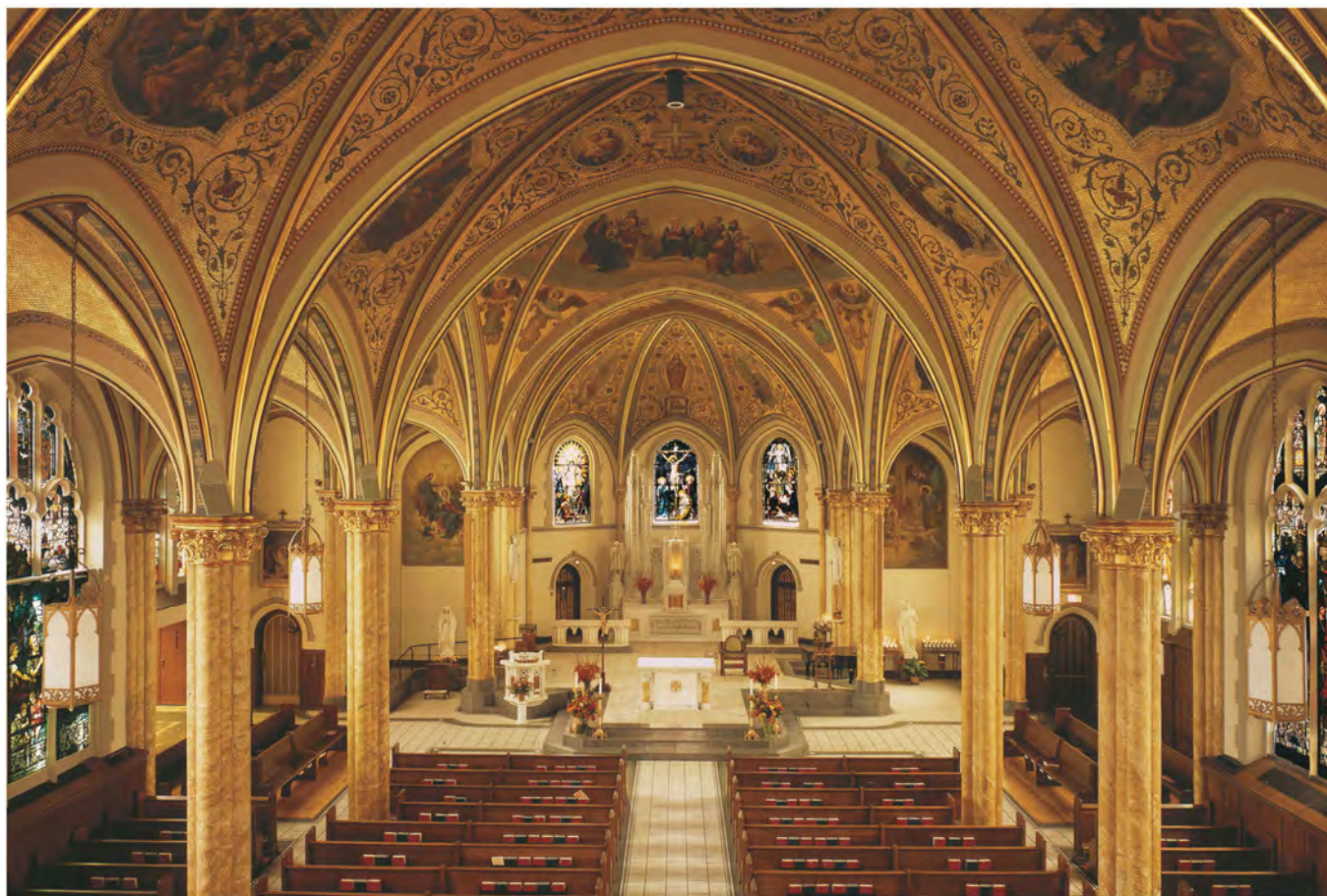


# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

*Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park*

**May 14, 2017**



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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

### Happy Mother's Day!

The First Reading at mass today is from the Acts of the Apostles. There were some complaints that things were not being distributed evenly in their community. So the twelve apostles called a meeting and decided to put 7 men in charge of the distribution so that the rest of the community could concentrate on their mission of prayer and ministry of the word. The seven were the ones who dealt with the necessary "nitty-gritty" of daily life for the community.

