QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

JUNE 28, 2026 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

OUR WORSHIP SITES:

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

8747 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

Masses:

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

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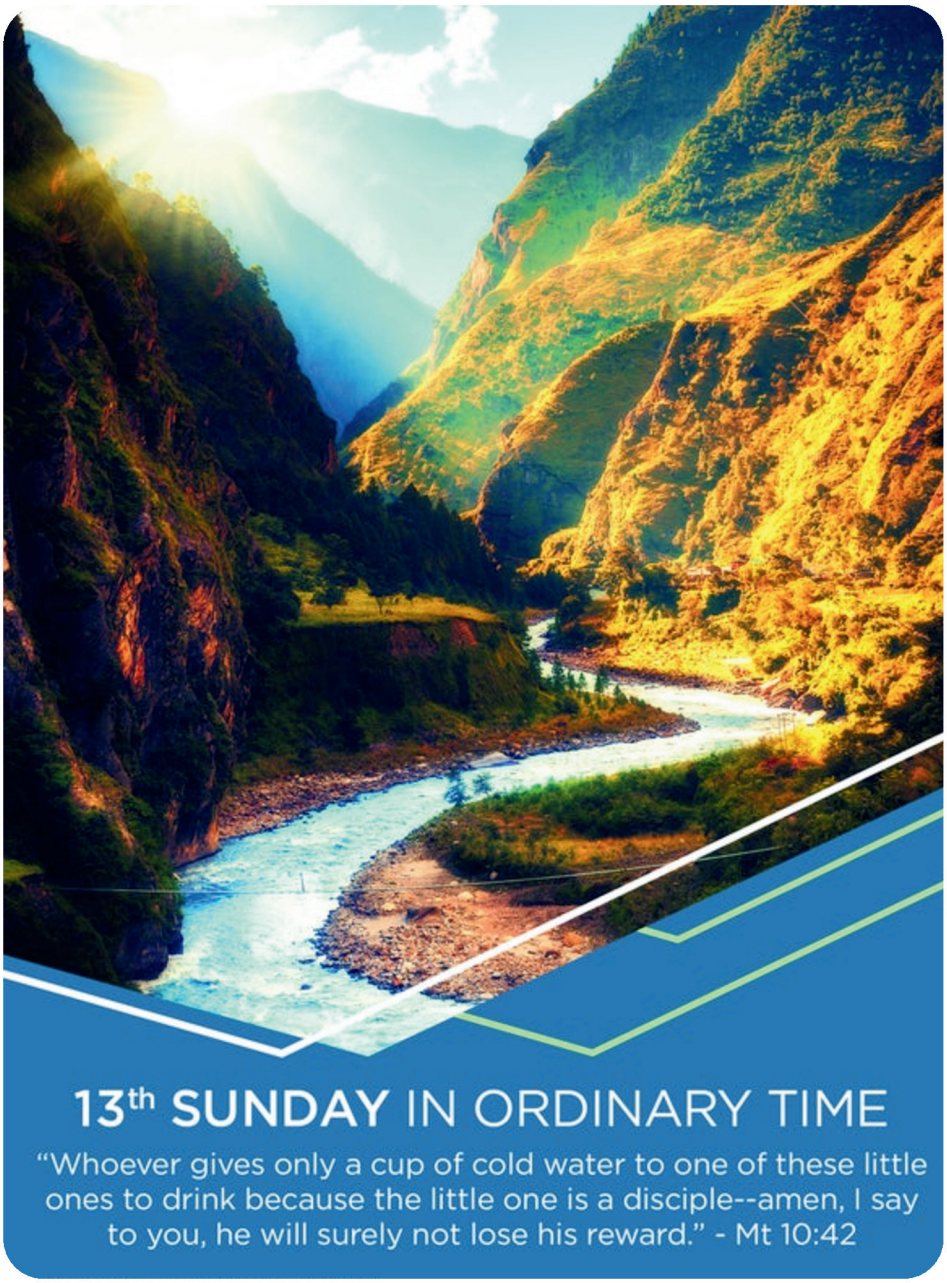
Masses

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



OUR MISSION

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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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church
Mondays 4 - 6 pm.
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE
In order to fully partake in the Mass, the Priest should be the last one in and the first one out.

