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Zbohom, kým sa znova stretneme!
Farewell, until we meet again!

Please join us for a *Slovakian inspired* Farewell Reception to Honor
Father James Dvorscak.




Sunday, June 1, 2014
immediately following Fr. Jim's
Farewell Mass at 11:00 a.m.
in the church hall
from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Light Slovakian Fare &
Refreshments will be served.

*Honoring 19 years of service, dedication and loving support
to the faith community of St. Mary Catholic Church.*

cleanup of the year. We need a lot of help with this! Come and support our new leader, Jeff. Meet at St Mary Cemetery ay 9:00 AM.

SATURDAY JUNE 21: MEN'S POKER NIGHT:

At Greg Quinn's house
9930 Cambridge Dr., Mo-
kena. Phone (708) 479
4864



**TUESDAY JUNE 24: OFFICER
MEETING:** In the Parish Hall at
7:00 PM.

FRIDAY JUNE 27: ROSARY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:

Public prayer for freedom of
religion. At the corner of Front
Street and Wolf Road, Mo-
kena, 7 PM. A family event.
See the article on Page 4



SATURDAY JUNE 28: CORPO- RATE COMMUNION AND OF- FICER INSTALLATION:

Join the families of the council at the 5 PM Mass with a Fourth Degree Honor Guard. We will then go to the Parish Hall for the installation ceremonies for the newly elected of- ficers of our Council, the Joliet Assembly and the Joliet Chap- ter. This is a Mass and dinner event for all knights and their families. See page 7



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KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER

Michael Baker

FAMILY OF THE QUARTER

Joost and Helen Sluis



SUNDAY JUNE 1: FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER JIM:

In the Parish Hall from noon
until 2 PM. Come and thank Father
Dvorscak for his many years as Pas-
tor and shepherd of our parish.

**MONDAY JUNE 2: ASSEM-
BLY MEETING:** At the Council
4400 Hall, 7:30 PM.

**TUESDAY JUNE 10: COUNCIL
MEETING:** In the Parish Hall 7:00
PM. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR
2014-2015

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18: OUR NEW PRIESTS AR-

RIVE: Father Dindo
Billoti and Father John
Lovitsch both arrive at
St Mary to begin their
ministries. See Page 3



**SATURDAY JUNE
21: ROAD CLEANUP:** Join
brother Jeff Ryba in our second

PIZZA PIZZA



Once again our Pizza King, Tim Cosgrove, did a wonderful job of organizing the annual pizza night fund raiser for the Frankfort Township Food Pantry. He contacted local parlors to ask for donated pizzas, asked for signs that were made by Greg Quinn, set up the hall and organized a dozen volunteers who picked up pizzas from the local shops listed at right.

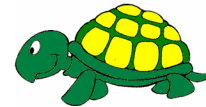
Father Jim announced the pizza party to the five PM Mass and the Church Hall filled up with hungry fans. The pizzas were great!

PATRONIZE THE PIZZA PARLORS LISTED AT RIGHT—THEY ARE THE “GOOD GUYS” .

Over \$1000 was donated Tim will buy a \$25 gift card from each of the “Good Guys” that will be given to food pantry patrons and will also send thank you letters to each store.

THE ALLEY GRILL AND TAP	18700 Old La Grange Rd.,	708 478 3610
AURELIO'S	9901 West US 30, Frankfort	815 469 2196
AURELIO'S	19836 s. Wolf Rd., Mokena	708 478 0022
BEGGAR'S PIZZA	9515 W. 191st Street, Mokena	708 479 7600
COBBLESTONE PIZZA	7228 w. Benton Dr., Frankfort	815 464 1237
DOMINO'S PIZZA	19310 La Grange Rd. Mokena	708 478 1200
DURBIN'S PIZZA	14 Elwood Street, Frankfort	815 464 1007
FOX ON WOLF	11247 W. 187th St. Mokena	708 478 8888
GIORDANO'S	11400 W. US 30, Mokena	815 806 8282
JENNY'S @ 191 SOUTH	10160 W. 191st St. Mokena	708 479 6873
NANCY'S PIZZA	19803 S LaGrange Rd, Mokena	708 478 8787
TONY'S VILLA ROSA	7717 W St Francis Rd Frankfort	815 464 6700

THE ANNUAL TURTLE RACE



One of our best annual fund raising projects is the TURTLE RACE. Held in July, five hundred or more blow up turtles are thrown into Marley Creek to “race” about 200 yards. Each turtle is marked with a number and tickets are sold that match the numbers on the turtles. It works like a horse race with the winning ticket paying \$500, second place \$200, third place \$100, prizes of \$50 for 4th through 7th place and \$25 for eighth through tenth.

