



TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BCI

January 2016

Ending Christmas Beginning a New Year

Just like the Faith, the Drum works for us if you pass it on.

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1. LET US PRAY

Please pray for members of our church killed by violence.
May the angels lead them into paradise.

Parishes that experienced at least four shootings on a single block in 2015

St. Adrian
St. Anselm
St. Francis of Assisi
Blessed Sacrament
St. Benedict the African (east and west)
St. Agatha
Corpus Christi
St. Joachim

There were **2986** victims of shootings in Chicago in 2015
Pray for more people to join the church in 2016

Please submit all prayer request to BCI@archchicago.org.

2. FOR GOD'S SAKE, LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

BCI GOALS FOR 2016

#1

HONOR THE PAST

#2

BUILD THE FUTURE

3. ARCHDIOCESAN DR. KING CELEBRATION

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



A Prayer for Civil Rights

January 15th

6:00 – Reception

7:00 – Evening Prayer

Archbishop Quigley Pastoral Center

St. James Chapel

835 N. Rush Street

***Come with hope, psalms for the soul
and a message for Believers***

Guest Speaker

Deacon Arthur Miller

Archdiocese of Hartford

Musician

Arthur Griffin

Reclamation of Dr. King

Brandon Sapp

***In order to secure our future, please consider bringing
a younger Catholic to pray with us.***

RSVP REQUIRED FOR RESERVED RECEPTION AND RESERVED SEATING

<http://chicagobci.eventbrite.com?s=49403736>

312.577.0475

4. ON THE AIR

RADIO BCI

Tuesdays 9-9:30 a.m.

Relevant Radio 950-AM



Deacon John Cook hosts this weekly half-hour program that explores a wide range of topics relevant to Chicago's Black and Catholic communities. Deacon Cook serves at St. Felicitas Parish in Chatham and is very involved in organizing and overseeing youth programs in the Bronzeville neighborhood.

Tune in and let's talk about:

The BCI in 2016 – Jan 5th

The Preacher for Friday's Prayer – Jan. 12th

Deacon Art Miller Preaching – Jan. 19th

Civil Rights in Chicago – Jan 26th

**RADIO BCI is in search of persons
YOUNG, GIFTED, BLACK and CATHOLIC
to serve as co-host.**

Send resume to BCI@archchicago.org

5. JUNETEENTH RETREAT

A Catholic retreat for the
African American community.

SAVE THE DATE June 17th – 19th

June 17th and 18th

Guided retreat at the
University of St. Mary of the Lake.

June 19th

Spiritual exercises for the home and the
parish.

6. THE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS

In preparation for Congress in 2017

Visit <http://nbccongress.org/>

Be sure and check out or review the 2011 survey
of Black Catholics in the USA.

WE THE BAPTISED HAVE WORK TO DO!

7. The Church in Chicago & The Church in Africa

The Holy Father had PLENTY to say during his recent trip to UGANDA, a country that is 87% Christian and 45% Catholic. The Pope spoke of the significance and power of the Ugandan Martyrs.

The Chicago Priests born on the continent of Africa have advised the BCI to:

- Celebrate the UGANDAN MARTYRS as an Archdiocese
 - Gather the Diaspora annually
 - Host workshop on honoring our elders
 - Continue the work on CLIMATE JUSTICE

Help the BCI communicate.

******Let us know if you notice that there is no #8.******

9. Parish Life and Formation Events

The BCI received the following announcements from parishes, schools and organizations for the purpose of sharing information and invitation.

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From the Archbishop



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY CENTER
835 NORTH RUSH STREET * CHICAGO, IL 60611-2030

December 16
Jubilee of Mercy

Dear Priests and Deacons:

My Christmas card this year was chosen to highlight that the Holy Family shared so much in common with refugee families throughout the world. That connection is brought home to us once again, as the Feast of Epiphany marks the beginning of the celebration in the United States of National Migration Week, January 3-10, 2016. For the 30th anniversary of this celebration, Pope Francis has chosen the theme “Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us: The Response of the Gospel of Mercy.”

As he notes in the letter he issued for this year’s celebration, all migrants are “our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet’s resources, which are meant to be equitably shared by all.” They are seeking the same thing everyone seeks, he writes, “a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones... indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck.”

“Today, more than in the past,” Pope Francis observes, “the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering of others for granted, and points out a way of responding” with practical works of spiritual and corporal mercy.

During National Migration Week, Catholics are called to participate through prayer and action to try and ease the struggles of immigrants and to reflect on the Church’s obligation to welcome the stranger.

Throughout the month of January, I encourage you to use these related resources provided by the Archdiocesan Office for Immigrant Affairs, the Priests for Justice for Immigrants, and the USCCB Justice for Immigrants Office.

The following resources are available at [National Migration Week 2016](#) or www.catholicsandimmigrants.org.

KEY RESOURCES

- Pope Francis’ World Migration Day message
- Homily helps related to migration for each Sunday in January
- Prayers of the Faithful suggestions
- Bulletin inserts

OTHER RESOURCES

- Syrian Refugees
- How you can help the Syrian Refugees?
- Pope Francis and Migration

Please encourage those you shepherd to continue to pray for and support comprehensive immigration reform as promoted by the U.S. bishops, which will bring long-term relief and justice to our immigrant brothers and sisters.

