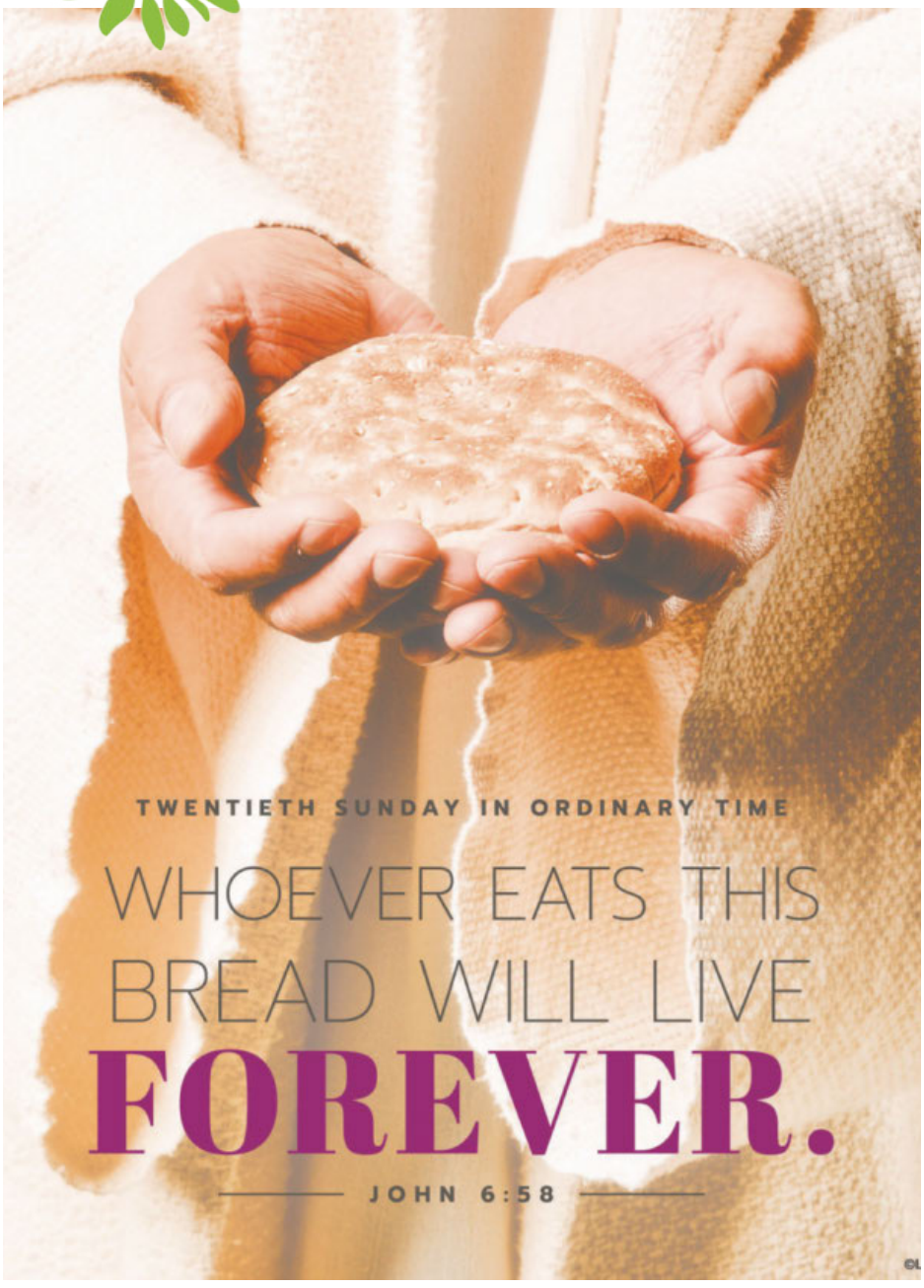
Queen of Peace Parish

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.



OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656
Ph. (773) 625-3369

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

MASSES:

Tuesday:	7:00 am
Thursday:	7:00 am
Sunday:	10:00 am

ST. EUGENE CHURCH

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Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MASSES:

Monday:	9:00 am
Wednesday:	9:00 am
Friday:	9:00 am
Saturday:	8:30 am
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

August 18, 2024

From the desk of Lydia Hilado



I am Lydia Hilado, and I have the pleasure of being the Music Director for St. Eugene Church (9 years) and Our Lady, Mother of the Church (since April 2024). I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about myself and the music ministry at Queen of Peace Parish.

