

# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

*Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park*


**October 7, 2018**



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## **We're an Open House Chicago Tour 2018 Site!**

St. Edmund Parish church will be open on Saturday, October 13 from 10am-4pm and on Sunday, October 14 from 12:30pm-5pm for *Open House Chicago Tour 2018*. All are welcome to visit!

[openhousechicago.org](http://openhousechicago.org)



## Staff Notes

As our nation and parish recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, it is critical that we consider this very well-hidden scourge in our society. We may believe that we understand domestic violence dynamics and feel convinced that it is not present or prevalent in our neighborhood. Tragically, our lack of awareness jeopardizes the health and safety of abuse victims, and ironically, benefits and protects perpetrators of abuse. Accepting these truths is grounded in Christian discipleship. Our Baptismal calling and commitment to follow Christ challenge us to advocate for all those who suffer the trauma of domestic violence.

In 2012, St. Edmund's initiated the Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry. This vital ministry focuses on raising awareness about domestic violence through various parish initiatives. During October our advocacy is evident in the abuse-focused petitions at all Sunday liturgies, distribution of purple ribbons and informational cards this weekend, the large banner and purple ribbons display by the Holy Family statue on Oak Park Avenue, (see photo below), our co-sponsorship of the multi-parish event: *Remember My Story, Remember My Name* (see page 4 for details), weekly bulletin articles, ongoing collection of discarded cell phones/chargers, and the Murphy Hall corridor display.

The goals of our Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry—to increase awareness about the presence and prevalence of domestic violence, to clarify the Catholic Church's teaching about violence in marriage, to debunk myths and stereotypes with the facts, and to provide information about Sarah's Inn and other appropriate resources—are overwhelmingly successful as a catalyst for conversation and individual/communal conversion of hearts, attitudes and behaviors. Today we stand on the threshold of change. We are challenged and encouraged to build momentum this month and to carry it forward for the rest of the year rather than packing it away with the banner and dismantled display until next October. We must continue to increase our awareness about the complexity of domestic abuse, to foster sensitivity and build support for the many families affected, and to pray for those suffering trauma and shame through a cohesive effort to offer gospel-centered care and to instill hope where darkness and pain prevail.

To accomplish this, we need to know that stress, drugs, or alcohol do not *cause* domestic violence. Abuse is not God's will nor the victim's cross to bear silently. It is not about abusers losing their temper or being out of control. Domestic violence is grounded in power and control. It is a pattern of learned behavior in which one person in a family, household, dating or intimate relationship tries to control the actions and emotions of the other person. It can take many forms—physical, emotional, verbal, and spiritual abuse, as well as the withholding of money, resources, or basic necessities. We also need to be aware that in the U.S. one in three women is abused, every nine seconds a woman is battered, every day three women are murdered by an intimate partner, two out of five pregnant women are battered, and each year more than 3 million children witness domestic abuse.

Parishioners may not realize that through their support of Human Concerns Commission ministries and committees' initiatives, they are likely already helping abuse survivors. Consider that it is statistically probable that battered women and their children are served not only through the Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry, but also through Housing Forw>rd (PADS), Harvest Weekend donations to the OPRF Food Pantry, the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Bundle Weekend clothing and household items collection (both Harvest and Bundle Weekend take place October 20-21), and Respect Life Committee. Regarding the latter, some perpetrators of abuse force their pregnant partners to have an abortion. We also pray beside domestic violence survivors at mass. We encounter them at work, school, bank, library, the grocery store, the mall, on public transportation and the street corner. We may not know their story, but domestic violence survivors are among us in epidemic numbers.

Jesus' words and actions, throughout his public ministry, teach us to speak the truth against all those who misuse their power and to fearlessly advocate for those injured, silenced and shamed by them. Let us draw hope and energy from Christ's example and join in solidarity to raise awareness about domestic violence.

Peggy Leddy  
Pastoral Associate



St. Edmund Parish Domestic Violence Awareness banner and purple ribbon display on Oak Park Avenue

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### School of Religious Education News Calling All Grandparents! Sunday, October 14

Grandparents of students in the Religious Education program are invited to join us next Sunday, October 14 at 10:30am at the school for a brief introduction to your grandchild's religious instruction at St. Edmund. Immediately following at 11am, we will go to the church for mass. You are welcome to join us at our *Coffee and...* after the liturgy in Murphy Hall.



*Grandparents are God's Gift to Children!*

### New Parish Event!

#### Saturday, October 20 at 6:30pm

Join us on Saturday, October 20 after the 5:30pm mass for our first-ever Oktoberfest! Enjoy an evening filled with German food, German beers and LIVE German Music Do you have a specialty German dish you would like to share? Contact JoAnn Lewandowski at: 708-386-1681 to volunteer your time and to let her know what delicious German food items you are able to provide. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available for purchase in the Murphy Hall corridor after masses.



