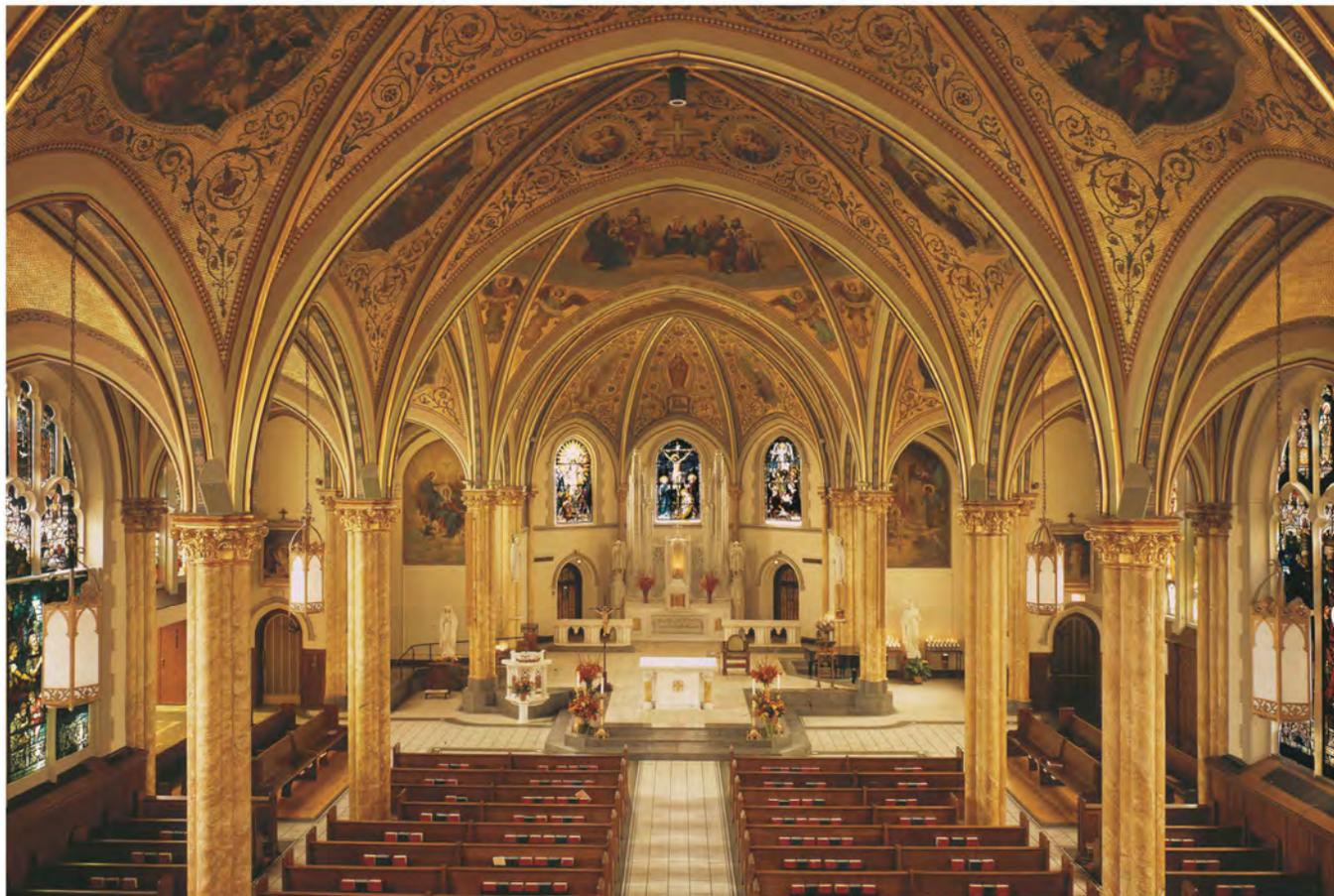


# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

*Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park*

November 12, 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

How do we prepare for things that are important in our lives? Every morning most of us get up and prepare for the day by various tasks, usually very set predictable routines. We awake at a certain hour to get ready for work, school, or however we will spend the day. If you are like most people this routine doesn't vary much and if it does we often experience a disruption to the day that causes us to be off or unprepared for the rest of the day. A wise person usually has a routine and knows that to be fully prepared for the day one needs to have a plan and stick to it. However, I'm sure we all know (or maybe we ourselves are) the person who has never bothered to stick to a wake up routine, or maybe for that matter any regular practice in their life and tends to go through life on a 'wing and a prayer' as the saying goes!

