

Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

May 19, 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

Today we have a very special rite during the 11:00am mass: the Anointing of the Sick. It is very fitting to do this during the Easter Season since the Scripture readings tell us that the apostles went around curing the sick in the name of Jesus after the Resurrection. Of course anointing is not only meant for the sick and infirm but for those who face the challenges of aging. While being cured may not always happen after the anointing we pray that the grace of God will fill the recipients with a renewed and firm faith in God and the strength to endure with humility and grace their sufferings as Jesus did on the cross when he died for us.

It is good to be reminded during this season especially that Jesus died for our sins and only wants our happiness. Thankfulness is the way to happiness – how can we not be happy and thankful when we know that Jesus opened the gates of heaven for us! Let us just try to enumerate the countless blessings which have been poured on us! It seems to me that if we are truly thankful we will also be joy-filled.

On another note, many people have asked me about the song we sang before the 11:00am mass on Easter morning. We will be singing it again today before the 11:00 mass. It was originally written by Leonard Cohen in 1984. The original text had biblical references to the “bad girls” of the Old Testament, Bathsheba and Delilah, and was about love soured and gone stale. The song was used in the movie “**Shrek**.” In 2012 the Clovertons, a contemporary Christian singing group wrote the Christmas lyrics to Cohen’s tune. Our choirs sang those in the Christmas prelude this year. In 2008 a Canadian singer, Kelley Mooney, wrote the Easter lyrics at the request of her parish priest because he loved the tune but the words weren’t fitting for liturgy. We sang this version at the 11:00am mass on Easter and will be singing it again today as the prelude for the mass.

Here are the words – how can you not be thankful and joyful when you think about this text!

A crown of thorns placed on his head – he knew that he would soon be dead.

*He said, “Did you forget me, Father, did you?”
They nailed him to a wooden cross, soon all the world
would feel the loss of
Christ the King before his halleluiah.*

(refrain) *Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah.*

*He hung his head and prepared to die then lifted his
face up to the sky;*

*Said, “I am coming home soon, Father, to you.”
A reed which held his final sip was gently lifted up
to his lip.*

He drank his last and gave his soul to glory. (refrain)

*The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body
of our Lord said,*

*“Truly, this is Jesus Christ, our Savior!”
He looked with fear upon his sword, then turned to face
his Christ and Lord,*

Fell to his knees, crying, “Halleluiah!” (refrain)

*Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him
in a linen gown*

*And laid him down to rest inside the tomb.
The holes in his hands, his feet, his side – now in our
heart we know he died*

To save us from ourselves, O Halleluiah! (refrain)

*Three days went by, again they came to move the stone,
to bless the slain*

*With oil and spice anointing Halleluiah.
But as they went to move the stone they saw that they
were not alone,*

But Jesus Christ had risen, Halleluiah! (refrain)

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Kathy Halfpenny
Director of Music

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.

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.

5:30pm Sunday Mass Begins Summer Hiatus

Last Mass will be Today, Sunday, May 19th

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

Eucharistic Adoration Ends for the Summer 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 Monday, May 20th, from 3pm until 8pm. Eucharistic Adoration will resume in the Fall.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ST. EDMUND PARISH

Beyond the Building Capital Campaign

RECTORY/PARISH CENTER RENEWAL 2019

Dear St. Edmund Parishioners,

Our work on the *Beyond the Building Capital Campaign* continues. Last weekend, May 11/12 was our main Commitment Weekend, though the Follow-Up Weekend is taking place at all masses this weekend.

As of the day we went to print, the total pledges for the campaign have come to \$445,000! This is a wonderful start, although this total thus far comprises 155 parish individuals/families. Thank you to everyone who has already committed to supporting this important project.

Our goal is to have a minimum of 300 individuals/families participating in the campaign. Hopefully, it was only the poor weather that kept our numbers down last weekend and we will see a big surge in supporters after the end of this weekend.

Throughout the campaign, you have heard me say or read my words stating that we need the help of everyone. This is not hyperbole, but simply the truth. The statistics I have shared above bear that out. So, it is my hope and prayer that all parishioners will make the decision to support this campaign. Having a safe, healthy and fully functional rectory and parish center for our future priests to live and parish staff members to serve you is a noble and important goal, and it will only help to make our pastoral ministry to you more effective. If you have not yet made your pledge, I pray that you will do so today. Thank you.