*Prost!: (Prost) Easy to remember because it rhymes with toast! This is how we say, "Cheers!"*

### Save the Dates!

**10/20-21** - Bundle Weekend: Collection of clothing and household items for St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**10/20-21** - Harvest Weekend: Collection of food, paper products and toiletries for OPRF Food Pantry.

### Week at a Glance

|                     |   |                |
|---------------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>       | <b>October 7</b>                        |                |
| 10:30am             | Religious Education                     | School         |
| <b>Monday</b>       | <b>October 8</b>                        |                |
| 7:00pm              | Parish Office Closed<br>Peace & Justice | Murphy Hall    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>      | <b>October 9</b>                        |                |
| 1:30pm              | Faith Sharing                           | Off-site       |
| 7:00pm              | Parish Life                             | Murphy Hall    |
| <b>Wednesday</b>    | <b>October 10</b>                       |                |
| 7:00pm              | Cantors/Choir                           | Church         |
| 7:00pm              | Bridge Club                             | Murphy Hall    |
| <b>Friday</b>       | <b>October 12</b>                       |                |
| 9:15am              | Bible Study                             | Murphy Hall    |
| <b>Saturday</b>     | <b>October 13</b>                       |                |
| 10:00am -<br>4:00pm | <i>Open House Chicago</i>               | Church         |
| 10:00am             | Knitters/Crocheters                     | Murphy Hall    |
| <b>Sunday</b>       | <b>October 14</b>                       |                |
| 9:00am              | <i>Coffee and...</i>                    | Murphy Hall    |
| 10:30am             | Religious Education                     | School         |
| 11:00am             | Grandparents Day                        | Church         |
| 12:30pm - 5pm       | <i>Open House Chicago</i>               | Church         |
| 2:00pm              | Pet Blessing                            | Parish Grounds |

### Vitae Corner

The USCCB each October designates Respect Life Month helping Catholics understand, value and become engaged in cultivating respect for life. This year's theme is: Every Life \* Cherished \* Chosen \* Sent. Many people don't realize that Roe v Wade legalized abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Roe says abortion may not be restricted at all during the first three months and in the second three months may be regulated only for the mother's health. After "viability, Roe allows abortion to be prohibited but must make an exception for the woman's life or health. But in Roe's companion case, Doe v. Bolton, the Court defined health to include all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the mother. In most states, that is broad enough to permit virtually any abortion in the 7th, 8th, or 9th month of pregnancy, if any of these reasons are invoked.

What are we to do? Love them both! Support women who need help during and after difficult pregnancies. Most importantly, pray daily for an end to abortion that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

### 2pm Pet Blessing

#### Sunday, October 14 at 2:00pm

All parishioners with pets are invited to gather on the Murphy Hall lawn on Sunday, October 14 at 2pm for a special pet blessing. In keeping with the spirit of St. Francis, whose feast was celebrated on October 4 and who had a gentle way with all of God's creatures, please join us as we invoke the Lord's blessing on your furry friends. The ten minute blessing will take place rain or shine.



Bring along the necessary items to keep the lawn free from any surprises.

### JOIN US AT DRURY LANE THEATRE THURSDAY, 11/29 *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*

We have reserved 50 tickets at \$38 per person for parishioners and friends to see the production of *Beauty and the Beast* on Thursday, November 29 at 1:30pm at Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The cost is for the production only. Men and women of all ages are welcome to join us! Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



To keep the cost of the event down, we will carpool and meet there. To reserve your ticket, please see Don Gianetti or call him at 708-848-4417, x205. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, October 28.**

# OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

## October 2018 Calendar of Community Events

### Your Support is Needed and Appreciated

#### Multi-Parish Event: "Remember My Story, Remember My Name"

**Monday, October 15**

**7:00pm**

**Ascension Parish School  
Pine Room  
601 Van Buren St.  
Oak Park, IL**

**St. Edmund Parish's Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry is one of several local parishes sponsoring this must-attend event. Invite your family and friends to join us for this special presentation that sheds light on this incredibly, well-hidden epidemic.**

