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ALLELUIA!



Easter 2017

## Staff Notes

Dear Parishioners and Welcome Visitors,

Happy Easter! After the long six-week drought, we can sing “Alleluia” again, and rejoice in the truth that the God who became one of us has opened the way for you and I to share his divine life – a life that is bound neither by space or time, nor even by the seeming finality of death. What good news this truly is!

On special days like this, families and loved ones gather to celebrate. It is the right instinct, for the Good News that Christ is risen is something to be celebrate – a joy to be shared. On such days as this, we often think of our loved ones who have died too. We miss them. We wish they were here with us. This is especially true for those among us whose loved one has recently died. We ask: “How can we move forward, how can we experience the joy of Christ Risen when my heart is heavy or even breaking?”

True enough, this will not be like Easter celebrations of the past. I would suggest, however, that even in the face of our deepest sadnesses, Easter *is* the reason for us not to lose hope. Easter reminds us that death is not the end.

St. Paul asks in his letter to the Romans:

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or perse-

cution, or famine or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This Easter, whether your hearts are heavy or filled with joy, let us remember that for those of us who believe in the Lord Jesus, the victory is already won. Remember, too, that through the Paschal Mystery—the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we already share in his resurrected life. And this gift, which at its very heart is the love of God for his people, is precisely that which keeps us all united, whether we are living on this earth or already continuing our journey to the Father. This reality, this beautiful truth is what we call the Communion of Saints, and it is the blessed assurance that even our deceased loved ones are with us still. Happy Easter. Alleluia. Amen.

*M. John McGovern*

# Easter Blessings!

## April 23 is Divine Mercy Sunday

The Congregation for the Divine Worship decreed (May 23, 2000) that, “throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come.” Devotion to the Divine Mercy was promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska, canonized on April 30, 2000.

In a decree dated 3 August 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “to ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.”

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the supreme Pontiff) to the faithful, who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite “The Lord’s Prayer” and “The Creed,” adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., “Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!).

# The Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

## Helpful Holiday Hints for Grieving Individuals

### 1. Recognize and acknowledge that you are grieving.

- Be gentle with yourself.
- Understand that your energies are naturally directed toward your loss and your healing. So you may not have the energy you're accustomed to having this year.
- Avoid caustic people; you don't need the aggravation.
- Let people know it's okay to talk about the deceased if it really is. Otherwise direct them away from the topic by telling them you want to catch up on what is going on in their lives.

### 2. Anticipate the day.

- If it's too soon or too painful, don't go or don't participate. Send your regrets; people who care about you will understand.
- Remember that sometimes the anticipation is far worse than the actual day.
- How have you observed this day in the past? Recall this day from the past when you shared it with your loved one and acknowledge the ways in which it will be different this year.
- Identify the people, traditions, and activities that are important to you regarding to this day.
- Consider creating some new traditions.

### 3. Make a plan you can be comfortable with.

- Eliminate the unnecessary and the too painful.
- Find a way to honor your relationship and your memories, a way to include your loved one in the spirit of this day. If doing this will involve others, it's best to talk it over with them beforehand so they are not taken by surprise; if necessary, compromise to come to a comfortable conclusion.

### 4. Provide a cushion or buffer for yourself on this day.

- Tell your best friend or confidante how you are feeling about this day, as well as how you are going to get through it. Ask him/her to stay close for support throughout the day.
- Build in some alone-time, quiet-time or time when the expectations you or others have for you can be suspended in order to give you time to tend solely to your emotional needs.

### 5. Keep your options open.

- Sit in the back or near a door.
- Have an escape route planned along with a get away car (ride home) and driver in case things get to be more than you can handle.
- Make it known that you will leave if you need to; give yourself permission to do this without recrimination if you find it necessary.

### 6. Remember that it won't be this hard next year.

## 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!

On specified weekends, we will be accepting requests from registered parishioners who want to take advantage of the electronic and payment system. Please note this electronic secured feature is only available via ACH through your personal bank account.

