

From the Diocese . .

Joyful Again!, a Widowed Ministry has 2 upcoming week-ends in 2013 for their program, **September 28/29** at Good Shepherd Hospital (450 W. Highway 22; Barrington, IL) and **November 16/17** at Our Lady of the Angels (13820 Main Street; Lemont, IL) , which includes an overnight stay. Early registration is encouraged. For more information call 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain@att.net. Please check out their website at www.joyfulagain.org.

St. Paul reminds us that Christ will strengthen us and that there is abundant grace, faith and love available to us through Christ Jesus. All of this is available to us in our everyday lives and in our marriages. All we have to do is call out to Jesus; he is always there, always waiting. Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 12-14, 2013**. Contact Jim and Kris McCulloch, 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at : wwmejoliet.org.

LIVE LIKE AN EAGLE

The eagle has the longest life-span among birds. It can live up to 70 years. But to reach this age, the eagle must make a hard decision. Around the age of 40, its long and flexible talons can no longer grab prey which serves as food. Its long and sharp beak becomes bent. Its old-aged and heavy wings, due to their thick feathers, become stuck to its chest and make it difficult to fly.

Then the eagle is left with only two options: die or go through a painful process of change which lasts 150 days. The process requires that the eagle fly to a mountaintop and sit on its nest. There the eagle knocks its beak against a rock until it plucks it out. After plucking it out, the eagle will wait for a new beak to grow back and then it will pluck out its talons. When its new talons grow back, the eagle starts plucking its old-aged feathers. And after 5 months, the eagle takes its famous flight of rebirth and lives for 30 more years.

Why is change needed? Many times, in order to survive, we have to start a change process. We sometimes need to get rid of old memories, habits and other past traditions. Only freed from past burdens, can we take advantage of the present.

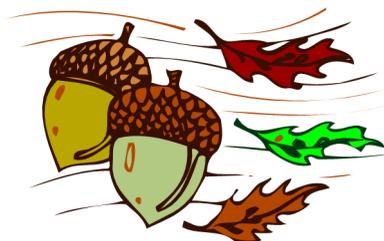
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HENRI J. M. NOUWEN

Henri was born in 1932 in Holland. He was ordained a priest in 1957 and completed his degree in psychology in 1963. In 1964, he came to the United States where he taught at Notre Dame, Yale and Harvard. Between 1971 and 1981, Henri wrote several books including *The Wounded Healer*, *Out of Solitude*, and *The Genesee Diary*. He became one of the most popular and influential spiritual writers of the time. He invited people to enter more deeply into the spiritual life. He insisted that the spiritual life was not intended just for the saints or "perfect" people. He believed the call of Jesus was addressed to the lame and halt, ordinary people, in fact, to all of us in our brokenness and humanity. Much of the impact of his writings came from the fact that he shared his own woundedness. In 1974, Henri took a year off to live in the Trappist Abbey of the Genesee. He felt the need to develop a deeper spiritual center of his own. In 1981, Henri went to Latin America to live among the poor and he became convinced that he was called to serve as a bridge between the oppressed people of Latin America and Christians in the North. In 1982, he accepted a position at Harvard Divinity School where he was very popular. He found that stimulation of university life did not satisfy him. Neither did the monastic solitude nor the Third World mission. In 1986, Daybreak, the L'Arche community in Toronto, invited him to join them as their pastor. He accepted and Daybreak became his home for the rest of his life. He lived like all the other members of the community in a house with handicapped people and was assigned to care for Adam, a severely handicapped man who could not talk or move by himself. The summer of 1996, Henri worked hard completing five books. That fall, he died of a heart attack as he was passing through Holland on his way to Russia to work on a film about his favorite painting, Rembrandt's *Return of the Prodigal Son*.

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FYI: Over the years, a lot of the pamphlets that have been available to the parishioners of St. Edmund's during Lent and Advent contained insights from the works of Henri J. M. Nouwen.



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SATURDAY 5:00 PM
SUNDAY 7:30 & 10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 4:30-4:50 PM or by appointment

“Transforming the world in which we live by bringing the teachings of Jesus Christ to every living person.”

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MASS: SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

Mon.	9/16	7:30 AM	Velma & Wendell Reichert by David Blume; M/M Milton Blume
Tue.	9/17	NO MASS	
Wed.	9/18	7:30 AM	Joyce Donohue by Dick & Barb Mayotte
Thur.	9/19	7:30 AM	Vern Gross by His Family
Fri.	9/20	7:30 AM	Chester & Pauline Williams
Sat.	9/21	5:00 PM	Paulo Dingal Sr. by Doug & Isabel Rogers
Sun.	9/22	7:30 AM	Scott Demers by M/M Richard Ryan
		9:00 AM	Parish Families of St. Edmund's & St. Joseph's
		10:30 AM	Florence & Leonard Nagele Birthday & Anniversary Remembrance by John & Mary Kidwell



Weekly Parish Need for Operation:	\$ 3,200.00
Sunday Offering Sept. 7/8, 2013:	\$ 2,530.00
Bonus/Deficit For the Week:	(-) \$ 670.00

Total Roof Fund Donations:	\$ 75,445.61

Offering at St. Joseph's, September 8, 2013:	
Sunday:	\$ 701.00

From the desk of Fr. Mike . . .