#### Stand Tall with Sarah's Inn

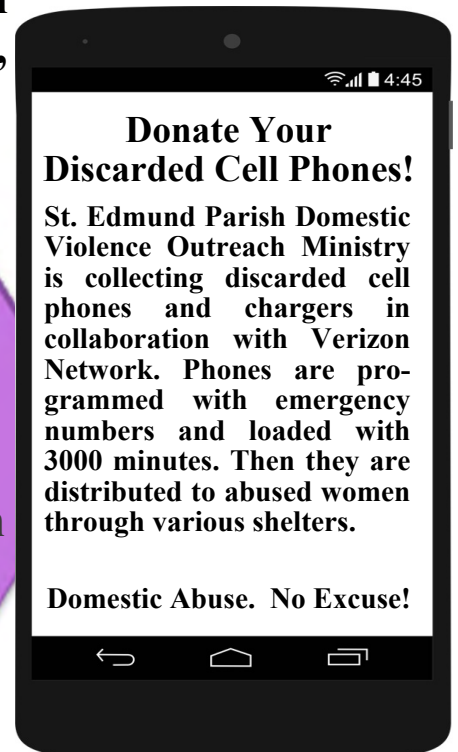
**Saturday, October 20**

**7:00pm**

**Oak Park Country Club  
2001 N. Thatcher  
River Grove, IL**

**For tickets visit: [www.sarahsinn.org](http://www.sarahsinn.org)**

**Enjoy cocktails, treats, and entertainment from the talented Aaron Kaufman-Levine Quartet. Do not miss the wine pull (with a special twist) and amazing, one of kind offerings at the silent and live auctions.**



#### **Intimate Partner/Dating Abuse**

- 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](http://www.sarahsinn.org)  
24-hr Crisis Line: 708-386-4225  
Office: 708-386-3305
- National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline: 866-331-9474

#### **Elder Abuse**

- National Center on Elder Abuse: 855-500-3537
- Illinois Dept. of Aging Elder Abuse Hotline:  
Home: 866-800-1409  
Long-term care facilities: 888-206-1327
- Elder Abuse Provider Agency:  
Oak Park Township Senior Services  
708-383-8060  
[www.oakparktownship.org](http://www.oakparktownship.org)

## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

|                      |                   |                |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Theresa Allori       | Bill Garcia       | Vera Schenone  |
| Clara Ballard        | Donald Hackett    | Rachael Schopp |
| Susan Becker         | Clint Hight       | Mike Scully    |
| Dolores Benedict     | Mark Jackson      | Peggie Smith   |
| Susan Benedict       | Pat Knabe         | Ethel Thomas   |
| Carol Bonus          | Dennis LeValley   | Sadie Thomson  |
| Susan Chicola        | Pat Michalski     | Orfelinda Vera |
| Shawn Cornell        | George Nedved     |                |
| Florence Dalessandro | Mary Ellen Nedved |                |
| Annyce Dunbar        | Hannah Paist      |                |
| Mary Evans           | Jim Plimmer       |                |

### *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  
 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  
 Lt. Col. Ken Schlorf, Army Reserve Iraq  
 Gian Franco Solari, US Air Force  
 Brian Walsh, First Lieutenant US Army  
 Kimyatta Wellington, US Navy



### Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

**John Clancy, uncle of Roy Clancy  
 Deborah (Martin) Darzinskis  
 Victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia**

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

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| <b>Monday</b><br>8:30am                      | <b>October 8</b><br>† Paul Bowman   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:30am                     | <b>October 9 (Denis, John Leoanardi)</b><br>† Timothy J. Rogers<br>† Reverend Matt Lorenz   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8:30am                   | <b>October 10</b><br>† Eimo and Mary Galvanoni  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:30am                    | <b>October 11 (John XXIII)</b><br>† Catherine Rauch<br>† Peggy McGuff   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>8:30am                      | <b>October 12 (Blessed Virgin Mary)</b><br>† Deceased Parishioners  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:30pm                    | <b>October 13</b><br>† Marsha Robinet   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00am<br>11:00am<br>5:30pm | <b>October 14 (28th Sunday in O.T.)</b><br>† Suzanne Guerin<br>† Carlos and Miriam Luis-Jorge<br>† Donald Patterson<br>People of St. Edmund |

### No Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, 10/8

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place on Monday, 10/8 due to the Columbus Day holiday.  
 Eucharistic Adoration will resume the following Monday, 10/15 at 3:00pm.

### Readings for the Week

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;<br>Lk 10:25-37            |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;<br>Lk 10:38-42              |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4                    |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13                            |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26                         |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28                         |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;<br>Mk 10:17-30 [17-27] |

## God Bless Our Military

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of October 13/14

| Mass Time                    | Altar Servers             | Lectors                   | Commentator | Cantors   | Extraordinary Ministers  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| <b>(Saturday)<br/>5:30pm</b> | L. McNulty<br>R. McNulty  | D. Kane<br>A. Glanton     | M. Guerin   | M. Foster | A. Mellios, B. Nelson, S. Shimon, D. Taylor  |
| <b>9:00am</b>                | T. Cullinane              | J. Biek<br>M. Shubitowski | M. Fedota   | P. Pruitt | M. Lorenzi, D. Foster, J. Biek   |
| <b>11:00am</b>               | N. Cosgrove<br>J. Patston | M. Bellmar<br>B. McNulty  | J. Bennick  | M. McCoy  | J. Bennick, J. Jackson, M. Jackson, P. Leddy,<br>A. Mellios, Ch. Putz, M. Kolovitz |
| <b>5:30pm</b>                | M. Wheeler                |                           |             |           | M. Lee   |