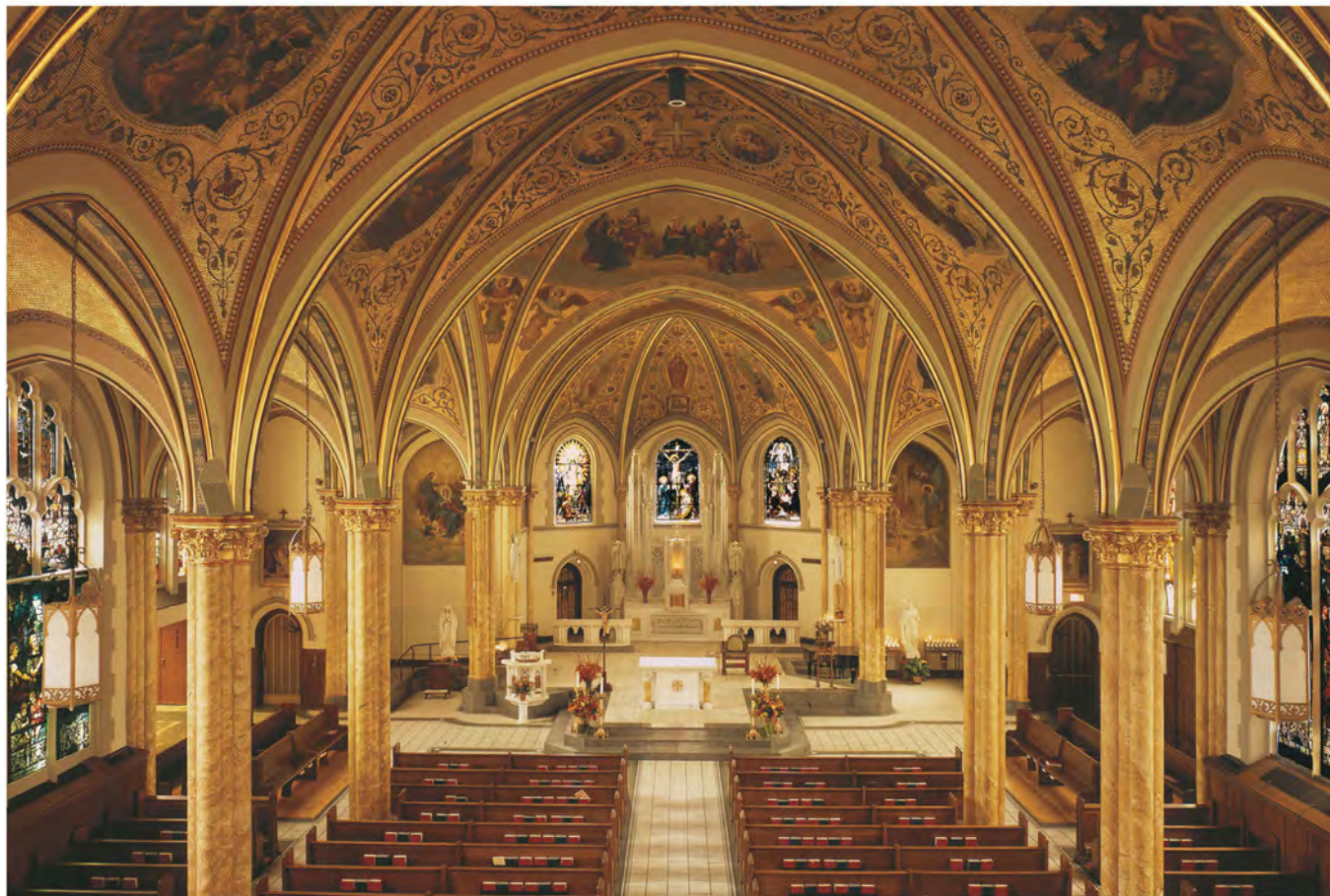


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

April 15, 2018




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Religious Education Program Administration and Staff

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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

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter scolds the people for betraying Jesus and handing him over to be crucified. "I know you acted out of ignorance, but repent and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

At the Resurrection, Jesus rolled the stone away from the tomb's entrance. We can possibly see that stone as the obstacle to resurrected life. In our case, the stone can represent all the obstacles that keep us from living truly Christian lives. Were you able to "roll away" any stones this past Lent?