Dress Appropriately ~ remember, you are in God's house.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, succeeded the great prophet Elijah, and was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed in gratitude for the hospitality given to him and his servant Gehazi.

In a previous section of his letter to the Romans, Paul taught that we sinners are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now Paul notes that we experience this dying and rising when, in the immersion form of baptism, we are symbolically "buried" in the water and emerge to new life.

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This coming Saturday, July 4th, our country will celebrate Independence Day. We have much to be grateful for as citizens of this great and free nation. I invite you to begin the celebration of this day by joining your fellow parishioners at St. Eugene Church for Mass at 8:30 a.m., if only to give thanks to God for all that we've been blessed with, both personally and as a nation.

This year our 4th of July Mass will be celebrated at St. Eugene Church because it falls on Saturday when we have our weekly Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. Rather than confuse everyone we thought we would just keep our regular Mass time. Please make a note of this. I hope that as many as possible will join together to celebrate our National Day of Independence.

Happy 4th of July, everyone!

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I send all in our parish my best wishes as we continue our last few days in beautiful Poland. Look forward to seeing you all next weekend! Have a great week!

Fr. Rich Yanos

ROSARIES FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



The United States Council of Catholic Bishops established an annual Religious Freedom Week for prayer, reflection, and action promoting religious liberty. The week began June 22, the feasts of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, and will end on June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Please pray at least one Rosary for religious freedom during this week that will end with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Rosary Guild members include: Emily A., Lori G., James H., John I., Lita J., Evelyn K., Terri K., Lonnie M., Mary M., Ted M., Josephine N., Emilie P., Stefania P., Jean R., Demi S., and Shirley S.

LIVING ROSARY

The Living Rosary is where you pray a decade or more of the Rosary every day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and in honor of Saint Philomena, who is the patron of the Living Rosary.

Joyful Mysteries:
Annunciation - Lori G.
Visitation - Barb R.
Nativity - Josephine N.
Presentation - Karen R.
Finding the Temple - Mary M.

Luminous Mysteries
Baptism of Jesus - Barb R.
Wedding at Cana - Mary M.
Proclaim the Kingdom - Terri K.
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 - Mary M.
Crucifixion - Demi S.

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

BEGIN A NOVENA TO THE QUEEN OF PEACE

Wednesday, July 1—Pray 4 Hail Marys
4th Anniversary of Queen of Peace Parish

Thursday, July 2—Pray the Memorare

Friday, July 3—Pray the Hail, Holy Queen

Saturday, July 4—Pray to the Immaculate Queen of Peace
Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being his Mother, you shared in his universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed him King of Peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we salute and honor you as Queen of Peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our President and other leaders as they strive for world peace.

Glorious Queen of Peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love. Amen.

The rest of the novena prayers will be in the Sunday, July 5 bulletin.

On Thursday, July 9, the World Feast Day of the Queen of Peace, there will be an outdoor rosary at 6:30 p.m. by the Queen of Peace statue at St. Eugene. Bring a lawn chair. If there is inclement weather, we will pray in the church.



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Phillip R. Simonsen
Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

Saturday, June 27, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

S.I. For Mike & Nicole

12:30 pm Wedding at SE Church

John Flaherty & Rebecca Coleman

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

Phyllis & Bob Kwilas - 60th Wedding Anniv.
Frank Centineo - 1 Year Death Anniversary
Kenneth Fantaro
Jadwiga & Waclaw Godlewscy
Wayne Greco
Bernice Hujar
Angeline Komperda
Nick Rombotis
Stephen Weber
Robert Zimmerman

Sunday, June 28, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Ron Bertolini
Angela & David Brichetto
Yvonne DeGennaro
Antonio Di Brita
Anna Dolcimascolo
Ted Kosinski
Matthias & Maria Rempala
Eleanor, James, Marie & Stephen Pastorino
Antonina Scardina
Louise Zittman

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Ed & Carol Johnson - 11th Wedding Anniv.
Brigida D'Andrea
Francesco DiFilippo
Frank Di Vito
Nancy, Charles & Dorothy Johnson
Gus Magnelli
Vincent Nardi
Roman Placzek
Walter & Mary Prezette
Edward, Kathleen & Martie Walsh

