

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2022**

Weekly Mass Schedule

Ascension

Ascension Church
808 S. East Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60304
www.ascensionoakpark.com
(708) 848-2703

Monday - Friday: 8:15am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm

Weekend Livestream

We livestream one Ascension site Mass each weekend. View livestream schedule online by visiting:

www.ascensionoakpark.com
and click on Mass Times.

St. Edmund

St. Edmund Church
188 S. Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302
www.stedmund.org
708-848-4417

Monday and Friday: 8:30am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30pm

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Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

~Psalm 90:14



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The Unification Teams at **St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles** and **Ascension and St. Edmund** met July 23, 2022, to focus on our roles and on the naming process of our parishes.

As of July 1, 2022, the parishes merged. All previous parish councils and finance committees ended. New committees for the new, combined parishes will be appointed by their respective pastors. All other parish ministries are to continue “business as usual” until directed otherwise by the Pastor. The Unification Team provides support to the pastor during this time of transition. All parish decisions are made by the respective pastor of the new parishes.

The Naming Process

The naming of new parishes is ultimately up to the discretion of Cardinal Cupich. However, to help him in this decision each new parish is asked to prayerfully discern a name (or names) of a saint that would represent the mission of the new parish.

Everyone is encouraged to be part of this process!

Here are some guidelines from the Cardinal:

The name may not duplicate any other parish, church, or archdiocesan building in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Names must be submitted with the rationale for why this name would be appropriate.

The saint’s feast day should be considered as the focal point for yearly parish celebration of its identity.

Here are several resources for our “saintly research”:

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<https://catholicsaints.info/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_churches_in_the_Roman_Catholic_Archdiocese_of_ChicagoX

There will be ample opportunity to share your thoughts with members of the Unification Team. Meetings will be held in early September; surveys seeking name suggestions will be sent out to all parishioners; our email is listed below; and members when present at Sunday masses will be wearing nametags for easy identification.

Naming our parish will be the result of the prayer and dialogue by the people of this parish.

Thinking about names is only the first step. Once we have identified the name or names we wish to suggest to the Cardinal, those name(s) will need to be reviewed by the Presbyter Council

(attended by the Cardinal) at their regularly scheduled meetings. (Currently scheduled for late September and early November.) When we are ready, we will submit the name(s) we have discerned.

The Cardinal’s response should be within days after the meeting.

Our new Ascension and St. Edmund Parish Bulletin is a work in progress and temporarily has two versions. At this time, the cover, staff lists, and Unification Team Updates will be the same for both versions. However, the remainder of the bulletin will remain specific to activities on each of the campuses. So, there is an Ascension campus version and a St. Edmund campus version until further notice. Check the former parish websites for additional information. Please be patient as we update and combine all parish ministries and announcements to reflect the unification.

Everything takes time. We are equally joining our former parishes. As Fr. Rex has emphasized, “This is not a sprint; it is a marathon!”

Ascension/St. Edmund Unification Team

Fr. Rex Pillai, Pastor

Deacon Tom Dwyer

Mary Darnall

David Eilers

Peter Kaye

Michaelene Malonowski

Deb Pastors

Lisa Reed

Denise Walsh

For questions, comments, concerns: ascensionstedmund@gmail.com.

“Meet & Greet”

Saturday, August 20 at the 5:30pm Mass at St. Edmund.

Sunday, August 28 at the 10:30am Mass at Ascension.

Care of God's Creation Did You Know?

"Use a fan. Ceiling fans will allow you to raise the thermostat setting [on your air conditioner] about 4 degrees without impacting your comfort.



"Replacing a dirty, clogged air filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15 percent."

www.energy.gov/articles/energy-saver-101-infographic-home-cooling.

Bulletin Submission Deadlines Reminder

Anyone interested in having an article considered for publication must have their submissions in The McGivern Center office no later than Friday at 4pm, nine days prior to the publication date.

You may email your submission in a Microsoft Word attachment (Times New Roman, 11pt.) to: bulletineditor@stedmund.org or you may drop it off.

