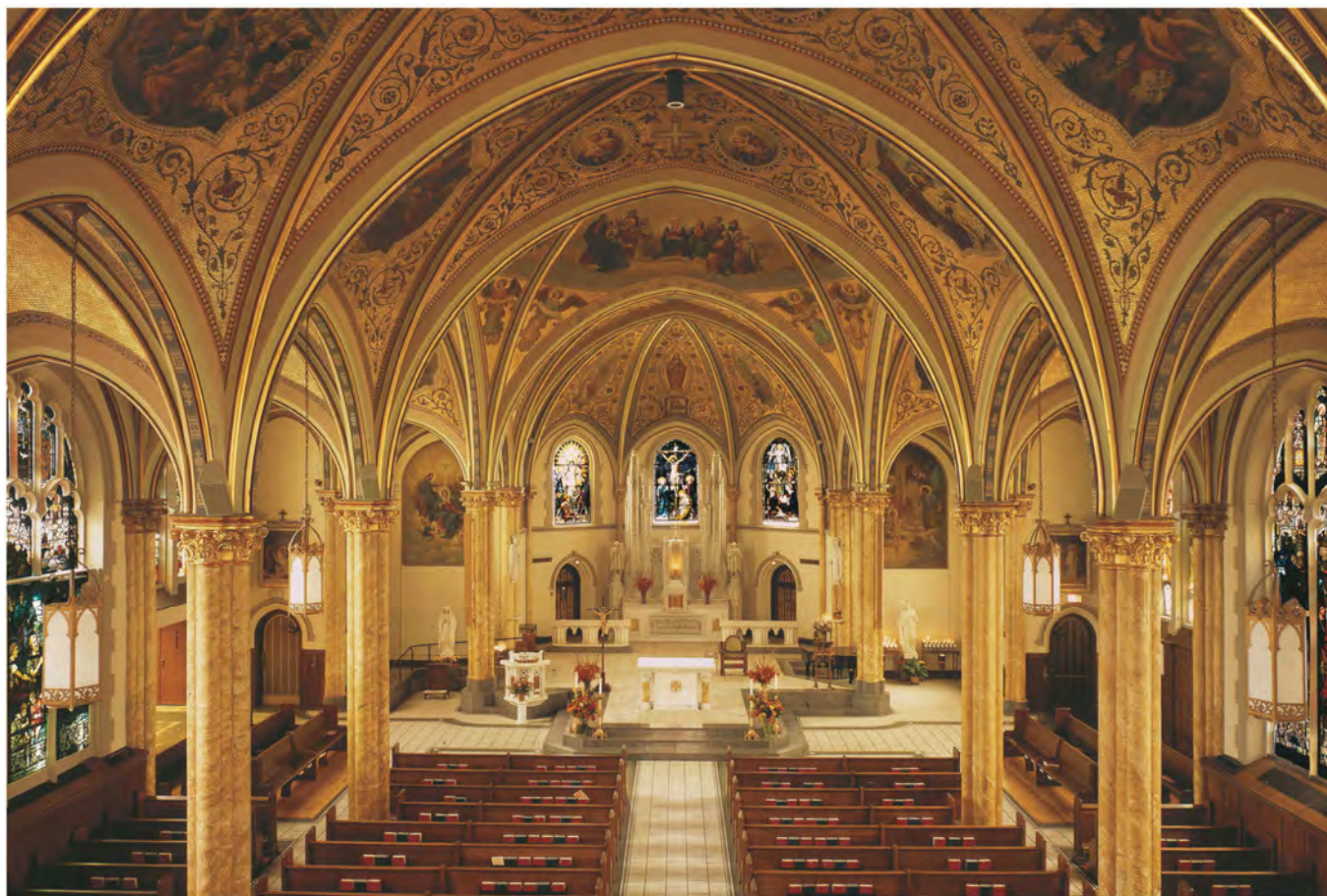


# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

January 6, 2019




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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

What wonderful and uplifting readings we have this weekend. Isaiah is his positive and encouraging self, telling us that the glory of the Lord shines upon us and we shall be radiant at what we see, our hearts will overflow. THAT is the attitude we should have towards everything and especially toward any service we do for others – joy and gladness, awe and thankfulness. In the Gospel, we hear of the Magi finding Jesus in the manger. We also should search diligently for the Lord (words from the Gospel) and find him living in ourselves and in everyone we meet.