I started playing the piano at 5-1/2 years old (classically trained). An alumnus of St. Eugene School, I started singing in the choir in 4th grade and continued in choir all through high school at St. Ignatius College Prep. I joined the St. Eugene adult choir my junior year of high school, and was a member of the community theatre group, the St. Eugene Players, for 12 musical productions and played keyboard for two. I started cantoring at weekend masses in the early 2000s.

I love working in music, as it gives me great joy to share what God has given to me. My faith is very important to me, so having the ability to combine my musical background and talents within the body of the mass brings me elation and satisfaction. The music ministry is a very important ministry in a church, as it spreads the Word of God through music experiences—to support the sermon, to uplift, and to encourage the body of Christ through song and worship.

I conduct the Queen of Peace adult choirs each weekend and the St. Eugene School children's choir throughout the school year. The adult choirs sing weekly on Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. mass at Our Lady, Mother of the Church and at the 11:30 a.m. mass at St. Eugene Church. We are always looking to welcome new members, so please join us if you feel the call! The wonderful thing about singing in a choir is the blending of voices. The ability to read music is a plus (but not a necessity), as I send out links to the songs so you can listen and learn. We have weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Eugene Church. If you cannot sing every week, you are welcome to join us when you can. If you play an instrument and would like to share your talent on a Sunday, at Christmas, or Easter—please reach out to me!

You may wonder how I choose the music for our masses. Each week I go through the readings for that particular Sunday (or Holy Day) and discern a theme or central teaching. I then go through the hymnal and other sources to pick out songs that will carry that theme throughout the mass. Finding music is time-consuming, but enjoyable, as I often find new and beautiful pieces. Once I decide on the songs, I email the choir the list, YouTube links to the songs so they hear them and familiarize themselves, as well as the pdfs from the hymnal or purchased sheet music.



Completing the music ministry is my older brother, Vince Hilado, our Assistant Music Director. You can hear his powerful tenor voice and amazingly extensive pianist skills on Sundays and Holy Days. Vince is also the music director for musical productions in LaGrange Park, North Riverside, and Westmont, and provides the music for the Saturday evening mass at St. Ladislaus.

Feel free to say hi before or after mass (please note I do rush out after the 8:30 a.m. mass on Sundays to get to Our Lady, Mother of the Church for their mass). Reach out if you have any questions or concerns about the music. I look forward to seeing you at mass.

Lydia Hilado

ROSARIES FOR NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS TO RETURN

The Rosary Guild's intention this week is for lapsed Catholics to practice their faith again. Members pray at least one Rosary for the weekly intention, and include 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. All are invited to pray a Rosary for this intention.

LIVING ROSARY FOR THE TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Living Rosary members pray at least a decade of the Rosary daily for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of St. Philomena. All are invited to pray a daily decade of the Rosary for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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.

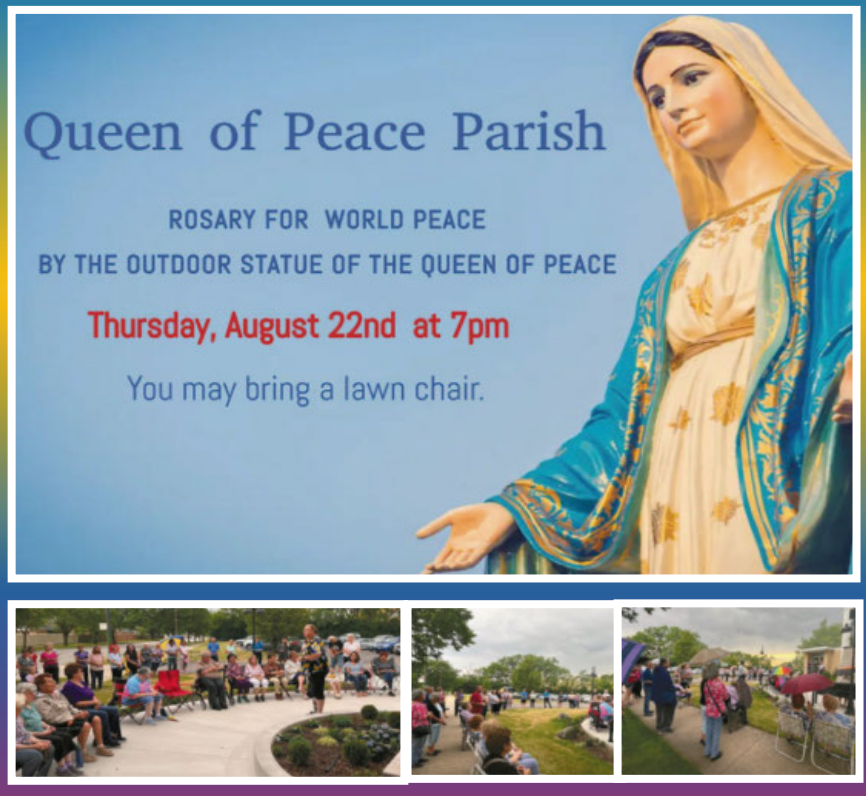
Sorrowful Mysteries
Agony in the Garden - Jean R.
Scourging at the Pillar - Jean R.
Crowning with Thorns - Mary M.
Carrying of the Cross - Ted M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