The Second Reading from John continues with the same theme of sin and repentance, but talks more about Jesus, our Advocate with the Father. The writer is gentler and more upbeat.

The Gospel is the follow-up to the encounter with the Risen Jesus by the disciples on their way to Emmaus (which we don't hear this year in the Cycle B scriptures). This is another encounter with Jesus by the disciples – Jesus shows his hands and feet to prove it was himself, and asks for food, another way to prove that he was not a ghost.

He tells them that everything written about him in the law of Moses, in the prophets, and in the psalms must be fulfilled. Christ had to suffer, die and rise on the third day, and repentance would be preached in his name to all the nations. The disciples were the witnesses of these things.

Jesus connects his death and rising to sacred scripture and tries to establish a bridge to the history of Israel's longing for the Messiah. While he invites their touch, it's up to them to make that leap of faith and acclaim him as Messiah. We have the same challenge when Jesus embraces us in the liturgy. He hosts us as we dine at the eucharistic banquet. He tells us stories that are familiar and cherished. It is up to us to live up to the last words of today's Gospel: "You are witnesses of these things." Do our lives reflect this?

The most marvelous thing happened – Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. What a revelation that must have been! After participating in the Faith-Sharing group discussion this Lent, I think all in our group would have liked to have the definitive word! Our discussions were very absorbing and fruitful, and the different thoughts that each person shared were enlightening. But none of us were positive we were interpreting the readings exactly right; we were only offering our ideas and opinions and experiences. Our group continues on the first Tuesday of each month reading the scripture for the coming weekend and discussing it. You are welcome to join us! If you are interested in participating please contact the Parish office.

Kathy Halfpenny
Director of Music

Communion Guidelines

Reminders for Receiving Holy Communion

At times, it may be hard to believe that our Lord can make the community we know, full of faults and shortcomings, into his Body. Yet this is what we proclaim to be true as we prepare to say "Amen" before the Body and Blood of Christ. Because unity in the Church's reception of the Eucharist is so important, the General Instruction calls for each country's conference of bishops to determine one common posture and gesture of reverence to be used by all in receiving communion.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that in this country, **communion is normally received standing and that a bow of the head is the act of reverence made by those receiving.** This shows the importance and significance of one common posture and gesture as a sign of our unity as members of the one body of Christ. Communion may be received either in the hand or on the tongue. The decision belongs with the individual communicant, not the minister distributing communion.

Sharing the Eucharistic cup more completely expresses the new and everlasting covenant that is ratified in the blood of Christ. Reception of communion under both forms, bread and wine, more clearly responds to the Lord's invitation, "Take and eat. Take and drink."

In receiving from the chalice, the communicant is not to dip the host into the cup. The Norms clearly state that "it is never allowed" (n. 50). Receiving by intinction means that the priest dips the host into the Precious Blood and places it on the tongue of the communicant.

If for some reason a communicant is not able or willing to drink from the cup, then that person should receive only under the form of bread. **A communicant who receives only the consecrated bread or only the consecrated wine fully receives Christ,** whole and entire, given for our salvation. Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign [however,] when it is received under both kinds. For in this manner of reception a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet shines forth. Moreover there is a clearer expression of that will by which the new and everlasting covenant is ratified in the blood of the Lord and of the relationship of the Eucharistic banquet to the eschatological banquet in the Father's kingdom. (General Instruction, n. 281)

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an Elegant Evening Auction Gift Gathering in Murphy Hall
Sunday, April 15 from 9am - 12:30pm



Third Sunday of Easter

Plant and Paint in the Peace Garden

Next Sunday, April 22 from 10:00am - 11:00am

Next Sunday, April 22 from 10:00am - 11:00am, all St. Edmund Parish children and their parents are invited to plant seeds and decorate planters with paint. Please meet in the **Peace Garden**.



