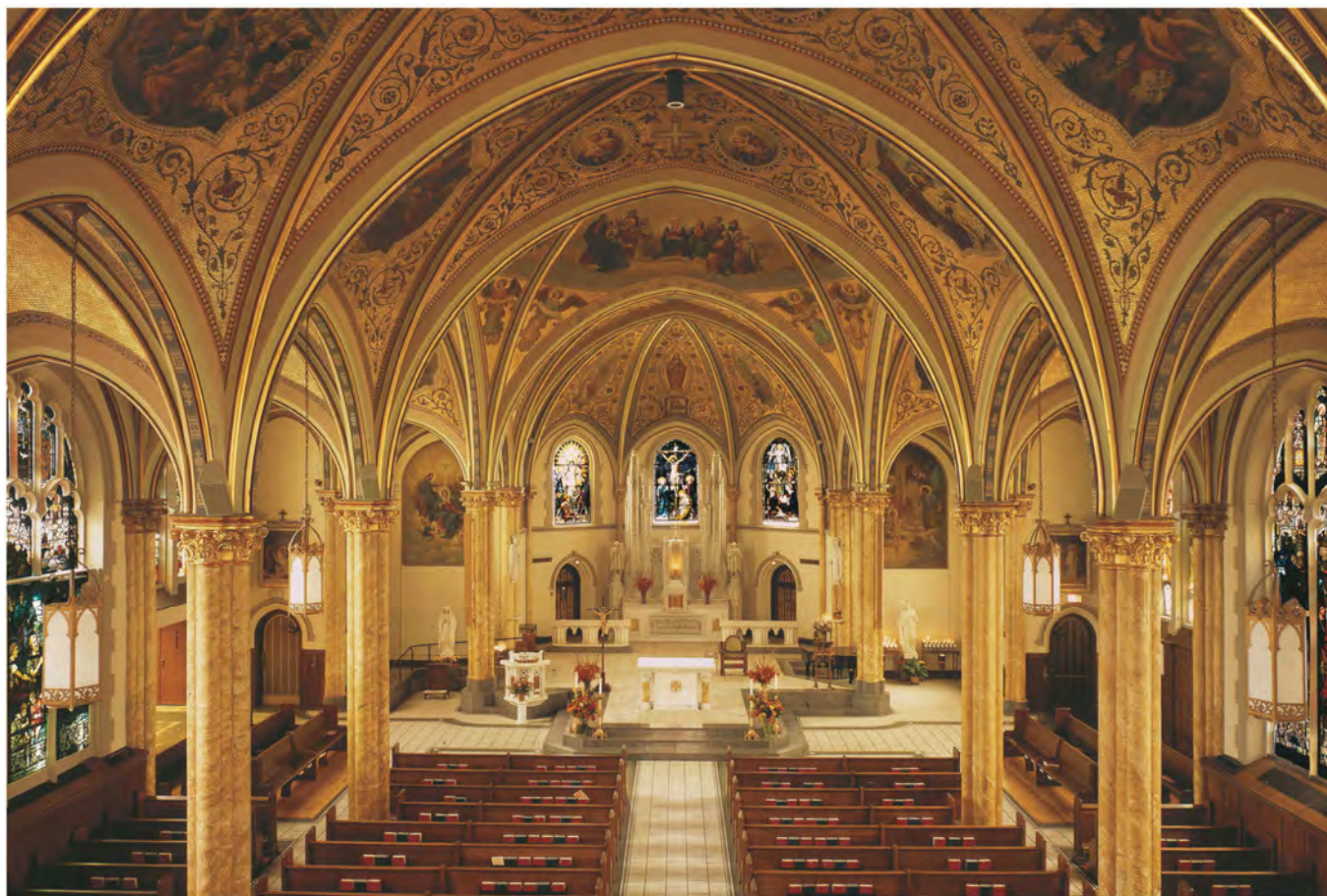


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park


August 13, 2017



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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 1986 the Sea of Galilee was very low when Marine archaeologists discovered an ancient fishing boat in the mud. The results of carbon testing gave the experts the information that the boat was built somewhere between 40 BCE and 70 CE. Most likely the very kind of boat that is mentioned in today's Gospel. When reading the Gospels that mention the fishing boats of the disciples, often a picture of a small fishing boat comes to mind, however, the boat found, which was typical of fishing boats of the time, was 26 ½ feet long, 7 ½ feet wide and 4 ½ feet in deep, capable of holding a crew of five plus ten passengers or the crew and a catch of fish in excess of one ton! This was probably the type of boat used by Peter, Andrew, James and John and their hired crew. (from John Pilch "the Cultural World of Jesus"; Cycle A-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Picturing this type of boat places a very different perspective on the tossing and turning that happened to the boat when the storm came up; this wasn't just a little row boat and it must have been a very large storm to have an experienced crew of fishermen so concerned. We can very well imagine the fear the occupants of the boat felt, as the storm came up and the wind and water took control. In the midst of their terror they see a figure coming toward them 'walking on the water'! For these men, between the storm and the 'ghost', we can get an understanding of their dread. Quickly Jesus speaks to them and allays their fear. Peter needs proof that the figure is Jesus, and asks to walk on the water toward Jesus. Jesus commands, Peter obeys-until he loses focus on Jesus and becomes frightened and begins to sink. In his fear Peter calls out 'Lord Save Me' and Peter is saved. We can all understand Peter, our faith can be very strong until it's tested and then we falter, and then in fear we call on God to save us.