This passage is especially fitting for Mother's Day, I think. Mothers often see to the nitty-gritty details of life in a family, working behind the scenes so that the family can do the things they are supposed to do – go to school, to work, play sports, take music lessons, have some "down time," etc.

I wonder if the community appreciated all they did and if they were happy with their new roles. The mothers I know have been happy (most of the time) in taking care of their families. Of course, there are days....

Women who work outside the home still have to find time to manage all the things that make family life run smoothly. The stress of all this can take a toll, so expressing appreciation of all they do is one way to acknowledge their efforts. Another way is to help lighten the load by being willing to take on some extra tasks. Another way is to do your best at your tasks – school, work, sports, etc.

Today is the day set aside for thanking your mother for all she has done and is continuing to do for you. It shouldn't be a once a year thing – try to remember to thank her on a daily basis. Also, thank your father. In this day and age men are stepping up wonderfully to take over or help with jobs that were formerly assigned to women. With so many single parent families the parent does everything. Be sure that if this is a description of your family, the parent knows how much you appreciate all the ways your life is being made better.

In the Gospel Jesus says, "The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe in me because of the works I do and do the same for others." (*Paraphrased*) A good description of parenthood!

Kathy Halfpenny  
Director of Music

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

*Last Mass will be today, Sunday, May 14th*

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 today, May 14th.

The 5:30pm Sunday evening mass will resume at a date to be announced in September.

## A Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God,  
As a mother gives life  
and nourishment to her children,  
So you nourish your Church.

Bless all the mothers of our parish and all  
our mothers,  
both living and deceased.  
They have helped us to know you as only a  
mother can-  
-with tenderness and strength,  
support and  
unconditional love.

Grant that we,  
their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
by sharing with all the world  
your spirit of love  
which we know so well from them.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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### Prayer Opportunities at St. Edmund Attend Daily Mass

*(Part II, Section II, Chapter I, Article 3, Canon 1324)*

Join us every **Monday-Saturday at 8:30am.**

### Centering Prayer every Saturday at 9:30am

All are welcome—beginners too! Come join us.

### Eucharistic Adoration Mondays 2pm - 8pm

Join in this blessed devotion on Mondays unless otherwise announced.

It has been the consistent belief of the Catholic Church from the very beginning that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharistic Christ continues to be present in our midst beyond the Eucharistic liturgy when the consecrated host is either reposed in a tabernacle or exposed on the altar.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays: 4:15pm**  
(located in west end of north transept).

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Book Club Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm

Please join us to discuss the book *David & Goliath* by Malcom Gladwell at 7:30pm in Murphy Hall before the



Summer break. The next time we will meet will be on Tuesday, September 19. Add *The Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett to your own Summer reading list and plan to join us.

A sampling of the books read this past year are as follows: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman, *The Faithful One* by Michele Chynoweth, *Woman of God*, by James Patterson, *The Tortilla Curtain* by T. C. Boyle and more.

Excerpted comments from a few of the participants:

*"Book Club is a good change-up in personal reading and thinking, which re-wires your brain - a good challenge; it introduces me to books that I would never have taken out of the stacks; one hour and thirty minutes...no wine...too bad!"*

- Tom Nelson

*The St. Edmund Book Club is a great addition to parish activities. It offers parishioners an opportunity to come together to discuss often timely topics based on a common reading...*

- Mary Lynn Dietsche

*The Book Club discussions are interesting as are the books. I am looking forward to next year when we will read and discuss books on the Bestseller List. Hope more people will join us to get many and varying opinions...*

- Kathy Halfpenny

Parishioner and Book Club Coordinator, Mari Hans thanks all who have participated. We have read wonderful books and have had great discussions. Our goal for next year is to read "Bestsellers". Happy Summer reading to all! Contact Mari at 708-848-6208 or via email at: [marithans@comcast.net](mailto:marithans@comcast.net) to learn more.

