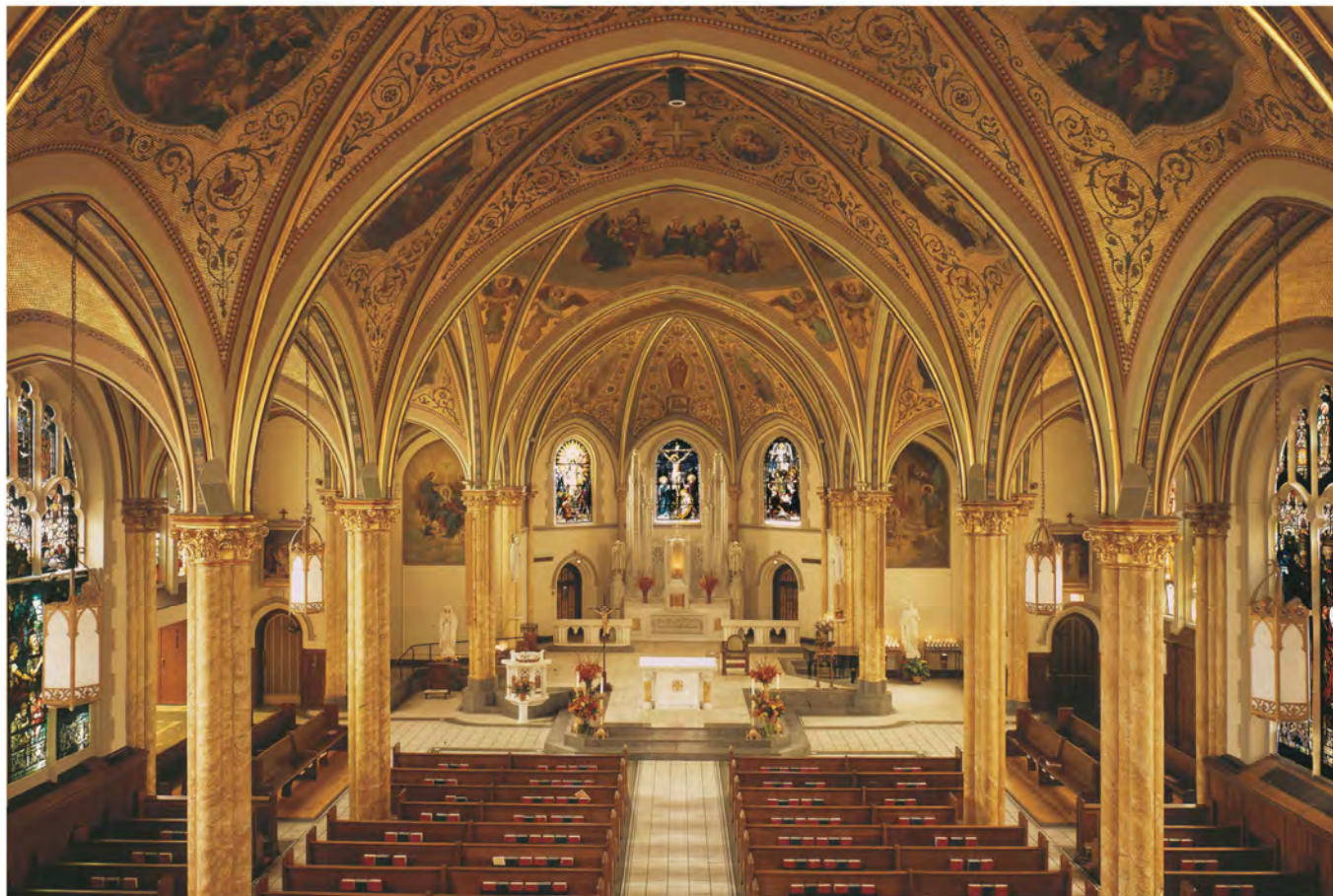


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

June 9, 2019




Parish Office

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Parish Center Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 8:00pm, Friday, 9am - 4pm

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

Rev. John McGivern, Pastor

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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

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak . . . as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim (Acts 2:4).

The Spirit's descent ignites a powerful response after Jesus' ascension. The earliest followers of Jesus become emboldened on the first Pentecost. At great risk to their own lives, they take the lead to carry on Christ's mission and bring others to God. These early witnesses not only accept the good news—Christ incarnate, Christ crucified, Christ risen—but also recognize the need to fearlessly proclaim it. Radical discipleship, inspired by Christ and infused by the Holy Spirit, gives root to the Church. The number of believers grows exponentially.

As the Holy Spirit fills the apostles and enables them to speak about the mighty acts of God, we too are gifted and charged. The sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation—challenge us to embrace Christ's mission and spread the good news. We are called, individually and communally, to bring others to the Lord's table, so that all are in communion.