YOU need to sell tickets to your friends, neighbors and relatives. This years race will be held at 1 PM, July 26. Contact our turtle impresario Mark Welch at the meeting to pick up a book of tickets for sale. You can also call Mark at (708) 479 4763 to arrange for ticket pickup. **DO YOUR PART.**

The tickets sell for \$5.00 each. Mokena residents look forward to this event every year!

St. Mary - Mokena Knights of Columbus #6993

15th Annual TURTLE RACE

- 1st Place - \$500
- 2nd Place - \$200
- 3rd Place - \$100
- 4th — 7th Places - \$50
- 8th — 10th Places - \$25

Donation: \$5.00

Race: July 26, 2014

Winner need not be present



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Name _____
Address _____
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WELCOME TO ST MARY FATHER JOHN

The article reprinted below is from the church bulletin of St Peter and Paul Church in Naperville of June 30, 2013. Father Lovitsch is being reassigned to St Mary as our Parochial Vicar after a year at St Peter and Paul. Father Lovitsch has a great history and comes to us from a truly great parish. Father Lovitsch will arrive on June 18. Welcome Father John!

WELCOME FR. JOHN LOVITSCH

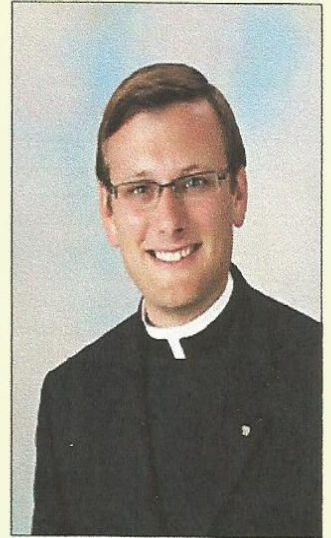
I am Fr. John Lovitsch, a recent alumnus of the Pontifical North American College and I am happy to be the new associate at Sts. Peter and Paul here in Naperville. In my life, my faith has taken me places that I would never have expected to go. I was born a Catholic, baptized, made my first confession, and received my first holy communion at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale but it was after that my family, which has now returned to the Catholic Church, began to go to a non-denominational Protestant Bible church. It was there, though, God worked through me to grow deeper in the Scriptures and the love of my faith. I grew up in Hinsdale playing baseball, running track, and camping. It was during middle school that I began to attend a Protestant service.

However, in high school at Hinsdale Central, I was placed in the same physics class as someone who took his Catholic faith and lived it out. Ryan and I would talk about the Faith and he would challenge me to grow in my faith and develop my knowledge of Christianity. It was there that I began to see the incompleteness of the Protestant thought I was carrying. I was wondering why we did not attend church every day and began to see the fundamental difference between the Protestant communities and the Catholic Church: the Eucharist.

Long story short, I returned to the Catholic Church and my parents came with. I was confirmed later than most by the then-bishop of Joliet, the Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain at the Cathedral in Joliet on Pentecost Sunday. Since that turbulent time in my life of going back-and-forth with my faith and having my world shaken and changed by Christ for the better, God has taken me places I would have never expected to go. I began college at Indiana University studying at the Kelly School of Business, then I left and went to Wheaton College, but it was still not where I would end up. During my junior year of college at Wheaton, I went to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota after being accepted as a diocesan seminarian for Joliet.

After my time studying in Minnesota, I was sent to Rome for my theology studies. At the North American College in Rome I could not have been happier studying alongside the men of the United States under the care and guidance of some of the best priests the American Church has to offer. I began my studies at the Gregorian University under the care of the Jesuits but finished at the University of St. Thomas Aquinas where I was instructed by the Dominicans. After my first academic year in Rome, I was blessed to be able to stay with the Coptic Catholic Seminarians in Egypt and teach them English. It was there where I was able to see and experience the full breadth of the life of the Church in another country where the members are suppressed and struggling under oppression. I returned home for the first time after two years in Rome and was on assignment as a seminarian at Sacred Heart in Lombard. There I grew in my love for the diocese and the diocesan priesthood. It was a blessed summer in so many ways. I was ordained a deacon on June 2, 2012 by the imposition of hands and prayer of His Excellency R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. I was at St. Walter parish in Roselle as a deacon during the summer between my third and fourth year.

