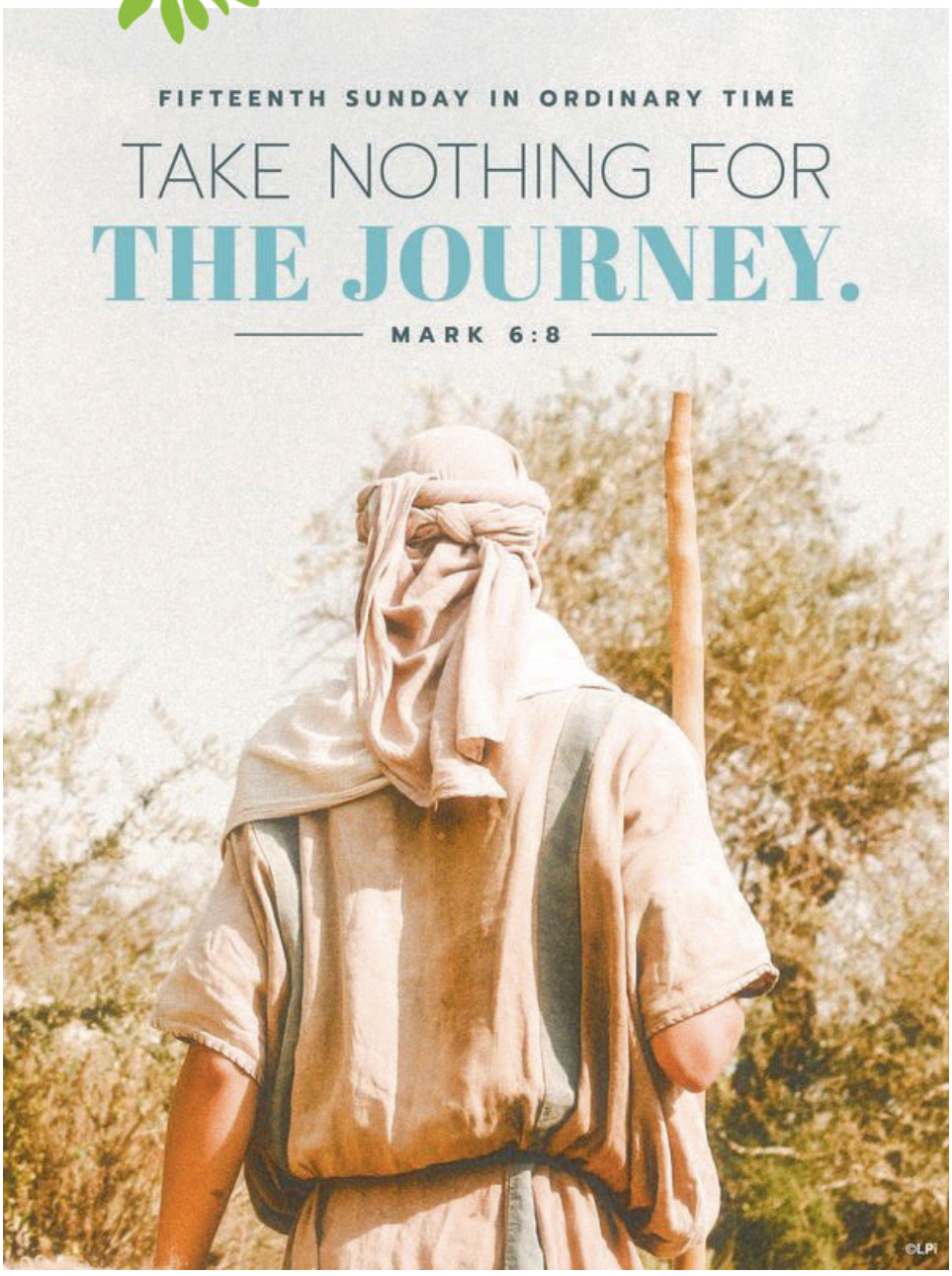
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Welcome!

