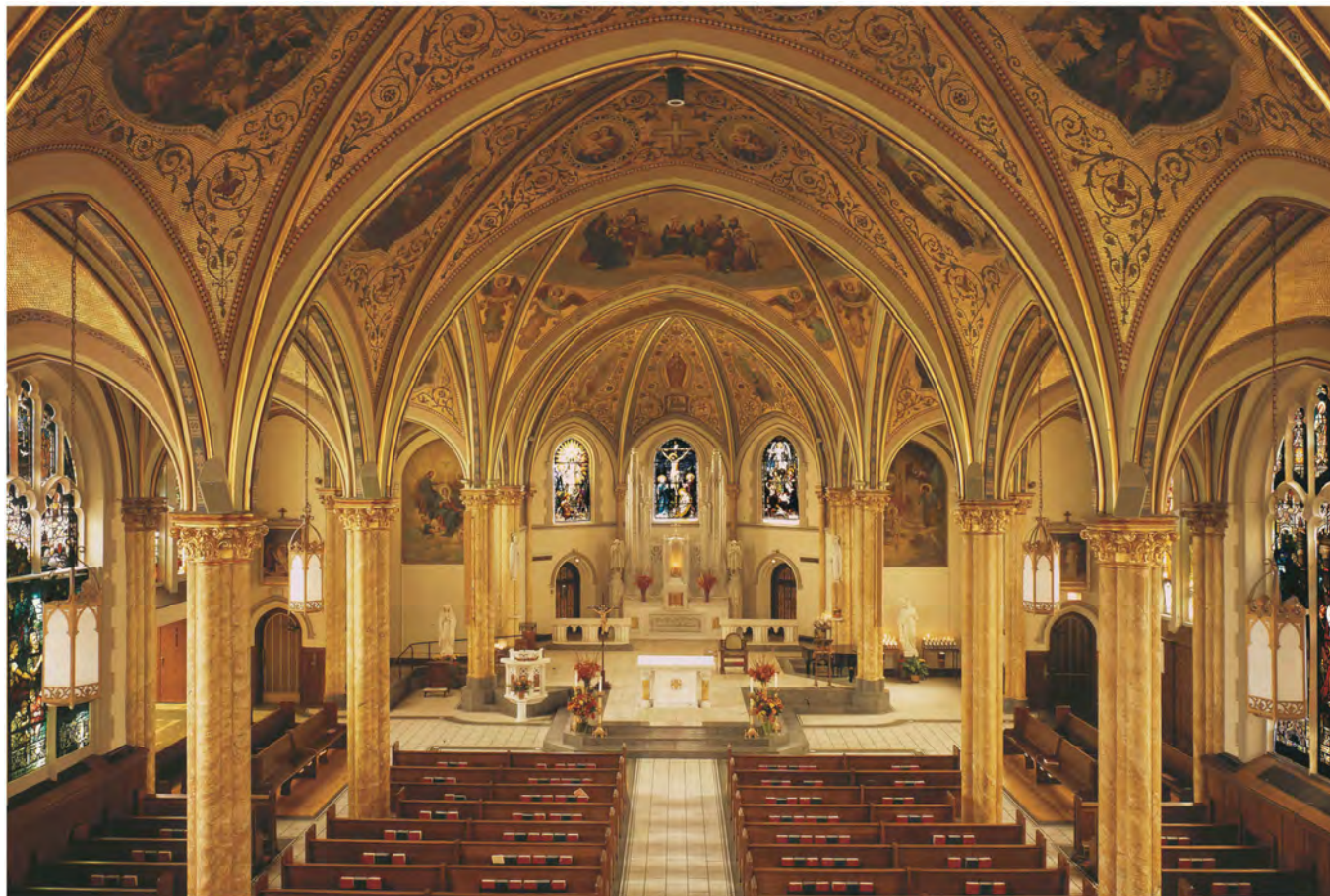


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

February 10, 2019




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Saturday 9am - 3pm; Sunday 9:00am - 1pm

Visit the parish web-site at stedmund.org. You may also e-mail us from the web-site.

 Follow us on Twitter at: St. Edmunds-Oak Park or @edmunds_oakpark

Parish Administration and Staff

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Religious Education Program Administration and Staff

Mrs. Janet Bennick, Coordinator of Religious Education · Ms. Kaydee Sproat, Program Secretary



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

Staff Notes

“Whom shall I send? ‘Who will go for us?’ “Here I am,” I said, “send me.” Is.6:8

The readings today involve three men whom God encounters and God changes.

