will start soon at different parishes in Chicago and suburbs. Please see the bulletin for the list of parishes and dates.
4. Everyone who wants to get to know some great people while supporting the parish is invited to the first Fish Fry meeting that will take place on Friday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in McManus Hall. Please see bulletin for details.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2009

Today's second collection will support our Organ Fund. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

1. This week only, the church cleaning was moved from 5:00 p.m. on Monday to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be volunteers needed on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church to help remove Christmas decoration.
2. The Annual Catholic Appeal collection and pledge will be during the weekend of February 14/15. If you received a personal mailing from the Cardinal and a pledge card to your home address, it is important that you return the card to our church that weekend of February 15 or 22. This way your pledge will be credited to our parish to meet the goal that was established for us by the Archdiocese. Thank you.
3. Please remember that today our parish, along with thousands of other parishes across the nation is signing postcards urging Congress to retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion and oppose the agenda of the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). Everyone who came in late or did not have a chance to fill in the card, please take a minute and fill in now, let your voice be heard. The cards and pens are in the pews. When you complete the card please return it to the person at the back of the church. Thank you for standing up for life at this important time.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2009

1. A little over a year ago Mater Christi Council-Knights of Columbus was founded to serve the needs of St. Ferdinand, St. Priscilla and St. Pascal parishes. Since that time many women have asked if there is a women's group that is part of the Knights of Columbus.

The answer is yes, and a "Formation Breakfast Meeting" between ladies concerned with starting a Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and Council Officers of Mater Christi Council will be held on Saturday, January 31st in McManus Hall.

All Catholic Women 18 and over are invited to attend. If you can get involved, even in the smallest way, we encourage you to stop at the back of the church after mass to fill out a membership application so you can join us for the Breakfast for Women hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Here's the best part - You don't have to cook or clean up, the man will do it.

2. Next week our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion and oppose the agenda of the "Freedom of Choice Act" or similar radical pro-abortion initiatives. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event.
3. School Open House will take place on Wednesday, January 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please see bulletin for details.
4. Next weekend there will be second collection in support of our Organ Fund. Please see organ fund update in today's bulletin.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2009

Today's second collection will support Latin America. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

1. Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday.
2. Eucharistic Ministers Schedule is included in today's bulletin. Please pick up a copy for yourself.
3. 2008 Contribution Statements will be prepared by request only for any registered parishioner. Please call the Parish Office with your name, address and envelope number. The statement can be either picked up at the office or will be mailed to your home address.
4. Please remember handicap parking restriction is in full force during the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) on Mason Street in front of the Church entrance and much of the whole block. Please pay attention to the signs. If our parking lots are full, especially on Sundays, you may use St. Patrick's High School parking lot or the Bank parking across the street on Belmont Avenue.

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009

1. The time of some Masses has changed. The Mass at 10:30 a.m. in English now starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and the 10:45 a.m. Mass in Polish now starts at 10:15 a.m. in the Church.
2. 2008 Contribution Statements will be prepared by request only for any registered parishioner. Please call the Parish Office with your name, address and envelope number. The statement can be either picked up at the office or will be mailed to your home address after January 15th.
3. Please remember handicap parking restriction is in full force during the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) on Mason Street in front of the Church entrance and much of the whole block. Please pay attention to the signs. If our parking lots are full, especially on Sundays, you may use St. Patrick's High School parking lot or the Bank parking across the street on Belmont Avenue.
4. Next weekend we will have second collection at all the Masses in support of Latin America. Please see Cardinal's letter in today's bulletin.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2008

1. Everyone is invited to Sinbanga Gabi Celebration that is a beautiful Filipino Christmas Tradition. The celebration will take place on Monday, December 22 and will start at 6:30 p.m. with Prelude and Mass with Bishop Thomas Paprocki as a main celebrant. Reception will follow in school cafeteria.
2. Handicap parking restriction is in full force during the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) on Mason Street in front of the Church entrance and much of the whole block. Please pay attention to the signs. If our parking lots are full, especially on Sundays, you may use St. Patrick's High School parking lot or the Bank parking across the street on Belmont Avenue.
3. Starting on the first Sunday in January (January 4th) the time of some Masses are changing. The current Mass at 10:30 a.m. in English will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and the current 10:45 a.m. Mass in Polish will now start at 10:15 a.m. in the Church. Please see today's bulletin for details.
4. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to New Year's Party that will take place on Wednesday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$70.00 each and can be reserved from members of the Club at the back of the church after the Masses. Please see today's bulletin for details.
5. There will be two collections on Christmas Day. First will be Christmas Collection and second will be your special Christmas gift to St. Ferdinand Parish as a thank you for all the blessings that you receive during the year from our Lord.

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2008

Today's second collection will support The Retirement Fund for Religious Brothers and Sisters. Please be as generous. Thank you.

