

Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

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

Searching for the Right Fuel

Sometimes everything can seem right on the surface while, deep down, nothing is right at all. We see this, for example, in the famous parable in the gospels about the Prodigal Son and his Older Brother. By every outward appearance the Older Brother is doing everything right: He's perfectly obedient to his father, is at home, and is doing everything his father asks of him. And, unlike his younger brother, he's not wasting his father's property on prostitutes and partying. He seems a model of generosity and morality.

However, as soon becomes obvious in the story, things are far from right. While his life looks so good on the outside, he is full of resentment and bitter moralizing inside and is, in fact, envious of his brother's amorality. What's happening? In essence, his actions are right, but his energy is wrong.

But, lest we judge him too harshly, we need to have the honesty to acknowledge that we all struggle in this way, at least if we are moral and generous. What is played out in the bitterness of the Older Brother is, in the astute words of Alice Miller, "the drama of the gifted child", namely, the resentment, self-pity, and prosperity for bitter moralizing that inevitably besets those of us who don't stray from our duties, who do stay home, and who carry the brunt of the load for our families, churches, and communities. Sadly, often, the feeling we are left with when we give our lives over in sacrifice is not joy and gratitude for having been given the grace, opportunity, and good sense to stay home and serve but rather resentment that the load fell on our shoulders, that so many others dodged it, and that so many in the world are having a fling while we are on the straight and narrow. Too often, among us, good and honest people who are fighting for truth and God's cause, we find a spirit of bitter moralizing which colors and compromises both our generosity and our sacrifice. But I say this with sympathy: It's not easy to give oneself over, to forego one's dreams, ambitions, comfort, and pleasure for the sake of God, truth, duty, family and community.

How might we do it? How might we imitate the fidelity of the Older Brother without falling into his envy, self-pity, and bitterness? Where can we access the right fuel to live out the Gospel?

As Christians, of course, we need to look at Jesus. He lived a radical generosity and self-surrender and yet

never fell into the kind of self-pity that emanates from the sense of having missed out on something. He was never disappointed or bitter that he had given his life over. Nor indeed did he, like Hamlet, turn his renunciation into an

existential tragedy, that of the lonely, alienated hero who is outwardly intriguing but not generative. Jesus remained always free, warm, forgiving, non-judgmental, and generative. Moreover, throughout this entire life of self-sacrifice, he always radiated a joy that shocked his contemporaries. What was his secret?

The answer, the gospel tell us, lies in the parable of the man who is ploughing a field and finds a buried treasure and in the parable of the merchant who after years of searching finds the pearl of great price. In each case, the man gives away everything he owns so that he can but the treasure or the pearl. And what must be highlighted in each of these parables is that neither man regrets for a second what he had to give up but instead each acts out of the unspeakable joy of what he has discovered and what riches this is now going to bring into his life. Each man is so fuelled by the joy of what he has discovered that his not focused on what he has given up.

Only in this kind of context can self-sacrifice make sense and be truly generative. If the pain of what is sacrificed overshadows the joy of what is discovered, that is, if the focus is more on what we have lost and given up rather than on what we found, we will end up doing the right actions but with the wrong energy, carrying other people's crosses and sending them the bill. And we will be unable to stop ourselves from being judgmental, bitter, and secretly envious of the amoral.

To the very extent that we die to ourselves in order to live for others, we run the perennial risk of falling into the kind of bitterness that besets us whenever we feel we have missed out on something. That's an occupational hazard, a very serious one, inside Christian discipleship and the spiritual life in general. And so, our focus must always be on the treasure, the pearl of great price, the rich meaning, the self-authenticating joy which is the natural fruit of any real self-sacrifice. And that joyful energy will take us beyond self-pity and envy of the amoral.

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
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Parish Appreciation Party

In an effort to reduce costs, this year we emailed invitations to parish volunteers through their emails that we have on file. We hope that all adult parishioners involved in parish ministries and volunteer efforts received their invitation in



their email informing them of the Volunteer Appreciation Party planned especially for all of you! The party takes place at 6:30pm in Murphy Hall and on the parish green on Saturday, June 16th. We've worked hard to make sure that everyone who is involved in one way or another received an invitation. There is the possibility that we overlooked someone. If that is the case, please call the parish office and we'll get an invitation in the mail to you right away! We want all our volunteers to join us for this special way to say "thank you."