Today's Gospel tells the story about the five wise virgins and the five foolish ones. The wise ones made use of the waiting time by resting and prepared for the moment that the bridegroom would arrive by bringing extra oil. When the time came and the bridegroom arrived, these smart ones lit the way and were invited into the banquet. The foolish ones who hadn't planned ahead were caught with no oil and subsequently were locked out of the feast.

This Gospel of St. Matthew reminds us that we need to prepare to meet the Bridegroom and be ready. We never know when the time will come that we will go to meet God. We need to be as ready for death-as ready as we are to begin each day-maybe even more so. As we have experienced recently in the news items, we can wake up in the morning and set out for our day and never return in the evening. As the wise virgins, we must always be ready and prepared with 'extra oil' and then

we will be invited into the banquet.

It is a fact of human frailty and weakness that we prepare for so many things-our jobs, our families, taking care of necessities-but don't prepare for our death. We choose to ignore the fact that we all will face death at some point. It can be sudden and we will be unprepared or death can be prolonged and we fight and deny the reality that the end is coming. Either way we are like the foolish virgins who neglected to be fully prepared for the bridegroom's coming.

The thought of death is often very unsettling and many of us don't actively want to prepare for it. St. Paul in the reading from Thessalonians tells us that we should not grieve or have no hope for those who have died. That those who have 'fallen asleep' will rise first and those alive will be caught up with them and all will meet the Lord. As Christians we believe that Jesus *died and rose again*, that is the promise that keeps us free of the fear of death! How do we prepare for our death? It's really quite simple, there is not a lot of preparation! All that is needed is the proper Christian attitude. These words from St. Augustine give us the exact instructions:

*"Watch with the heart, watch with faith, watch with love, watch with charity, watch with good works...make ready the lamps, make sure they do not go out...renew them with the inner oil of an upright conscience; then shall the Bridegroom enfold you in the embrace of his love and bring you into his banquet room, where your lamp can never be extinguished"*

- St. Augustine

Janet Bennick  
Coordinator, Religious Education

### The Feast of St. Edmund is November 16

Our patron, St. Edmund Rich, was born on November 20, 1180 at Abingdon, six miles from Oxford. His early chronology is somewhat uncertain. His parents, Reinald (Reginald) and Mabel Rich, were very pious people. Edmund had two sisters and at least one brother. Edmund was taught by his mother to practice acts of penance, such as fasting on Saturdays on bread and water. When old enough he was sent to study at Oxford. While there, the Christ child appeared to him while he was walking alone in the fields. In memory of what passed between him and Christ on that occasion, he used every night to sign his forehead with the words "Jesus of Nazareth", a custom he recommended to others.

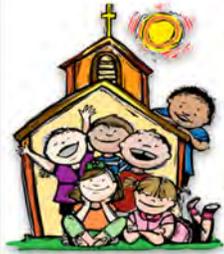
About 1195, in company with his brother Richard, he was sent to the schools of Paris. For several years thereafter, his life was spent between Oxford and Paris. After having devoted himself to the study of theology, Edmund acquired fame as a preacher, and was commissioned to preach the Sixth Crusade in various parts of England. All this time his austerities were very great. Though a gentle man, Edmund firmly defended the rights of Church and State against the exactions and usurpations of Henry III. In 1240 he retired to the Cistercian Abbey of Pontigny. There he lived a simple life until the summer heat drove him to Soissy, where he died on November 16.

