

# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

*Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park*

September 16, 2018



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## **Parish Administration and Staff**

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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 the Church celebrates *Catechetical Sunday*. Those in our Parish who serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for this ministry. Catechetical Sunday is also a good time for each of us to examine how we hand on the faith and witness to the Gospel. By virtue of our Baptism we are all called to share the Faith with others and continue to nurture and help the Faith grow.

In 1935 The Vatican published *On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education*, a document that acknowledged the import role of Catechists to facilitate in the teaching of and handing on the Faith. In 1971, the USCCB began offering materials to parishes, to help celebrate Catechetical Sunday in the individual parish community. The third Sunday in September was formally declared by the USCCB to be designated Catechetical Sunday each year.

Catechesis is a special ministry in the Church, made clear by the Catechism of the Catholic Church which states:

“Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church life... her inner growth and correspondence with God’s plan depend essentially on catechesis.”

(CCC Prologue- Handing on the Faith: Catechesis, #7)

For this reason, the Church sets aside one Sunday per year to highlight this ministry and formally commission those who are Catechists. It is also a day when the entire Church is reminded of the responsibility we all have, to share the faith with others.

Many will remember the term *CCD* which was used to designate the program that ‘taught’ the faith to children attended the public schools, who would come to the Catholic school or Parish Hall once a week for ‘religion lessons’. This old term originally meant *Confraternity of Christian Doctrine*, and many of us still use that term. Currently, however, the program is called simply *religious education* and usually refers to grade and high school students, who attend the Faith formation programs in the home parish. The emphasis and focus in religious education today is not all on learning and

memorizing the articles of Faith which are presented, but learning how to live life as a committed person of Faith as we are reminded from the letter of St. James:

“...if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ...Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

Often when we hear the words--catechesis, religious education, CCD we think of children. Yet, catechesis is not just for young people. The root word for ‘catechesis’ is from a Greek word meaning “to echo, or resound.” It is an act of proclaiming and bringing the teachings of the Church to the world. A catechist is one who spreads the Faith in the name of the Church according to Jesus.

Today we honor in particular the men and women, who hold the title of Catechist; especially those who minister in the Religious Education of children and those who minister in the RCIA process of bringing people to the Catholic Faith, we ask them to stand and be recognized and they are formally commissioned by the Church. But there are others who act as catechist; those who minister to and prepare parents when they present their child for Baptism, those who present Bible Study sessions or Faith Sharing sessions and encourage a deeper understanding of the Faith, and lest we forget, the parents (and often grandparents) who are the primary catechists of the children in the home, where the first seeds of Faith are planted.

*Catechetical Sunday* is also our opportunity to reflect on the role each of us plays, by virtue of our Baptism, the command to hand on the Faith and be a witness to the Gospel. It is an occasion for all of us to stand in spirit with the Catechists and rededicate ourselves to the mission of the Church, a people of Faith living and spreading the Word of God.

Janet Bennick  
Coordinator of Religious Education

### 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.

### New Parishioners

We welcome new parishioners at all times. Please stop in the Parish Office during business hours to register.

### 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 Next Sunday, September 23



The 5:30pm Sunday mass resumes on Sunday, September 23. Whether it has been a hustle and bustle kind of weekend and no other time would work for you, or if it was one of those wonderfully lazy weekends and you just didn't get moving earlier, join us for worship on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm.

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### St. Edmund Annual Music Ministry Retreat Saturday, September 22 from 8:30am - 4:00pm All Parishioners Invited to Attend!



All are invited to the St. Edmund Annual Music Ministry Retreat on Saturday, September 22 from 8:30am - 4:00pm. You do not need to be a choir member to attend. The Keynote speaker is Kara McBride who will speak on *Building Community, Imaging God*. The retreat will be held off-site. You may call the parish office for the location. In the event of inclement weather, the retreat will be held in Murphy Hall.

The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you have any questions or need more information, Contact Director of Music, Kathy Halfpenny at 708-386-1832 or through the parish web-site.

### Bible Study Begins Friday, October 5 at 9:15am

We will begin our study of *Spirituality of the Gospels* on Friday, October 5 at 9:15am in Murphy Hall. We meet on consecutive Fridays unless otherwise announced.