M. John McInerney

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.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Archbishop of Chicago



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Blessings to you in this joyful season of Easter. In keeping with my pledge to update you on the Church's efforts regarding safeguarding of children, I want to share an important step taken by Pope Francis. This past Friday he published an executive order mandating that all bishops implement a new universal law requiring all dioceses and religious orders to report abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. The new law provides a process for investigating abuse by any member of the hierarchy, including cardinals, bishops and priests as well as religious men and women. There is also a process for investigating the mishandling of such cases by bishops. Now, all bishops' conferences and religious congregations in every country around the world will have to meet more rigorous standards.

This unprecedented development comes less than three months after the Holy Father's meeting in Rome with all religious superiors and presidents of bishops' conferences from around the world. On that occasion the Pope promised concrete action. The announcement today, along with the norms he published earlier for the Vatican City State, demonstrate his resolve to put an end to cover ups and take decisive action to rid the Church of the scourge of abuse of minors. You can read the full statement the archdiocese released on the law at this web address: <https://www.archchicago.org/en/news-release/-/article/2019/05/09/pope-francis-issues-global-mandatory-reporting-law-for-sexual-abuse-and-cover-up>. I invite you to share this information with your family members and friends. As I noted in that statement: "While this new law validates many of the procedures already in place in the Archdiocese of Chicago and in the United States, it provides a framework for the bishops in this country to adopt measures at our June meeting that will both implement the Pope's executive order and address the issue of holding everyone in the Church accountable."

As our auxiliary bishops and I prepare to attend that meeting in a few weeks, I pledge to you once again that I will do my best to see that our response in June, as well as our ongoing efforts in this regard, are marked by responsibility, accountability and transparency.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Card. Cupich

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Archbishop of Chicago

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.



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.

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 on 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!

Offertory for Weekend of May 11/12

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00
Weekend collection.....\$ 13,712,86
Weekly shortfall.....- 636.14
Catholic Charities to-date.....\$ 5,119.00

Week at a Glance

Sunday	May 19	
11:00am	Anointing Mass	Church
4:00pm	Green Team	Murphy Hall
Monday	May 20	
3:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Finance Committee	Parish Office
Tuesday	May 21	
7:00pm	Book Club	Murphy Hall
7:00pm	Respect Life	Murphy Hall
Wednesday	May 22	
7:00pm	Bridge	Murphy Hall
7:00pm	Cantors/Choir	Church
Saturday	May 25	
9:30am	Centering Prayer	N. Transept
11:00am	Knitting/Crocheting	Murphy Hall
6:30pm	End Gun Violence Vigil	Parish grounds
Sunday	May 26	
9am, 11am	Masses	Church

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* today 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. 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.

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.

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Tim McAlvey
Kathleen Puccetti, long-time parishioner
 mother of parishioners,
Anthony Puccetti, Vincent Puccetti and Mary Stroth
Doris Day, actress
Tim Conway, comedian
Bobbie Raymond, Oak Park Advocate

Weddings this Weekend

Marialisa LoRusso and Anthony Galasso

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



Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday 8:30am	May 20 (Bernardine of Siena) † Fr. Joe Ruiz
Tuesday 8:30am	May 21 (Christopher of Magallanes) † Margo Pizzo
Wednesday 8:30am	May 22 (Rita of Cascia) † Kathleen Puccetti
Thursday 8:30am	May 23 † Deceased parishioners
Friday 8:30am	May 24 † Charlene Lord, † Thomas and Bradley Trifone
Saturday 5:30pm	May 25 (Bede the Venerable) † Harold Bonus, † Philip Marks † Anna Marks
Sunday 9:00am 11:00am	May 26 (Sixth Sunday of Easter) † Dr. Thomas O' Grady Mary Philbin (<i>living intention</i>) People of St. Edmund

“God is able to make
all grace abound to you.”

- II Corinthians 9: 8

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 25/26

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 5:30pm	G. LeBlanc I. Ochoa	S. Guerin M. Guerin	J. Martin	M. Foster	M. Bielawa, M. E. Creighton, M. A. Marks, D. Marks, A. Mellios, C. Niznik, D. Taylor
9:00am	D. Foster	M. L. Dietsche M. Shubitowski	J. Biek	D. Gregoire	D. Dubowski, D. Giannetti, M. Lorenzi, Craig Putz, Christina Putz, Tessie Villafranca
11:00am	M. Stroth	M. Smith G. Johnson	C. Verdun	T. McCoy	A. Dwyer, L. Jans, M. Smith, L.N. Vaillancourt
5:30pm	T. Cullinane				M. Lee, M. Wheeler