1. All lectors can pick up their 2008-2009 Lector Workbooks in the Church Sacristy.
2. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to New Year's Party that will take place on Wednesday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$70.00 each and can be reserved from members of the Club at the back of the church after the Masses. Please see today's bulletin for details.
3. Ladies of St. Anne are hosting their Annual Christmas Party Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:30 a.m. in Canning Hall. Please see bulletin for details.
4. Advent Reconciliation will take place on Friday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please see today's bulletin for guidelines how to make a good confession.
5. Everyone is invited to Sinbanga Gabi Celebration that is a beautiful Filipino Christmas Tradition. The celebration will take place on Monday, December 22 and will start at 6:30 p.m. with Prelude and Mass with Thomas Paprocki as a main celebrant. Reception will follow in school cafeteria. Please see bulletin for details.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008

1. Today's second collection will support our Organ Fund. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

2. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to New Year's Party that will take place on Wednesday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. in McManus Hall. Tickets are \$70.00 each and can be reserved from members of the Club at the back of the church after the Masses.
3. During Advent Masses at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be celebrated in Latin.
4. The Immaculate Conception of the BVM falls on Monday, December 8th and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. in Latin, 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in English. The parish will be closed on Monday.
5. Ladies of St. Anne are hosting their Annual Christmas Party Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:30 a.m. in Canning Hall. Please see bulletin for details.
6. The 2008 Retirement Fund for Religious collection, conducted by the National Religious Retirement Office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be taken up in parishes across the U.S. the weekend of December 13-14. This collection has been the most successful appeal in U.S. Catholic Church history; helping the more than 37,000 religious now past the age of 70 to meet the costs of elder care. Please give generously to the second collection on December 13-14, which benefits the many deserving religious who served the Archdiocese of Chicago, past and present.

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2008

1. Today's second collection will support St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.
2. Today, representatives of AmbitEnergy (distributor of gas energy) are here at the back of the church. Everyone who has contract with Nicor has a chance to switch his or her account to AmbitEnergy that offers smaller prices without signing any contracts.
3. We would like to thank the sponsors of our calendars; Dr. Mary A. Starsiak and Belmont Funeral Home. Thanks to them, we are able to

distribute free 2009 calendars to our parishioners. Please pick up the calendars from the ushers at the back of the church.

4. During Advent Masses at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be celebrated in Latin.
5. There will be a second collection next weekend in support of our Organ Fund. Please see today's bulletin for updates on Organ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2008

1. Today's second collection will support Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous as you are able. Thank you.
2. Today is your last chance to purchase tickets to Andrzejki Dinner Party that will take place next Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Good food, drinks, music, raffle with the grand price - Nissan Versa 2009 and much more. All proceeds from the car raffle will benefit the Organ Fund. \$20 party tickets and \$20 Raffle Tickets can be purchased today in the back of the Church. Raffle Tickets can also be purchased at the Rectory during the week. The grand price - Nissan Versa is parked in front of the Church for everyone to see. The winner does not need to be present at the Party to claim the price.
3. On Thanksgiving Day we will celebrate only one trilingual Mass at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Masses at 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. The Parish Office will close on Wednesday, November 26 and will reopen on Monday, December 1.
4. Next Sunday representatives of AmbitEnergy (distributor of gas energy) will be here before and after all the Masses. Everyone who has contract with Nicor will have a chance to switch his or her account to AmbitEnergy that offers smaller prices without signing any contracts. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for details.
5. There will be a second collection on Thanksgiving Day and next weekend that will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society. Today members of the St.

Vincent de Paul are present here and they would like to share with you what they do for our parish.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2008

1. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to Andrzejki Dinner Party that will take place on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Good food, drinks, music, raffle with the grand price - **Nissan Versa 2009** and much more. All proceeds from the car raffle will benefit the Organ Fund. \$20 party tickets and \$20 Raffle Tickets can be purchased after all the Masses in the back of the Church or in the Rectory during the week. The grand price - Nissan Versa is parked in front of the Church for everyone to see. The winner does not need to be present at the Party to claim the price.
2. Next week there will be second collection in support Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Today members of Northwest Neighborhood Federation are here with us and they will speak on behalf of Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

November 9, 2008

1. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to Andrzejki Dinner Party that will take place on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Good food, drinks, music, raffle with the grand price - Nissan Versa 2009 and much more. All proceeds from the car raffle will benefit the Organ Fund. \$20 party tickets and \$20 Raffle Tickets can be purchased after all the Masses in the back of the Church or in the Rectory during the week. The grand price - Nissan Versa is parked in front of the Church for everyone to see. The winner does not need to be present at the Andrzejki Party to claim the price.
2. The baby bottles can be returned to the Ushers. If you forgot to bring the baby bottle today, you can bring it to the Rectory during the week. All baby bottles will be sent to the Women's Center and thanks to you, many kids will benefit from it. Thank you.