After my fourth and final year of academic studies in Rome, I returned to the diocese and was ordained a priest by Bishop Conlon on May 18, 2013. For the next few years I look forward to serving at this parish as a priest. Yes, God has taken me places I never expected to go and some are rough, some are smooth; some are pleasant and some not, but God has been there always and that is what I can count on. Be assured of my prayers for everyone in this parish and please pray for me as I begin my life as a priest.



★ JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2014 ★

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

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Again this year the USCCB has declared the two week period ending on July 4 to be a period of prayer, action and reflection about the continuing attacks on our religious freedom. This year their focus is on the attempt by our governments to drive religion from the public square.

The US Supreme Court will rule in late June on the “Hobby Lobby” case that challenges the government’s authority to force Christians to pay for abortion inducing drugs.

Threats against those who defend the Christian definition of marriage as between one man and one woman are on the increase.

A new movement for religious freedom must be established. The government has started to lie to the world by stating that “The United States is not a Christian Nation”. We must restore the nation!

Come pray with Joe and Helen Sluis on the corner of Front Street and Wolf Road (in the little park there). We will be saying the Patriotic Rosary with words of wisdom from the founding fathers of the Republic and we will sing patriotic songs. The event starts at 7:00 PM and will last about an hour. Bring the family and your friends! Bring a lawn chair or two. Last year the rain stopped just in time and started just after we finished. Come to pray, rain or shine!

If a man loses reverence for any part of Life, he will lose his reverence for all Life.

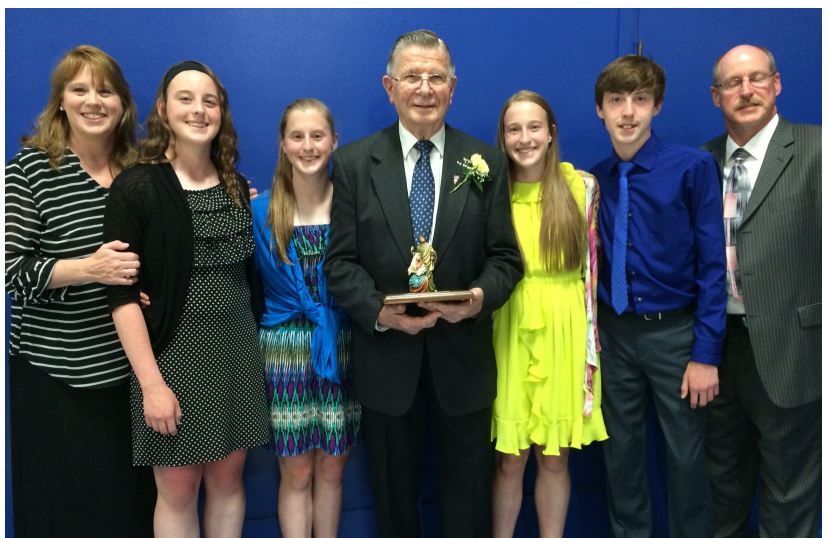
Albert Schweitzer

Frank Borich

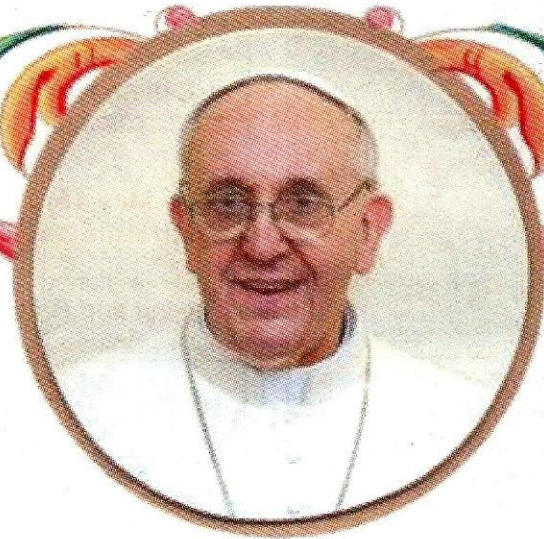
Twenty eight persons represented our Council at the annual Victor Cardozi Awards banquet of the Joliet Chapter the evening of May 10. We were there to honor Frank Borich, the quiet Sir Knight who so wonderfully exemplifies the order of the Knights of Columbus. Frank was among twelve knights honored this year, selected from the 9,800 knights of the Joliet Diocese.