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Children's School Comes to St. Edmund's!



The Children's School is thrilled to be moving into the beautiful St. Edmund's school building this summer. We are an independent, K-8 school with approximately 100 students. Our curriculum emphasizes project-based learning, social-

emotional competence, and social justice teaching and learning. We look forward to being your neighbors and welcome you to visit the school.

Please visit our website at: thechildrensschool.info or call 708-484-8033 to learn more or set up a tour.

Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) Training, Saturday, June 16

CSPL is offering a day-long community organizing and leadership training that is grounded in Catholic theological and spiritual traditions. If you wish to develop your leadership potential and learn how to effectively build relationship so you and others can organize and improve your community this is your opportunity. The training will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30am to 3:00pm at McDonough Hall, Saint Giles Parish, 1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park.

If you are interested please contact John Barrett at: gabolga@aol.com 708-848-4179.



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.

If you or an adult you know is interested in the RCIA, please contact Peggy Leddy, Pastoral Associate at: pleddy@stedmund.org or 708-848-4417, x202.

St. Edmund Parish is 111 Years Old!

On Friday, June 7, 1907, the feast of the Sacred Heart, Fr. John Code was appointed to found Oak Park's first Catholic Parish. Life was very different then, from not being welcomed as Catholics at first, we have become a very welcoming faith community.



St. Edmund is a vibrant parish and growing with the addition of new construction in downtown Oak Park.

Happy birthday to our wonderful parish!

No Weekday Masses June 19-22, 2018

Priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago will gather for their triennial convocation from June 18 through June 21. This gathering is an important and necessary time of spiritual renewal for the priests, so that they can better serve the People of God. The priests have been asked to clear their schedules, so that they can fully participate in this experience. Consequently, during those three days, there will be no weekday Masses celebrated. However, there will be prayer services as determined by each parish.

In cases of emergency, parishioners can contact parish staff who will make whatever referral is appropriate.

The people of the Archdiocese can support their priests in several ways. Their patient understanding of scheduling changes is very important. Even more important is the prayerful support they extend to priests who have prayed for them and with them. Please use the prayer found at the end of this article as a personal prayer or as a family prayer. As the priests of the Archdiocese gather for their convocation know that they bring you and your families in their hearts to this important time of prayer and reflection.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for all the priests of this Archdiocese of Chicago, especially as they gather in Convocation. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master, the Good Shepherd. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Abuse is rampant in our culture, yet it is minimized and/or misunderstood. Victims are often blamed for their abuse. They may feel afraid and ashamed. Jesus spoke up for those who his society marginalized and held accountable those who exerted power and control over others. The Gospel calls us to become informed about abuse and to advocate for victims. This month recognizes abuse of the elderly and adults with disabilities. Their abuse may include:

Physical Abuse: Causing the infliction of physical pain or injury to a person.

Sexual Abuse: Touching, fondling, or any other sexual activity with a person when the person is physically forced, threatened, unable to understand, or unwilling to consent.

Emotional Abuse: Verbal assaults, threats of abuse, harassment, or intimidation.

Confinement: Restraining or isolating a person other than for medical reasons.

Passive Neglect: The failure by a caregiver to provide the person with necessities of life because of failure to understand the person's needs or lack of capacity to care for the person.

Willful Deprivation: Willfully denying assistance to a person, thereby exposing that person to the risk of harm.

Financial Exploitation: The misuse or withholding of a person's resources to the disadvantage of the person and/or the profit or advantage of another.

Self Neglect: Behavior that threatens a person's health or safety; typically a refusal or failure to provide selfcare with adequate food, water, clothing, shelter, personal hygiene, medication and safety precautions.