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

ROSARY BY THE OUTDOOR STATUE OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE

Come pray a Rosary for peace at 7 p.m. this Thursday, August 22, the memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You may bring a lawn chair.







QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH - MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17, 2024

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

Dominica Donato, Anna Dudek, Wayne J. Greco
Maria Janus - Birthday Remembrance
Law Enforcement, Jimmy McGuire
Karol & Frances Roch, Fr. Fred Tomzik
Lucas & Frances Szczech
Maria & Salvatore Tenuta,

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun, Cinquini Family
Giacomo & Maria Daniello
Jozef & Stanislawa Krol, Law Enforcement
Tony Parisi, Joseph Portenlanger

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

People of the Parish
Walter & Marianne Feret
Bill & Marty Hogan, Pietro Pisello
Mary & Walter Prezette, Stefania Rebacz
Ranzo Rizzi, Helena Swieton
Duane Thurber

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Domenico & Anna Battista
Brunetto & Cecilia Brunetti
Chris & Thadeusz Dabros & Family
Jolanta Grabowska
Mardoian & Jonathan Families, Hillard Michalek
Michael Michalek
Jill Pace B-day Remembrance
Giuseppina Savino
Michael Vito Parente

Monday, August 19, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

S.I. for Matthew
Christine Magallon - 7th Death Anniversary
S.I. for Nicole

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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

Souls in Purgatory
Nicolo Bartolotta Father & Uncle
Maria Karczmarczyk
S.I. Sherrill Petti
Edward & Virginia Smith

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

S.I. for Nicole
Domenica Dammicco
Mario Parente 15th Death Anniversary

Thursday, August 22, 2024,

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

Juan Diaz, Konrad Sniezek
Peter Zhao

Friday, August 23, 2024

9:00 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Jaroslav Kochan, Rozalia & Bartlomiej Radzik
John & Nancy Simonetti, Frederick Tomzik
In Thanksgiving for recovery of Isabel & Pablo Gomez

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Deacon Jerry & Rita Kwasegroch, Bob Schu, Carlos Soul

2:30 pm Wedding at St. Eugene Church

Makenzie F. Payton & Brett J. Rosenbush

Saturday, August 24, 2024

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

Maria Burzawa, Cazolas Family
Ralph & Virginia Conenna
Merie & Guy Dituri
Wayne Greco
Law Enforcement
John Martin & Family
Arthur Russo
S.I. Mina Thielenhouse - Health

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

Robert J. Brun
Antonio DiCristofano
Sister Ester Santucci
Ted Fornek
Giacomo Giovannielli
Lucille Gutowski
Law Enforcement
Jessica Pawula B-Day
Nicole & Anthony Pawula - 1st Wedding Anniversary
Alex & Martha Wrobel

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

Lydia Adriano
Brigida D'Andrea
Francesco & Domenica D'Andrea
Leonardo & Domenica DiVito
Jan, Marja, Lew & Family
Pietro Pisello
Irene Aspi Seirllo
John Stuckel
Helena Swieton
Cologera Caterina Vivacqua

11:30 am Mass at St. Eugene Church

People of the Parish
Pietra Arcuri
Giuseppe Giacalone
Deceased Members of Iorio & Esposito Families
Donato Donald Parente
Edward Paszt, Jr.
Santo Russo—B-Day Remembrance
Frank Scalise, Robert Seliga

