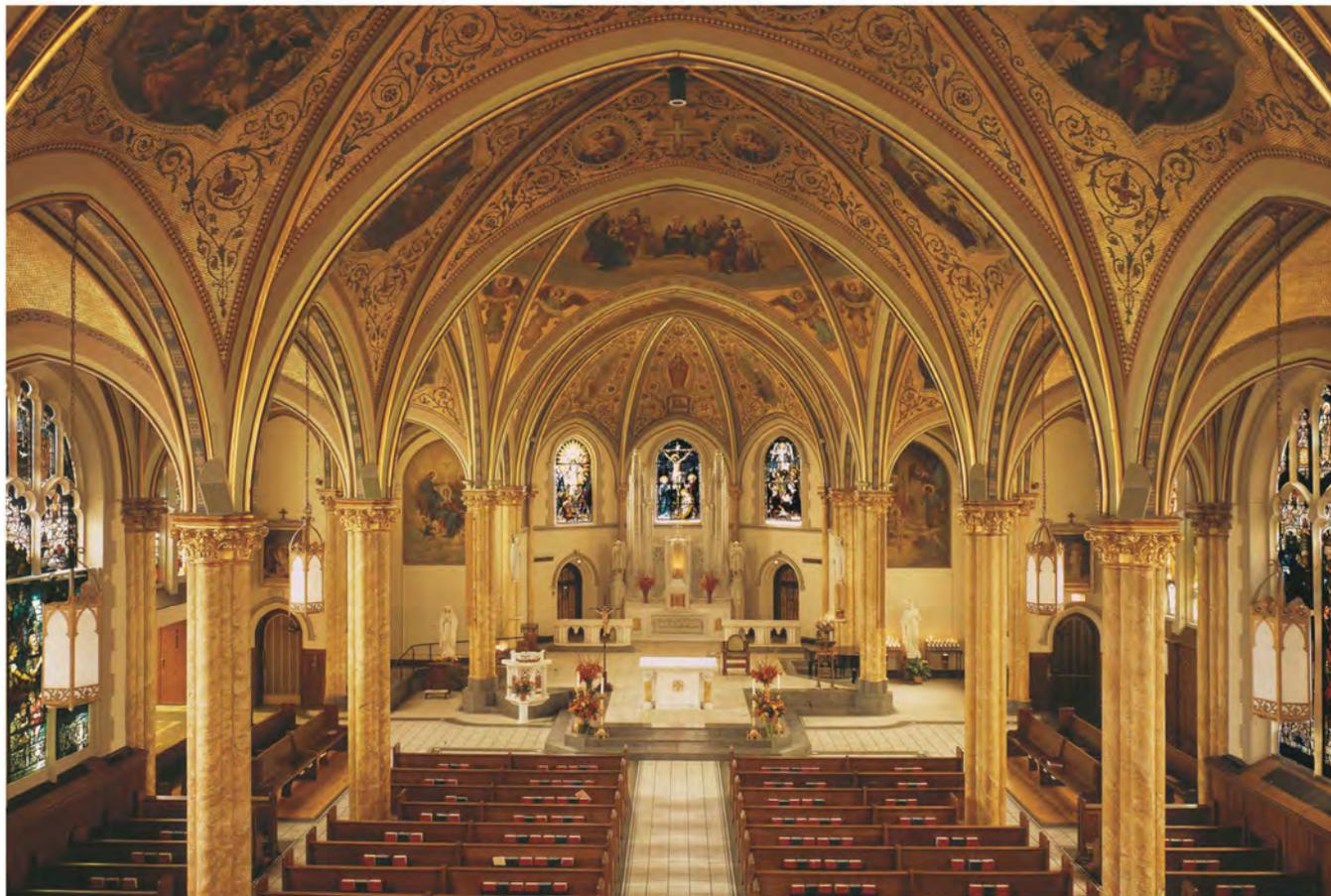


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

April 14, 2019



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All are welcome. An entrance ramp and push-bar automatic door is located at the eastern entrance of the church.

Staff Notes from our Pastor

Through all of our Scriptures, geography plays an important role. When we encounter a flood of water, the parting of a sea or a fisherman's story, for example, we know that we will learn something about deliverance, cleansing, healing or nourishment.

When we are brought to the desert setting, we are likely to hear a story about limits—both physical and spiritual, for the desert is a place of escape and retreat, and it is where lives are tested.

The desert is the most common Lenten imagery. The need for repentance can be likened to an experience of desolation and isolation. The corollary to an increasing awareness of our own sinfulness is an awakening to the truth that the desert(-ion from God) is of our own making.