The St. Edmund Book Club members are reading two books by Fr. Gerald Boyle, “Tattoos on the Heart” (for February’s meeting) and “Barking to the Choir: the Power of Radical Kinship”(for March’s meeting). Fr. Boyle founded Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles which is the largest gang-intervention program in the world. This organization has many facets: intervention, rehab and training for reentry into society. Many shops, cafes, and other industries have been established to train the participants. Fr. Boyle’s work is grounded in love and compassion for all, no exceptions. His coworkers are also grounded in this which makes the program highly successful.

The stories he tells and the examples of his relationships with the participants make fascinating reading. More than that, though, he shows us that there can be a way, and better solutions to society’s problems than what we’re doing, and that way is through non-judgmental love. As he relates how he works with his “homies” and “home girls” we get a model for our own behavior and attitudes. I highly recommend these books to everyone – easy to read, interesting, enlightening, transformative and humbling!

Fr. Boyle is going to speak at Dominican University on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Book Club members will be going and we invite anyone who is interested to join us for this presentation as well as for the book club discussions on February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. The tickets for Fr. Boyle’s appearance are \$10 and are available through the University.

The Magi found Jesus after a long journey. They followed a star. Wise men and women still seek him and use any and all helpful guides on the search. May we recognize Jesus when we meet him – everyday!

Kathy Halfpenny  
Director of Music

### 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)

## Holy Communion Reminders

### Flu Season and Reception of Holy Communion

There are some simple common sense responses to legitimate worries about liturgical practices during flu season. We suggest the following:

– *If you are ill, stay home!*

Those exhibiting flu-like symptoms: fever, chills, headache, nausea, cough, sore throat, etc. should stay home! You may participate in the mass remotely, by viewing a televised liturgy. Staying home when feeling under the weather is *NOT* sinful behavior!

– *Sometimes a warm verbal greeting works fine too!*

At the Greeting of Peace, in addition to a handshake or a cordial embrace, a genuinely warm verbal exchange of peace is also an acceptable offering of peace.

– *We are one in faith whether we hold hands or not.*

Though some enjoy holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer, it may be prudent during the flu season to refrain from this particular expression of unity.

– *Should I drink from the Cup?*

Please use common sense in deciding whether to drink from the shared Cup. If you have a sniffle, the beginning of a sore throat, the remaining vestiges of a cold, etc., we encourage you to receive only the Body of our Lord in Holy Communion.

– *I’ve never received Communion in the hand before.*

While we respect your preferred way of receiving the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion, we ask you to consider having the Eucharistic Minister reverently place the Blessed Sacrament into the palm of your hand.

**If you are a Eucharistic Minister...**

– *Before and after you perform your ministry,*

you are asked to use the hand sanitizers now conveniently placed near both sides of the sanctuary steps.

– *Ministers of the Cup,*

are reminded to wipe it thoroughly after each person drinks, and continually to rotate the cup position. Of course, good hygiene is recommended for all.

Remember always to cover your cough with the crook of your elbow or a tissue. Avoid the use of hands whenever possible.

These simple instructions will go a long way in keeping the Body of Christ healthy as we continue to receive the Body of Christ.

### 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.

### 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.



## Congratulations Parishioner Sam Patston Recently earned Eagle Scout Honors

On Sunday, December 16, 2018, parishioner Sam Patston



became an Eagle Scout in a 2pm ceremony held at the Riverside Golf Club. Sam was accompanied by his proud parents Susan Viselli and Phil Patston, along with his sister Julia, some relatives and friends, including Fr. John McGovern. There were 5 young men who became Eagle Scouts during the ceremony.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting Program of the Boy

Scouts of America. The designation "Eagle Scout" was founded over 100 years ago. Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process.

Congratulations to Sam, currently a senior at Fenwick High School. We are proud of you and wish you well.

## School of Religious Education News

Classes will resume today, Sunday, January 6. We are happy to have you all back!



We continue to prepare our students for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please keep all of our students in your prayers.

### Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday</b> 12:30pm	<b>December 30</b> Baptisms	Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 31</b> Parish Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 1</b> Parish Office Closed	
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00pm	<b>January 2</b> Bridge Club	Murphy Hall
<b>Saturday</b> 9:30am 10:00am	<b>January 5</b> Centering Prayer Alzheimer's Support	Church Murphy Hall
<b>Sunday</b> 10:30am	<b>January 6</b> Religious Education	School

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Sunday, January 13 ~ Coffee and...**

**Monday, January 21 ~ Lou Malnati Fundraiser**

**Saturday, January 26 ~ Young Adults Bowling**

### Offertory for Weekend of December 29/30

Please note that due to the Christmas holiday, the Echoes publication for Sunday, January 6 was published earlier than usual. Monetary figures for the weekend of December 29/30 will be published in an upcoming issue of the Echoes.