The four gospels of the New Testament provide a rich multi-dimensional portrait of Jesus Christ. Each gospel also maps out a unique spiritual path into life with Jesus. *In Spirituality of the Gospels* the modern quest for spiritual fulfillment is met with insight from the gospels and the enduring examples of saints, both ancient and contemporary.



All are welcome, especially newcomers!

### New Parish Event! Saturday, October 20 at 6:30pm

Join us on Saturday, October 20 after the 5:30pm for our first-ever Oktoberfest! Enjoy an evening filled with German food, German beers and LIVE German Music!



Before we can enjoy some *Oom Pah's*, we are looking for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up. We are also seeking donations of German foods such as bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, red cabbage, rye breads, various mustards and desserts. 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!"  
Sometimes you will hear ein Prosit, this means "a toast."*

#### Offertory for Weekend of September 1/2

Budgeted.....	\$14,350.00
Weekend collection.....	\$ 8,913.02
Deficit-to-date.....	-\$32,841.41

#### Offertory for Weekend of September 8/9

Budgeted.....	\$14,350.00
Weekend collection.....	\$ 9,780.40
Deficit-to-date.....	-\$37,413.00

### New Housing Forw>rd Shelter Season Soon to Begin We Need Your Help Tuesday Nights/Wednesday Mornings



The Shelter Season will soon begin. St. Edmund Parish is committed to the hands-on running of the shelter ministry mid-September-May.

We have in total over 200 volunteers serving the homeless population by preparing breakfasts, lunches and dinners, setting up and breaking down dining and sleeping facilities, registering guests, and many other ways.

As we begin the shelter ministry for this fall and winter, we are in need of a few more volunteers in various capacities to ensure that we have all the positions covered and can offer a well-managed and fully-prepared service to the shelter guests. All volunteer positions listed are asked to meet once a month.

- **First Shift (Check-In) Teams:** We need 2 more individuals to help from 7-9pm.
- **Overnight Shifts:** We need 3-4 more individuals who are willing to help. Shifts can be broken into 2 shifts (10pm-2am/2am-5am) or can be done in 1 7-hour shift. Ideally, we will have 2 individuals over night at all times.
- **Breakdown Teams** are needed from 5-6:45am. We need 2-3 individuals to comprise a team.

Please contact Fr. John McGivern ([jwmcgivern@stedmund.org](mailto:jwmcgivern@stedmund.org)) or Peggy Leddy ([pleddy@stedmund.org](mailto:pleddy@stedmund.org)) for further information about particular roles and/or to volunteer. Thank you.

## School of Religious Education

Today, Sunday, September 16 all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago honor and celebrate the dedicated women and men who share the Faith with others. The 2018 theme is **“Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.”** These dedicated individuals from the Community serve as catechists and today will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. The Catechists who serve St. Edmund Parish in the Religious Education program are fulfilling this command in a wonderful way; sharing the faith with the youngsters of the parish. Please prayer for these dedicated individuals as they begin another year sharing the faith with the next generation! By virtue of our Baptism we are all asked to hand on the faith and be a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is also an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the mission of sharing God’s word.



Religious Education sessions for 2018-19 began last Sunday, September 9. Sessions begin at 10:30am and end at 12pm noon. Parents are asked to accompany their child(ren) into the building. Prayer is conducted in the gymnasium after every session. Parents are asked to attend the prayer session with their child(ren). Jesus said, “Where two or three of you are gathered, there I am in your midst.” Mt. 18:20. *For the safety of the children, we ask all Parents to come into the building at dismissal to pick up their child(ren).* Registration is still open and available in in all grade levels. You may enter the school through the Pleasant Street entrance. Office staff is available after the 9:00am Mass to help with registration.

### MANNA Gift Cards Available for Purchase

The MANNA fundraising method is very popular with many non-for-profit organizations. Our hope is that through this simple fundraising program, we will raise additional funds to support the important ministries that we minister to, not only to you our parishioners, but also to those in need outside our faith community.



Consider purchasing MANNA gift cards/certificates for your everyday expenses. Amazon, Jiffy Lube, Old Navy, Pete’s Fresh Market, Ulta Beauty, Walgreens, Walmart, are just a few of the certificates offered. St. Edmund receives a rebate back from your purchase. Each vendor card has a different rebate percent offered back to the parish. The percentages range from 1.5% - 13%.