Many gospel stories describe Jesus' disciples bringing others to him. They invite the people to listen to Jesus teach about the reign of God and to witness Jesus healing those who are broken—physically, emotionally and/or spiritually. As the new people encounter Jesus and learn about God's love for each of them, some choose to become disciples. In turn, they bring others to Christ. After the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension, the Holy Spirit empowers believers in Jesus from every generation to bring more people to God by proclaiming the scripture stories and sharing their faith experience. We inherit this legacy. The Holy Spirit continues to stir our hearts and strengthen us to live the gospel daily. Our witness to God invites others to do the same.

Let us consider who needs us to bring them to Christ. Do we have family, friends and neighbors who wish to be invited to worship with us? Do we know folks interested in learning about Catholicism through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)?

The RCIA is a process in which the participants explore their relationship with God, the Catholic faith, and the Church. It is designed to support participants as they discern how God is leading and influencing their lives. They receive this support from their sponsor, the weekly group sessions, fellow participants, the RCIA pastoral leadership team, and our parish family.

We know adults who are not baptized, baptized in different denominations, or baptized Catholic, but have not received First Communion and Confirmation. They may be hungering spiritually, thirsting for a better relationship with God, and searching for a welcoming faith community in which to worship and pray. They may be unaware of the Holy Spirit and feel unsure of how to go about exploring Catholicism. They may be waiting for an invitation from us before feeling ready to take the first step.

Dare we draw from the Holy Spirit's presence within us to reach out to those needing an invitation. Will we let the radical discipleship of the apostles teach us to know that it is not enough for us to accept the good news, but to also realize the need to share our faith? One way to do this is to invite others to explore Catholicism through the RCIA. Registration is open; sessions begin soon. For RCIA information and registration, contact me at 848-4417, x2021 or pleddy@stedmund.org.

Peggy Leddy
Pastoral Associate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Registration Now Open; Sessions Start Soon

The RCIA comprises preparation for the sacraments of initiation and faith formation for those who are either:

- not baptized and considering becoming Catholic,
- baptized in another Christian denomination and considering becoming Catholic,
- baptized Catholic, but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are interested in the RCIA, please contact Peggy Leddy at: pleddy@stedmund.org or 708-848-4417, x2021.



Summer Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:30am;
5:30pm (Sunday Anticipatory)
Sunday: 9am, 11:00am

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.

Pentecost Sunday

Spring 2019 Bundle Weekend a Big Success!

Thank you to all who donated items for our Spring Bundle Weekend. A special thanks to the parish families who covered the St. Vincent de Paul Society trailer. Did you postpone spring cleaning? No worries. Our Autumn Bundle Weekend is October 19-20.



**God bless all our helpers
and generous donors!**

***The next Bundle Weekend
is October 19th – 20th!***



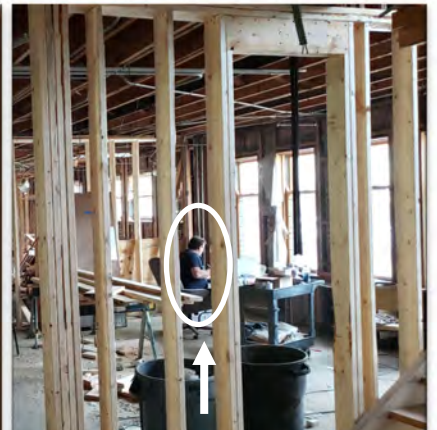
***BEYOND THE BUILDING
CAMPAIGN***

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to report that we are slowly creeping closer and closer to our goal of \$700,000 in pledges. Thus far, we have reached a total of \$532,000 in pledges, which keeps us now only \$168,000 from our goal! Thank you to all parishioners who are supporting the campaign. There is still plenty of time to hop on board and support this important renovation project. We need the support of everyone to be able to complete our rectory / parish center building.

With regard to the building, we continue to make progress. Now, not only has the asbestos been completely abated, but we are nearly finished with all of the final demolition and have begun some of the new framing too. Have a look at the photos below to see where we are today!

Fr. John McGovern



Is that Fr. John
already sitting in his new office?

School of Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education classes for 2019-20 are now being taken. Forms may be obtained on the parish web-site www.stedmund.org, by clicking on the Religious Education link or by contacting the Religious Education office. Please register early and secure a place in the program for your child(ren). Early registration also helps in planning in ordering books and materials for the Fall. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 708-848-7220 or email: jbennickstedmund@gmail.com.



