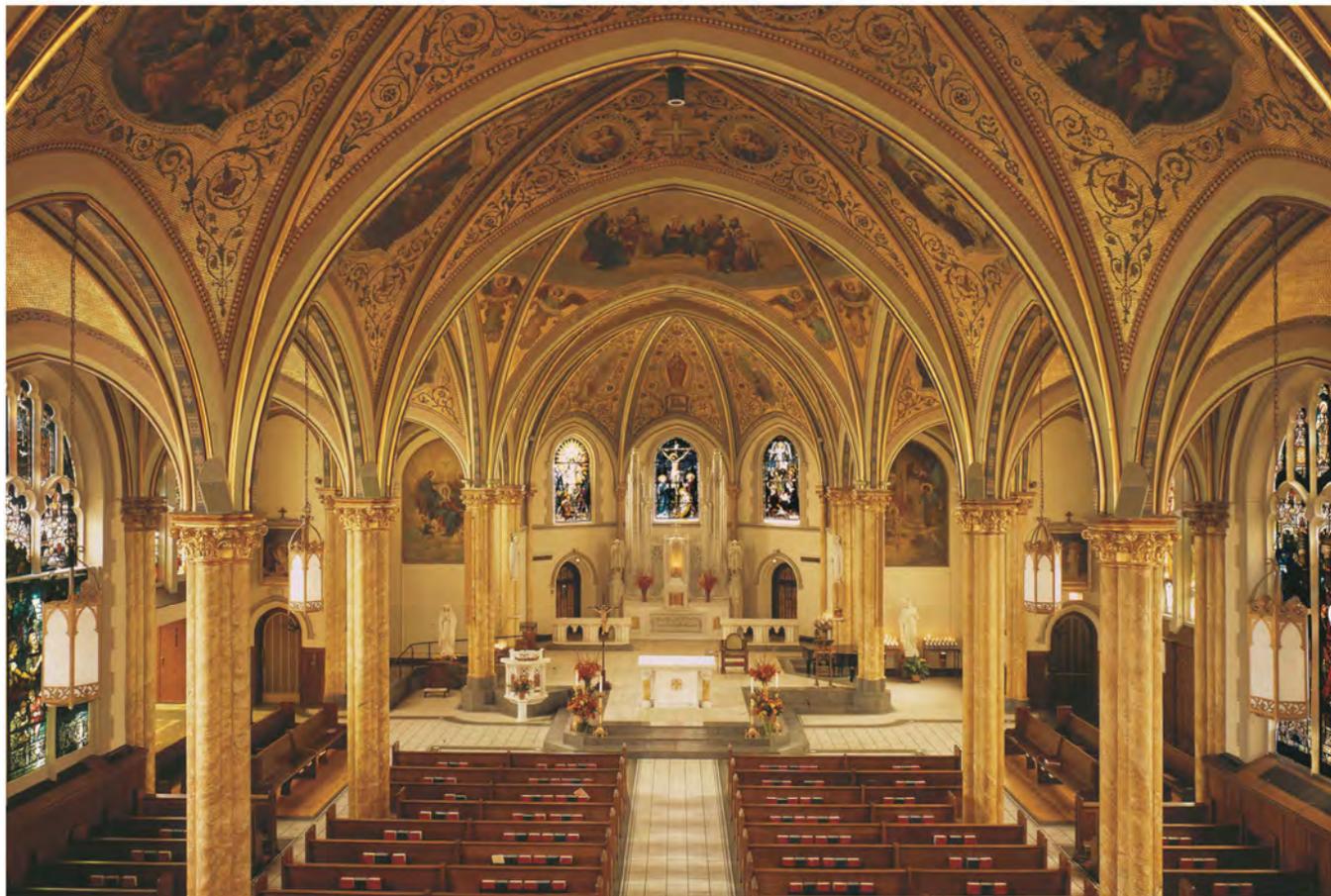


# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

*Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park*

**May 12, 2019**



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

## Staff Notes

**“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”** These words from Jesus should offer comfort to us today as we hear the gospel on this 4<sup>th</sup> week of Easter.