If you wish to contribute by automatic withdrawal from your checking account or monthly by credit card, please contact the Parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

### Calling All Couples Celebrating Anniversaries Anniversary Sunday, January 6

On the first Sunday of every month, the parish will offer a special blessing upon all couples who will celebrate their wedding anniversary in that month.



If you were married in the month of January plan to receive this special blessing after all the masses this weekend.

*Congratulations!*

### 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 all of those on the St. Edmund Art and Environment Committee who adorn our worship space. Your friends and family are always welcome. Bring them by the church for a visit and share the beautiful surroundings with them.

Scores of gratitude to the St. Edmund choirs who share their gifts of musical talents for all of us to enjoy!

We are grateful to all in the St. Edmund parish community who serve in various ways throughout the entire year!

## Parish Green Team *initiates* Brown Paper Bag Composting for All Parishioners



We, the St. Edmund Green Team, are asking you to join us in an experiment called Brown Paper Bag Composting. We are asking you to bring some of your food scraps to church on weekends for composting. ★ *The objective is to reduce the amount of methane released from landfills. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas and is a significant cause of global warming.* ★

Food scraps and wasted food account for most of the methane released from landfills. Methane gas is produced and released when food and other organic materials are buried in landfills and decays without oxygen. This is called anaerobic composting.

The production of methane in landfills can be reduced by *not* putting food scraps in landfills, and instead, allowing the material to decay in the presence of oxygen and carbon rich materials. This is called aerobic composting.

For more than two years our Green Team has been collecting food scraps produced at our social events and having it sent to a commercial facility for aerobic composting. *To date, St. Edmund has diverted more than 800 pounds of compostable material away from landfills.* Our average is about 6 pounds per week.



To increase our collective impact, we ask that you collect a few cups of food scraps a week, wrap it in newspaper or paper towels, place it in a brown paper bag (freeze it if you wish), bring it to church and before Mass place it in the compost bin in the Murphy Hall corridor. The bins will be weighed and emptied after each Mass. For your convenience, we provide #12 recycled brown paper bags (which are a little larger than a lunch bag).



**The Brown Paper Bag Composting experiment will begin on the weekend of February 2/3, 2019.** On that weekend, a Green Team member will be in the Murphy Hall corridor after each mass

**★ *The St. Edmund Brown Paper Bag Composting will set an example for others. Please plan to join us in this most important initiative!* ★**

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

Theresa Allori	John Hakes	Tennga Simpson
Clara Ballard	Clint Hight	Peggie Smith
Susan Becker	Carolyn James	Arturo Thedrel
Carol Bonus	Olivia Leonard	Ethel Thomas
Susan Chicola	Mary McEnroe	Sadie Thomson
Dorothy Dumelle	Hannah Paist	Orfelinda Vera
Annyce Dunbar	Kathleen Puccetti	Michele Wirt
Mary Evans	Vera Schenone	
Bill Garcia	Rachael Schopp	
Donald Hackett	Mike Scully	

### 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  
 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



### 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> 8:30am	<b>January 7</b> † Margo Pizzo
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am	<b>January 8</b> † Frank Condon
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am	<b>January 9</b> † Victor Gombotz
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am	<b>January 10</b> † Deceased parishioners
<b>Friday</b> 8:30am	<b>January 11</b> † Malana Mercurio
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30pm	<b>January 12</b> † Rosaleen McElvaney
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am 11:00am 5:30pm	<b>January 13 (The Baptism of the Lord)</b> † Edward Curzon † Jean Smith People of St. Edmund

### Is Centering Prayer for You?

We meet regularly during the year every Saturday in the North Transept area of the church from 9:30am - 10:00am.

Each gathering consists of 30 minutes of meditative prayer and a shared closing prayer. Beginners are most welcome!

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 3: 22-4:6, Mt 4: 12-17, 23-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 4: 7-10, Mt 6: 34-44
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 4: 11-18, Mt 6: 45-52
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 4: 19-5:4, Lk 4: 14-22
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 5: 5-13, Lk 5: 12-16
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5: 14-21, Jn 3: 22-30
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 40: 1-5, 9-11, Ti 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of January 12/13

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b>	G. LeBlanc I. Ochoa	D. Brown J. Martin	A. Pizzo	J. Senger	M. Aportadera, K. Ballard, M. Hans, D. Taylor, D. Walsh
<b>9:00am</b>	N. Cosgrove L. McNulty	M. Shubitowski T. Cullinane	C. Verdun	M. Foster	D. Dubowski, M. Lee, M. Lorenzi
<b>11:00am</b>	G. Angone J. Patston	P. Leddy G. Stepanek	J. Angone	M. McCoy	
<b>5:30pm</b>	S. Patston				