St. Edmund Wednesday Night Bridge Classes

Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm in Murphy Hall for open bridge play, followed by lectures by Gus Saravia, Lifetime Bridge Master. Lectures will generally take place on the *first* Wednesday of the month from 8:00pm to 9:00pm with continuation of the theme during the following weeks using sample duplicate boards for practice and “solidification of the presented topics” through play.

You do not need a partner to attend or play, but feel free to bring a friend or two!



Tentative Summer schedule:

July 10 (*Second Wednesday*)

Using Transfers, Stayman and Garbage Stayman after No Trump Openings

August 7

Why bid Jacoby 2 No Trump, then what follows?

New to Bridge? To join the Bridge group, please contact Mary Darnall at: mary_darnall@sbcglobal.net. We are happy to help you learn the basics. To receive updates on our classes and schedule, send your email address to Linda Walsh at lr.walsh@gmail.com and she will add you to our Wednesday Night Bridge distribution list.

Week at a Glance

Sunday	June 9	
9:00am	<i>Coffee and...</i>	Murphy Hall
12:30pm	Baptisms	Church
Monday	June 10	
7:00pm	Peace and Justice	Murphy Hall
Tuesday	June 11	
7:00pm	Parish Life	Murphy Hall
Wednesday	June 12	
7:00pm	Bridge	Murphy Hall
Saturday	June 15	
9:30am	Centering Prayer	N. Transept
11:00am	Knitting/Crocheting	Murphy Hall
Sunday	June 16	
4:00pm	Green Team	Murphy Hall

OUR RECTORY / PARISH CENTER PRAYER

O GOD of all Goodness and Love,

We thank you for the people and places that offer us welcome and belonging.

As we embark upon our rectory and parish center reconstruction, we ask your blessing, not only that we may bring this project to completion, but that it, too, may become a place of welcome and belonging.

Please bless and keep safe the laborers who will rebuild our parish home, and may we always remember that in keeping Jesus Christ as our surest foundation, we remain safe and secure in your loving care.

We ask this through Christ who is our foundation and our support. **AMEN.**

Reception Committee Seeks Assistance

Bon Appetit! We think that the best breakfast in town is served on the second Sunday of most every month by the St. Edmund *Coffee and...* Committee. We are in need of people to cook breakfast/brunch foods, servers, and help with set-up and clean up. If you are able to help please call JoAnne Lewandowski at: 708-386-1681 or email her at: lewjoann@hotmail.com.



Coffee and... Sunday, June 9

Join us after the morning masses in Murphy Hall for hospitality and refreshments.

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month If in immediate danger, dial 911.

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

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.



Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Theresa Allori	Annyce Dunbar	Rachael Schopp
Janet Anderson	Mary Evans	Mike Scully
Ray Anzelmo	Yadira Franco	Norbert Skrzypczak
John Barrett	Jason Fumo	Ethel Thomas
Susan Becker	Bill Garcia	Genaro Vera
Pauline Bennett	Donald Hackett	Jack White
Bokholdt Family	Clint Hight	Michele Wirt
Carol Bonus	George LaGesse	Vernon Zimmerman
Cathy Callahan	Pat Michalski	
Susan Chicola	Edith Ogden	
Violet Chisholm	Hannah Paist	
Dorothy Dumelle	Vera Schenone	

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

Bernard Dowling

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday	June 10
8:30am	† Frank J. Senicka † Paul Sassone
Tuesday	June 11 (Barnabas)
8:30am	† Deceased parishioners
Wednesday	June 12
	† Faye Menzies <i>(one-year anniversary)</i>
Thursday	June 13 (Anthony of Padua)
8:30am	† Ellen Marie Krozel
Friday	June 14
8:30am	† Frank Condon
Saturday	June 15 (Blessed Virgin Mary)
5:30pm	† Harold Bonus † Edward A. Caron
Sunday	June 16
9:00am	People of St. Edmund
11:00am	† Donald Patterson † Thomas Meuwissen, †Zeno Jacquat

“As body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For one in Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit”.

- 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Cor 1: 1-7/Mt 5: 1-12
Tuesday:	Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3 Mt 5: 13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3: 4-11, Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3: 15-4: 1, 3-6
Friday:	Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday:	2 Cor 4: 7-15, Mt 5: 27-32
Sunday:	2 Cor 5: 14-21, Mt 5: 33-37

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of June 15/16

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 5:30pm	G. LeBlanc	A. Pizzo C. Verdun	M. Guerin	M. McCoy	D. Giannetti, M. Hans, M. Bielawa Sr., S. Shimon, J. McCoy, A. Mellios, D. Taylor
9:00am	M. Hans	M. Fedota D. Celeschi	M. Puzek	W. Senger	Cr. Putz, D. Foster, T. Cullinane, J. Biek
11:00am	Angone Family	J. Angone L. Christensen		W. Senger	L. Jans, A. Dwyer, L. Patterson