Schedule of Liturgical Ministers

Date	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 08/24 4:30 pm - SE	Rev. Rich Yanos	R. Sparacino - WB M. Pollowy - B S. Sparacino - C J. Horn - O M. Meo - WO L. Feist - Cup B T. Crivlare - Cup O	L. Acierno M. Marrinan A. Boccia	D. Sulimowski
Sunday, 08/25 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	R. Cantal - WB B. Czubek - B P. Draniczarek - C G. Bermas - O D. Duszynski - WO J. Cardella - Cup B M. Cozzo - Cup O	Q. Sznura A. Czubek E. Burzawa	C. Bobka
Sunday, 08/25 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Greg Rom C. Virruso TC	C. Cappa - AB E. Aspi - AC M. D'Alessandro - TB N. Mosk - TB	D. Flynn G. Pilch J. Pilch	G. Henderson - 1st M. Marszalek - 2nd
Sunday, 08/25 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Ed Pacocha	M. Tomzik - WB P. Tomzik - B C. Giacalone - C O. Giacalone - O D. Hernandez - WO A. Morszczak - Cup B M. Zurek - Cup O	C. Wallace L. Parrillo-Hall D. Luna A. Tekampe	J. Morszczak



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 – 6 pm. Benediction at 5:45 pm.

Car Wash and Bake Sale
St. Eugene
Class of 2025



Sunday, August 25, 2024

9am-1pm

Cars $5

SUV's/Vans/Trucks $7

St Eugene Canfield Parking Lot

7930 W Foster Ave

Come out and Support our 8th graders

The Class of 2025



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH
2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
PROVIDED AT ST. EUGENE SCHOOL

Regular Program Classes - Grades 1-7: Classes take place in a classroom setting with the overall work covered in class with the exception of the seventh grade students who complete additional papers and service hours in preparation for making their Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their eighth grade year. Classes are held on Tuesdays beginning October 1st and are held from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Independent Study Program - Grades 1 – 7: This class is for parents who want their children to complete their grade-level chapter work at home and want to use their church attendance as their participation in religious education.
This program requires your child to attend at least fifteen of their weekly masses at Queen of Peace Parish at either St. Eugene Church or Our Lady, Mother of the Church from date enrolled to April.

PLEASE CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT (773)763-2235.

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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
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
A. & V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
Johnmar Castillo
Gracie Carey
Karen Cazolas
Mary Ciliak
Mark Corrado
Jacqueline Connoly
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 Miscinischinski
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
Jean Rogers
Bill Ruhl
Lorraine & Tom Ryan
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

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."

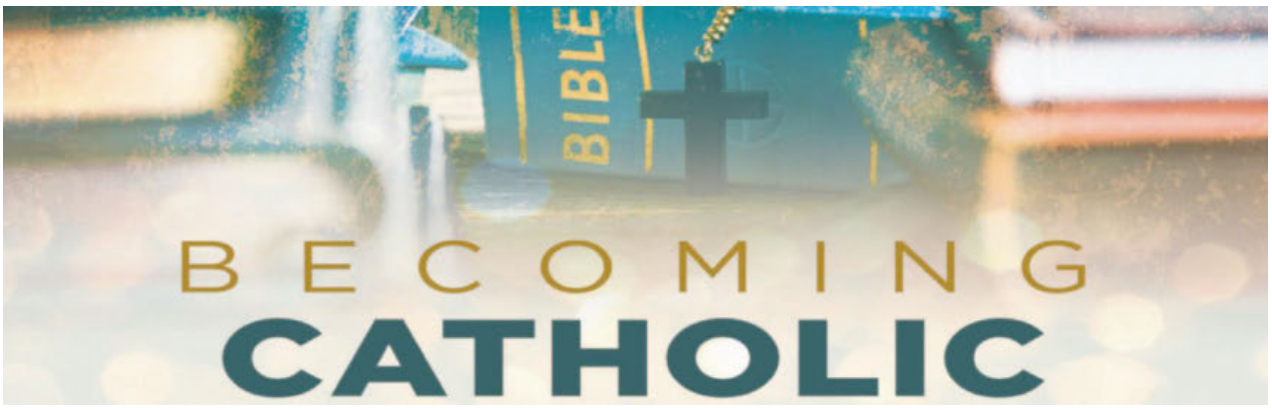
WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- 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.