Ascension and St. Edmund Religious Education Information

While we are still completing our Religious Education Staff, we would like to let our families know that planning and preparing for the 2022-23 class session is underway, through the joint efforts of Janet Bennick, overall RE Coordinator and Coordinator of Grammar School Sacraments and Laura Kelley, Coordinator for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). The following dates have been scheduled:

Registration for the 2022-23 school year will open on Wednesday, August 10. **Registration will close** on Friday, August 26. Call 708-434-1554 for more information.

Classes are held once a week. Depending on the program, different days and times are available for children to attend.

Traditional Religious Education (TRE):

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 13.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS):

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 11, Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14.

New families to the Religious Education program will need to provide a Baptismal Certificate for any child that has not been baptized at either Ascension or St. Edmund

We look forward to a wonderful new year and a renewed commitment to helping our families form disciples through our Religious Education Program and their own example of faith lived.

Presider Schedule

Weekend of July 30/31

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| July 30 | 5:00pm (ASC) | Fr. Rex Pillai |
| July 30 | 5:30pm (STE) | Fr. Jack O'Callaghan |
| July 30 | 8:00am (ASC) | Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm |
| July 31 | 10:30am (ASC) | Fr. Rex Pillai |
| July 31 | 11:00am (STE) | Fr. John Lucas |

Ascension (ASC)

St. Edmund (STE)

Whether you are visiting for the first time or worship with us occasionally, we welcome you to Ascension and St. Edmund Parish! We hope you will join us again.

Visit the Ascension website at: www.ascensionoakpark.com and the St. Edmund website at www.stedmund.org for additional information on parish and community programs for prayer, faith formation, adult learning, community outreach and family fun.

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Pastor, Rev. Rex Pillai 708-848-2703 ext. 247

Associate Pastor, Rev. Robert Carlton

Ascension Parish Center: 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304
(708) 848-2703 www.ascensionoakpark.com parish@ascensionoakpark.com

Parish Center Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Pastoral Associate, Mary Catherine Meek 708-434-1537
Director of Music, David Anderson 708-434-1535
Financial Associate, Mary Fitch 708-434-1533
Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries, JaneAnne Campbell 708-434-1555
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Coordinator of Religious Education and Grammar School Sacraments, Mrs. Janet Bennick, j.bennick@ascensionoakpark.com 708-848-7220
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator, Laura Kelley
Traditional Religious Education Coordinator, Terri Monaco

Rev. Bob Hutmacher, ofm, Weekend Presider 312-372-5111

Ascension School school.ascensionoakpark.com 708-386-7282

School Principal, Maureen O'Neill Nielsen

Assistant Principal, Deb Rodde

Director of Enrollment, Marketing & Fundraising Shannon Reilly
708-434-1558

St. Edmund Parish Office: 188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
(708)848-4417 www.stedmund.org

The Rev. John W. McGivern Parish Center Office Hours:
Monday - Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm

Pastoral Associate, Peggy Leddy extension 2021
Development Director, Maria Allori extension 2121
Parish Business Manager, Deacon Thomas Dwyer extension 2061
Parish Assistant, Donald Giannetti extension 2051
Director of Music, Michael Silhavy extension 2071
Office Manager, Christine Rousakis extension 2011
Office Assistant, Kaydee Sproat extension 2141

Rev. John Lucas, Weekend Presider

Rev. John O'Callaghan S.J., Weekend Presider

**Prayer Vigil to End Gun Violence
Saturday, July 30 6:30 to 7pm**



Join us on the rectory lawn for our monthly vigil. It is our way of standing against the culture of violence in our country. We also urge legislators to understand the urgency of this issue. Please join us and bring friends on

Saturday, July 30.

Offertory for Weekend of 7/23-24

Budgeted.....\$10,000.00
Weekend collection.....\$ 7,567.27
Shortfall.....\$ 2,432.63

Kindly write your check payable to either Ascension Church or St. Edmund church and not to both. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Week at a Glance

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| Monday | August 1 | |
| 8:30am | Mass | Church |
| Friday | August 5 | |
| 8:30am | Mass | Church |
| Saturday | August 6 | |
| 5:30pm | Mass | Church |
| Sunday | August 7 | |
| 11am | Mass | Church |

Give Central Link on Parish Web-Site Available

Tired of remembering to write a check for your Sunday offertory? Forget to call the parish office with your credit card information? There's an easy solution!