It is the mountain experience, however, that fascinates me most. On the mountain, Yahweh gives us His commandments of love. On the mountain, the Father speaks to us. On the mountain, Jesus is transfigured and the fullness of His glory is revealed. On the mountain, our Lord teaches us how to be blessed, that we, too, might be transfigured and share His glory. On the mountain, we encounter the Divine.

Nearly forty days ago, we embarked on a journey that would lead us to Easter Sunday. In seven days more, we will again sing "Alleluia" and rejoice that He is risen!

Holy Week brings us now to the final leg of our journey. By now, the desert has put us all to the test. I know that the Easter oasis—that place of beauty, joy and rest is now very close, but every Holy Week, on the horizon of

this nearly-finished journey, there awaits us one final hill to climb, and we are asked to fix our gaze unflinchingly upon it.

Though the desert experience is tiring, it has also prepared us to finish the journey, and it is time to accompany our Lord on his climb to Calvary.

The Christian message is really very simple: to share his love and life forevermore, we must also share his suffering and death. No detours are available. We have to make that climb. And once there, what do we see?

From this vantage point, we are able to see as He sees. We see the meandering folly of our solitary travels, and we see the selfless journey of love that Jesus trod.

How paradoxical that we can look to a lifeless body nailed to a tree and learn that we have finally reached the summit. Seeing Jesus lifted up on the cross of death reveals to us that his suffering and death has given meaning to every suffering and death.

Climbing can be difficult. When you reach the summit, however, the view is always spectacular. Who could imagine that a death march up a mountain would be the final steps of a journey that leads to an eternal oasis of love? On the mountain called Calvary, we see the human face of God, and, from every angle that we look, there is nothing nearly as beautiful!

Please plan to attend our Holy Week services. As a community of faith, let us climb the way to Calvary together.

Fr. John McGowan

ST. EDMUND PARISH *Beyond the Building Capital Campaign* RECTORY RENEWAL 2019

With the Commitment Weekend of the Capital Campaign now only 4 weeks away, (May 11/12) perhaps I can suggest a methodology by which you can decide how to support it.

We are all, some of us, in varying ways, called to be caretakers. We do this as parents and guardians. Some among us have taken on the role of helping our aging parents. Some others may do so as teachers, coaches, or simply by being a supportive friend. Each of these is an important manner by which we are living our lives as good stewards.

Another way that we are all called to be stewards is with our lives of faith. What has been given to us needs be carefully cultivated and shared with those who will come after us, and with those who have not yet been given the gift of faith.

Stewardship challenges us to live counter-culturally, anchored in the Gospel message and wholly cognizant that only in living as our model steward, Jesus, we will find hope, freedom and lasting joy and peace.

Stewardship...

- **...asks** that we help each other recognize both the gifts and talents with which God has blessed us, and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts and talents of others.

- **...invites** us to help discern, call forth and continually encourage one another to use the gifts and talents with which God has blessed us according to God's will.
- **...challenges** us to share our time, talent and treasure beyond what we believe we can do or give so we can grow, individually and collectively, as God desires.

Keeping in mind how a spirit of stewardship asks, invites and challenges us to respond, I would ask that you give consideration, more specifically, as to how St. Edmund Parish has supported you, how it has nourished you, how it has comforted you, how it has educated you, how it has challenged you, how it has been a blessing for you?

Then, with a generous and open heart, I ask that you make your decision to support the Capital Campaign in light of and as a response to how your parish has been that blessing for you.

As you know, we need to raise \$700,000—not an easy task, but a necessary one, and one that will only help to increase our vibrancy and our ability to minister to you. Let us together pray about how to respond to the needs of the campaign and be prepared, as stewards of this parish we love, to make a commitment that will help us and future generations to come.

Fr. John McGowan

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Week

We seem to have domesticated the cross. It is a fixture in our churches and so the sight of it does not startle us. 2,000 years ago it more than shocked the Romans and Greeks; it revolted and repelled them. They viewed the cross much as we do the hangman's noose or the electric chair - the brutal instrument of a violent death.

Paul named the paradox of the cross, "a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the gentiles. Christians see it as the power and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:10)

The cross is a sign of contradiction, especially to "Conventional Wisdom". C.W. tells us: Blessed are the wealthy for they shall be joyful. Blessed are the ruthless for they shall be successful. Blessed are the proud and powerful for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the vengeful for they shall destroy their enemies.

The cross bears a different message: Blessed are the poor. Blessed are those who mourn the uncoupled millions of aborted infants. Blessed are those who weep for the swollen bellies of the hungry children of the world. Blessed are those who struggle to bring peace to vengeful people and justice to those who have been denied it. Blessed are those who forgive their enemies "because they know not what they do." Blessed are those who are not embarrassed by the cross and the message it bears.

The cross is the sign of a love that sets no conditions and knows no limits. A symbol of death, it reminds us that joy not death, will have the final word in our lives.