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Witold & Krystyna Gadomski
Wally Hyrc
Stephen Jassak
Mary Kloss
Christina Moriarty
Michael Vito Parente
Nick Pinto
Vincenzo & Liberata Santucci
Antonina Scardina
Janina & Zygmunt Wytrwal

Monday, June 29, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Dorothy & Elmer Chanski, Sharon Hanson
Manuel G. Lising, Alex Matthew
Agnes Wahrbein

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Maria Bartolotta, Juan Diaz, Gilbert Gossi,
Zita Sprow - 25th Anniversary of Death

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Alex James Family, Wladyslawa Gorczca
Wojciech Kaczynski

Thursday, July 2, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

S.I. For Matt & Sabrina
Witold & Antoni Gumkowski

Friday, July 3, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Wieslawa Karczmarczyk
Lailah, Trump, & Regan Families

Saturday, July 4, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Souls in Purgatory, S.I. For Family

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

People of the Parish
Anna & Gene Burzawa - 55th Wedding Anniv.
David F. Cahill, Shane Myer, Josephine Pecora
Bob Schu, Ken Trojan - 1 year Anniv. of Death
Alma Valez, Helen & Walter Wojtas
Walter Wrobel - Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, July 5, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Luigina & Pasquale Cesario
Sr. Michelle Kwit—3 Death Anniv.
Lewis, Brickman & Coco Families
Gertrude Obiedzinska, Jan Obiedzinski

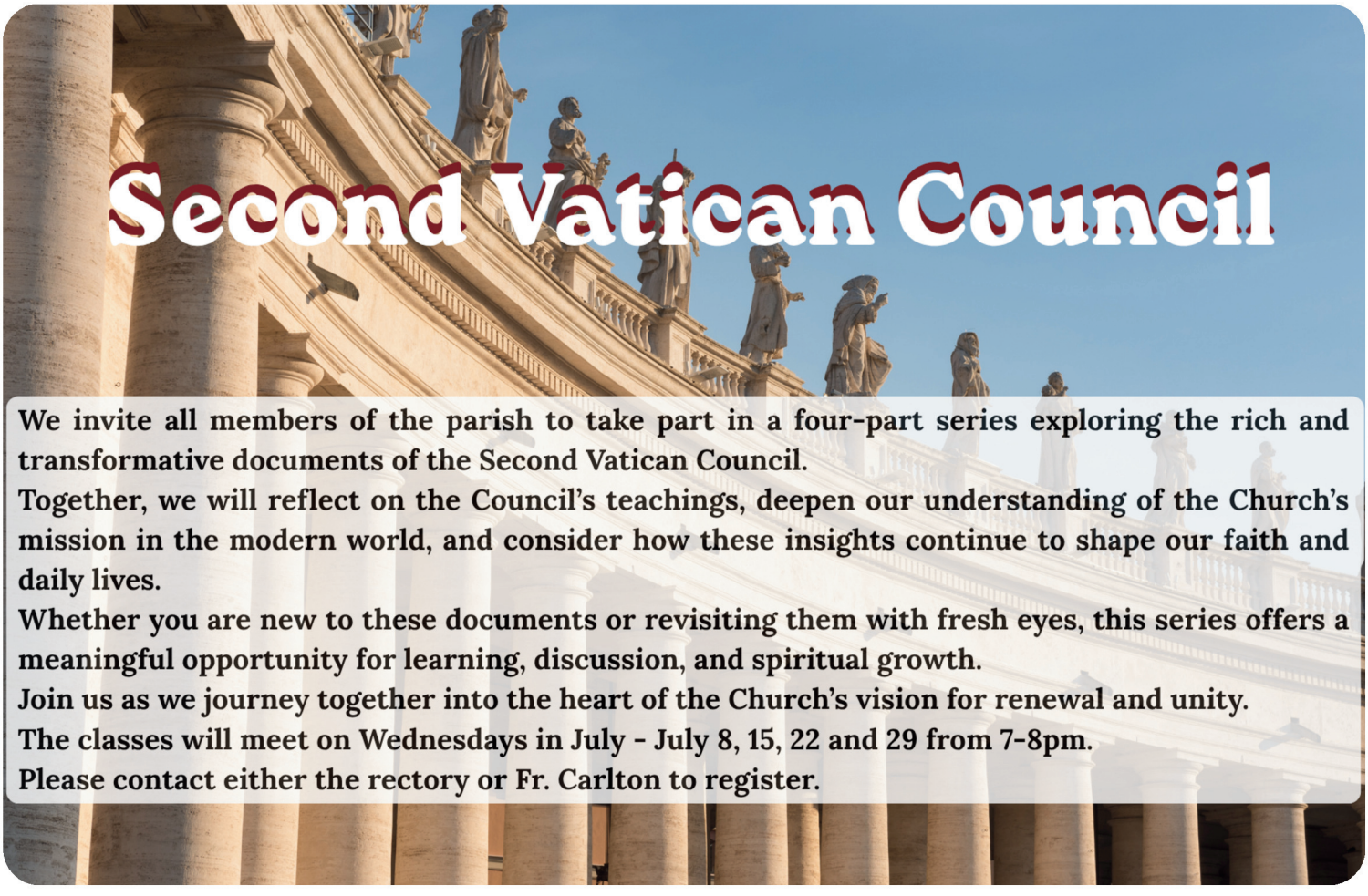
10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Alan Boesch - 10 Year Death Anniv.
John Catanese, Tadeusz & Maria Knurek
Stefania & Jan Kulon, Zofia & Czeslaw Pilch
Edward Rebacz, Barbara Smolinska-Pyrich
Nicola Troiano, Thomas Szczech