Today my husband, Neal and I celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. I remember the anxiety that I felt at the time, very much in love, but wondering what the future would hold and I think Neal did also. Young and lacking the experience of sharing a life together, were we making the right decision, what would life hold for us? But young and in love, on August 13, 1972 we 'got out of the boat' and took the step to begin a new life, saying a prayer that God would hold us and help us as we built a life together. Blending two faith traditions we started on the journey. And here we are celebrating 45 years of 'wedded bliss' that included the birth of four children- three daughters and a son, who grew up and added three more sons and a daughter and seven grandchildren to our family, job changes, loss of income, flooding and redeccorating, sickness and health, losing parents and friends, many, many good times and also some bad times. Like Peter we often felt that we would sink into the waters (sometimes literally) but as we found out we had to give in and put our trust in God's hands when all else failed. And God has been very good to us and has helped us reach this milestone in our lives. And as we journey the rest of the way together, we are sure that God will be there for us, just as Jesus was there to bring Peter out of the waves. With Jesus we too can walk on water.

Janet Bennick
Coordinator of Religious Education

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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

School of Religious Education News

Registration for 2017-18 is now being taken for the Religious Education program. Forms can be found by clicking on the Religious Education link on the parish web-site at stedmund.org. You may also contact 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. Book Fee day and First Day of Sessions will be August 27, 2017 from 10:30 am until Noon.

If you have any questions please contact the office at 708-848-7220 or email jbennick@stedmund.org.

Care of God's Creation

Did You Know?

Let's make compost for our gardens! "Compost has been shown to suppress plant diseases and pests, reduce or eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers, and promote higher yields of agricultural crops."



The Book Club Returns! September 19

Pillars of the Earth, Author Ken Follett

The St. Edmund Book Club will begin once again on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30pm in Murphy Hall. The



Book Club will meet on the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise announced. The first book up for discussion is *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett. As this selection is a large book, if you are unable to read the entire book, read what you can

and join us! Contact parishioner Mari Hans at: marithans@comcast.net to participate or for more information.

Next Up: *Bear Town* by Fredrik Backman, 10/17

Annual Missionary Coop Weekend August 19 - 20

Please welcome our visiting priest, Rev. Juse Ezeigbo of Ijebu-Ode Diocese, Nigeria next weekend, August 19-20. Ijebu-Ode Diocese is located in the Western part of Nigeria, near Lagos. Ijebu-Ode Diocese is a rural but growing Diocese. Her population is predominantly Muslim; 50% Muslims, 25% Christians of other denominations, 15% Catholics and 10% of Traditional African believers.

The Diocese has 34 parishes with over 150 churches, 7 houses of formation, 12 religious houses for male and female religious groups.

The Catholic population does not have enough material and financial resources to sustain her many developing programs of evangelization; sustenance of priests and religious, training of seminarians and to sustain primary health care projects for the villages.

Please let us warmly welcome Rev. Juse and let us be as generous as possible to his Mission Diocese.

**"You pray for the hungry.
Then you feed them.
This is how prayer works."**

- Pope Francis

Children in the Peace Garden Sunday, August 20

All children are invited to come to the St. Edmund Peace Garden between 10am - 11am on Sunday, August 20. We will learn about *Watering Our Vegetables* in the garden!

We grow vegetables in our Peace Garden for the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry. This is one of our many activities to fulfill our Parish commitment to feed the hungry. Parents accompany your children for this fun and short activity (about 15 minutes!).



Meet us in the Peace Garden that is located outside the East entrance of the Murphy Hall Corridor.

PARISH RECTORY RUMMAGE SALE

August 19-20 in Murphy Hall



Do you like to shop? Do you like unique items? Then come to the Parish Rectory Rummage Sale the weekend of August 19-20 in Murphy Hall after the masses.

We are in the midst of readying the parish rectory for the future. All proceeds from the rummage sale will benefit the Rectory Renovation project.

Week at a Glance		
Sunday	August 13	
9am, 11am	Masses	Church
12:30pm	Baptisms	Church
Monday	August 14	
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Peace and Justice	Murphy Hall
Tuesday	August 15	
7:00pm	Assumption Mass	Church
Wednesday	August 16	
7:00pm	Bridge Club	Murphy Hall
Saturday	August 19	
9:30am	Centering Prayer	Church
5:30pm	Summer Missionary Appeal	Church
Sunday	August 20	
9am, 11am	Summer Missionary Appeal	Church
4:00pm	Green Team	Murphy Hall

Offertory for Weekend of August 5/6

Budgeted.....	\$14,350.00
Weekend collection.....	\$11,271.61
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Sharing Our Garden Bounty

Do you have surplus peppers in your garden? Is there kale ready to be harvested? or maybe cucumbers and zucchinis . . . tomatoes? Would you share your extra garden vegetables with the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry? They serve over 1,400 families every month. Fresh produce is **GREATLY** appreciated. It is **not** necessary to wash the produce. A little bit of earth clinging to a radish means it was picked fresh from **YOUR** garden!



The Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry is located at First United Church of Oak Park, 848 Lake Street, Oak Park, on the northeast corner of Lake and Kenilworth. Enter the parking lot from Kenilworth Avenue and proceed to the lower level. Just ring the doorbell between the hours of 9 am – 4 pm. A volunteer will be happy to accept your donation. You may also drop off your vegetables on Wednesday mornings at St. Edmund's by 9am/ A member of the Peace Garden Committee will accept your donation and deliver it to the Food Pantry for you! Food distribution for Pantry clients is on **Wednesdays & Saturdays**.

If you are unable to drop off your harvest, a member of the Peace Garden Committee could pick it up on Tuesday evening. Contact Nora Abboreno at: nabboreno@gmail.com to make arrangements for pick-up.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On August 15 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII promulgated the papal bull, *Munificentissimus Deus*, which stated that the "Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven." Catholics believe that Mary, in the fullness of her historical personality lives now in union with her Son, the risen Christ.



Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 8:30am and 7:00pm. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Bible Study Begins Friday, September 22

We will begin our study of Paul's Letters from Prison on Friday, September 22 at 9am in Murphy Hall. We meet on consecutive Fridays unless otherwise announced. Paul inspires us as well as first century Christians. Letters to Philippians, Colossians, and Ephesians challenge us to greater discipleship.



All are welcome, especially newcomers!

Journey through RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Registration Now Open

The RCIA comprises sacramental preparation and faith formation for any adult who is either:

- not baptized and considering becoming Catholic,
- baptized in another denomination and considering becoming Catholic,
- baptized Catholic, but has not received Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Adult Confirmation Program: Registration Now Open

The Chicago Archdiocese's Adult Confirmation Program is for those who are:

- 19-years-old or older,
- baptized Catholic and have received First Holy Communion.

If you are interested in the RCIA or Adult Confirmation, please contact Peggy Leddy, Pastoral Associate, at: plededy@stedmund.org or 708-848-4417, x202.

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Fr. John Paul Andree	Annyce Dunbar	Rachael Schopp
Clara Ballard	Mary Evans	Mike Scully
Susan Becker	Dianne Keane	Ethel Thomas
Dolores Benedict	Deirdre LeFevour	Sadie Thomson
Susan Benedict	Alana Major	Mary Young
Sr. Kate Brenner	Linette Moore	
Susan Chicola	Hannah Paist	
Tom Donohoe	Andrew Reif	

Upcoming Weddings

Mary Clare Masters and Sahand Rabbani

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
 Brian Walsh, First Lieutenant US Army
 Kimyatta Wellington, US Navy



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

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Glen Campbell, entertainer

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday 8:30am	August 14 (Maximillian Kolbe) † Argene Giannetti
Tuesday 8:30am 7:00pm	August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) † Deceased parishioners People of St. Edmund
Wednesday 8:30am	August 16 (Stephen of Hungary) † Argene Giannetti
Thursday 8:30am	August 17 † Phillip Losurdo
Friday 8:30am	August 18 † Mary McGivern Byrne † Rita Wismer
Saturday 5:30pm	August 19 (John Eudes, BVM) † Edward J. Caron
Sunday 9:00am 11:00am	August 20 (20th Sunday in O.T.) † Santiago Del Blanco People of St. Edmund

We are always looking for those willing to serve as liturgical ministers for the ministries listed on the chart below. Is your child interested in becoming an altar server?

Contact Mary Lynn Dietsche at: dietscheml@gmail.com for more information.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dt 10: 12-22, Mt 17: 22-27
Tuesday:	Rev: 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab: Ps 45:10-12 16: 1 Cor 15: 20-27, Luke 1: 39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34: 1-12, Mt 18: 15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18: 21-19:1
Friday:	Jos 24: 1-13; Mt 19: 3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24: 14-29; Mt 19: 13-15
Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7 (118a), Mt 15: 21-28

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of August 19/20

Mass Time	Altar Server	Lectors	Commentator	Cantor	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 5:30pm	tba	T. Cioppa S. Guerin	M. Guerin	M. Gonzalez	K. Ballard, L. Hakes, M. Hans, J. A. Lewandowski, D. Marks, M. A. Marks, C. Niznik
9:00am	M. Gonzalez J. Patston	J. Barrett J. Angone	L. Ochoa	K. Corcos	tba
11:00am	M. Stroth	M. L. Dietsche J. Leonard	A. Caison	M. Foster	A. Dwyer, L. Jans, S. Sassone, D. Walsh