In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too — of conversion to God and what he intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. Please contact the Parish Office at 773-775-6660

Searching for a spiritual home?
Our "no strings" O.C.I.A. program begins the week of September 16.
Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Contact Fr. Carlton at rcarlton@archchicago.org for any questions and to register. The deadline to register is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

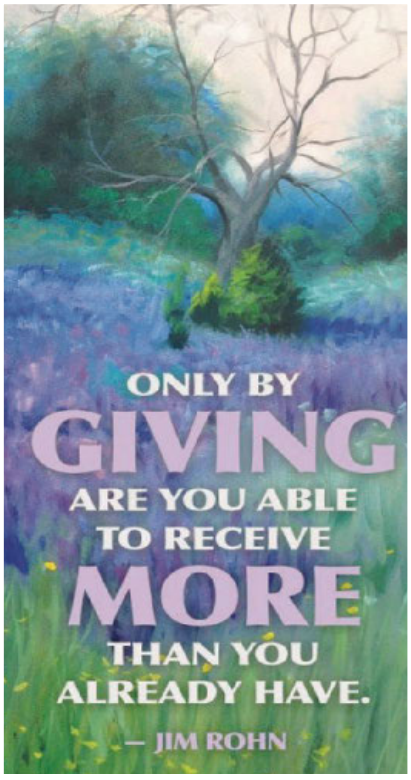




SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

4:30pm SE	$ 3,074.46
8:30am SE	$ 2,434.00
10:00am OLMC	$ 2,347.50
11:30am SE	$ 2,467.00
Mail	$ 2,779.00
Total Physical	**$ 13,101.96**
Online Collection	$ 4,538.01
Grand Total	**$ 17,639.97**







SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 18
Parish Repairs & Maintenance

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!

Please Pray for our Deceased Parishioners:

† Michael Malarski
† Giuseppa Leo

May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



QUEEN OF PEACE MAGNETS

Please support our fundraiser by purchasing the beautiful magnet at minimum donation of $5. Magnets are available at our Rectory office during regular office hours.
Thank you.





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.*

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will be having a trip to Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo, Michigan on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. The cost of the trip will be $36.00.
The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 9:00 SHARP and return about 5:00.
Any questions, please call Valerie at 708-453-6034.



3rd Weddings Banns
Makenzie F. Payton &
Brett J. Rosenbush

1st Wedding Banns
Christine I. Ikonomopoulos &
Grzegorz Kokoszka

Midwest Augustinian Office of

Lay Engagement

Connect with us!

3rd Annual Men's Retreat Sept. 21-22, 2024

Theme:
Fostering Community

Location:
Mount Assisi Retreat Center
Lemont, IL

Join us in exploring the essence of fostering an authentic Christian community wherever you are.
Escape the hustle and bustle to reconnect with yourself and establish connections in the serene surroundings of Mount Assisi Retreat Center in Lemont, IL. With over 60 acres of outdoor space for leisurely walks and more, now is the perfect time to:

- **Recharge and Reflect:** Take a break from your daily routine to focus on what truly matters.
- **Build Brotherhood:** Engage with like-minded individuals and nurture lasting connections.
- **Discover Fresh Perspectives:** Gain insights and skills to enhance your personal and professional life.

We are thrilled to have **Bishop Dan Turley, Br. Joe Ruiz, Fr. Bernie Scianna, and Fr. Samuel Joutras** join us for fellowship and lead the retreat. To sign up, please visit the Midwest Augustinian Website at www.midwestaugustinians.org or call 773-614-5880.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MARRIED IN 1974?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.** The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Please email **gwa@archchicago.org** or contact your parish office with any questions.
To register online, please visit **pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding.**

We hope to see you there!



ASSISTED SUICIDE AND A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ILLINOIS