MANNA ordering forms are available on the tables in the Murphy Hall corridor. Feel free to take one home with you to browse through for your shopping needs. Contact Deacon Tom at [tdwyer@stedmund.org](mailto:tdwyer@stedmund.org) or Denise Walsh at [drwalsh34@gmail.com](mailto:drwalsh34@gmail.com) for ordering and more information about the bank account option.

### Give Central Link on Parish Web-Site Available

Tired of remembering to write a check for your Sunday offertory? Forget to call the parish office with your credit card information? There is an easy solution to these questions!



Simply log on to the parish website at: [www.stedmund.org](http://www.stedmund.org). Scroll down about 1/2 page and you will see a section called, “Miscellany”. Click for the *Give Central* link and follow the easy and user

-friendly steps. You may give a one-time donation, an on-going donation (either weekly or monthly) through your bank or credit card.

Please consider this painless and simple, secure way to help support your parish. Thank you.

### St. Edmund Peace Garden Event, Sunday, 9/30

On Sunday, September 30 between 10:00am and 10:45 am, all St. Edmund Parish children and their parents are invited to help put the Peace Garden to “bed” for the year.

All of the vegetables grown in our garden were shared with the clients of the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry.

Please join us in the garden, which is located by the east entrance to Murphy Hall.



### 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>September 16</b>	
10:30am	Religious Education	School
4:00pm	Green Team	Murphy Hall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 17</b>	
3:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Finance Committee	Parish Office
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 18</b>	
7:00pm	Respect Life	Murphy Hall
7:30pm	Book Club	Kitchen
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 19</b>	
7:00pm	Cantors/Choir	Church
7:00pm	Bridge Club	Murphy Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 22</b>	
9:30am	Centering Prayer	N. Transept
11:00am	Knitters/Crocheters	Murphy Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 23</b>	
10:30am	Religious Education	School
12:30pm	Baptisms	Church

## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

Clara Ballard	Annyce Dunbar	George Nedved
Susan Becker	Mary Evans	Mary Ellen Nedved
Dolores Benedict	Bill Garcia	Hannah Paist
Susan Benedict	Donald Hackett	Vera Schenone
Carol Bonus	Clint Hight	Rachael Schopp
Susan Chicola	Pat Knabe	Mike Scully
Shawn Cornell	Dennis LeValley	Ethel Thomas
Florence Dalessandro	Pat Michalski	Sadie Thomson

### Upcoming Weddings

**Alessandra Scalzo and Ethan Schramm**

### 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

*Please pray for all of those whom we have in mind.*

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	<b>September 17 (Robert Bellarmine)</b> † Marsha Robinet
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30am	<b>September 18</b> † Jean Smith
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30am	<b>September 19 (Janirius)</b> † Jean Becker
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30am	<b>September 20 (Andrew Kim Tae-glon Chong Ha-sang)</b> † Deceased Parishioners
<b>Friday</b> 8:30am	<b>September 21 (Matthew)</b> † Deirdre LeFevour <i>(one-year anniversary)</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:30pm	<b>September 22 (BVM)</b> † Marsha Robinet
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am	<b>September 23 (25th Sunday in O.T.)</b> † Thomas and Bradley Trifone † Felipe Gonzales and Felix Soto † Verdell and Edward Saunders † Angelina Contreras, †Danielle Herrera
<b>Sunday</b> 11:00am	† Vito Fusanella
<b>Sunday</b> 5:30pm	People of St. Edmund

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
<b>Friday:</b>	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

## God Bless Our Troops

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of September 22/23

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b>	L. McNulty R. McNulty	D. Brown	B. McNulty	W. Senger	K. Ballard, M. Bielawa, M.E. Creighton, L. Hakes, J. McCoy, D. Taylor
<b>9:00am</b>	G. Dietz	M. Puzek M. Trifone	T. Norton	P. Pruitt	J. Bennick
<b>11:00am</b>	S. Patston	M. Smith L. Christensen	M.L. Dietsche	D. Gregoire	M. Allori, R. Allori, M. Smith, D. Walsh
<b>5:30pm</b>	T. Nelson	Cronin Family	Cronin Family		