Within six years Edmund was canonized, and numerous miracles have been wrought at his shrine. The body of St. Edmund is still venerated in the abbey church of Pontigny. Important relics of the saint are preserved at Westminster Cathedral; St. Edmund's College, Ware; Portsmouth Cathedral, and Erdington Abbey. The ancient proper Mass of St. Edmund, taken from the Sarum Missal, is used in the Diocese of Portsmouth, of which St. Edmund is patron. The "Speculum Ecclesiae", an ascetical treatise, and the "Provincial Constitutions" are the most important of St. Edmund's writings.

# Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Saint Edmund Parish The Baby and Toddler-Friendly Parish

You can't be a parishioner of St. Edmund Parish without realizing that a large part of our community is made up of beautiful infants and toddlers. They bring special joy to our worship services. Their joyful noises are welcome as they are a part of our community and we want our children to worship with us!



We know, however, that sometimes it can be a struggle to worship on and give full attention to your children too. Sometimes you just have to get up and move around. Maybe we can help.

### ◆ The North Transept may be a useful spot.

We want our parents to feel welcome to get up at any point during the mass when their children may need a little extra attention. At times, a parent and child may only need to take a short walk-about. Taking a quick stroll into the north transept of the church may be just what is needed. You'll be able to see everything, hear everything and at the same time give your child a bit more unrestricted space to move a bout.

### ◆ Did you know that there are speakers in the Murphy Hall corridor?

On those occasions when the children need a bit more distance from the worship area, please give consideration to using the Murphy Hall corridor. The speakers allow our parents to walk about with their children and not miss hearing any of the mass, and it gives the children a time to let out the occasional spirited shout without fear of interrupting the service.

*If you have any suggestions as to how we can make our Sunday worship even more baby and toddler-friendly, we'd love to hear from you. Just call the parish office at 708-848-4417.*

### Offertory for Weekend of November 4/5

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00

Due to early publishing deadlines, the *Echoes* was published earlier than usual. Monetary figures will be published in an upcoming edition.

*Have you turned in your Stewardship Commitment Card?*

### St. Edmund Parish Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19



Start your Christmas shopping early and support your parish at the same time! Handcrafted knit and crochet items, jewelry and gift items will be available for purchase the weekend of November 18 and 19 in Murphy Hall after all of the masses. Proceeds benefit St. Edmund!

### Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19 at 7pm

From diverse religious traditions, we come together to celebrate and give thanks. This year, the service takes place at Unity Temple, 875 Lake Street, Oak Park. This is an annual event that is hosted by one of the congregations belonging to the Oak Park-River Forest Community of Congregations and is open to everyone.

A free will offering will support local charities.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

### Let's Meet to Give Thanks on Thanksgiving Day at 10 am

Let us gather to worship and give thanks to God at our special Thanksgiving Day liturgy. In coming together as



a parish family, we have an opportunity to start the day in a true spirit of gratitude for the many blessings in our lives.

Whether you are hosting or visiting family and friends, please bring an item (wine, dessert, etc.—no turkeys!) that will be part of your personal Thanksgiving celebration later in the day. There will be a blessing during the mass. We will have a special table set up for this blessing. Place your item on the table before mass and be sure to pick it up after mass to take home.

We will continue the tradition of giving away Turano bread at the end of the liturgy. The Thanksgiving Day collection will support outreach efforts to members of our faith community, who are especially challenged during these difficult times.

Please join us.

### Reception Committee Offers Thanksgiving Meal

Those of you who wish to share a meal with other St. Edmund community members are invited to a traditional dinner offered by the Parish Life's Reception Committee after the 10am mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23.



The meal is complimentary, but there will be a goodwill basket if you are able to make an offering.

We kindly request that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Call JoAnn Lewandowski at 708-386-1681 or email her at: [lewjoann@hotmail.com](mailto:lewjoann@hotmail.com) to confirm your reservation and let her know what you plan to bring.