3. Everyone is invited to the Medicare Advantage Seminar that will take place next Sunday, November 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the school. Please see details in today's bulletin.
4. Members of the Finance Committee are here with us today and they will share with you information about our financial statement report for the year 07/08 that is included in today's bulletin.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 2, 2008

1. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to Andrzejki Dinner Party that will take place on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Good food, drinks, music, raffle with the grand price - **Nissan Versa 2009** and much more. All proceeds from the car raffle will benefit the Organ Fund. \$20 party tickets and \$20 Raffle Tickets can be purchased after all the Masses in the back of the Church or in the Rectory during the week. The grand price - Nissan Versa is parked in front of the Church for everyone to see.
2. Next week before every Mass we will collect Baby Bottles that you took home last week. Please bring them back. All baby bottles will be sent to the Women's Center and will benefit many, many kids.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2008

1. Baby bottles are available today at all the exits of the church and chapel for you to take home and fill with spare change. Please return the bottles before the Masses on November 8 and 9. All baby bottles will be sent to the Women's Center. During the week the baby bottles can be picked up from the Rectory.
2. Good Shepherd Club invites everyone to Andrzejki Dinner Party that will take place on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Good food, drinks, music, raffle with the grand price - Nissan Versa and much more. \$20 party tickets and

\$20 Ruffle Tickets can be purchased after all the Masses in the back of the Church.

3. The Mass Intension Book for 2009 will be opened on Friday, October 31st. If you wish to schedule Mass intentions for the next year, please come to the Rectory on Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. Please remember our food pantry when you shop this week. We welcome any nonperishable food on Saturday and Sunday next week. Thank you.
5. Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses. Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 5:00 p.m. At the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will remember in a special way, all those who were buried from St. Ferdinand Church since last November 1st. The names of the deceased parishioners will be read during the prayers of the faithful at this Mass.
6. Next weekend we will have second collection at all the Masses in support of the second phase of our Organ Fund. Please see today's bulletin for updates on the Organ Fund.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 19, 2008

1. During the month of October the Rosary is prayed in our Church from Monday to Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
2. Members of Neocatechumenal Way invite adults and youth to attend catechesis classes. Classes meet on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in McManus Hall. Free babysitter provided.
3. Representatives of the AmbitEnergy will visit us next Sunday. Any one who is interested in switching their bills from Nicor will have a chance to talk to them about their lower prices after all the Masses.
4. Highlanders Club invites everyone to Andrzejki Dinner Party that will take place on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Good food, drinks, music, ruffle with the grand price - Nissan Versa and much more. \$20 party tickets and \$20 Ruffle Tickets will go on sale next Sunday.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2008

1. During the month of October the Rosary is prayed in our Church from Monday to Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
2. A Memorial Mass in the intention of our former pastor, Fr. David Cortesi will be celebrated on the first anniversary of his passing, Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Reception will be held immediately following the Mass in the Cafeteria.
3. Everyone is invited to the Ushers' Pancake Breakfast that will take place next Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please see the Ushers after the Mass to purchase the tickets. Adults pay \$6.00 and children pay \$4.00. Please see today's bulletin for details.
4. Boy Scout Troop 51 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreath Products after every Mass. See the Scout representative after Mass to place your order.
5. Next week we will have second collection to support the Propagation of the Faith Fund. Your contributions will help support pastoral and evangelizing programs, and the building of churches of Religious Communities throughout the world. Please be generous.
6. Members of Neocatechumenal Way are with us today to invite all of you to attend the catechesis classes that will start this week.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2008

1. During the month of October the Rosary is prayed in our Church from Monday to Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

2. Neocatechumenal Way invites youth and adults to attend the catechesis classes. Classes will begin on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. in McMnus Hall. Free babysitter will be provided.
3. A Memorial Mass in the intention of our former pastor, Fr. David Cortesi will be celebrated on the first anniversary of his passing, Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Reception will be held immediately following the Mass in the Cafeteria.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2008

1. The Knights of Columbus are conducting a voter registration drive today after all the Masses so if you have not register yet, now is a good time. For your convenience they have forms in English, Polish and Spanish.
2. The Knights of Columbus also extend a worm invitation to Catholic man 18 years of age and older to join their wonderful organization. Knights and their families participate in activities that support our Church, Youth, Families and Community, especially the less fortune. Members of our own Mater Christi Council of the Knights of Columbus will be present at Masses with more information.
3. Next weekend we will have second collection in support of our Organ Fund - Phase II. Thanks to your generosity soon we will hear beautiful organ music in our Church.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2008

1. If you wonder what this scaffolding is doing in our church, we have good news for you. We just started working on putting our new organ. Soon, organ music will enrich our Liturgies.
2. The Knights of Columbus will conduct a voter registration drive here at St. Ferdinand Church next Sunday, September 28th after all the Masses. For your convenience they will have forms in English, Polish and Spanish.

3. The Archdiocese of Chicago operates one of the most comprehensive seminary systems in the country. Over five hundred men are currently enrolled in one of our five programs. With your prayers and support, and by the grace of God, they will become our future priests. Next Sunday we will have second collection in support of Mundelein Seminary. One of the seminarians, Michael Moczko will speak at all the Masses about his vocation.