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Shree Maddex, Patrick Murphy
Mary Lou Oberheim, Antoni Orlowski
Donato Donald Parente, Celia Purificacion
Mario Rizzi, Giovanni Rossi
Rev. Fred Tomzik, Frederick Tomzik

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 07/04/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	L. Feist - WB C. Jesiolowski - B Rev. Rom / T. Crivlare - C B. Urbaszewski - WO A. Cisek - WO F. Klus - Cup B J. Gebhardt - Cup O	S. Martinez J. Rog W. Janus	C. Bobka
Sunday, 07/05/26 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	B. Czubek - WB B. Ndiwe - B Rev. Carlton / J. Cardell - C M. Cozzo - O G. Bermas - WO R. Cantal - Cup B P. Draniczarek - Cup O	A. Czubek L. Parillo B. Villena	M. Egan
Sunday, 07/05/26 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	C. Jesiolowski - T J. Stephen - T Rev. Yanos / B. Kasiarz - C J. Villanueva - Cup A D. Calabro - Cup T	G. Pilch J. Pilch	C. Capps - 1st reading J. Colon - 2nd reading
Sunday, 07/05/26 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	C. Paulini - WB B. Berggren - B Rev. Carlton / J. Mroszcak - C J. Nardi - O S. Melendez - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B U. Pawlowski - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez H. Wyzkowski	G. Giacalone



We invite all members of the parish to take part in a four-part series exploring the rich and transformative documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Together, we will reflect on the Council's teachings, deepen our understanding of the Church's mission in the modern world, and consider how these insights continue to shape our faith and daily lives.

Whether you are new to these documents or revisiting them with fresh eyes, this series offers a meaningful opportunity for learning, discussion, and spiritual growth.

Join us as we journey together into the heart of the Church's vision for renewal and unity.

The classes will meet on Wednesdays in July - July 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 7-8pm.

Please contact either the rectory or Fr. Carlton to register.



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From his first appearance after his election in May 2025, Pope Leo XIV has called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world. Throughout history, Catholics have shared Christ's mission with the world by proclaiming the Gospel and performing works of mercy that bring comfort to the poor and vulnerable.

For centuries, Catholics have joined in these works by supporting the Peter's Pence Collection, which helps to fund the Holy Father's mission to proclaim Christ's message in the world. Our gifts to the collection are "concrete signs of hope" that fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence: "1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and 2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

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"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."—Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025

How You Can Help

PRAY
Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

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Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

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Give generously to this collection as a sign of hope to those who suffer around the globe and as a demonstration of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can provide hope and minister to all for generations to come.

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St. Eugene School prepares and inspires students to achieve their full potential and lead meaningful lives, grounded in the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Vision
To be celebrated as a school where we recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each child, which is affirmed through our instructional strategies, methods, and materials utilized to promote the continuous academic, spiritual, moral, emotional, and physical development of the whole child.