In Jesus, the face of God’s Mercy,

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Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

From St. Ailbe Parish

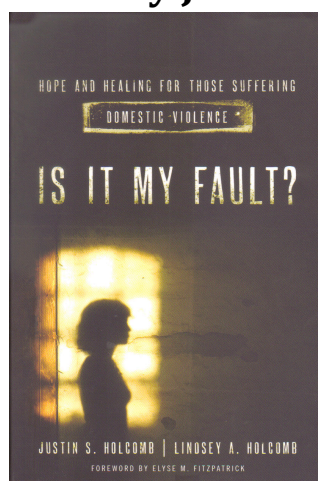
ST. AILBE CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

JANUARY MEETING

JOIN THE ST. AILBE CHURCH FAMILY AS WE DISCUSS OUR BOOK FOR THIS QUARTER. MEMBERS OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY WILL ATTEND TO ENHANCE OUR DISCUSSION AND AWARENESS.

BOOK TO BE REVIEWED:

“IS IT MY FAULT” by Justin and Lindsey Holcomb



It is God's mission for us to proclaim God's healing and seek justice for everyone we encounter. This book provides hope and healing for those suffering Domestic Violence. It empowers all of us to respond and minister as Christians.

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2016
Place: St. Ailbe Church, Imani Room
Time: 1:00 PM

CONTACT KATHRYN WORTHEN (708-339-1346) SHOULD YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COPY OF THE BOOK

From the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2016

"Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord"

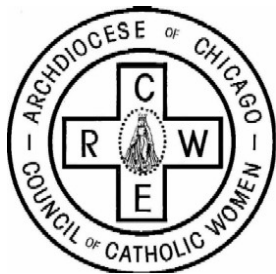
"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(cf. 1 Peter 2:9-10)

You are invited!

- To join millions of Christians worldwide as we gather in prayer for the visible unity of Christ's church during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
 - Annual observance—January 18 (Feast of St. Peter) - January 25 (Feast Day of St. Paul).
 - Sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the Catholic Church's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

From the ACCW

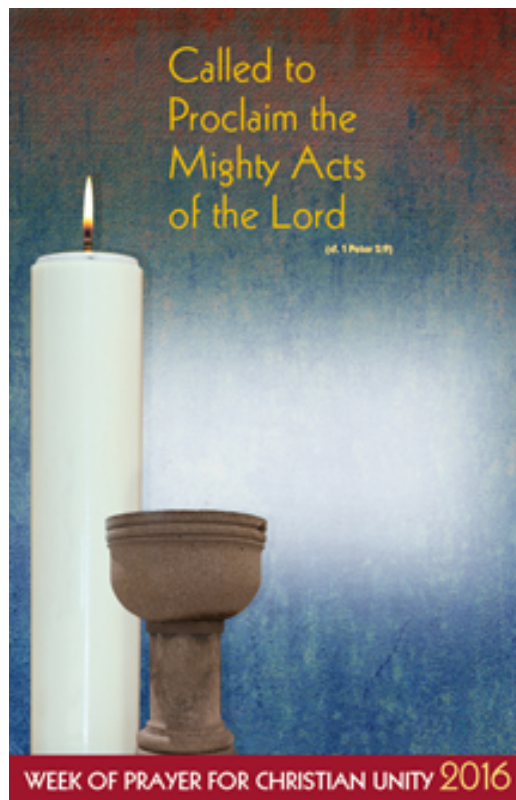


**ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN
& the
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF GREATER CHICAGO
Invite You to Join Us
at our Annual
Christian Unity Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday - January 19, 2016 – 9:15 AM
Guest Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Lymore**

Location: Holiday Inn
Hotel
Chicago North Shore
5300 W. Touhy Avenue
Skokie, IL 60077

0001 \$27.00)
**must be received by
the ACCW office**
reservation form with your
ACCW to:

ACCW/CHICAGO
Prayer Breakfast
Park Avenue



**Theme:
Called to Proclaim the
Mighty Acts of the Lord
1 Peter 2: 9**

registration at
Reservations
January 12th in
Mail this
check payable to

Attention: Unity
3525 South Lake
Chicago, IL 60653-

1402

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Amount enclosed: (# of persons x \$25.00) _____

Please print legibly the names of those attending (use the back of this flyer or attach an additional sheet)

From St. Nicholas Parish



MARDI GRAS
Laissez les bon temps roulez!
Saturday, February 6, 2016

TIME: 6:00—11:00 PM
VENUE: The Woman's Club of Evanston
BUFFET DINNER & OPEN BAR: Sweet Baby Ray's
ENTERTAINMENT: Live Band—Gypsy Gumbo
ATTIRE: Festive/Dressy Casual

Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle
Check our website for current auction items

Buy Tickets after Mass or online at
www.stmaryevanston.org
INSTRUCTIONS
Ticket Sales End Wednesday, February 3

\$50 per person (21+) includes dinner, beer & wine
Contact Chris Gregory (847) 894-7961
mardigras@stmaryevanston.org

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434 W. Ontario, Chicago
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FYI – The BCI will have TEN TICKETS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL (NON PARISHIONERS) IF YOU CAN REPRESENT US.

10. THE BCI AND YOU

All are welcome to bring ideas and gifts to this collective work of baptizing matrimony and anointing, this effort of kujichagulia, umoja and imani. This is a meeting of the seven sacraments of the church and the seven principles of kwanzaa. This is a meeting of the church. That is what makes it and us truly catholic. Stay tuned, stay close, get involved, walk together and don't you get weary! There's a great camp meeting in the Promised Land. Believe that you are in the camp.

HAPPY

NEW

YEAR