**Reservations are required** and needed by Sunday, November 19 so we may plan accordingly.

## School of Religious Education News

There are 3,336,206 children and youth involved in Parish Catechetical Programs; and 1,359,003 children and youth prepared for First Communion and Confirmation through Parish Programs.



Many adults seeking to join the Catholic Faith and receive the sacraments are prepared through the parish RCIA program. Please pray for all the men and women from St. Edmund Parish who volunteer as Volunteer Catechists in the RCIA Program, Religious Education Program and the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program. We appreciate the time you devote to Spreading God's Word.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Sunday, December 3 at 1:00pm in Church. Fifteen youngsters from St. Edmund RE will participate and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The ceremony will be followed by a small reception for the children and families in Murphy Hall. Please remember these youngsters in your prayers.

### Saturday, December 2 Festive Holiday Christmas Tea!

Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 1pm -4pm in Murphy Hall for a festive holiday Christmas Tea. All are welcome! Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are available to purchase after masses in the Murphy Hall corridor.

Fr. Tom Donaldson is our guest speaker. The theme is *Eternity Breaking Into Time*. Fr. Tom is a Redemptorist priest. The early years of his ministry were spent as a Parish Associate, followed by twelve years of giving parish missions, retreats for priests, religious and deacons. Fr. Tom resides at St. Michael's church in Chicago's historic Old Town neighborhood, along with his religious community.



Harpist Nancy Donegan will provide the musical entertainment.

| Week at a Glance            |                       |               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>               | <b>November 12</b>    |               |
| 9:00am                      | Coffee and...         | Murphy Hall   |
| 10:30am                     | Religious Education   | School        |
| 10:30am                     | RCIA                  | Parish Office |
| 10:30am                     | Social Justice Day    | Resource      |
| Room                        |                       |               |
| 12:30pm                     | Baptisms              | Church        |
| <b>Monday</b>               | <b>November 13</b>    |               |
| 2:00pm                      | Eucharistic Adoration | Church        |
| 7:00pm                      | Peace and Justice     | Murphy Hall   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>              | <b>November 14</b>    |               |
| 7:00pm                      | Parish Life           | Murphy Hall   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>            | <b>November 15</b>    |               |
| 7:00pm                      | Bridge Club           | Murphy Hall   |
| 7:00pm                      | Cantors/Choir         | Church        |
| <b>Friday</b>               | <b>November 17</b>    |               |
| 9:00am                      | Bible Study           | Murphy Hall   |
| <b>Saturday</b>             | <b>November 18</b>    |               |
| 9:30am                      | Centering Prayer      | Church        |
| 6:30pm                      | Knit/Crochet Sale     | Murphy Hall   |
| <b>Sunday</b>               | <b>November 19</b>    |               |
| 10:00am &<br>(after masses) | Knit/Crochet Sale     | Murphy Hall   |
| 10:30am                     | Religious Education   | School        |
| 10:30am                     | RCIA                  | Parish Office |
| 4:00pm                      | Green Team            | Murphy Hall   |

### Green Team "Did You Know?"

#### Winter Holiday Time Energy Saving Tips

When cooking on top of the range, match the size of the pan to the heating element. A 6 inch pan on an 8 inch burner will waste more than 40% of the energy.



Fast and efficient microwave ovens use around 50% less energy than conventional ovens. Toaster ovens use one-third the energy of a bigger oven.

[www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/holiday.html](http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/tips/holiday.html)

### It's the Time of the Year for the Giving Tree!

The annual parish *Giving Tree* will be placed in the North Transept beginning Saturday, November 25. Please pick up one or more gift tag(s) the weekends of November 25-26 and December 2-3. So together, we can provide Christmas gifts for members of our sharing parish St. Simeon, Casa San Jose Obrero Mission, Housing Forw>rd (formerly known as P.A.D.S.), and St. Edmund parishioners. We have more need this year and appreciate everyone's generosity. Kindly return the unwrapped gifts, with the gift tag securely attached to the package, to the North Transept before or after the masses on December 9-10. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others!