As a little back drop to these three short, but powerful, verses we hear today from John’s gospel; the setting has Jesus teaching in the temple area during the eight-day Jewish Feast of the Dedication, which celebrates the Maccabees’ rededication and re-consecration of Jerusalem’s temple and its altar. The Jews confront Jesus and question whether or not He is in fact the Messiah. This is a topic Jesus has been challenged with many times leading up to today’s encounter and long debate.

What we don’t read in today’s gospel are the words of this same chapter that lead up to today’s encounter. Verse 24: *“So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”* And verse 26: *“But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep.”*

The words we read above, *to follow Jesus*, sound very simple as written, but we know as we face challenges in life the old phrase “sounds easier said than done” comes into play.

Individually, we each face our own daily (and sometimes lifelong) struggles and fears. The magnitude of the struggle or fear varies from person to person, but we all face them to some degree.

We are called on this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter to receive Jesus’ message to follow Him. We need to follow Him through thick and thin, the ups and downs, and sorrows and celebrations. We must each have our own personal experience with the one Shepherd. Through our individual acceptance of Jesus, as our Shepherd, we are each given the opportunity to draw out of that relationship the grace and strength we need to cope with whatever is making us feel like the disciples were feeling in the upper room on that first day of the week after Jesus rose. The fear, anxiety, confusion, lack of confidence and lack of trust they felt we also experience. But it is not only these feelings that Jesus helps us with but also the blessings in life we encounter.

For me personally, last Sunday was an occurrence of being close to the Shepherd, as I witnessed 10 Parish children receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time, I was filled with praise and

and thanksgiving as these First Communicants were invited to hear more deeply the voice of the Shepherd, and follow Him. To see the holiness, the excitement, the fear, and the sense of not knowing what was truly going to happen when they received the sacrament for the first time, was for me a truly delightful moment. I could imagine Jesus, the Good Shepherd, leading them to receive His Body and Blood.

The voice of the Shepherd, inviting these children to the table, was the message I felt as I listened to Father McGivern deliver his homily to the children and all of us. He reassured them that they are welcome to the table of the Lord, that same table even the adults sit at to receive Jesus *every week*.

Today, we not only celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter but also Mother’s Day. Mother’s Day, a most beloved occasion to have the soft-spoken words of the Good Shepherd recognize the beautiful mothers with an invitation to follow Him. This is a day in all our lives when these calm and comforting words can nurture and help us journey through the day. This will most certainly be a day when new mothers, filled with the love of the Good Shepherd, will comfort the children in their arms, perhaps on this their first Mother’s Day. This will also be a day when a son or daughter can draw strength from these reassuring words of Jesus as they hold an elderly mother at home, or in a nursing home, trying to bring comfort and peace to her. Finally, these words spoken by Jesus, *“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish”* have the power to comfort all the daughters and sons who might be experiencing their first Mother’s Day with only having the ability to touch their mother through a prayer.

May we all turn to Jesus, *our Good Shepherd*, this day and ask for the strength we need, that same strength His followers were looking for when Jesus taught in the temple area. Jesus strengthened them by his words and assured them that the Shepherd would remain calm and support them and us during joyful, uncertain and sometimes painful moments in our lives.

Happy Mother’s Day to all those who mother on earth and all those we hold in our hearts.

***I know them, and they follow me!***

Deacon Tom



### 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)

### 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### A Blessing for Mother's Day

May Jesus and Mary bless and protect your home

And all who receive your tender care

May you be praised on this day of of your own

May the sun shine brightly and the sky be fair

May you rejoice in your power to give life

And nourish with love those

who clung to your breasts

May you protect them from anger and strife

And teach them that God's way is always the best

And may God who is mother as well as father

Bless you

The Father who gives life

The Son who nourishes

And the Spirit who cares.



### Anointing of the Sick at 11am Mass May 19

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within the 11am mass on Sunday, May 19. This Sacrament is the prayer and activity of Christ for the physical and spiritual healing of the infirmed.

No longer only understood as *Extreme Unction*, or *the Last Rites*, this Sacrament is intended for Catholic faithful who have serious illness. This may mean, for example, that you are about to undergo surgery, that you have a chronic illness, suffer from the challenges of being elderly, or that you suffer with emotional or psychological illness. Of course, serious illness may have taken another form in your life not mentioned here.



