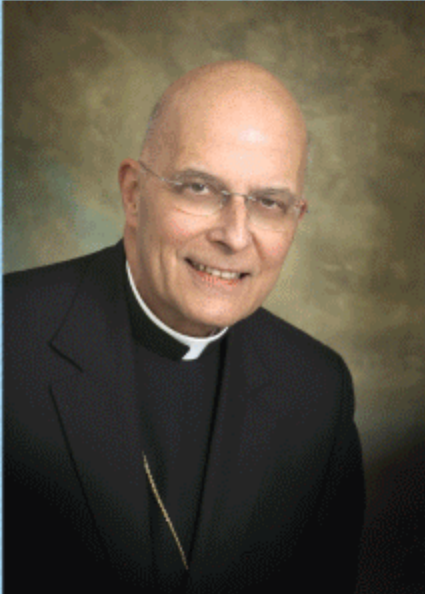


St. Mary Parish Riverside, Illinois

Lenten Speaker Series 2012



“The Church as Mother”

Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Cardinal Francis George, is the first Chicago native to become Archbishop of Chicago. He is the thirteenth Ordinary for Chicago since its establishment as a diocese in 1843. The northwest side native is the sixth Cardinal to lead the Chicago Archdiocese's 2.3 million Catholics. He has assumed a prominent position among U.S. Cardinals, serving as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2007 to 2010. His pastoral leadership encompasses international and national audiences.

“A Lent Well Spent”

Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Ficocelli is a best-selling, award-winning Catholic author of fourteen books for adults and young people, writing on the sacraments, Marian topics, vocations awareness, and family issues. Her latest book is *Seven From Heaven: How the Sacraments can Heal, Nurture, and Protect Your Family Today*. A Catholic convert and mother of four, Elizabeth is a frequent guest on Catholic radio and television and a popular speaker at conferences, parishes, schools, and events.



“Repent! It makes more sense than you think”

Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.



Fr. Richard Simon (aka “Reverend Know-It-All”) is the pastor at St. Lambert’s Parish in Skokie, Illinois. Fr. Richard Simon’s expertise is in apologetics with a concentration on the early Christians. Since September 2006, Fr. Simon has written a weekly article under the pen name “Rev. Know-It-All” in which he answers questions from readers about God, religion and the Roman Catholic Church. Fr. Simon frequently appears as a guest expert on the Relevant Radio Network.