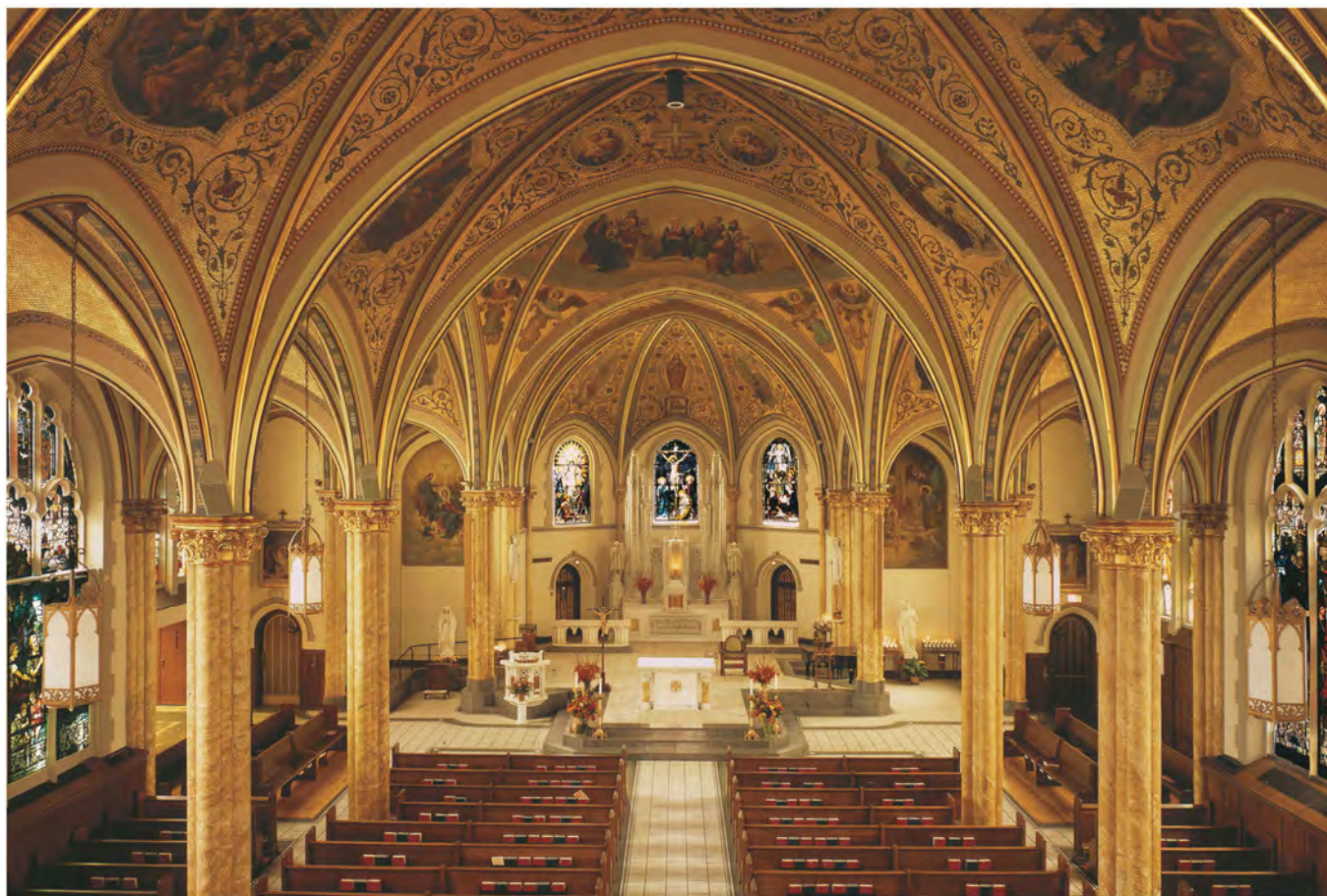


Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park

October 10, 2021




Parish Office

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New Parish Center Office Hours during COVID-19: Monday - Saturday: 10am - 3pm

Sunday: closed

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

Ms. Peggy Leddy, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Maria Allori, Development Director

Deacon Thomas Dwyer, Parish Business Manager

Mr. Donald Giannetti, Parish Assistant

Mrs. Christine A. Rousakis, Manager, Parish Office

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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

Today's First Reading is from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom (Chapter 7, verses 7-11). Wisdom is defined (from a quick Google search) as: "the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise." Interestingly, however, in the Book of Wisdom, wisdom was not simply a quality to obtain. Wisdom was personified. Today, we heard:

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Wisdom was female and she was with Yahweh from the beginning. She had all the attributes that we acknowledge as belonging to one who is wise. In addition, Wisdom was a very appealing being. A close read of the Book of Wisdom will easily demonstrate that Wisdom herself possessed some of the very attributes of God.