This paradox can be seen all through the Lenten liturgy. On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church gave us an *Easter* gospel - the story of the Transfiguration. Just before setting out for Jerusalem and his date with death, Jesus gave his apostles a glimpse of the risen, glorified Christ. We will see more of this paradox on Good Friday when the cantors sing: "Through the cross you brought joy to the world."

Lent is not a period of mourning. It is a period of joy. The paradox of the cross is that death has been swallowed up in victory, one we will share with the risen Christ. We proclaim this faith of our each time we make the Sign of the Cross.

Rev. George Dyer
Fr. Dyer is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago,
a theologian and acclaimed author.

Long-time St. Edmund Parishioner Shares Good Friday Prayer

*O, my Lord, Jesus Christ, I humbly beg of Thee,
By the merits of Thy precious blood
By thy Divine heart,
And through the intercession of Thy cruel death;
Assist me in, this, my present necessity.*

Traditionally, this prayer is to be said thirty-three times between noon and 3:00pm on Good Friday of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Week and Easter Services Come Worship! Invite Family and Friends



We will soon be entering into one of the holiest weeks of our year. This week cannot be *business as usual*, for it requires us to be more watchful, more attentive and more alert. The Paschal Mystery is a sign of the interruptive power of God's grace in our lives. We are invited to journey deeper into that mystery.

Please make every effort to attend these sacred liturgical ceremonies. A list of all our services follows below:

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
after mass until 12am: adoration of
Blessed Sacrament
11:45pm: Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

9:00am: Morning Prayer
7:30pm: The Passion of our Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00am: Morning Prayer
11:00am: Blessing of Easter Food, Murphy Hall
7:30pm: Easter Vigil - the first Easter mass!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - The Resurrection of our Lord

9:00am and 11:00am Masses (only)

There is no Easter Sunday 5:30pm liturgy.

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Sixth Annual Architectural Church Tour and Pilgrimage Thursday, May 9, 9:00am - 2:30pm



Join us on Thursday, May 9 from 9:00am - 2:30pm for an architectural church tour. This annual tour is a wonderful opportunity to discover the history and beauty of many of the Chicagoland area Catholic worship sites. More details will be announced in an upcoming *Echoes*. Don Giannetti will lead the tour.

School of Religious Education News

Religious Education session for the 2018-19 year will end on Palm Sunday April 14. At this last session we celebrate together with Prayer and Pizza and we prepare to pray the Triduum and welcome the Lord on Easter Sunday.



Registration for 2019-20 is now being taken for the Religious Education program. Forms may be obtained on the parish web-site www.stedmund.org, by clicking on the Religious Education link or by contacting the Religious Education office. Please register early and secure a place in the program for your child(ren). Early registration also helps in planning books and materials for the fall. If you have any questions please contact the office at 708-848-7220 or email: jbennickstedmund@gmail.com

End Gun Violence Vigil

Saturday, April 27 6:30 to 7pm

Join us on the rectory lawn for our monthly vigil. It is our way of standing against the culture of violence in our country. We also urge legislators to understand the urgency of this issue. Please join us and bring friends on Saturday, April 27.



Purchase MANNA Certificates for Spring Travel

If you are planning on traveling this Spring, consider purchasing MANNA gift card/certificates for your travel expenses. Dining, gas, groceries and retail store certificates are available for purchase. Delta airline tickets, Disney, Hilton, and Hyatt Hotels are just a few of the certificates that are offered. Order forms are available in the Murphy Hall corridor.



Contact Deacon Tom at tdwyer@stedmund.org or Denise Walsh at drwalsh34@gmail.com for ordering information. Proceeds benefit St. Edmund Parish.

We thank you for your support!

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:30am;
5:30pm (Sunday Anticipatory)
Sunday: 9am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15pm (located in west end of north transept)

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office. A Minister of Care is also available to bring Holy Communion to our parish sick and homebound.

New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners at all times. Please stop in the Parish Office during business hours to register.



Our Jewish Friends Soon to Celebrate Passover

Passover is the 8 day observance commemorating the freedom and exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian rule. Passover begins on the 15th night of the Jewish month of Nissan, this year (2001) the first night of Passover begins at sundown on Friday, April 19.

Passover is celebrated today in homes by having a seder. Seder means order, and the Passover story is read in a special order from the book called a haggadah. Haggadah means "to tell" and the Jewish people tell the story of their (and our) ancestors, and remind themselves that they are now a free people. There are different parts of the seder and during the meal, they eat traditional and symbolic foods that remind of the adversity of their people.

The name Passover comes from when the Angel of Death passed over the Jewish homes because being forewarned, they put lambs blood on their doors, so that death would spare their first born child.