The Anointing of the Sick is often done in a small group setting with the seriously ill parishioner and a few family members present. However, this sacrament can also be administered during the mass allowing many people to receive the anointing together. The communal anointing also provides an opportunity for those who enjoy good health to witness the reception of this unique sacrament and to offer their prayerful support at this sacred moment. All those who are anointed, as well as all of those who witness the anointing share equally in the mystical Body of Christ.

### 5:30pm Sunday Mass Begins Summer Hiatus

*Last Mass will be Next Sunday, May 19th*

Parishioners are asked to make note of the fact that the Sunday 5:30pm mass will soon begin its summer hiatus. The last mass at 5:30pm on Sunday will take place next Sunday, May 19th. See you in September!

## ST. EDMUND PARISH *Beyond the Building Capital Campaign* RECTORY RENEWAL 2019

### Commitment Weekend is Here!

Dear Parishioners,

After several months of informing you as best we can about our plans for the rectory and parish center, the time has come to begin the in-pew pledge process.

I hope that you have taken the time to think and pray about how you will be able to support this important parish project and are able to make a commitment today. If, for whatever reason, you were not prepared to make your pledge this weekend, you may also do so next weekend when the Follow-Up Commitment Weekend takes place at the masses. Or, if you prefer, you may also drop your pledge card off at the parish offices in Murphy Hall.

I know that this is a big commitment and I am grateful and humbled by your generosity. Thank you for all the ways that you support your parish and in particular, thank you for supporting this important endeavor.

### 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.**

### 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](http://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](mailto:jbennickstedmund@gmail.com).



### Children Plant in the Peace Garden Sunday, May 19 at 10:00am



All St. Edmund Parish children and their parents are invited to plant vegetables and flowers in the Peace Garden next Sunday, May 19 between 10:00am - 10:45am. The Peace Garden is located by the east entrance to Murphy Hall.

Everyone is invited to help plant!

### Eucharistic Adoration Ends after May 20 Returns in the Fall

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration will not take place during the summer months. The last day before the summer hiatus is next Monday, May 20th, from 3pm until 8pm. It will resume in the Fall.

#### Week at a Glance

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|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9am, 11am<br>5:30pm | <b>May 12</b><br>Masses                                     | <i>Mother's Day</i><br>Church |
|                                      | <i>Beyond the Building</i><br>Pledge Commitment             |                               |
| <b>Monday</b><br>3:00pm<br>7:00pm    | <b>May 13</b><br>Eucharistic Adoration<br>Peace and Justice | Church<br>Murphy Hall         |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00pm             | <b>May 14</b><br>Parish Life                                | Murphy Hall                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00pm<br>7:00pm | <b>May 15</b><br>Bridge<br>Cantors/Choir                    | Murphy Hall<br>Church         |
| <b>Friday</b><br>9:00am              | <b>May 17</b><br>Bible Study                                | Murphy Hall                   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>9:30am            | <b>May 18</b><br>Centering Prayer                           | N. Transept                   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>11:00am<br>4:00pm   | <b>May 19</b><br>Anointing Mass<br>Green Team               | Church<br>Murphy Hall         |

### Successful 2018-19 PADS Season!

#### Many Thanks to All Volunteers and Donors!

St. Edmund Parish's largest ministry has successfully wrapped up the Housing Forward/PADS 2018-19 season. Heartfelt thanks to all who served and/or donated to those needing food and shelter throughout the year. Your efforts not only contribute substantially to the overall success of this ministry, but also fulfill the gospel call to care for those in need by practicing fundamental Catholic social teaching principles. May you and all your loved ones be blessed abundantly for your commitment and service. When available, the PADS year-end report will be shared.

### Spring Bundle Weekend June 1-2

#### Household Item and Clothing Collection

Please support our semi-annual Bundle Weekend. Donate clean, gently-used apparel such as: clothing, outerwear, and shoes for adults and children. Household items in good condition are needed including: cooking and serving items, such as dishes, flatware, pots and pans; small, working appliances, such as toasters and coffee-makers; and decorations, such as vases, picture frames and figurines. Pack delicate items safely in a container and mark them fragile.