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If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Joe Marley at 708-702-2726 Marley-j@comcast.net

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club will be off for the summer but we will return in September. Enjoy your Summer! See you soon!

Please contact Debra at dltimmreck@gmail.com or by calling 773-398-4472 if you have any questions.

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Come join us to make a difference in peoples lives.
We crochet:

- shawls,
- lap robes,
- baby blankets,
- crosses
- and even scarves
- and hats when there is a need.

We are meeting on 1 & 3 Wednesday of the Month from 12pm-3pm at Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

Please call Pam Hoffelt at 773-848-4586 for more info.

IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Pat Schippers
† Virginia Bongiorno-Lawrence
† Giustino Maestranzi



May the souls of the faithful rest in peace.



Bible Study

Please join us on Wednesdays in St. Eugene School-room 110 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Questions or comments please feel free to email Frank at fjlizak@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!



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Bulletin requests must be sent 2 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.

Religious Education Program

Please contact St. Eugene School at 773-763-2235 for information about our Religious Education Program or go to the school website and click on the Religious Education Tab to read or register your child.

Please contact the Rectory Office for:

- Information about Sacraments of Baptism (Parents requesting Baptism for their child at Queen of Peace must be registered and active members of the Parish), Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Funerals.
- Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)
- Request sacramental records such as baptism, confirmation, marriage, or other certificates.
- To register as a new parishioner.
- To schedule a Mass intention (Mass Intentions can be scheduled only in person at the rectory office).
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06/24/2026

4:30pm SE	$3,238.00
8:30am SE	$2,642.00
10:00am OLMC	$1,792.00
11:30am SE	$3,464.00
Online Collection	$2,761.01
Mail	$1,036.00
Sunday Total	**$14,933.01**
School Support	$ 2,486.00

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June 28

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- **June 4**- St. Augustine, 7-8:30pm, 4130 147th St, Midlothian
- **June 9**-Mystical Rose, 7-8:30 pm, 2400 S. 61st Ave., Cicero
- **June 10-** St. Basil, 7-8:30 pm, 843 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago
- **June 11-** St. Anthony, 7-8:30pm, 1510 S. 49th Ct., Cicero
- **1June 16**- All Souls/ St. Ann, 7-8:30pm, 3010 Ridge Rd, Lansing

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday:
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday:
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday:
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:
Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday:
Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday:
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday:
Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday:
Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: "**Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me**." (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
When the woman had been called and stood at the door,
Elisha promised, "This time next year
you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

Psalm:
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:
We were indeed buried with him through baptism
into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Gospel:
Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name receives Christ. Whoever loves the Word of God loves God Himself. Who is Christ sending to you in his name this week? What Word do they speak into the stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive him.

Observances for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday:	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Tuesday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday:	St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Friday:	St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday:	*Independence Day*
Next Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, *Explained!*

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea; the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment.

Blessing for Marriage

Dear Jesus,
Bless the married couples in our community and grow their bonds of love for each other. Give them the grace to share minds, hearts, dreams, growth, challenges, and strength in every season of life. Make them a sturdy shelter for each other, a place to find comfort and rest.
Amen.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least the Jesus presented to us by pop culture. But it's harder to receive God the Son, consubstantial with God the Father who sent him — the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

Receiving
I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to *receive* it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination — that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father — maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?
Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What are they, and what's the difference?

Answer:

As God has shown us mercy, so too are we called to show mercy to those we encounter. We see mercy throughout the Gospels, but the parable in Matthew 25 forms the foundation for the first set of Works of Mercy. This parable of the last judgment shows each person being asked how well they cared for those around them, and being reminded that this care for those in need is care for God Himself. Each person is asked if they have fed the hungry, given drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, sheltered the stranger, cared for the sick, and visited the imprisoned. These — along with burying the dead — are the Corporal Works of Mercy, as they primarily concern the physical life of a person.

The list of the Spiritual Works of Mercy developed later. These actions of love primarily concern the inner life of a person. They are instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, admonishing sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses, comforting the afflicted, and praying for both the living and the dead. All of these actions are concrete ways of bringing the love of God into the world.



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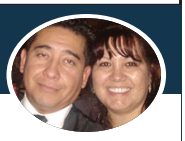
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