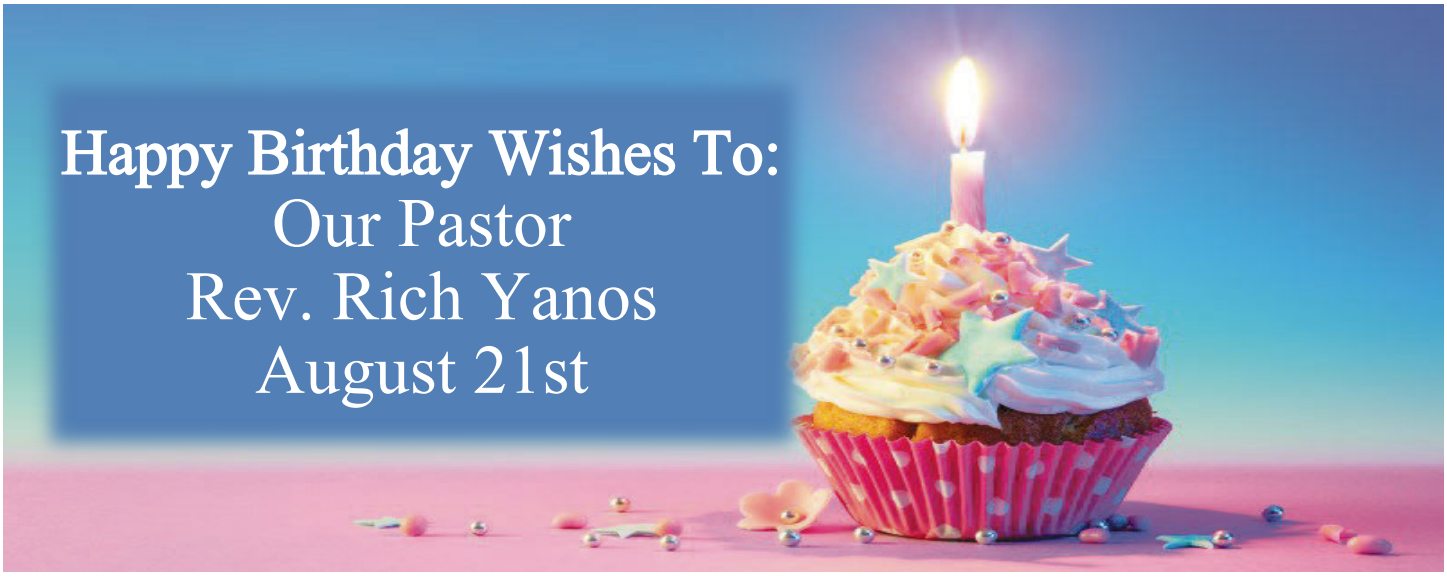
My brothers and sisters, in April of this year a newsletter was sent out by the Catholic Bishops of Illinois. The purpose of the newsletter was to call attention to new legislation that has been introduced to legalize suicide in Illinois. SB 3499 would make it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person with a terminal disease who requests to end their life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose this legislation and believe there is a better way forward for our state. Pope Francis has said that "we must accompany people towards death, but not provide death or facilitate assisted suicide."

The legislation brings a range of possible abuse. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy because they are the most vulnerable to abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide.

A better way forward is to expand mental health coverage and strengthen social supports such as community programs to help expand the number of palliative care locations and services in all areas of Illinois.

Assisted suicide is NOT a compassionate solution for those that are suffering. There is a better way forward that truly offers compassionate care and compassionate choices.

Please go to www.ilcatholic.org or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected official to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.



Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday:
Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday:
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/ Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mt 22:1-14

Friday:
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:
Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/ Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday:
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "**bread of life come down from heaven.**" Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "**eat my flesh and drink my blood**" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are prefect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.
What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me!

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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."
- Jn 6:53-55

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

We hear from Proverbs how Wisdom herself invites us to a deeper understanding of life. Is there someone in your family or among your friends who you consider a "wise" person?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that a wise person strives to understand the will of the Lord and lives a life of prayer and gratitude. What are some ways we can grow in prayer and gratitude in our daily lives?

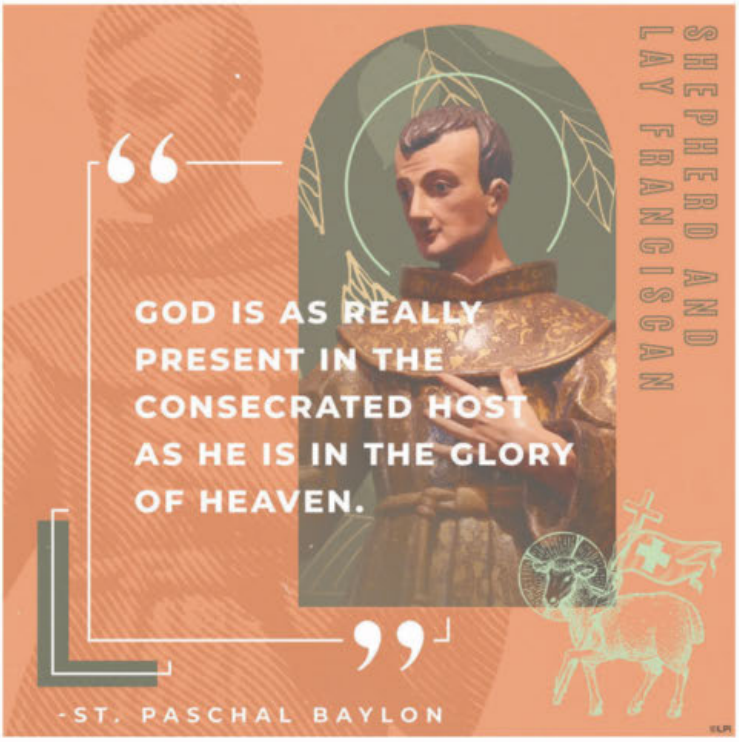
Gospel:

