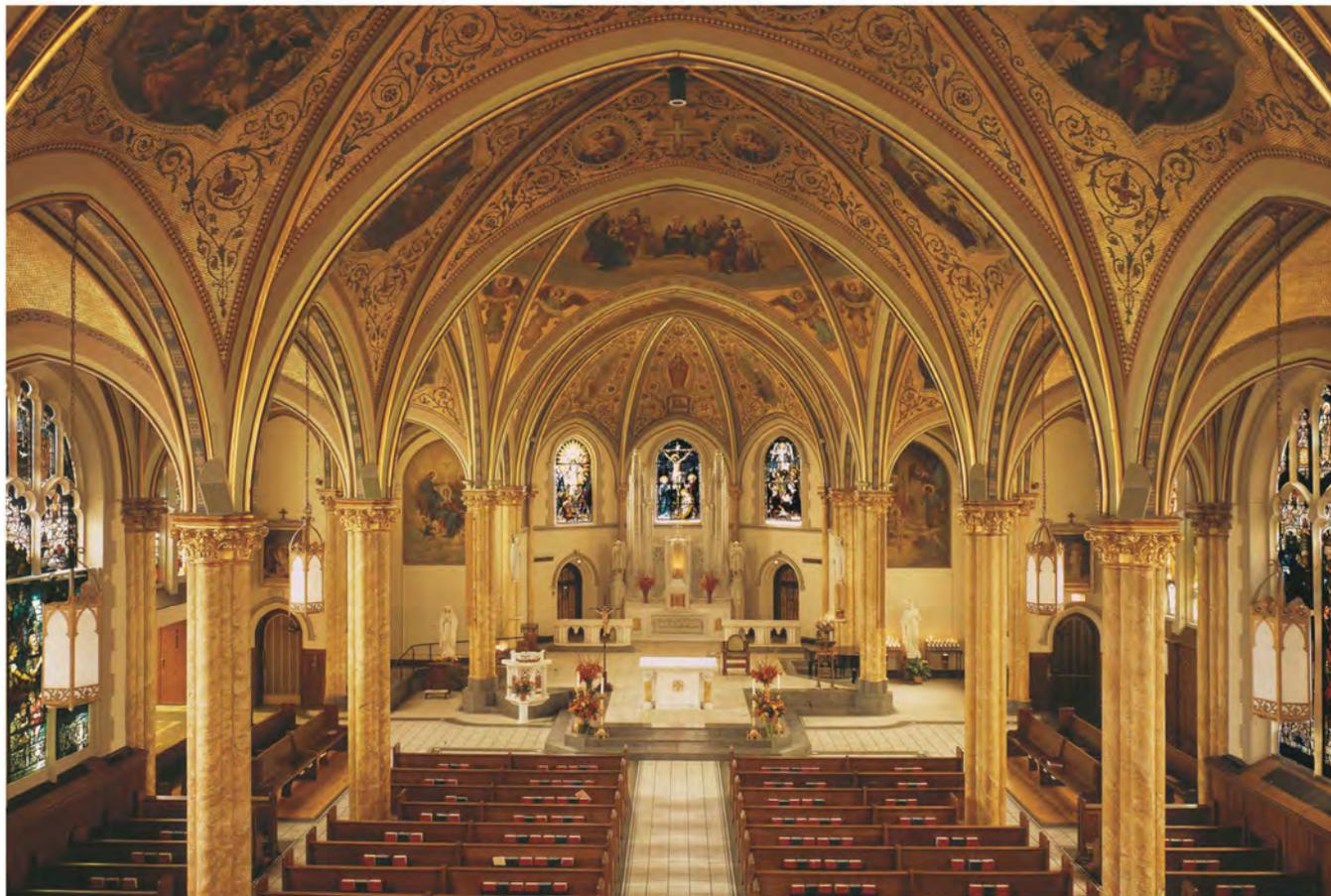


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

January 10, 2021



Parish Office

188 S. Oak Park Avenue Oak Park, Illinois 60302; Telephone: 708-848-4417

New Parish Center Office Hours during COVID-19: Monday - Saturday: 10am - 3pm

Sunday: closed

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

Rev. John McGivern, Pastor

Ms. Peggy Leddy, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Maria Allori, Development Director

Deacon Thomas Dwyer, Parish Business Manager

Mr. Donald Giannetti, Parish Assistant

Mrs. Kelly Dobbs-Mickus, Director of Music

Mrs. Christine A. Rousakis, Manager, Parish Office

Rev. John Lucas, *Weekend Presider*

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School of Religious Education

200 S. Oak Park Avenue Oak Park, Illinois 60302

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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

In today's celebration of the Eucharist, on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord when the public ministry of Jesus begins, we heard the words of Peter being proclaimed in the Acts of the Apostles. He stated: "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the individual from any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God... This is... 'the good news of peace' proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all..." The Gospel reading which follows depicts the baptism of Jesus. The Lord's baptism, in so much as he was God's perfect gift to us, is an event of incredible humility. We learn time and again in the Gospels, that it is precisely in Jesus' humility that his divinity is most clearly revealed.