Frank is now a member of a small fraternity of men honored in this way. Other honorees include Bishops Sartain and Conlon as well as about 150 knights honored during the past 23 years.

Congratulations Sir Knight Frank Borich!



Frank Borich and family with the Victor Cardozi Award



His **H**oliness **P**ope **F**rancis
cordially imparts the requested
Apostolic **B**lessing to
Rev. **J**ames **D**vorscak, **P**astor
and **P**arishioners of
Saint **M**ary **P**arish
Dokena, **I**L
on the occasion of the **150th** **A**nniversary
of its **F**ounding
Day 18, 2014

Ex Aedibus Vaticane die 13, 2. Julij + *Severus Lomjowski*
Archiepiscopus
Camerarius Summi Pontificis





Deacon Nabil

. 150 . YEARS!



Over 200 people attended the banquet



Deacon Bob

Father Lennon

The 150th Anniversary of St Mary Parish was celebrated in style on May 18. A High Mass at 11:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Conlon with Father Memenas, Father Lennon, Father Dvorscak, Father McGrath and Father Dindo concelebrating.

After the Mass, Bishop Conlon walked to the new rectory and blessed the building. About thirty parishioners accompanied him as he went from room to room in the new residence. Father Dindo is an artist and some of his art works were already on display in his new home.

Over 200 persons then celebrated at DiNolfo's in Mokena with a banquet. The speeches were short and the food was excellent. Some attendees who returned to St Mary to celebrate with us included Sister Dominick Dybel, Sister Rose Marie Surwilo and Sister Dolores Zemont. Father Dindo and Father John Lovitsch were there to meet their new flock. The banquet was a great success.

Vivat Jesus



Father Dindo

Bishop Conlon



Bishop Conlon blesses the new rectory

THE ANNUAL MASS AND INSTALLATION DINNER



All of our members should attend with their families as we celebrate the installation of officers for the fraternal year 2014–2015. A Fourth Degree Honor Guard will honor our celebrant at our Corporate Communion Mass at 5:00 PM and will honor the officers being installed after the Mass. The District Deputy for our district will install the officers of our council. The Master or his representative will install the new officers of the Joliet Assembly and a representative of the State Deputy will install the officers of the Joliet Chapter. It is highly unusual to have all three installations at the same banquet—we are honored this way because the President of the Chapter is a member of our council—Greg Quinn and the outgoing Faithful Navigator of the Joliet Assembly is Peter Baker.



The council and Joliet Assembly provide the meal for all. Come and participate in these great traditional ceremonies as new Knights of Columbus officers take the helm..

PAUL RYAN

Brother Knight Paul Ryan was taken home on April 29.

Paul was a Third Degree member of our council since 2007. His cancer prevented his attendance at many council functions but he attended the council picnics annually.

Paul lived in Mokena across the street from brother knight Michael Sheridan. Mike provided a huge measure of support for Paul during the past four years as Paul slowly wasted. The council thanks Michael for his loving Christian attention to brother Paul.

Paul died at his son's home while in hospice care. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Vivat Jesus

KIMBERLEE BEDNAR CURTIS

Kimberlee Curtis, daughter of Deacon, brother Knight Gary Bednar and Diane returned to her Lord on May 15. Kimberlee was fifty years old and mother of five children—the youngest is fifteen years old. She lost her husband about five years ago.

Kimberlee suffered from cancer and was in hospice care when she died, The wake at Kurtz Funeral Home in New Lenox was attended by a huge crowd, as was the funeral Mass at St Mary on May 21.

Kimberlee's youngest son, Jake Breit aged 15, will live with Gary and Diane.

May she through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Vivat Jesus

GREAT BASEBALL!!



JOIN THE COUNCIL AT
SILVER CROSS FIELD IN
JOLIET FOR A BALL GAME

THE JOLIET SLAMMERS VS
THE SAUGET, IL (ST LOUIS)
GREYS



A BETTER WAY TO GO TO THE
BALL PARK!

A SKY BOX WITH 1 1/2 HRS
FOOD SERVICE!



Friday August 1st, game time 7:05 PM

Note: Children 3 and under are free

Only fifty seats are available. No reservations after the first fifty are sold. You must buy the ticket before July 27!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

tickets @ \$40.00 each: _____ Amount remitted: _____

Mail this form and your check made out to "K of C" to:
Jim Peppmuller, 11626 N. Brightway, Mokena, IL 60448