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](mailto:tdwyer@stedmund.org) or Denise Walsh at [drwalsh34@gmail.com](mailto:drwalsh34@gmail.com) for ordering and more information about the bank account option.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this fundraising program!

### Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday</b> 9am, 11:00am	<b>April 16</b> <i>Easter Masses</i> Parish office closed	Church
<i>There is no 5:30pm mass this day.</i>		
<b>Monday</b> 2:00pm 7:15pm	<b>April 17</b> Eucharistic Adoration Human Concerns	Murphy Hall Murphy Hall
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00pm	<b>April 18</b> Parish Life	Murphy Hall
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00pm	<b>April 19</b> Bridge	Murphy Hall
<b>Friday</b> 9:00am	<b>April 21</b> Bible Study	Murphy Hall
<b>Saturday</b> 9:30am 11am	<b>April 22</b> Centering Prayer Knitting/Crocheting	N. Transept Murphy Hall
<b>Sunday</b> 10:30am 12:30pm 4:00pm	<b>April 23</b> Religious Education Baptisms Green Team	School Church Murphy Hall



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## School of Religious Education



The Catechists and Staff of St. Edmund Religious Education program wish all a very Holy and Happy Easter Season. There are no classes on Easter Sunday morning to allow all families to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Classes resume next Sunday, April 23

### Offertory for Weekend of April 8/9

Please note that due to the Easter holiday, the *Echoes* publication for Sunday, April 16 was published earlier than usual. Monetary figures for the weekend of April 8/9 will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Echoes*.

*Have you turned in your Catholic Appeal Request?  
There is still time to do so.*

### Fourth Annual Architectural Church Tour and Pilgrimage

**Thursday, April 27 9:00am - 3:30pm**

Join us on Thursday, April 27 from 9:00am - 3:30pm to visit the following churches: Old St. Michael, Quigley Chapel, Assumption, Holy Innocents and St. Josaphat. The cost for the bus tour is \$15.00.



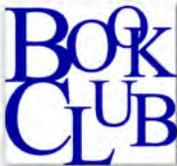
The next to last stop will be lunch at *Portillos* in River North. You are responsible for the cost of your own lunch. Don Giannetti will be the tour leader. Contact Don at 708-848-4417, extension 205 to register.

Space is limited, so be sure to get your registration in early!

### Book Club Tuesday, May 16

**David & Goliath Author: Malcom Gladwell**

The St. Edmund Book Club will *not* meet in April. We will meet again on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm. We will be discussing the book, *David & Goliath* by Malcom Gladwell. Contact parishioner Mari Hans at: [marithans@comcast.net](mailto:marithans@comcast.net) for more information.



### Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:30am;  
Saturday: 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.



## HAPPY EASTER!

We invite all believers to pray the "Easter Prayer for Life" each day to counteract the most widespread and violent attacks on human life in our day: abortion.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Author of Life  
Who died and now lives forevermore.

May we who work and pray that children in the womb  
may be protected always draw strength, confidence, and  
joy from your victory over death.

For You are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Frank Pavone  
[Priestsforlife.org](http://Priestsforlife.org)

Visit our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/StEdmundRespectLife](http://www.facebook.com/StEdmundRespectLife),

While you're there, go ahead and "Like" us as well! You may also find additional information on "Sharing the Pro-life Message" in the pamphlets outside Murphy Hall.

### Thinking About the Priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Chicago Vocations Office helps men discern a call to the priesthood through retreats, visits to the seminary and discernment opportunities. As well, the Vocation Office works with men to determine their eligibility to apply to the seminary for the diocesan priesthood in Chicago. More information on becoming a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago is available by contacting: Fr. Francis Bitterman, Archdiocesan Vocations Office at: 312-534-8298 or email at: [fbitterman@archchicago.org](mailto:fbitterman@archchicago.org).

### Our Orthodox Friends Celebrate Easter Today

The Greek and Eastern Orthodox Christian churches begin their celebration of Easter today.

Let us keep our Orthodox brothers and sisters in prayer during their Easter Sunday celebration of the Lord's resurrection.