Log on to the parish website at: www.stedmund.org. Scroll down about 1/2 page and you will see a section called, "Miscellany". Click for the *Give Central* link and follow the easy and user-friendly steps. You may give a one-time donation, an on-going donation (either weekly or monthly) through your bank or credit card.



Please consider this painless and simple, secure way to help support your parish. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus, Family Movie Night
Friday, August 12 at 7:30pm**

Join us on the Ascension Parish Green for an outdoor movie and family fun. The Knights will provide beverages for the adults and snacks for the children. You are also welcome to bring your own food and drinks.



This is a great way to meet other Ascension and St. Edmund families. Your children will thank you for taking them to this fun movie night. Hope to see you there!

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Susan Becker, | Jan Martin, |
| Maggie Bielawa, | Fr. John McGivern, |
| Sherri Bokholdt, | Daniel Moore, |
| Judith Bouchard, | Jenny Smith-Reda, |
| Mary Bowman, | Kelly Scott, |
| Sr. Mary Ruth Broz, | Suzanne Sloma, |
| Fr. James Creighton, | Paula Stumpe, |
| Fr. Jack Farley, | Allie Sutherland, |
| Dave Gregoire, | Maureen Zimmerman, |
| Elsa Leon, | Vernon Zimmerman |

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Janice Wierzba, parishioner
sister of parishioner Nancy Skowronski

PRAY for PEACE.

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

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| Monday | August 1 |
| 8:30am | † Joan Hickey |
| Friday | August 5 |
| 8:30am | † Michael Murray |
| Saturday | August 6 |
| 5:30pm | People of Ascension and St. Edmund |
| Sunday | August 7 (Nineteenth Sunday in O.T.) |
| 11:00am | † Joe Norton, † Anne Terese Black, † Elva Sbarbara |

Readings for the Week

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|-------------------|---|
| Monday: | Jer 28: 1-17, Mt 14: 13-21 |
| Tuesday: | Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Mt 14: 22-36 |
| Wednesday: | Jer 21: 1-7, Mt 15: 21-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 21: 31-34, Mt 16: 13-22 |
| Friday: | Na 2: 1, 3; 3: 1-3, 6-7, Mt 16: 24-28 |
| Saturday: | Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1: 16-19, Lk 9: 28b-36 |
| Sunday: | Wis 18: 6-9, Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 Lk 12: 32-48 |



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Making A Difference In Helping People With Disabilities Feel Welcome

There are many things that we, as individuals can do to help people with disabilities feel welcome in our church, so that all persons may bring their gifts to the altar of God.

Golden Rule: *I will consider someone first as a person with abilities and then as a person who may need assistance to use their abilities.*

1. I will treat all people as people first - as I would like to be treated.
2. I will speak directly to the individual with a disability, not to the nearby family member, companion, interpreter, or the canine companion.
3. I will offer to shake hands when introduced to a person with a disability. (Persons with limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb may shake hands. (Shaking the left hand is O.K., too.)
4. I will place myself at eye level, in front, for easy conversation with a person in a wheelchair, with crutches or with a walking frame.
5. I will offer assistance and wait until the offer is accepted. I will then ask for instructions.
6. I will be patient and wait for the person with difficulty speaking rather than speaking for the person. I may help by asking short questions that require short answers, a nod or a shake of the head.
7. I will see the wholeness of spirit beneath the surface of someone with a disability and overcome the tendency to turn away or ignore the person.
8. I will treat adults with developmental disabilities as adults, not as children. I will use first names only when using the same familiarity for all persons.
9. I will get the attention of someone who is hearing-impaired by lightly tapping their elbow or shoulder, or by waving my hand. I will look directly at the person and speak clearly, slowly and expressively to establish if the person can read my lips.
10. I will guide a person with visual impairments by giving verbal clues to steps, curbs, escalators or doors.

Pathways Awareness Foundation
123 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606

Suggestions for Friends of the Bereaved

- ◆ Call your friend who is bereaved. Too often people say, "call me anytime" because they do not want to intrude or because they feel awkward and do not know what to say. But the bereaved do not always have the energy to reach out for help when they need it. So, take the initiative. It can help a lot!