Our Parish Council will meet this Thursday, September 19th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Reports by the commissions and organizations of the parish will be given and projects for the coming year will be discussed. All are welcome and members of the commissions and organizations are asked to attend.

Baptized here last weekend was **Josen Ethan Schwehr**, son of Ethan and Sara (Long) Schwehr.

St. Edmund's welcomes Josen into our Church Family.

ST. JOSEPH CCW

The first meeting of our new year is today, **Sunday, September 15, following our 9 a.m. Mass.** All ladies of St. Joseph's are cordially invited to attend.

Preparing to hear next Sunday's Gospel:
25th Sunday Ordinary Time "C"
 Luke 16:1-13
"No servant can serve two masters!"

- Do I use my gifts and resources in an effective manner to further the Kingdom of Christ?
- How can I better reach out to people whom I can help?
- Do wealth or power ever come between me and my discipleship to Jesus?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have commanded us to be as innocent as doves and as wily as serpents. Give your servants a clever wisdom to further the truth of your Gospel. Amen!

Religious Education & Youth Group Reminder . . .

Registration packets for the 2013-2014 year of Religious Education have been sent out. For anyone who may not have received one, there are a few extra packets available on the table in the vestibule of the Church. PLEASE READ ALL REGISTRATION PAPERS CAREFULLY. Every RE/Youth Group family **MUST** complete ALL registration forms along with required signatures. **All forms are due back to our Religious Education Office by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013.** If you have any questions, please call our Religious Education Office @ 815-432-5569 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Both, Religious Education Classes & Youth Group resume on Wednesday, September 25th.

LAY MINISTERS Liturgical Appointments for Next Weekend

Sept. 21/22	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:30 AM
LECTOR	John Gooding	Doug Geiger	Steve Westrick
SERVERS	B. Seabert & A. Kidwell	Wyatt Claire	A. Haskins & C. Bossong
COMMUNION	Mary Decker	Jane McTaggart	Michael Bevelle
HOSPITALITY	M/M Steve McCullough M/M Mike Schuler	M/M Kyle Cluver Family M/M Rick McTaggart	M/M Chris Curry Family

Today is **Catechetical Sunday**. A special "Thank You" goes out to all our catechists and their aides who volunteer their time. Without them our program would not be the success it is. Our teachers and their aides are as follows:

GRADE	TEACHER	AIDE
Preschool/Kdg.	Liz Martin	Chris Bossong
1st Grade	Kendra Martin	Jackie Bell
Special Class for First Communion (Different ages & grades)		Rosann Miller Barb Florido
3rd Grade	Ericka Clark	Laura Bell
4th Grade	Sandy Hamende	
5th Grade	Yadira Aceves	
6th/7th Grade	Louise Bruens Jennifer Dixon	Teresa Castonguay
Youth Group	Carol Nutter	

Last spring, after Confirmation and the end of RE classes for the year, our 8th graders were invited to join our Youth Group this year. Hope to see you on September 25th!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, September 15, 2013 ~ 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Iroquois Antiquers Quester Chapter 1396 invites you to an Ice Cream Social on the lawn of the historical Prairie Dell Church, 2250 East 2150 North Road, Watseka.

Our Quester Chapter supported the window restoration project and has plans to support future restoration projects at the church.

The church will be open for viewing.

For more information, please contact Jean Herron, 815-683-2560.

St. Peter Catholic Church ~ Clifton FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN DINNER & BAZAAR Sunday, September 29, 2013

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Adults & All Carry-Outs: \$9.00

Children 5-10: \$4.00

Children Under 5: Free

Dessert and your drink are included in the price of your meal

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our upcoming "Tootsie Roll Drive" will be **September 20-21**. We will also be selling them at Church in October, but you can place an order for some now by contacting Dick Arie at 815-471-5569.

PLEASE NOTE: You have your choice of the Tootsie Roll Midgies that come in the Bank Tube, chocolate or assorted fruit flavors.

Case of 300	\$ 45.00
Box of 50	\$ 8.00
Tootsie Roll Bank Tube:	\$ 3.00 ea. or 4/\$10.00

REMINDERS:

If any parishioners change their phone numbers, either because they've moved or have switched from a land line to a cell phone only, please call the Rectory, 432-3274 with these changes. We like to keep our records as up-to-date as possible.

Also, if you move or your address changes for any reason, please call the Rectory with your current information.