### Offertory for Weekend of May 6/7

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Budgeted.....           | \$14,350.00  |
| Weekend collection..... | \$ 9,205.35  |
| Deficit to date.....    | - 103,555.02 |

*Please contact the Parish office if you would like to contribute by credit card or through your bank account.*

### Support Catholic Charities Today, Sunday, May 14

Most of us know the great gift of being unconditionally loved. Unfortunately, however, not everyone has experienced such a gift. Those who work at Catholic Charities, have the great privilege to care for people in need with the same compassion, respect, and unconditional love of another. Catholic Charities offers hope and practical help to those regardless of religion, race, ethnicity and social or economic circumstances.

Please consider making a life-changing gift to Catholic Charities and extend your hand of unconditional love.

### Anointing of the Sick at 11am Mass June 11

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within the 11am mass on Sunday, June 11. 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.

### St. Edmund Parish to Participate in Our Day in the Village, Sunday, June 4

St. Edmund Parish will have a booth this year at the annual *Our Day in the Village* held in Scoville Park, corner of Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street, on Sunday, June 4 from 11:00am - 6:00pm.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down our booth. We also need volunteers to donate an hour or two at the booth throughout the day and share information about our wonderful parish. If you are able to help, please contact Don Giannetti at 708-848-4417, extension 205 or via email at: [dgiannetti@stedmund.org](mailto:dgiannetti@stedmund.org).



### Care for Creation Listening Session - Vicariate IV Saturday, June 10 from 9am-12pm

Ascension Parish, 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park will host other Vicariate IV parishes on Saturday, June 10 from 9am - 12pm for an Archdiocese of *Chicago Care for Creation Listening Session*. Join us as we reflect on our Catholic faith, and how it calls on us to be in right relationship with God, with one another, and with the earth as we build a healthy planet for our children's future and for the well-being of all humanity. RSVP online at <https://goo.gl/forms/pHBYvkeC9zQqgQbo3> or call the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity at 312-534-5393.

**St. Edmund Peace Garden**

**Help us Plant on Wednesday, May 17!**

It is time to plant the garden! On Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30am Mass join us in in the Peace Garden to plant cool weather vegetables, lettuce and radishes.



Also, parents and their children are reminded to return to the Garden on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> after the 9:00am and 11:00 am Masses to plant the Marigolds that they planted in their peat pots. We will have extra Marigold plants for the children if they did not attend the planting session. The children are important members of our gardening team!

When you plant your own gardens would you consider planting extra vegetables for our Parish commitment to the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry? All the vegetables that we plant are harvested on Wednesdays during the summer. They are brought to the Food Pantry for the clients who shop on Wednesdays. They are so appreciative of the fresh vegetables we donate . . . peppers, tomatoes, okra, radishes, lettuces and more!



The most important person on earth is:

*A MOTHER*

She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral: a dwelling for an immortal soul the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new souls to heaven only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is more glorious than this:

*TO BE A MOTHER.*

*- Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty*

**Spring Bundle Weekend June 10-11**

**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: linens; 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 10-11.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

**Save the Date ~ Saturday, May 27**

**Movie Night at 7pm in Murphy Hall**

| <b>Week at a Glance</b>                        |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9am, 11am<br>5:30pm           | <b>May 14</b><br>Masses   | Church                                 |
| <b>Monday</b><br>2:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>7:15pm    | <b>May 15</b><br>Eucharistic Adoration<br>Finance Council<br>Human Concerns | Church<br>Parish Office<br>Murphy Hall |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00pm<br>7:30pm             | <b>May 16</b><br>Respect Life<br>Book Club                                  | Murphy Hall<br>Kitchen                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>7:30pm | <b>May 17</b><br>Bridge<br>Cantors<br>Choir                                 | Murphy Hall<br>Church                  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>9:30am<br>6:30pm            | <b>May 20</b><br>Centering Prayer<br><i>an Elegant Evening</i>              | N. Transept<br>Parish School           |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>4:00pm                        | <b>May 21</b><br>Green Team   | Murphy Hall                            |