We, the Catholic community of Queen of Peace Parish, centered in the Eucharist, strive to grow in our faith and our relationship with God as a welcoming people, working for peace and justice through service to others.



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Sunday Vigil Mass:	4:30 pm
Sunday:	8:30 am
	11:30 am

CONFESSIONS 3:30 pm on Saturday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday:	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benediction:	5:45 pm

July 14, 2024

From the desk of Fr. Rich



Today we celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our first reading is taken from the Book of Amos. Amos preached about 750 years before Christ and was the first prophet whose words were put into writing. At that time, the Jewish people were split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. God sent Amos from the southern kingdom of Judah to preach to the people in the north. So, he faithfully went there, to a place known as the shrine of Bethel. As so often happens to prophets, the priest wasn't pleased that he came.

Today and for the next few weeks, we will be reading from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus, a major seaport on the western coast of what is today Turkey, was a center for early Christians. Today's passage is the beginning of the letter and is a prayer praising God for the good things God has done for us.

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Our new Operations Director, Lisa Keeney, is now taking on the duties of managing the parish. As you might imagine getting settled in a new parish community, getting to know your new staff members, and adjusting to new surroundings must be quite challenging. However, Lisa, seems to be adjusting just fine. Hopefully over time you will all get a chance to meet her. I believe she will be writing an introductory article about herself for today's bulletin.

We also want to make our new associate pastor, Fr. Robert Carlton, feel welcomed and at home here, so please help him get to know you by introducing yourself to him. He, too, has to make a lot of adjustments to his new parish and surroundings. Welcome, Robert!

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It's hard to believe that school will be starting up again in a little over a month. It seems as though school just got out, yet these summer days have been passing so quickly, and it too, is almost over. There has been much work done in and around the parish office/rectory over the past year. Currently all the broken and antiquated heating and cooling units are being replaced which should put the parish office building in good shape for the next few decades. The final project this summer/fall will be the replacement of all the entrance doors at the parish office. This will improve our insulation issues, provide greater security and will definitely give the building a much more esthetic look. The next project will be much needed exterior work on the church before we can begin the major work that needs to be done to our many parking lots.

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A little humor….

Question: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

Answer: Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Enjoy these upcoming summer days everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos

Welcome Lisa Keeney



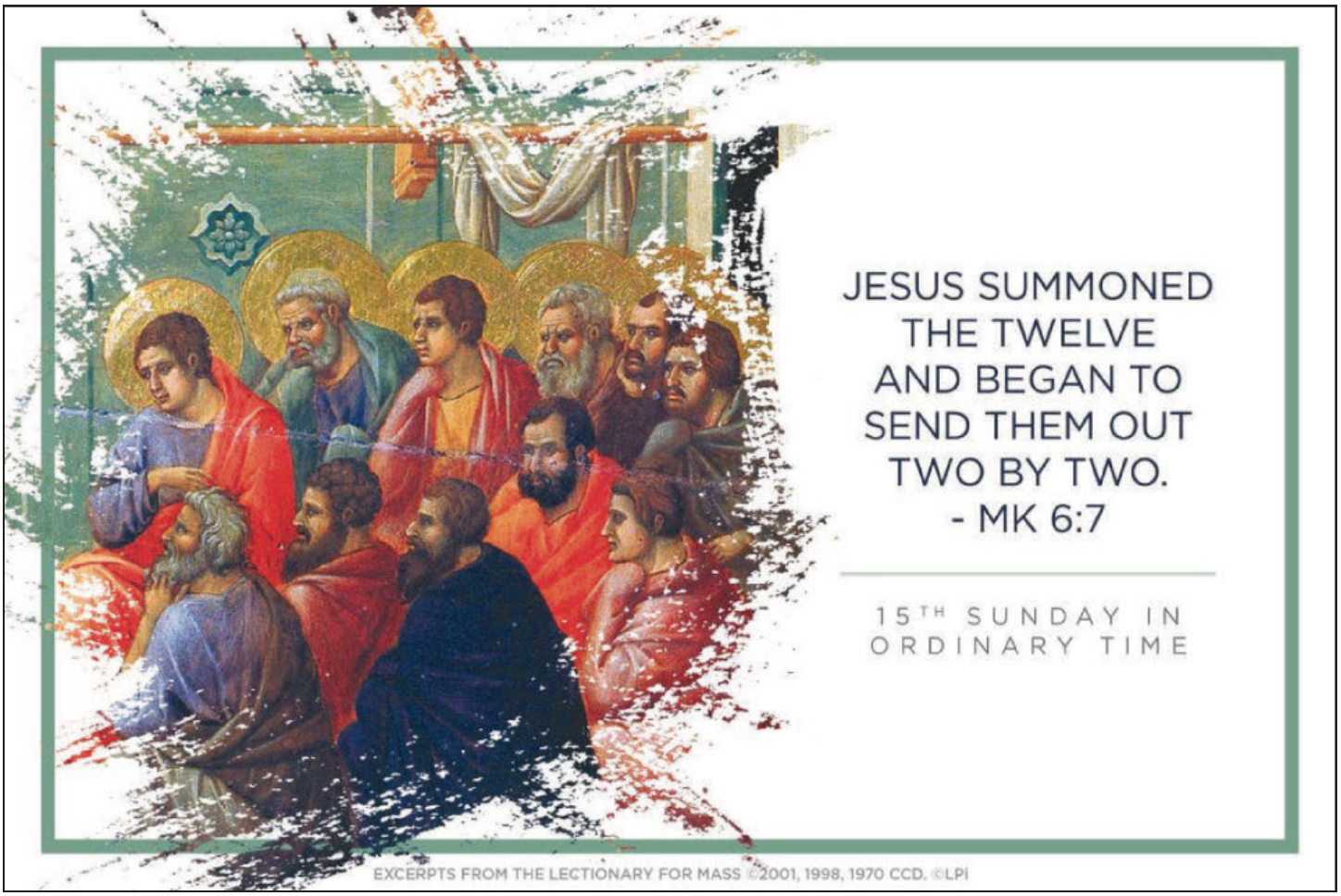
Greetings to All!

I am Lisa Keeney, and I have been welcomed to come on board as the new Director of Operations. I am here to serve all of you, so please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

Some background on me. I grew up in Chicago, attended St. Giles Grade School, Trinity High School and Rosary College. I worked on studying as an English writing major and religious studies minor. I cherish my faith as a Catholic, and desire to share in the faith with all those who believe how important it is to celebrate such.

I will be working towards relieving Fr. Richard Yanos of some of the tasks that he has so capably maintained in the absence of an OD over the past 2 years, so I ask for prayers for both of us to move forward in a positive and productive future.

I am excited to be here at this beautiful parish, and I look forward to meeting all of you in the future.
Thank you!



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

Juan Diaz
Don Feist
Mary Jane Fritza
Wayne J. Greco
Myron Masley
Jean & Nick Mazzocchi
Tom & Josephine Szczech
Elizabeth Viola

Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun
Robert Finland 37th Death Anniv.
Antonina & Jozef Krol
Mika Family
Martha Wrobel

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Judy Biala
Zaharias, Efrosyni & Petroula Fountas
Paul Kunach
Pietro Pisello
Jozef Rebacz
Francesco & Rosina Ruffolo
Evelyn Rzepka
Wanda Rzepka
Helena Swieton
S.I. For Mary & Deacon Ted Marszalek

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Sr. Joan Buckett BVM
Dominic Cullotta
Deceased Members of the D'Avino & Esposito Families
Pearl & George Giovannoni
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Antonino La Marca
Bishop John Raymond Manz
Hillard Michalek
Michael Michalek
Kenneth Van Spankeren, Sr.