Drop off items in the parking lot at the St. Vincent de Paul Society trailer before or after the weekend masses June 1-2. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

### St. Edmund Respect Life Committee Offers Twenty Free Tickets to the Movie, *Unplanned*

Thanks to some generous donors, we have twenty free tickets to a special showing of the movie, *Unplanned* next Sunday, May 19 at 5:00pm at the Lake Theatre, 1022 Lake Street, Oak Park. To claim a free ticket, please email your request to: [greczek2000@yahoo.com](mailto:greczek2000@yahoo.com). You may pick up your tickets at the theater from A Respect Life Committee member between 4:30pm and showtime.

*Unplanned* is the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson; a woman who became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

#### Offertory for Weekend of May 4/5

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Budgeted.....                   | \$14,350.00 |
| Weekend collection.....         | \$ 9,983.50 |
| Weekly shortfall.....           | - 4,366.50  |
| Catholic Charities to-date..... | \$ 4,832.00 |

### Book Club Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm

We will be discussing the book, *Scape-Goat* by Daphne du Maurier at 7pm on Tuesday, May 21 in Murphy Hall. If you wish, join us for a quick supper before the discussion at 6:30pm.



## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

|                 |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Theresa Allori  | baby Chiyeni    | Hannah Paist      |
| Janet Anderson  | Dorothy Dumelle | Kathleen Puccetti |
| Ray Anzelmo     | Annyce Dunbar   | Vera Schenone     |
| John Barrett    | Kay Dutton      | Rachael Schopp    |
| Susan Becker    | Mary Evans      | Mike Scully       |
| Pauline Bennett | Bill Garcia     | Ethel Thomas      |
| Bokholdt Family | Donald Hackett  | Genaro Vera       |
| Carol Bonus     | Clint Hight     | Jack White        |
| Cathy Callahan  | George LaGesse  | Michele Wirt      |
| Susan Chicola   | Pat Michalski   |                   |
| Violet Chisholm | Edith Ogden     |                   |

### *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

**Tom Hunt,**  
 son of Phil Hunt andCarolynn Hunt, and  
 brother of Amanda, Evelyn and Lily

**Sarah Ramirez**

### Upcoming Weddings

**Marialisa LoRusso and Anthony Galasso**

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)</b>     |
| 8:30am           | † Estheer Breen Senicka                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>May 14 (Matthias)</b>               |
| 8:30am           | † Alice Anne Spartz                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>May 15 (Isidore)</b>                |
| 8:30am           | † Deceased parishioners                |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>May 16</b>                          |
| 8:30am           | † Jane Hedges                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>May 17</b>                          |
| 8:30am           | † Mamma Giannetti                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>May 18 (John I)</b>                 |
| 5:30pm           | † Ann and Albert Krause                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 19 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)</b> |
| 9:00am           | People of St. Edmund                   |
| 11:00am          | † Margaret Madden Kottcamp             |
|                  | † Donald Patterson                     |
| 5:30pm           | † Tom Hunt                             |

### Readings for the Week

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Acts 11: 1-18, Jn 10: 1-10                           |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, Jn 15: 9-17                    |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Acts 12: 24-13, 5a, Jn 12-44-50                      |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Acts 13: 13-25, Jn 13: 16-20                         |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Acts 13: 26-33, Jn 14: 1-6                           |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Acts 13: 44-52, Jn 14: 7-14                          |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Acts 14: 21-27, Rv 21: 1-5a,<br>Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35 |

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 18/19

| Mass Time                | Altar Servers | Lectors                  | Commentator    | Cantors  | Extraordinary Ministers   |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|---|
| <b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b> | M. Bielawa    | M. Carrasca              |                | M. McCoy | K. Ballard, M. Bielawa, G. Gervais, L. Hakes, J. Lewandowski, J. McCoy, S. Shimon |
| <b>9:00am</b>            | G. Dietz      | K. Masters<br>T. Masters | D. Foster      | S. Gay   |   |
| <b>11:00am</b>           | S. Patston    | A. Pizzo<br>G. Stepanek  | L. Christensen | S. Gay   | J. Berggren, A. Koors, D. Walsh   |
| <b>5:30pm</b>            | T. Nelson     | E. Wilson-Yu<br>D. Kane  |                |          | T. Cullinane  |