If while contemplating about this person called Wisdom, you begin to think of Jesus, you are not alone! There is a school of theological thought called Wisdom Christology which unites the two distinct studies of Wisdom and of Jesus. Has not Jesus been with the Father from the beginning? Is he not wise, understanding, loving and appealing?

The Wisdom tradition is rich and varied, and not exclusive to the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Read the Koran, the holy book of Islam. You will find Allah's gift of wisdom there too! Consider also Sophia, (Greek for Wisdom), and her personification in Hellenistic philosophy and religion.

Today, we understand that it is precisely in the mystery of God—Father, Son and Spirit that the attributes of wisdom are fully realized; and through the mystery of this God who so humbled himself as to enter into the human state, we, too, are given "understanding hearts" that we may share and know and love as people of Wisdom.

M. John McGowan

We Want your Renew My Church Feedback

We have shared with you the various suggested scenarios in email, in print and in our all-parish meeting of October 4th. Now, we need to know what you think?



Here are some questions to consider:

1. Which scenario best addresses the particular needs of St. Edmund's? Why?
2. Which scenario least addresses the particular needs of St. Edmund's?
3. What do you consider the biggest potential challenge facing the implementation of these scenarios?

Or perhaps you have questions of your own. We want to learn your thoughts. Please email the St. Edmund Parish Renew My Church Grouping Team at the following address: stedmundrhc@gmail.com.

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm (Sunday Anticipatory)

Sunday: 11:00am

Monday & Friday: 8:30am

(Tue. & Wed. 8:30am at St. Catherine/St. Lucy Parish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30pm, Saturday

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents need to complete the preparation class before the date of Baptism is scheduled. For registration information, please contact Peggy Leddy at plededy@stedmund.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you are an adult seeking information about receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation, please contact Peggy Leddy at plededy@stedmund.org.

St. Edmund Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry

The mission of the St. Edmund Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry is to unite parishioners and the Oak Park community to forge a collective force against all forms of domestic violence and abuse. We advocate for those in crisis through education, gospel-centered care and counseling referrals. We promote violence prevention and healthy families.

Characteristics of Abusers*

There is no universal profile of an abuser. Perpetrators can be young or old, male or female, professional or unskilled, educated or illiterate, rich or poor, religious or secular, or of any race or ethnicity. Abusers run the gamut of psychological “diagnoses,” ranging from perfectly normal to psychotic.

Consciously or unconsciously, most batterers assume a sense of privilege, which is used to gain and maintain power, or the “upper hand” in the relationship. They tend to believe their behavior is completely justified and necessary to fulfill their role in the relationship, as the one who is in charge, in control, the provider, and “king of the castle.” They feel they have attained or have been endowed with privilege to behave the way they do, and do not believe what they are doing is wrong in any way. They believe the role of their partner is to do what she is told, and to further and support the batterer’s agenda and needs. Examples of privilege used as justification by batterers include: being male; being physically stronger; being heterosexual, or alternatively being a more experienced gay or lesbian; being white; being a U.S. citizen or being documented (if an immigrant); being the wage earner, or earning more money if both are employed; being more highly educated; being able-bodied; and being more religious, among others. Abusers tend to:

- objectify their partners (i.e., treat them as a category or object, not as a full human being);
- feel entitled to get their needs met without regard to the needs or feelings of their partners;
- use power (be it physical, emotional, political, economic or spiritual) to make sure their agenda is accomplished;
- feel that coercion is an effective and acceptable way to get their needs met;
- have the opportunity to be abusive without being held fully accountable; and
- behave abusively with a particular victim.

In addition, the following characteristics are often seen in abusers:

- Often abusers will not clearly acknowledge that their behavior is abusive or even hurtful, even if they have been arrested and convicted of a violent crime.
- Following a discrete abusive incident, some perpetrators may be truly sorry for their actions. Unfortunately, without professional help from a certified batterer intervention program, the cycle of violence usually begins anew, often with more dangerous consequences in future assaults.
- Abuse is likely to continue and to progressively escalate if abusers do not address their violent behavior.
- Some abusers blame their violent acts on external factors such as their partner’s behavior or provocation, being drunk, coping with a medical or psychological illness, or simply having a bad day. Experts in batterer intervention are quick to remind clients that they themselves must take responsibility for their own behavior. There is no excuse for domestic violence.