The Garden is located by the East entrance to Murphy Hall.

MANNA Gift Cards Available for Purchase

The MANNA fundraising method is very popular with many non-for-profit organizations. Our hope is that through this simple fundraising program, we will raise additional funds to support the important ministries that we administer to, not only to you our parishioners, but also to those in need outside of our faith community.

You will be able to purchase a wide-variety of vendor cards, such as Jewel, Carsons, gas, restaurant offerings, and many, many more. You will receive the full value (100 percent) of your purchase card and St. Edmund will receive a rebate back from your purchase. Each vendor card has a different rebate percent offered back to the parish. The percentages range from 1.5% - 13%. We view this fundraising tool as a win-win for everyone inside and outside of our parish!



MANNA ordering forms are available on the tables in the Murphy Hall corridor. Feel free to take one home with you to browse through for your shopping needs.

Contact Deacon Tom at tdwyer@stedmund.org or Denise Walsh at drwalsh34@gmail.com for ordering and more information about the bank account option.

St. Edmund & St. Catherine-St. Lucy combined Choirs Concert, Sunday April 22 at 4:00pm

Please join us at St. Catherine-St. Lucy, 38 N. Austin Boulevard, Oak Park for a combined Choir concert. Both of the parish choirs have been busy practicing and preparing. You are invited to attend, along with your family and friends. The more the merrier!



Anointing of the Sick at 11am Mass April 29

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within the 11am mass on Sunday, April 29. This Sacrament is the prayer and activity of Christ for the physical and spiritual healing of the infirmed.

No longer only understood as *Extreme Unction*, or *the Last Rites*, this Sacrament is intended for Catholic faithful who have serious illness. This may mean, for example, that you are about to undergo surgery, that you have a chronic illness, suffer from the challenges of being elderly, or that you suffer with emotional or psychological illness. Of course, serious illness may have taken another form in your life not mentioned here.



The Anointing of the Sick is often done in a small group setting with the seriously ill parishioner and a few family members present. However, this sacrament can also be administered during the mass allowing many people to receive the anointing together. The communal anointing also provides an opportunity for those who enjoy good health to witness the reception of this unique sacrament and to offer their prayerful support at this sacred moment. All those who are anointed, as well as all of those who witness the anointing share equally in the mystical Body of Christ.

St. Edmund Parish's RCIA Elect Become Neophytes at the 2018 Easter Vigil



Neophytes: Angela Murray, Angel Murray, and Tom O'Maley



Front: Angela Murray, Angel Murray, and Tom O'Maley
Back: (Sponsors) Denise Walsh, Jessica Senger, Jaimie Hughes

School of Religious Education

All children preparing for First Eucharist will attend *Jesus Day* on Sunday, April 22. This day will include Activity and Reflection which will include a tour of St. Edmund Church, practicing special songs for the Mass and watching a fun video starring Brother Francis and other activities as they enter the final preparation days for receiving Communion. Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare.



Book Club Tuesday, April 17

Shroud for the Archbishop Author: Peter Tremayne



The St. Edmund Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 17. We will be discussing the book, *Shroud for the Archbishop* by Peter Tremayne. We plan to meet at *George's Restaurant* at 6:00pm for dinner, followed by the discussion. Read the book and join us! Contact parishioner Mari Hans at: marithans@comcast.net for more information.

Offertory for Weekend of April 7/8

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00
Weekend collection.....\$ 9,093.87
Deficit-to-date.....- 96,972.45

Thoughts from Pope Francis

"In the family we first learn how to show love and respect for life; we are taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures." *"Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home"* / Paragraph 213

Professor Holly Taylor Coolman from Providence College suggests that families can live what Pope Francis is teaching by offering a prayer of thanksgiving before meals, by passing foods to others before taking one's own share, by focusing more on togetherness instead of expensive gifts at family celebrations, by careful use of electricity in the home and gasoline for the family car, by expressing in trust in God's care in the midst of family trials and by looking for ways to serve the needy together.

<http://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ways-to-adapt-Pope-Francis>

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.

Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence

Saturday, April 28 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 28. Another vigil will be held on Saturday, May 26.