Monday, July 15, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Bartholomew Q. Marcy
North & Anders Families
Walter Wrobel B-Day Remembrance

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Don Feist
Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
Deceased Members of O'Neill Family

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Arthur & Mannheim Families
Pat & Lia Gerard,
Mateusz Kolinski
Anna Zeglen

Thursday, July 18, 2024

7:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Deceased Members of Arvin Family
Ranzo Rizzi
Mr. & Mrs. Walterstradt & Family

Friday, July 19, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Kolief & Miller Families
Charles Leone
Maria & Matthias Rempala
S.I. Konrad Sniezek

Saturday, July 20, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jozefa Kolinska
Ukraine & Middle East

Saturday, July 20, 2024

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Nicolo Bartolotta - Father & Uncle
Deceased Members of Egan & McGuire Familiers
Don Feist
Nancy Redig
Robert P. Reilly, Jr.
Katie Szpinalski, Al Corrado—2nd Death Anniversary

Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun
Domenica Dammicco
Antonia Daniello
Giacomo & Maria Daniello
Juan Diaz
Walter Gwuzd
LaPietra & Regan Families
Giovanni & Iolanda Lucchesi
Mary Sparacino
Regina Swiecicka

10:00 am Mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Margarita Pan Opio Aspi
Lois Costable B-Day remembrance
Vito & Pasqua Ferri
Stanislaw Kurda
Samuel Moretti
Pietro Pisello
Jozef Rebacz, Stefania Rebacz
Anna Swider
Calogera Caterina Vivacqua

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Pietra Arcuri
Domenico Batista
Chris & Tadeusz Dabos & Family
Jolanta Grabowska
Angela & Cristina Greco
Nora Montemayor
Donato Donald Parente
Robert Seliga
Bob Schu
Zygmunt & Janina & Witold & Family

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday,07/20 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos Deacon Chris Virruso - TC Preaches	D. Sulimowski - WB M. Lim - B Celebrant & Deacon - C M. Pollowy - O J. Horn - WO C. Lim - Cup B C. Bobka - Cup O	B. Janus E. Burzawa A. Boccia B. Villena	A. Cisek
Sunday, 07/21 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	J. Pomis - WB R. Kennedy - B J. Cardella - C D. Duszynski - O C. Hill - WO J. Nardi - Cup B M. Egan - Cup O	A. Czubek C. Brown I. Francis M. Marrinan	J. Imburgia
Sunday, 07/21 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Robert Carlton Chris Virruso - TC Preaches	M. D'Alessando - AB E. Aspi - AC R. Catalano - TB M. Marszalek - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	G. Henderson - 1st P. Vega - 2nd
Sunday, 07/21 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	M. Tomzik - WB P. Tomzik - B C. Giacalone - C O. Giacalone - O D. Hernandez - WO B. Berggren - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	C. Rodriguez L. Parrillo-Hall M. Clancy L. Acierno	L. Vasich

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Eugene Church

Mondays 4 – 6 pm.

Benediction at 5:45 pm





PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. We thank You and praise You through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Pat Apida
Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio
Victoria Amelio
Peter Badagliacca
Patricia & Lawrence Basili
Judy Bauer
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Sharon Crowley
Susan Curtin
Angela & Rocco D'Alessandro
John Dahlquist
Joseph Duna
Arol Fijalkiewivz
Tony Fiore
Bob Gasiorek
Harry Gelardi
Patricia Gelfond
Susan Hennessy
Jeff Herden
Renee Holm
Ryszard Jablonski
Terry Katz
Arthur Kopeck
Harry Krawczyk
Thomas Landeck
James LaPietra
Abagail Lim
Allie Lim
Frank Lizak
Rose Mary Maratto
Mickey Margelewski
Stanisław Mazek
Azucena & Jazmine Melendrez
Lena Menconi
Dolores Michalek
Patrick Misciniscinski
Linda Morton
Norman Mosk
Michael C. & Virginia Muscarello
Michael J. Muscarello
Joey Notaro
Anthony Notaro
Victtoria Nudo
Rev. James J. O'Brien
Donie Odulio
Catherine O'Hara
Blanca Pacia
Camille Pavlis
Karen Pavlis - Karasawa
Kay Phelan
Rita Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Diane Rizzuto
Pat Schippers
Shirley Schindler
Peter Schroeder
Robert Shelton
Dolores Scorza
Maria Slomski
Daniel Staniec
Emily Steckiewicz
Rachael Stowe
Mae Stryker
Lavergne Suchor
Tom Szczech
Dave Tudron
Paul Tscherwenka
Ernesto Vergara
Dolores Wilk