Isaiah the prophet considers himself doomed; he doesn't feel worthy enough to 'see' God. Yet God charges Isaiah with a mission, God 'cleanses' Isaiah so when he hears God call, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah immediately answers 'Send Me Lord, send me!'

We remember Saul who persecuted the first Christians and we remember that God 'changed' him; knocking him from his horse, blinding him until he could 'see' the truth. Paul became one of God's staunches supporters, preaching to all that Jesus suffered, died, was buried and rose on the third day in order to save us all from eternal damnation. 'Send Me Lord, send me!'

And finally we meet Simon Peter, an experienced fisherman who listens to Jesus' command; even though he doesn't think there would be a possibility of catching fish. Yet the catch is unbelievable and Peter is told he will be catching 'men' from now on! Simon Peter declares himself to be unfit, yet leaves everything to follow Him. 'Send Me Lord, send me!'

God knew that the men God chose would be the perfect choices for the mission that they would be sent on. Jesus chose 12 men to be called His apostles, to walk with Him and learn from Him, and to be responsible for spreading the Word after Jesus was gone from this earth. All of them followed the call-'Send Me Lord, send me!' None of them could have determined what the future would hold as they took up the Mission, but none were afraid to go forth.

The Church teaches that we must be 'our brothers and sisters' keeper. Catholic Social Justice instills us with a responsibility to work for the good of the entire human family. We are God's disciples in today's world. God has chosen us to speak out on behalf of the voiceless, the outcast, the poor and desperate. God makes each of us the perfect choice to speak for God's people; God doesn't make mistakes!

Pope John Paul I addressed God's people with these words:

“We are all struggling to raise the world to a condition of greater justice, more stable peace, more sincere cooperation.

We invite all of you and encourage you, from the humblest who are the underpinning of nations to heads of state responsible for each nation-we encourage you to build up an efficacious and responsible structure for a new order, one more just and honest.”

(From a message delivered on August 27, 1978)

These words were delivered to Catholics in 1978, yet today in 2019 the words still have immense impact and power. The world still struggles with world hunger, greed, indifference to the desperation of God's people and... God called Isaiah, Paul and Peter to change the world, to make a difference. Who would God call today to right the wrongs in the 21st century? Can we answer **“Here I am,” send me?”**

Janet Bennick
Coordinator of Religious Education

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.

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.

Bring Your Blessed Palms to Burn for Ashes



You are invited to bring your blessed palms from previous years to the parish through Sunday, March 3.

Please bring your blessed palms from previous years to the large basket at the entrance of the church. Ash Wednesday is March 6. Easter is Sunday, April 21.

BEYOND THE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

St. Edmund Parish Rectory Renewal 2019

~ UPDATE ~ DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR BROCHURE?

- Follow us on Facebook, (St. Edmund Parish) where you can see photos of the rectory demolition.
- Brochures were mailed recently. You may have already received it. You will see photographs of where we started and where we are today.
- Please pray for the success of the project and how you may be able to support it.
- Check back right here each week for the latest news and updates.



Book Club Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00pm



The parish Book Club will meet on Tuesday, February 19 in Murphy Hall, when we shall discuss the book, *Tattoos on the Heart* by Fr. Gregory Boyle.

If you wish to meet for dinner before join us at 6:30pm.

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

- Pope Francis

The Catholics for Nonviolence Pledge

Faithful to the transforming vision of Jesus Christ and no longer willing to accept violence in our homes, on our streets, or in our global community,

I pledge to practice Gospel Nonviolence to heal the violence and conflict in our lives, our families, our parishes, our communities, and throughout all of God's creation;

I pledge to cultivate peace by proclaiming the Christian message of healing and hope, of renewal and reconciliation, of life and love to all people;

I pledge to address the root causes of violence that continues to affect people throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago so that we can end the cycle of violence and create a more just and peaceful city and world.

St. Edmund Bible Study News

Beginning on the Friday before Ash Wednesday (March 1), the Bible Study Group will begin a Panorama of the Old Testament. The goal is to look at the big picture so we get a better understanding of how the whole Bible fits together, and to appreciate the details more clearly. “No book in the Bible can be interpreted satisfactorily in isolation from the rest.” By exploring the sweeping saga of God’s people and their sacred journey, we hope to discover the importance of their lives in our lives.



We meet in Murphy Hall from 9am until 10:30am on consecutive Fridays unless otherwise announced. Please join us whenever you are able, even if you are traveling in the Spring.