Recall how we encountered him over the past 2 weeks: as an infant, without a home, lying in a feeding trough for a stable of animals. Nonetheless, shepherds sought him and kings from far away journeyed to him. Now recall that from those humble beginnings, his life led to death on a cross—a criminal's death. From such an utterly humiliating death, the chasm between heaven and earth was forever filled. In other words, from the beginning to the end of his earthly existence, Jesus demonstrated his divinity to us in all the ways that mattered most: how he loved, how he forgave, how he welcomed the sinner, how he accepted the lowly, how he conferred the gift of peace. These are not activities of a privileged king.

No, all these things that demonstrated his divinity to us most clearly of all, are all the things that you and I have access to today.

Reflecting, then, upon the baptism of Jesus, are we not likewise humbled to see the author of life submerged in complete supplication to the will of his Father? When we attempt to make sense out of this unfathomable truth, are we, too, not brought to our knees? In learning of our Lord's own humility and selfless desire to do the Father's will, do we not desire to do the same?

The Baptism of Jesus inaugurated his public ministry. It subsequently led to his suffering and death. If you and I allowed ourselves to experience something of the impact of his baptism as it is retold to us in our Sacred Scriptures, perhaps we, like Jesus, would also come to know and experience the greatest truth of all—that we are also God's sons and daughters and that already we are so fully and freely given his wonderful love. Should this sublime truth permeate our hearts and minds, imagine how differently we would live and act and even carry ourselves. In such a world, the God who shows no partiality would find a home among all people, and all people, in response, would humble themselves, thereby truly reflecting the beauty, the dignity and the divinity that we see in Jesus.

Fr. John McGowan

COVID-19 Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:30pm live-streaming mass

Permanent link to St. Edmund Parish

<https://www.youtube.com/stedmund>

Sunday: 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Call the Office.

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.

Parish Staff Expresses Holiday Gratitude

Many thanks to all of those who sent cards, baked, sent gifts and shared the joy of the season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Special thanks to the St. Edmund Art & Environment Committee, and in particular, Gina Sennello and Don Giannetti, who so beautifully adorned our worship space.

Scores of gratitude to Director of Music, Kelly Dobbs-Mickus and all of the musicians who shared their talented gifts for all of us to enjoy!



Baptism of the Lord

Offertory for Weekend of December 12/13

Budgeted.....\$11, 300.00
 Weekend collection.....\$11, 148.65
 Weekly shortfall/surplus.....- 151.35

Offertory for Weekend of December 19/20

Budgeted.....\$11, 300.00
 Weekend collection.....\$ 7, 151.50
 Weekly shortfall/surplus.....- 4,148.50

Offertory for Weekend of December 26/27

Budgeted.....\$11, 300.00
 Weekend collection.....\$ 8, 486.05
 Weekly shortfall/surplus.....- 2, 813.95

Mass at St. Edmund Parish

As you know, the Saturday 5:30pm liturgy continues to be live-streamed so those who prefer to remain safely in their homes can pray with us too. You can join us live or watch/pray with the recording at any time thereafter. The permanent link for the mass is:

<https://www.youtube.com/stedmund>

Week at a Glance

Sunday	January 10	
11am	Mass	Church
Saturday	January 16	
5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sunday	January 17	
11am	Mass	Church

National Blood Donor Month Observed in January
 Since January, 1970, National Blood Donor month has been observed with the goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during winter; one of the most difficult times to collect enough blood products to meet patient needs. Extreme weather often results in cancelled blood drives, causing donors to become temporarily unable to donate. The need is even greater during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: *Costco Connection*, 1/21

Are You In The Process of Moving?

Don't forget to call the Parish office at 708-848-4417, extension 2011 and leave your new address and phone number. This is important if you wish to receive the parish mailings in a timely manner.



Thank you.

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Carol Bonus,	Almeda Magna Rivera,
Sr. Mary Ruth Broz,	Alice Sokolowski,
Shawn Cornell,	Deborah Smith,
Fr. James Creighton, S.J.,	Irv Schmidt,
Dudley Cuj,	Kelly Scott,
George LaGessee,	Paula Stumpe,
Allison Leonard,	Gennaro Vera,
Tom Norris,	Orfelinda Vera,
Philip Rice, III,	Violet Zaklan

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Wallace Whigham, former parishioner

Readings for the Week

Consider praying the daily mass readings at home. Log on to uscbb.org and follow the link to the "Daily Readings."

Monday: Heb 1: 1-6, Mk 1: 14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2: 5-12, Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2: 14-18, Mk 1: 29-39
Thursday: Heb 3: -14, Mk 1: 40-45
Friday: Heb 4: 1-5, 11, Mk 2: 1-12
Saturday: Heb 4: 12-16, Mk 2: 13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1: 35-42

During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety and perhaps even despair. Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Savior in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands.

To rest in the hands of God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. Prayers and resources for healing and hope may be found at:

www.mycatholic.life

Next weekend, the Saturday, 1/16 5:30pm liturgy and the Sunday, 1/17 11am liturgy will take place with a limit of 50 people. You must register to attend by logging on to the parish website: stedmund.org and click on the "RESERVATIONS" link. You may also call the parish office at 708-848-4417 x2011.