We pray for our loved ones who are serving in any branch of the Armed Forces during this time of conflict.



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the selfless acts they perform for us
in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

Major Adamczyk
Joseph Antosh, Jr.
Ghaleb Azroui
Matthew Calderisi
Timothy Emmett Carolan
Melissa Rose Cortese
James Vincent Degrazia
Patrick Edward Dillon
Zbigniew Dudkowski
Matthew Scott Forrest
Dominic John Guerrieri, Jr.
Major Dirk Haller
Andrew Hopkins
Christopher Jenkins
Bernard Edward Kusinski
Lt. Radoslaw Korzeniak
Antonio James Lim
Payne Manczko
Chris Marchiori
Daniel McLenieghan
Daniel Meaney
Keith Miller
Michael Morales
Mike Mroszczak
Thomas Neuhengen
Eric Norwood
Elliott O'Claire
Vincent Page
Chad Pritchard
Nicholas Ranch
Adam Roberts
Joseph Saineghi, Jr.
Holly Schippers
Michael Schippers, Jr.
Sean Sherlock
Sharon Sherlock
Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, help me always to remember that it is your power that turns people's lives around. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Choose one friend you know who needs to hear about God's love. Ask your parents if you could offer a ride to that friend, and invite him or her to church with you.

Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus prepared his disciples for a mission trip, where they would help the people in area towns and teach them about God. Before they left, Jesus asked his disciples to travel light-they were to bring no food or clothes or money. They could not survive without God's help. Jesus also asked them to heal people. They could not heal without God's power, either. God provided everything they needed for their mission trip.

Now color the picture!

Draw a picture of a disciple







Greetings Ministers of Care and those interested in learning more about the Ministry at Queen of Peace. We will have a meeting on **Wednesday, July 24th at 6pm** in St. Eugene's meeting room #110 (between the church and school). Looking forward to gathering to meet each other, to share procedural changes, and upcoming activities.

Please let us know if you will be attending by calling this number: 773-775-6659

Ministry of Care

These ministers answer a special calling to visit the sick and homebound and bring them the Body of Christ. All go through a period of parish training and attend a training seminar offered by the Archdiocese.

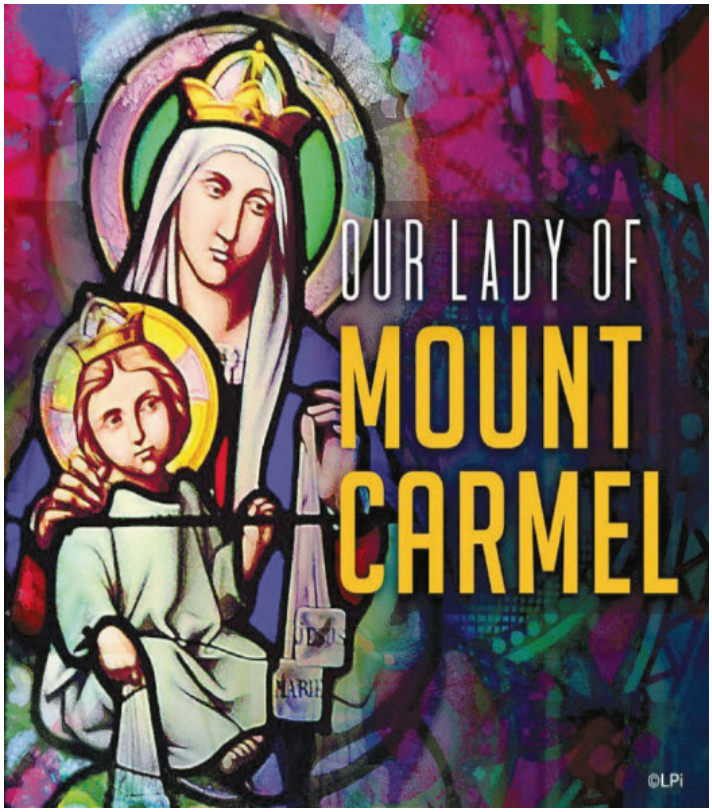
While visiting, they bring these parishioners up to date on parish news, bring the bulletin, and most importantly, pray with them and bring them Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Ministers of Care must attend a series of training sessions offsite, (Should we have multiple persons interested, Queen of Peace can offer former training), and will receive a mandate from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Once formal training is completed, you will partner with an existing Minister to become comfortable bringing Jesus to the home before being given an assigned homebound parishioner.