*Christos Anesti, Christ has risen.*



### 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.

### Practice Fair Trade Throughout the Year

Fair Trade empowers farmers and farm workers to invest in their communities, protect the environment, and develop the business skills to compete in the global marketplace. By supporting Trade Fair, you can help build a more just economy that benefits people and the planet. Twelve ways you can support Trade Fair throughout the year:

1. **Vote.** Every Fair Trade purchase you make is a vote for a better world. Vote with your dollar, look for the Trade Fair Certified label, and buy Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, rice, sugar and other products whenever you shop. Go to [.transfairusa.org](http://transfairusa.org) to learn where to buy Fair Trade certified products at over 40,000 retailers worldwide.
2. **Ask.** If you don't see Fair Trade products in your favorite coffee shop or grocer, ask for them! Fill out a comment card or talk to a store manager.
3. **Donate.** We rely on your tax-deductible contributions to Catholic Relief Services and TransFair USA to be able to continue our work with farmers and farm workers in some of the poorest communities in the world.
4. **Host.** Host Fair Trade House parties. Product tastings are great ways to raise awareness and educate others in your community about the importance of Fair Trade. Resources can be found on Transfair USA as well as through Catholic Relief Services.
5. **Join.** Sign up to join our on-line community! Keep abreast of new Fair Trade products, creative promotional campaigns, and Fair Trade's impact on farmers.
6. **Celebrate.** October is Fair Trade Month and World Fair Trade day happens every second Saturday in May.
7. **Learn.** Read about why Fair Trade is needed and how Fair Trade also effects the environment.
8. **Introduce.** Host a Fair Trade gathering.
9. **Start.** Get involved with a local Fair Trade Group.
10. **Fundraise.** You may request a Human Hands Consignment catalog. Call 312-751-8367 or e-mail [acurry@archicago.org](mailto:acurry@archicago.org).
11. **Give.** Give Fair Trade items as gifts.
12. **Serve.** Be active in educating and serving others as a tangible way to live their lives and make a difference for the world's poor.

### 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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## The Triumph of Goodness

The stone which rolled away from the tomb of Jesus continues to roll away from every sort of grave. Goodness cannot be held, captured, or put to death. It evades its pursuers, escapes capture, slips away, hides out, even leaves the churches sometimes, but forever rises, again and again, all over the world. Such is the meaning of the resurrection.

Goodness cannot be captured or killed. We see this already in the earthly life of Jesus. There are a number of passages in the Gospels which give the impression that Jesus was somehow highly elusive and difficult to capture. It seems that until Jesus consents to his own capture, nobody can lay a hand on him. We see this played out a number of times: Early on in his ministry, when his own townsfolk get upset with his message and lead him to the brow of a hill to hurl him to his death, we are told that "he slipped through the crowd and went away." Later when the authorities try to arrest him we are told simply that "he slipped away". And, in yet another incident when he is in temple area and they try to arrest him, the text simply says that he left the temple area and "no one laid a hand upon him because his hour had not yet come." Why the inability to take him captive? Was Jesus so physically adept and elusive that no one could imprison him?

These stories of his "slipping away" are highly symbolic. The lesson is not that Jesus was physically deft and elusive, but rather that the word of God, the grace of God, the goodness of God, and power of God can never be captured, held captive, or ultimately killed. They are adept. They can never be held captive, can never be killed, and even when seemingly they are killed, the stone that entombs them always eventually rolls back and releases them. Goodness continues to resurrect from every sort of grave.

And it is this, the constant resurrection of goodness, not that of viciousness and evil, which speaks the deepest truth about our world and our lives. The Jewish-Hungarian writer, Imre Kertesz, who won the Nobel Prize for literature in 2002, gives a poignant testimony of this. He had as a young boy been in a Nazi death camp, but what he remembered most afterwards from this experience was not the injustice, cruelty, and death that he saw there, but rather some acts of goodness, kindness, and altruism he witnessed amidst that evil. After the war, it left him wanting to read the lives of saints rather than biographies of war. The appearance of goodness fascinated him. To his mind, evil is explicable, but goodness? Who can ex-

plain it? What is its source? Why does it spring up over and over again all over the earth, and in every kind of situation?