**Help St. Edmund's at the Same Time: Give twice...at the same price! Purchase MANNA (gift) cards from St. Edmund's. Give the cards as gifts or shop for your gift using the MANNA cards!**

Volunteers are needed for gift collection and/or delivery to St. Simeon. For more information, please contact Mary Prudence at: [mprudence@comcast.net](mailto:mprudence@comcast.net).



## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

|                      |                   |                |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Fr. John Paul Andree | Annyce Dunbar     | Francis O'Hara |
| Clara Ballard        | Mary Evans        | Marie Schaefer |
| Susan Becker         | Gert Johnson      | Rachael Schopp |
| Dolores Benedict     | Sean Johnson      | Mike Scully    |
| Susan Benedict       | Linette Moore     | Ethel Thomas   |
| Barbara Boril        | George Nedved     |                |
| Susan Chicola        | Mary Ellen Nedved |                |

### 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



### Our Parish Remains One in Prayer

Do you have a loved one who is currently serving in the military? Is your relative or friend stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan or at one of our military bases in the United States? Let us know and we will add your loved one's name to our prayer list. In addition, please let us know if your loved one has returned safely.

### Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

**Michael McGivern**, brother of Fr. John McGivern  
**Thomas McNulty**, brother of Dr. Bruce McNulty

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

|                  |                                                                |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>November 13 (Frances Xavier)</b>                            |
| 8:30am           | † George W. Kramer                                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>November 14</b>                                             |
| 8:30am           | † Joseph Cardinal Bernardin<br>† Jan Szuba, † Michael McGivern |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>November 15 (Albert the Great)</b>                          |
|                  | † Dr. Bruce McNulty                                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>November 16 (Margaret of Scotland)</b>                      |
| 8:30am           | † Michael McGivern                                             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>November 17 (Elizabeth of Hungary)</b>                      |
| 8:30am           | † Deceased parishioners                                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>November 18 (Rose Philippine Duchesne)</b>                  |
| 5:30pm           | † Peter, Theresa and Peter Jr. Grandolfo                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>November 19 (33rd Sunday in O.T.)</b>                       |
| 9:00am           | † Jim Smith                                                    |
| 11:00am          | † Phyllis Cormack                                              |
| 5:30pm           | † Jean Becker                                                  |

*Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak  
 Whispers the o'er fraught heart, and bids it break.*

*- Shakespeare*

### Readings for the Week

|                   |                                                                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Wis 1: 1-7/ Ps 139: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10/<br>Lk 17: 1-6                          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Wis 2: 23 – 3: 9/ Ps 34: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19/<br>Lk 17: 7-10                       |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 82: 3-4. 6-7/ Lk 17: 11-19                                       |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Wis 7: 22b – 8: 1/ Ps 119: 89. 90. 91. 130. 135.<br>175/ Lk 17: 20-25            |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5ab/ Lk 17: 26-37                                     |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/ Ps 105: 2-3. 36-37. 42-43/ Lk 18: 1-8.                   |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Prv 31: 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/ Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/<br>1 Thes 5: 1-6/ Mt 25: 14-30 |

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

| Mass Time                | Altar Servers            | Lectors                     | Commentator | Cantors     | Extraordinary Ministers                                                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b> | G. LeBlanc               | T. Mackey<br>M. Guerin      | J. Martin   | J. Senger   | M.E. Creighton, S. Guerin, D. Marks, M.A. Marks, M.J. Reese, J. Reese, D. Taylor |
| <b>9:00am</b>            | L. McNulty<br>R. McNulty | D. Celeschi<br>K. Stumpf    | J. Angone   | D. Gregoire |                                                                                  |
| <b>11:00am</b>           | M. Gonzalez              | M.L. Dietsche<br>G. Johnson | G. Stepanek | D. Gregoire | A. Koors, L. Patterson, S. Sassone, S. Wert                                      |
| <b>5:30pm</b>            | E. Wilson-Yu             | J. Cronin<br>T. Cronin      | To. Cronin  |             | H. Tayag, M. Wheeler                                                             |