Bulletin Submission Deadlines Reminder

Anyone interested in having an article considered for publication in the *Echoes* must have their submissions in the Parish office no later than Friday at 4pm, nine days prior to the publication date.

You may email your submission in a Microsoft Word attachment (Times New Roman, 11pt.) to bulletineditor@stedmund.org or you may drop it off.

Week at a Glance

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday	9am -	<i>an Elegant Evening</i>	Murphy Hall
	12:30pm	Auction Gift Gathering	
	10:30am	Religious Education	School
	4:00pm	Green Team	Murphy Hall
Monday	2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Murphy Hall
	7:00pm	Finance Committee	Parish Office
	7:00pm	Human Concerns	Murphy Hall
Tuesday	7:30pm	Book Club	Kitchen
Wednesday	7:00pm	Bridge	Murphy Hall
	7:00pm	Cantors/Choir	Church
Saturday	9:30am	Centering Prayer	N. Transept
Sunday	10:00am	Garden Event	Peace Garden
	10:30am	Religious Education	School
	12:30pm	Baptisms	Church
	4:00pm	Choir Concert	St. Catherine/ St. Lucy

Sacrament of Marriage

In order to schedule a wedding, you or your parents must be registered, participating parish members for at least one year prior to setting the date.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents are asked to register at least 2 months in advance to attend the preparation class. Please note that the date of Baptism is not confirmed until parents complete the class.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults seeking to complete initiation or inquiring about becoming Catholic may call the Parish Office for information.

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

June Anderson	Annyce Dunbar	Emilie Novak
Fr. John Paul Andree	Mary Evans	Hannah Paist
Clara Ballard	Tim Haberkorn	Homero Salinas
Geraldine Bandera	Donald Hackett	Paul Sassone
Susan Becker	George LaGessee	Rachael Schopp
Dolores Benedict	Gloria Licup	Ruth Shubitowski
Susan Benedict	Lynette Moore	Mike Scully
Susan Chicola	George Nedved	Ethel Thomas
Shawn Cornell	Mary Ellen Nedved	Sadie Thomson
Margo Dumelle	Marcia Newman	Genaro Vera

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
 First Sgt. Daniel S. Greider US Army
 Sgt. Michael Hoover, Army Reserve Afghanistan
 Major Roselita Labbe, US Air Force
 Col. Matt Mangan, US Air Force
 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
 Lt. Col. Ken Schlorf, Army Reserve Iraq
 Gian Franco Solari, US Air Force
 Brian Walsh, First Lieutenant US Army
 Kimyatta Wellington, US Navy



Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Christine Fisher, mother of Mark Jackson
Andres Leal, father of Maria Medina
Obioma Okereke, nephew of Keke Uzokwe

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday	April 16
8:30am	† Loretta Corrado
Tuesday	April 17
8:30am	† JoAnn Lavin
Wednesday	April 18
	† Ndidi Okereke
Thursday	April 19
8:30am	† Mary Ellen Platt, † Christine Fisher
Friday	April 20
8:30am	† Eugenia Javier, † Bernard Hill
Saturday	April 21 (Anselm)
	† Tom Halfpenny
Sunday	April 22 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
9:00am	† Paul Bowman
11:00am	† Donald Patterson
5:30pm	† Gregory Konley

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

We give thanks for the men and women in our military.

We are always looking for those willing to serve as liturgical ministers! Contact Mary Lynn Dietsche at: dietscheml@gmail.com for more information.

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of April 21/22

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 5:30pm	R. Porter	S. Guerin M. Guerin	T. Mackey	T. McCoy	Mike Bielawa, M. E. Creighton, M. S. Egan, G. Gervais, J. Lewandowski, D. Taylor
9:00am	G. Dietz	K. VanderMeulen	M. Fedota	P. Pruitt	J. Barrett, J. Biek
11:00am	B. Maney	M. Smith P. Leddy	A. Caison	M. Foster	A. Koors, S. Sassone, D. Walsh
5:30pm	A. Noyszewski		T. Wheeler		H. Tayag, M. Wheeler