If you feel you have the call to this ministry, please contact the Parish office 773-775-6659

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting, and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits -- seeking solitude -- made their homes on the mountain during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their church after Mary -- Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Political upheaval forced the Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for both men and women across the continent. Many great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein. Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Pray for us!



OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

BECOMING CATHOLIC — OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA) ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. OCIA can also be a method for Catholics to complete their reception of the initiation sacraments. The manual used in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults states that the rite is designed for adults "who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God." The manual also states when speaking about those in the process "By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time receive the sacraments fruitfully."

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

With the gift of Jesus' Precious Blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through our Baptism into him — to be heirs of the promise and liberated from sin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are ongoing. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660



Sunday, June 30

4:30 pm SE	$2,656.00
8:30 SE	$3,450.50
10:00 OLMC	$2,040.00
11:30 SE	$2,261.00
Mail SE	$3,224.00
Total Physical	**$13,631.50**
Online Collection	**$1,787.01**
Grand Total	**$15,418.51**
Peter's Pence	$3,514.50

Sunday, July 7

4:30 pm SE	$2,858.00
8:30 SE	$2,641.50
10:00 OLMC	$3,010.00
11:30 SE	$2,108.00
Mail SE	$3,650.00
Total Physical	**$14,267.50**
Online Collection	**$4,079.21**
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Second Collections

July 14
St. Eulalia Sharing Parish

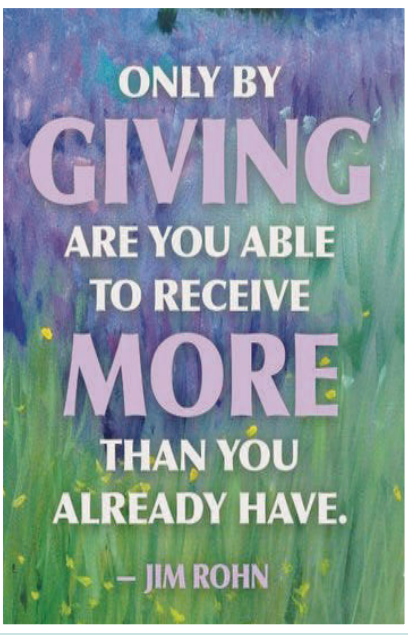
July 21
School Support

Bible Study

Wednesday in St. Eugene School room 110 from 10:00 to 12:00. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net.
Hope to see you there!



2nd Wedding Banns
Samantha Mary Udzielak
&
Ryan John Alderson





Bulletin Submissions:

Bulletin requests must be sent two weeks prior to the desired bulletin weekend to mgeurtsen@archchicago.org We reserve the right to edit. Submissions will be placed in the bulletin if space allows and pending administration approval. Please call the parish office for the holiday schedule. *Thank you.*



Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Bob Schu
† Valene Georgiafentis
† Felicetta D'Attomo

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.





Lavergne Suchor and some of the members of The Friendship Club
at Mass for her 100th Birthday.