Offertory for Weekend of April 6/7

Please note that due to the Easter holiday, the *Echoes* publication for Sunday, April 14 was published earlier than usual. Monetary figures for the weekend of April 6/7 will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Echoes*.

Week at a Glance

Sunday	April 14	
9:00am	Coffee and...	Murphy Hall
10:30am	Religious Education	School
Monday	April 15	
3:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Finance Committee	Parish Office
Tuesday	April 16	
7:00pm	Easter Rehearsals	Church
Wednesday	April 17	
7:00pm	Bridge Club	Murphy Hall
Thursday	April 18	
7:30pm	Holy Thursday Service	Church
11:45pm	Night Prayer	Church
Friday	April 19	
9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
7:30pm	Good Friday Service	Church
Saturday	April 20	
9:00am	Morning Prayer	Church
11:00am	Food Blessing	Murphy Hall
7:30pm	Easter Vigil	Church

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Theresa Allori	Dorothy Dumelle	Vera Schenone
Ray Anzelmo	Annyce Dunbar	Alan Schmitt
John Barrett	Mary Evans	Rachael Schopp
Susan Becker	Yadira Franco	Mike Scully
Bokholdt Family	Bill Garcia	Ethel Thomas
Carol Bonus	Donald Hackett	Genaro Vera
Cathy Callahan	Clint Hight	Jack White
Susan Chicola	Robert Marks	Michele Wirt
Violet Chisholm	Marcia Newman	Violet Zaklan
baby Chiyeni	Edith Ogden	
Fr. David Dowdle	Hannah Paist	

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Please pray for all of those whom we have in mind.

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday	April 15
8:30am	† Festus Murwayi Luchinga
Tuesday	April 16
8:30am	† Esther Breen Senicka
Wednesday	April 17
8:30am	† Deceased parishioners
Thursday	April 18
	<i>No morning prayer</i>
7:30pm	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
11:45pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
Friday	April 19 (Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday))
9:00am	<i>Morning prayer</i>
7:30pm	<i>The Passion of our Lord</i>
Saturday	April 20 (Holy Saturday)
9:00am	<i>Morning prayer</i>
7:30pm	<i>Easter Vigil</i>
Sunday	April 21 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)
9:00am	People of St. Edmund
11:00am	People of St. Edmund

One in Prayer with Loved Ones in the Military

Ian Adams, US Navy
 Staff Sgt. Jason L. Anderson, US Army
 Capt. John Paul Andree, Pilot US Air Force
 Sgt. Ramiro D. Banda, US Marine Corps
 Gunnery Sgt. Boatman, US Marine Corps
 Specialist Brown, US Army
 Specialist Christopher Buscher, US Army, SPC
 Cpt. Jason Caboot
 Sgt. Thomas J. Dutton, 10th Mountain Division
 William Edwards, US Army Reservist
 Private Kristopher Ellis, US Marine Corps
 Technical Sergeant, Luke Goodey, US Air National Guard
 First Sgt. Daniel S. Greider US Army
 Sgt. Michael Hoover, Army Reserve Afghanistan
 Major Roselita Labbe, US Air Force
 Jeremy Madsen, US Coast Guard
 Jonathan McLean, US Marine Corps
 Kristen Meyer, US Navy
 Lance Cpl. Robert Miller, US Marine Corps
 Cpt. Steven Nelson
 Lt. Col. Edward Nevera, US Air Force
 Jose Ortiz, Jr. Firefighter, Parris Island, SC Marine Base
 Gian Franco Solari, US Air Force
 Brian Walsh, First Lieutenant US Army
 Kimyatta Wellington, US Navy



Readings for the Week

Monday:	IS 42:1-7; PS 27:1-3, 13-14; JN 12:1-11
Tuesday:	IS 49:1-6; PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15 AND 17; JN 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	IS 50:4-9A; PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 AND 33-34; MT 26:14-25
Thursday:	IS 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9; PS 89:21-22, 25 AND 27; RV 1:5-8; IS 61:1 (CITED IN LK 4:18); LK 4:16-21
Friday:	IS 52:13—53:12; PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9; PHIL 2:8-9; JN 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	GN 1:1—2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31A; PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 OR PS 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 AND 22; GN 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18; PS 16:5, 8-11; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; MK 16:1-7
Sunday:	ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; COL 3:1-4 OR I COR 5:6B-8; CF. 1 COR 5:7B-8A; JN 20:1-9 OR MK 16:1-7 OR LK 24:13-35

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of April 20/21

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 7:30pm	tba	tba	tba	P. Pruitt	tba
9:00am	G. Dietz	M. Puzek M. Trifone	M. Shubitowski	K. Corcos	
11:00am	Angone Family	L. Christensen J. Angone	M. Smith	M. Foster	L. Jans, L. Patterson