If you have a grieving friend, you could call and say, "I know (some special day) is coming up, and I was wondering if you've given any thought as to how you'd like to spend that day. I'm available if you'd like company for all or part of the day.

Don't forget to call your friend on the special day (if you don't have plans to see him or her) just to let him or her know you're thinking of them. It feels good to know that someone remembers with you.

- ◆ Even if you think it's too soon after the death to invite your friend to an event (e.g., holiday party or event) please extend the invitation anyway; it feels better to be invited and decline than to be left out altogether.
- ◆ Sometimes the bereaved have a hard time making decisions. You can help by narrowing the choices or making some decisions/suggestions yourself. "Let's go to dinner Friday night. Would you like to go to Il Vicolo or Maya del Sol?" "Let's go to the Classic Cinema tonight and see a movie. Why don't you wear your red sweater; you look so nice in that."

—Neal Center for Griefwork and Healing

WORSHIP

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, ad 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.

If you want peace, work for justice.

- Pope Paul VI

Pope Francis' Secret Recipe for Happiness

In an interview published in part in the Argentine weekly "Viva" July 27, 2014, Pope Francis listed his Top 10 tips for bringing greater joy to one's life:

1. "Live and let live." Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."

Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives to lead a general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican last month. (CNS/Paul Haring)

2. "Be giving of yourself to others." People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."

3. "Proceed calmly" in life. The pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist -- gaucho Don Segundo Sombra -- looks back on how he lived his life.

"He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool" of water, the pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water -- to have "the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life."

4. "A healthy sense of leisure." The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children have been lost, he said.

"Consumerism has brought us anxiety" and stress, causing people to lose a "healthy culture of leisure." Their time is "swallowed up" so people can't share it with anyone.

Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children; work schedules make it "complicated, but you must do it," he said.

Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime "doesn't let you communicate" with each other, the pope said.

5. Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because "Sunday is for family," he said.

6. Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people. "We need to be creative with young people. If they have no opportunities they will get into drugs" and be more vulnerable to suicide, he said.

"It's not enough to give them food," he said. "Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home" from one's own labor.

7. Respect and take care of nature. Environmental degradation "is one of the biggest challenges we have," he said. "I think a question that we're not asking ourselves is: 'Isn't humanity committing suicide with this indis-

criminate and tyrannical use of nature?'"

8. Stop being negative. "Needing to talk badly about others indicates low self-esteem. That means, 'I feel so low that instead of picking myself up I have to cut others down,'" the pope said. "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."

9. Don't proselytize; respect others' beliefs. "We can inspire others through witness so that one grows together in communicating. But the worst thing of all is religious proselytism, which paralyzes: 'I am talking with you in order to persuade you,' No. Each person dialogues, starting with his and her own identity. The church grows by attraction, not proselytizing," the pope said.

10. Work for peace. "We are living in a time of many wars," he said, and "the call for peace must be shouted. Peace sometimes gives the impression of being quiet, but it is never quiet, peace is always proactive" and dynamic.

Pope Francis also talked about the importance of helping immigrants, praising Sweden's generosity in opening its doors to so many people, while noting anti-immigration policies show the rest of Europe "is afraid."

He also fondly recalled the woman who helped his mother with the housework when he was growing up in Buenos Aires.

Concepcion Maria Minuto was a Sicilian immigrant, a widow and mother of two boys, who went three times a week to help the pope's mother do laundry, since in those days it was all done by hand.

He said this hard-working, dignified woman made a big impression on the 10-year-old future pope, as she would talk to him about World War II in Italy and how they farmed in Sicily.

"She was as clever as a fox, she had every penny accounted for, she wouldn't be cheated. She had many great qualities," he said.

Even though his family lost touch with her when they moved, the then-Jesuit Father Jorge Bergoglio later sought her out and visited her for the last 10 years of her life.

"A few days before she died, she took this small medal out of her pocket, gave it to me and said: 'I want you to have it!' So every night, when I take it off and kiss it, and every morning when I put it back on, this woman comes to my mind."

"She died happy, with a smile on her face and with the dignity of someone who worked. For that reason I am very sympathetic toward housecleaners and domestic workers, whose rights, all of them, should be recognized" and protected, he said. "They must never be exploited or mistreated."

—reprinted from the *National Catholic Reporter*
July 29, 2014



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