Sunday, June 30, 2024
Rev. Jacek A. Dada



Rosaries for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress

The National Eucharistic Congress meets this Wednesday, July 17 through next Sunday, July 21 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Let us pray at least one Rosary for the Congress; that it will bear great fruit. Please contact the parish office to be a Rosary Guild member, along with Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Gilda M., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., Shirley S., and Milabelle T.

Living Rosary

Pray a decade of the Rosary each day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of Saint Philomena, the patron of the Living Rosary. To sign up to pray a daily decade, please reach out to the parish office.

Joyful Mysteries
Annunciation - Ted M.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding in the Temple - Mary M

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Ted M.
Transfiguration - Emily A.
Institution of Eucharist - Emily A.

Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection - Lita J.
Ascension - Marsha G.
Descent of Holy Spirit - Camille C.
Assumption of Mary - Camille C.
Coronation of Mary - Camille C.

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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The Israelite priest Amaziah was threatened by the prophet Amos from Judah. What are some ways you have helped others who feel at risk in a difficult situation?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Ephesians that in "the fullness of times," God's plan is "to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth." What are some things in your life you are waiting for?

Gospel:

Jesus taught the apostles to preach and heal only in places where they were welcomed. Do you recall a time or a place where you felt truly welcomed?



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me,
Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (Am 7:15)

Psalm:
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world.
(Eph 1:3-4)

Gospel:
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. (Mk 6:7)

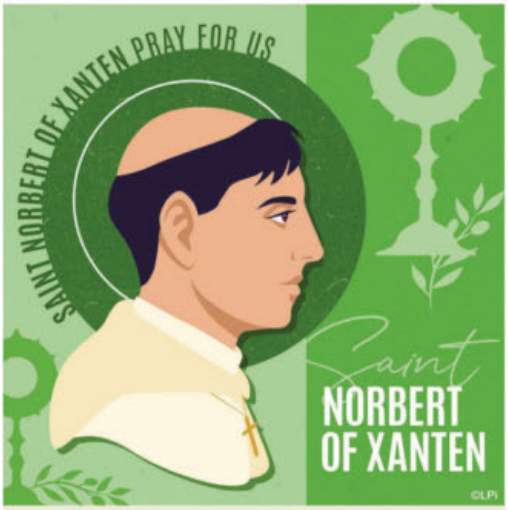
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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Jesus sends his disciples into the world with no money or provisions — just as he sends us. But make no mistake — he has given us everything we need: the strength that comes from faith in Christ, and the will to do what God has asked. Let's get to work.

Observances for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Saturday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr; BVM
Next Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134) after a violent conversion experience, was ordained and became an itinerant preacher who founded the Norbertine order. He preached against heresies denying the Blessed Sacrament, which earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament."

Prayer for Truth

Dear Jesus,
As I set out in your name, be with me on every step.
I don't know where you will lead, but I trust that you will be with me and that, for me, that will be enough.
Amen.

Readings for the week of July 14, 2024

Sunday:
Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday:
Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday:
Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,
16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd,
16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:
Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday:
Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/
Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, "**two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts." Two-by-two**: they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons**: they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts**: they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— Father John Muir

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Shake Off the Dust

Our kitchen floor is at least 35 years old, and it's the ugliest color to come out of the '80s. But it's a good, durable floor, and my husband, bless his heart, guards it like it was a finely finished hardwood imported from Brazil.