Our discussions are educational and lively! All are welcome.

School of Religious Education News

Please continue to pray for the twenty-two Confirmation candidates of St. Edmund Parish/St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish and eleven First Communion candidates and their families of St. Edmund Parish. The children and their families continue to prepare and study for the reception of these Sacraments of Initiation with diligence. We also ask for prayers for all of the young people participating in St. Edmund Religious Education as they continue to study and grow in the Catholic Faith.

All young people are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word each Sunday morning during the 9:00am Mass. Children learn best by the example they are taught; we welcome all children to share the Gospel each Sunday morning with their peers.



Coffee and... This Sunday, February 10

Join us this Sunday, February 10 in Murphy Hall after the morning masses for hospitality and more! New to the parish? What a great opportunity to mingle with parishioners and learn more about what St. Edmund is all about.



You may also register with the Welcome Committee if you wish to do so!

Offertory for Weekend of February 2/3

Budgeted.....	\$14,350.00
Weekend collection.....	\$ 11,683.78
Deficit-to-date.....	– \$ 88,268.07

Week at a Glance

Sunday 10:00am 10:30am 10:30am	February 10 Coffee and... Religious Education RE Reconciliation	Murphy Hall School School
Monday 3:00pm 7:00pm	February 11 Eucharistic Adoration Peace & Justice	Church Murphy Hall
Tuesday 7:00pm	February 12 Parish Life	Murphy Hall
Wednesday 7:00pm 7:00pm	February 13 Cantors/Choir Bridge Club	Church Murphy Hall
Saturday 9:30am	February 16 Centering Prayer	Church
Sunday 4:00pm	February 17 Green Team	Murphy Hall

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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. Contact Deacon Tom at: Tdwyer@stedmund.org or Denise Walsh at: drwalsh34@gmail.com for ordering information.



What a simple way to shop for yourself and benefit your parish at the same time. Proceeds benefit St. Edmund parish. We thank you for your support!

Please Make Your Gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to ***“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word.”***

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to ministries here in our Parish.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of **\$41,029.62** in paid pledges, all additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our Parish. The appeal takes place beginning the last week of January - mid-February.

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Sheila Angone	Bill Garcia	Mike Scully
Ray Anzelmo	Donald Hackett	Ethel Thomas
Clara Ballard	John Hakes	John Williams
Susan Becker	Clint Hight	
Bokholdt Family	George LaGessee	
Carol Bonus	Mary McEnroe	
Susan Chicola	Bill Paist	
baby Chiyeni	Hannah Paist	
Dorothy Dumelle	Kathleen Puccetti	
Annyce Dunbar	Vera Schenone	
Mary Evans	Rachael Schopp	

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



Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Josephine Blaber,
 mother of Mona Blaber and Barbara Jenig
Kazu Ozima,
 mother of Terry Ozima

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday	February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)
8:30am	† Frank J. Senicka
Tuesday	February 12
8:30am	† Festus Murwayi Luchinga
Wednesday	February 13
8:30am	† Deceased parishioners
Thursday	February 14 (Cyril and Methodius)
8:30am	† Mamma Giannetti
Friday	February 15
8:30am	† Steve Kiraly
Saturday	February 16 (Blessed Virgin Mary)
5:30pm	† Thomas Dwyer Sr. † Harold Bonus
Sunday	February 17 (Sixth Sunday in O.T.)
9:00am	People of St. Edmund
11:00am	† Donald Patterson † Mary Fitzpatrick Richardson
5:30pm	† Sergio Quiano

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

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 1: 1-12, Mk 6: 53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1: 20 - 2:4a, Mk 7: 1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2: 4b-9m 15-17, Mk 7: 14-23
Thursday:	Gn 18-25, Mk 7: 24-30
Friday:	Gn 3: 1-8, Mk 7: 31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3: 9-24, Mk 8: 1-10
Sunday:	Jer 17: 5-8, 1 Cor 15, 12, 16-20, Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of February 16/17

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 5:30pm	E. Wilson-Yu	M. Bielawa C. Verdun	W. Carlton	T. McCoy	K. Ballard, D. Giannetti, M. Lee, J. McCoy, D. Taylor
9:00am	tba	K. Vander Meulen M. Fedota	M. Puzek	M. Foster	J. Biek
11:00am	T. Cullinane	M. Stroth M. Smith	G. Stepanek	W. Senger	L. Patterson
5:30pm	M. Wheeler		M. Carrasca		