It springs up everywhere because God's goodness and power lie at the source of all being and life. This is what is revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. What the resurrection reveals is that the ultimate source of all that is, of all being and life, is gracious, good, and loving. Moreover it also reveals that graciousness, goodness, and love are the ultimate power inside reality. They will have the final word and they will never be captured, derailed, killed, or ultimately ignored. They will break through, ceaselessly, forever. In the end, too, as Imre Kertesz suggests, they are more fascinating than evil.

And so we are in safe hands. No matter how bad the news on a given day, no matter how threatened our lives are on a given day, no matter how intimidating the neighborhood or global bully, not matter how unjust and cruel a situation, and no matter how omnipotent are anger and hatred, love and goodness will reappear and ultimately triumph.

Jesus taught that the source of all life and being is benign and loving. He promised too that our end will be benign and loving. In the resurrection of Jesus, God showed that God has the power to deliver on that promise. Goodness and love will triumph! The ending of our story, both that of our world and that of our individual lives, is already written - and it is a happy ending! We are already saved. Goodness is guaranteed. Kindness will meet us. We only need to live in the face of that wonderful truth.

They couldn't arrest Jesus, until he himself allowed it. They put his dead body in a tomb and sealed it with a stone, but the stone rolled away. His disciples abandoned him in his trials, but they eventually returned more committed than ever. They persecuted and killed his first disciples, but that only served to spread his message. The churches have been unfaithful sometimes, but God just slipped away from those particular temple precincts. God has been declared dead countless time, but yet a billion people just celebrated Easter.

Goodness cannot be killed. Believe it!

Fr. Ron Rolheiser  
San Antonio, Texas

## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

Fr. John Paul Andree	Mamma Giannetti	Stillman Thomas
Clara Ballard	Helen Mazzeo	Francisco Torres
Susan Becker	Frank McGuff	Yanira Torres
Susan Benedict	Hannah Paist	Jimmie Weekley
Susan Chicola	Mary Redmond	Barbara Wilson
Bobbie Davis	Paul Sassone	
Jazmine Davis	Janice Schulte	
Katherine Davis	Mike Scully	
Bill Federbusch	Ethel Thomas	
John Fricilone	Lynn Thomas	

### 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  
 Jose Ortiz US Marine Corps Lance Corporal  
 Dave Porter, US Army  
 Col. Gregory P. Puccetti, US Army  
 Gian Franco Solari, US Air Force



### Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

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

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
8:30am	† Fr. Joe Ruiz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 18</b>
8:30am	† Frank Condon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 19</b>
	† Fr. Ed Dufficy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
8:30am	† Deceased parishioners
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 21</b>
8:30am	† Jean Smith ( <i>one-year anniversary</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 22</b>
8:30am	† Steve Kiraly
5:30pm	† Bob Lima
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 23 (Second Sunday of Easter)</b>
9:00am	People of St. Edmund
11:00am	Raymond Muller ( <i>living intention</i> )
5:30pm	† Jane Hedges

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

*We give thanks to the men and women who serve our country and are away from their loved ones.*

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

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of April 22/23

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b>	J. McCoy R. Porter	T. Mackey W. Carlton	A. Glanton	M. Gonzalez	K. Ballard, J. Kula, D. Marks, M.A. Marks, J. M <sup>c</sup> Coy, C. Niznik, D. Taylor
<b>9:00am</b>	L. M <sup>c</sup> Nulty R. M <sup>c</sup> Nulty	M.L. Dietsche L. Ochoa	B. M <sup>c</sup> Nulty	D. Gregoire	D. Dubowski, T. Villafranca
<b>11:00am</b>	B. Maney	T. Cioppa M. Stroth	C. Verdun	D. Gregoire	C. Cioppa, M. Fitzgerald, A. Koors, S. Sassone, D. Walsh
<b>5:30pm</b>	S. Patston	M. Carrasca Craig Putz			Christina Putz, L.N. Vaillancourt