Every time the kids track mud and sand across its vinyl surface, he immediately gets down on his hands and knees and lovingly wipes the mess away. I'm too impatient to do this myself — *we have kids, so we're going to have a dirty floor*, is my attitude. But this is the hill upon which my husband dies. On hands and knees, scraping dirt off an almost 40-year-old floor, he is the silent, long-suffering sentry, and if it kills him, he will keep these floors pristine. He is Gandalf, and the dirt is the Balrog. *You shall not pass.*

"Shake the dust off your feet." This is what Christ tells his disciples to do when they — and his word — are rejected. Shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them. Why does he say that? It's not an act of dismissal. It's not a thumbed nose or a stuck-out tongue. No, it's an act of caution: *Don't bring it with you. Leave it there.*

When we walk through the world, we pick up a lot of dirt. Misguided notions, disordered priorities, habits, and desires that we never noticed until we realized they left a trail. We come into a situation intending to do what is right, but somehow it all goes sideways, and we walk away from it with detritus clinging to us in places we don't notice. *They wouldn't listen. They'll see, we think. Oh, they'll see. They'll see how right I was.* Pride and vengeance hitch a ride on the soles of our feet, and we track them all through the world.

What to do about this? You can be like me with my ugly old floor. You can shrug your shoulders and say, "It happens, I guess. I'm only human. I meant well."

But here's what would be better: be like my husband. Get down on your knees and get rid of the dirt. Stop the trail in its tracks.

"So they went off and preached repentance." — Mark 6:12

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer:

Ask any mom about her children and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

Happy Summer!



Here are a few tips to keep yourself well this summer:

Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate
(unless placed on a fluid restriction by your physician)
2 waters to 1 Gatorade or Pedialyte bottle (when active outside)

Sunscreen/ Sunblock, SPF > 50 UVA/UVB
Sunscreen absorbs UV rays before they hit your skin, while sunblock prevents them from reaching you.

Basic information regarding Heat exhaustion and Sun/Heat Stroke

Heat exhaustion is the body's response to an excessive loss of water and salt, usually through excessive sweating. This presents itself with one or more of the following symptoms:

- muscle cramping
- a rapid, weak pulse
- a general sense of weakness
- nausea or vomiting
- excessive sweating
- cold, clammy skin
- dizziness and sometimes fainting
- dark-colored urine
- headaches

Anyone who suspects that they have heat exhaustion should immediately rest and rehydrate. If symptoms do not improve, seek medical attention to prevent heatstroke.

Heatstroke, also called sunstroke, is the most serious heat-related illness. Heatstroke may begin with symptoms of heat exhaustion. It can be life-threatening, and symptoms may rapidly worsen, to include:

- a temperature of 104ºF or higher
- hot, dry skin
- a racing heartbeat
- confusion
- agitation
- slurred speech
- seizures
- loss of consciousness
- coma

If not treated immediately, heatstroke can damage multiple organs and systems.

There are two types of heatstroke: exertional and non-exertional.

Non-exertional heatstroke occurs in those who cannot adapt well to increasingly hot temperatures. Older adults, people with chronic illnesses, and infants are often affected.

A person typically experiences this type of heatstroke when they are indoors without air conditioning, and they may not be engaging in any physical activity. It can take several days of high temperatures for non-exertional heatstroke to occur, and it is common during extreme heat waves.

Exertional heatstroke occurs in people whose bodies can no longer adapt to rising temperatures while exercising or working. This condition can develop within a few hours, and it usually affects people who are spending time outdoors.

Be Safe, Be Well!
Terri, RN

(Resource: Center for Disease Control-CDC)

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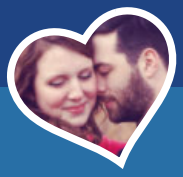
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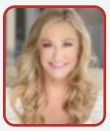
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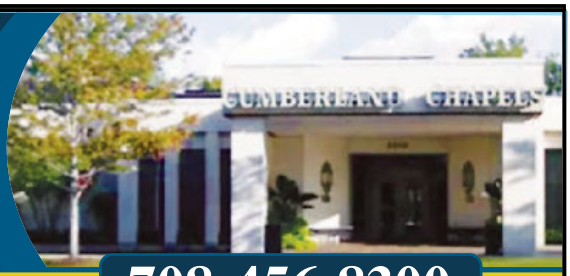
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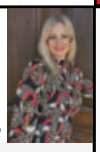
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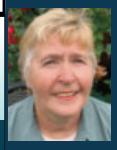
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