* Elaine J. Alpert. *Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention*, Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network, 2005.

Domestic Violence. No Excuse.

Where to Find Help

- If you are in immediate danger, call 911.
- Domestic Violence Help Line:
877-TO END DV (877-863-6338)
- Sarah’s Inn (Oak Park) www.sarahsinn.org
24-hr Crisis Line: 708-386-4225
Office: 708-386-3305
- National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline: 866-331-9474

Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all.

Pope Francis, February 2021

HARVEST WEEKEND October 16—17
Monetary Only Collection to Support *Beyond Hunger*

St. Edmund's Human Concerns Commission is sponsoring a monetary only collection to support *Beyond Hunger*, the food pantry that expanded its services to include classes and other programs. *Beyond Hunger's* mission is harnessing the power of communities to end hunger. Please support this vital outreach.

Monetary donation options include check—make payable to *Beyond Hunger* (not St. Edmund), cash and online. Place check and cash donations in a separate envelope marked, *Beyond Hunger*, and put in the 10/16-10/17 mass offertory or drop in the rectory mail slot (left of double doors). To donate online, please visit: <https://www.gobeyondhunger.org>.

FALL 2021 BUNDLE WEEKEND

OCTOBER 16—17

Supports the

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Donations Needed

Clean, gently-used, and in good condition:

SMALL APPLIANCES

CLOTHING (bagged or on hangers)

COOKWARE/DISHES *

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



Drop off items at the St. Vincent de Paul Society trailer in the parking lot.
Volunteers will offer assistance: 10/16, 5–6:30pm; 10/17, 10:45am–12:15pm.

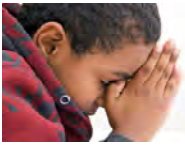
** Pack delicate items safely in a box/carton marked **FRAGILE**.*

Thank you for your generosity!



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

School of Religious Education



Religious Education classes are now in session.

If you are still interested in having your children, attend, contact Janet Bennick at: 708-848-7220 for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Registration Open; Sessions Begin Soon

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual and educational formation process designed for those considering becoming Catholic and those baptized Catholic, who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Sessions begin soon. To register or for more information, please email Peggy Leddy, Pastoral Associate, at pleddy@stedmund.org.

Chicago Archdiocese 2021 Adult Confirmation Zoom Classes Begin Soon

The Adult Confirmation Preparation Program is for adults (18 and older), who have received Catholic Baptism and First Holy Communion, and now seek to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Prep sessions, offered via Zoom, begin soon. The fee is \$60. Advance registration is required. Contact: familyministries@archchicago.org.

Week at a Glance		
Sunday 11am	October 10 Mass	Church
Monday 8:30am	October 11 Mass <i>Parish office closed</i>	Church
Friday 8:30am	October 15 Mass	Church
Saturday 5:30pm	October 16 Bundle Weekend	Parking Lot
Sunday 11am	October 17 Bundle Weekend	Parking Lot

Offertory for Weekend of September 25/26

Budgeted.....	\$10,000.00
Weekend collection.....	\$ 8,934.50
Deficit.....	- 1,165.50

Offertory for Weekend of October 2/3

Budgeted.....	\$10,000.00
Weekend collection.....	\$ tba
Deficit.....	- tba

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Susan Becker,	Irv Schmidt,
Sr. Mary Ruth Broz,	Kelly Scott,
Dudley Cuj,	Suzanne Sloma,
Allison Leonard,	Paula Stumpe,
Joseph A. Norton,	Claire Vaillancourt

“In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness.”

- Pope Francis

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Rev. Theodore Cirone, C.M.F., former weekend president
Maria “Isabel” Cruz, parishioner

Weddings this Weekend

Jessica Rigas and John Pantos
Rosaleen “Rosie” Egan and Kyle Van Der Aa

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday	October 11	8:30am † Gerald Gustafson
Friday	October 15	8:30am † Joanne and Charles Planek † Rev. J. Edward Duggan
Saturday	October 16	5:30pm † Donald Patterson, † Peter McDonnell
Sunday	October 17 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	11:00am † Jeanette Gregoire, † Betsy Young

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 1: 1-7, Lk 11: 29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1: 16-25, Lk 11: 37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2: 1-11, Lk 11: 42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3: 21-30, Lk 11: 47-54
Friday:	Rom 4: 1-8, Lk 12: 1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4: 13, 16-18, Lk 12: 1-7
Sunday:	Is 53: 10-11, Heb 4: 14-16, Mk 10: 35-45