If you are in immediate danger, dial 911. If you need non-emergency abuse info, see references below:

Elder Abuse

National Center on Elder Abuse: 855-500-3537

Illinois Dept. of Aging Elder Abuse Hotline:

Home: 866-800-1409

Long-term care facilities: 888-206-1327

Elder Abuse Provider Agency:

Oak Park Township Senior Services

708-383-8060; www.oakparktownship.org

Intimate Partner/Dating Abuse

Domestic Violence Help Line:

877-TO END DV (877-863-6338)

Sarah's Inn (Oak Park) www.sarahsinn.org

24-hour Crisis Line: 708-386-4225

Teen Dating Abuse Hotline: 866-331-9474

Offertory for Weekend of May 26/27

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00

Weekend collection.....\$ 8,489.50

Deficit-to-date.....-116,741.77

Offertory for Weekend of June 3/4

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00

Weekend collection.....\$ tba

Deficit-to-date.....- tba

Retired Priests Collection *this* Weekend

The only annual collection for retired priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago is this weekend.

This fund raising campaign will benefit the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Extra envelopes may be found in the pews.



Week at a Glance

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| Sunday 12:30pm | June 10 Baptisms | Church |
| Monday 7:00pm | June 11 Peace and Justice | Murphy Hall |
| Tuesday 7:00pm | June 12 Parish Life | Murphy Hall |
| Wednesday 7:00pm 7:30pm | June 13 Bridge Parish Council | Murphy Hall Parish Office |
| Thursday 9:00am | June 14 Shrine Visit | Off-site |
| Saturday 9:30am 6:30pm | June 16 Centering Prayer Volunteer Appreciation | N. Transept Murphy Hall |

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Phone Number

1-800-273-8255

Parish Announces Summer Office Hours

Effective Tuesday, June 19, the parish office will be closed in the evenings with the exception of Mondays.

Parish facilities that need to be utilized Tuesdays through Thursdays will need to be scheduled in advance by special arrangement.

Regular evening parish office hours will resume at a later date.



Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

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| Fr. John Paul Andree | Annyce Dunbar | Rosemary Rice |
| Clara Ballard | Mary Evans | Paul Sassone |
| Geraldine Bandera | Donald Hackett | Rachael Schopp |
| Susan Becker | Pat Michalski | Mike Scully |
| Dolores Benedict | George Nedved | Sue Splinter |
| Susan Benedict | Mary Ellen Nedved | Ethel Thomas |
| Carol Bonus | Edith Ogden | Sadie Thomson |
| Susan Chicola | Loraine Oliver | Miles Wilson |
| Florence Dalessandro | Jim Plimmer | |

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
 Lt. Col. Ken Schlorf, Army Reserve Iraq
 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

**Labrenda Hoyle
Margaret Love**

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

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| Monday | June 11 (Barnabas) |
| 8:30am | † Adeline and Marty Klein |
| Tuesday | June 12 |
| 8:30am | † Charlotte and Tom Littrell |
| Wednesday | June 13 (Anthony of Padua) |
| | † Jane Hedges |
| Thursday | June 14 |
| 8:30am | † Joan Hickey |
| Friday | June 15 |
| 8:30am | † Edward A. Caron |
| Saturday | June 16 (BVM) |
| 5:30pm | † Harold Bonus, † Ann Donner |
| Sunday | June 17 (11th Sunday in O.T.) |
| 9:00am | † Malana Mercurio |
| 11:00am | † Donald Patterson |
| | † Andres Leal |

Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thursday: | 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Friday: | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32 |
| Saturday: | 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37 |
| Sunday: | Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34 |

*We are always looking for those willing to serve
as liturgical ministers for the ministries
listed on the chart below.*

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

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of June 16/17

| Mass Time | Altar Servers | Lectors | Commentator | Cantors | Extraordinary Ministers |
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| (Saturday) 5:30pm | E. Wilson-Yu | T. Mackey A. Pizzo | D. Brown | M. McCoy | K. Ballard, M. Bielawa, G. Gervais, M. Hans, M. Kolovitz |
| 9:00am | S. Patston | D. Celeschi K. Masters | T. Masters | S. Gay | D. Foster, M. Lee |
| 11:00am | M. Stroth | T. Cullinane M. Stroth | A. Caison | P. Pruitt | M. Allori, R. Allori, A. Dwyer, L. Jans, A. Koors |