Jesus promises *eternal life* those who believe in him if we eat his flesh and drink his blood (participate in the Eucharist). How can we show our gratitude to the Lord for such a gift?



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!" (Prv 9:5)

Psalm:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:
Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.
(Eph 5:17)

Gospel:
"For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:55)

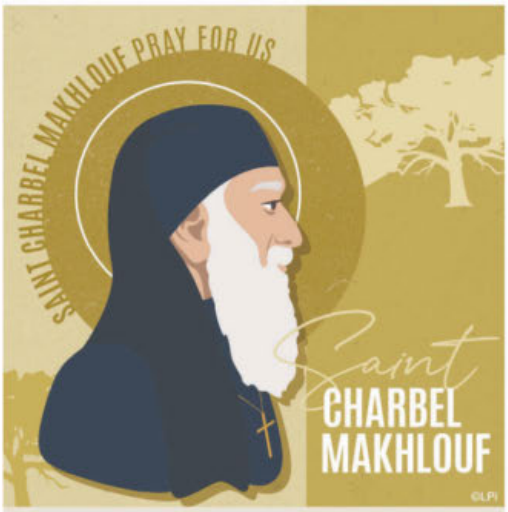
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Inspiration of the Week

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.

Observances for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Thursday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday :	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Charbel Maklouf (1828–1898) was a Maronite monk and priest who lived much of his life as a hermit. He was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths.

Prayer of Eucharist

Dear Lord,
May our congregation be more deeply assured of Your love each time we receive Communion.
May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of worship and thanks, sung to You.
May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and brave disciples of You.
Amen.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, help me to keep coming back for more of Jesus every single day. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents if you can have a snack of grape juice and bread today. Talk about how the Israelites came to get manna every morning. How can you as a family make Jesus a part of your day, every day?

Sharing the Gospel

Would you like to live forever? Jesus would like you to. God sent Jesus so that one day we could live with him forever in heaven. Remember how the Israelites waited every morning for manna? Do you remember they got so hungry they cried? Well, Jesus wants us to wake up every morning, excited to meet him and talk to him. When we read God's word, and when we pray every day, he wants to come inside our hearts. He wants to be the one to fill every one of our needs.

Now color the picture!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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heaven	eat	true
people	drink	food

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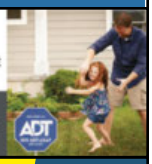


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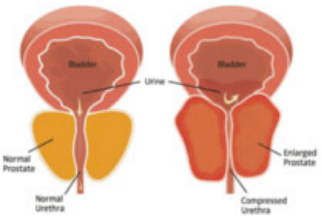
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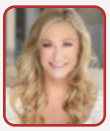


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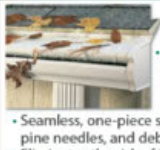
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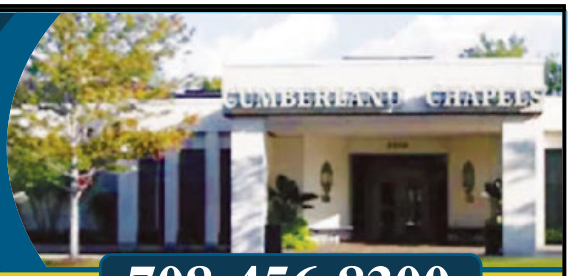


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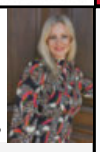
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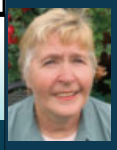
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