**Job Search Secrets**

**Tuesday, May 30 from 7:00-8:30pm Murphy Hall**



Parishioners from St. Edmund and other local parishes and congregations who are still hoping for a better employment situation will have an opportunity this month to raise their job search campaigns to the next level. Join parishioner Dan Kane and renowned LinkedIn expert, Denis Curtin in Murphy Hall on Tuesday evening, May 30 for the eighth session in our Job Search Think Tank series.

The St. Edmund Parish Life Commission will sponsor this event, which begins at 7:00pm and lasts until 8:30pm. Denis and Dan will be comparing notes with other local job search experts. They will bring you up to date on the latest LinkedIn strategies and other internet options in today's job market. Dress is casual. Bring several copies of your resume. There is not a charge to attend. Contact parishioner Dan Kane at: 773-817-1232 or [djkmkb@comcast.net](mailto:djkmkb@comcast.net) for more information or to sign up.

## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

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|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Fr. John Paul Andree | Annyce Dunbar   | Mary Redmond     |
| Clara Ballard        | Mary Evans      | Paul Sassone     |
| Susan Becker         | Bill Federbusch | Mike Scully      |
| Susan Benedict       | John Fricilone  | Ethel Thomas     |
| baby Marty Brogan    | Mamma Giannetti | Stillman Thomas  |
| Susan Chicola        | Diane Keane     | Sadie Thomson    |
| Nancy Creamer        | Connie Laadt    | Francisco Torres |
| Bobbie Davis         | Helen Mazzeo    | Yanira Torres    |
| Jazmine Davis        | Hannah Paist    | Jimmie Weekley   |
| Katherine Davis      | John Rayniak    | Mary Young       |

*May those who are ill feel the loving embrace of our Lord.*

### 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  
 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



*We give thanks for the men and women in our military.*

### Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

*Please pray for all deceased mothers.*

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

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|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>May 15 (Isidore)</b>  |
| 8:30am           | † Mary Christine Sullivan<br>† Betty Jean Gardner Getman             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>May 16</b>  |
| 8:30am           | † Bell Pineda  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>May 17</b>  |
| 8:30am           | † Deceased parishioners  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>May 18 (John I)</b>   |
| 8:30am           | † Fr. Ed Dufficy   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>May 19</b>  |
| 8:30am           | † Jean Becker  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>May 20 (Bernardine of Siena)</b>                                  |
| 8:30am           | † Steve Kiraly   |
| 5:30pm           | Mary Garvey <i>(living intention)</i><br>† Betty Jean Gardner Getman |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 21 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)</b>                               |
| 9:00am           | † Fr. Joe Ruiz   |
| 11:00am          | † Frank Condon   |

### Readings for the Week

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;<br>Jn 14:21-26  |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;<br>Jn 14:27-31a   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8   |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11  |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17   |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;<br>1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21<br>or Jn 17:1-11a |

*We are always looking for those willing to serve as liturgical ministers!*

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

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 20/21

| Mass Time                | Altar Servers | Lectors                      | Commentator | Cantors   | Extraordinary Ministers  |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| <b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b> | G. LeBlanc    | E. Wilson-Yu<br>M. Guerin    | S. Guerin   | K. Corcos | G. Gervais, J. Kula, D. Marks, M.A. Marks, J. M <sup>c</sup> Coy, J. Reese, M.J. Reese |
| <b>9:00am</b>            | G. Dietz      | M. Shubitowski<br>M. Bellmar | M. Fedota   | S. Gay    |  |
| <b>11:00am</b>           | M.L. Dietsche | A. Caison<br>M. Fitzgerald   | G. Stepanek | P. Pruitt | J. Berggren, C. Cioppa, S. Sassone   |