QUEEN OF PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

JULY 26, 2026 | 17TH 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

St. Eugene Church

7958 W. Foster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60656

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Rectory Office Hours

Mon.- Thur.:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
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Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

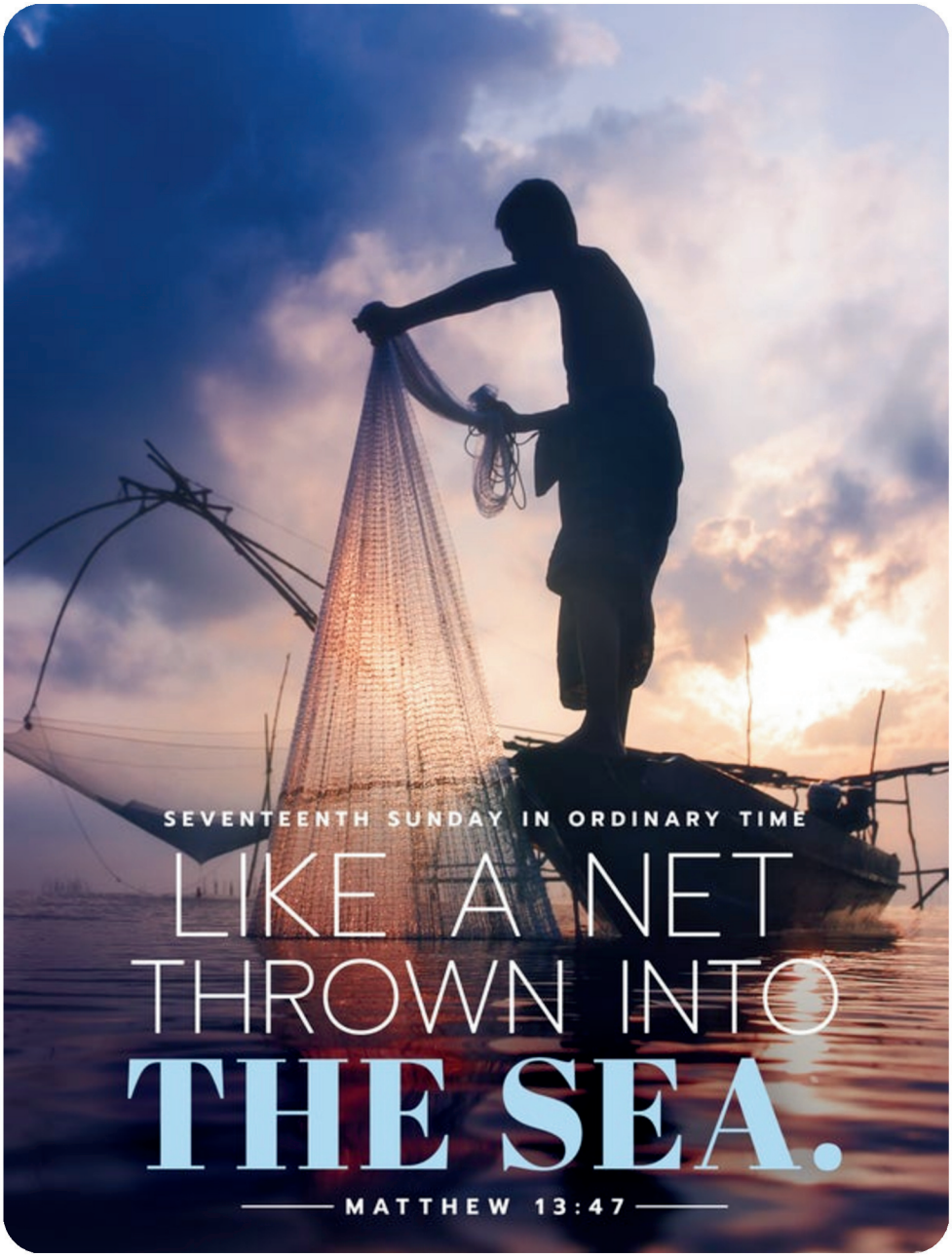
Masses

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



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.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR	WHAT TO DO
HEAT STROKE	
• High body temperature (103°F or higher) • Hot, red, dry, or damp skin • Fast, strong pulse • Headache • Dizziness • Nausea • Confusion • Losing consciousness (passing out)	• Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency • Move the person to a cooler place • Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath • Do not give the person anything to drink
HEAT EXHAUSTION	
• Heavy sweating • Cold, pale, and clammy skin • Fast, weak pulse • Nausea or vomiting • Muscle cramps • Tiredness or weakness • Dizziness • Headache • Fainting (passing out)	• Move to a cool place • Loosen your clothes • Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath • Sip water **Get medical help right away if:** • You are throwing up • Your symptoms get worse • Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour
HEAT CRAMPS	
• Heavy sweating during intense exercise • Muscle pain or spasms	• Stop physical activity and move to a cool place • Drink water or a sports drink • Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity **Get medical help right away if:** • Cramps last longer than 1 hour • You're on a low-sodium diet • You have heart problems
SUNBURN	
• Painful, red, and warm skin • Blisters on the skin	• Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals • Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath • Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas • Do not break blisters
HEAT RASH	
• Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)	• Stay in a cool, dry place • Keep the rash dry • Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

Today we celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today's first reading describes an event from early in Solomon's rule that tells us how he became a wise person.
As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will today hear Paul use the word predestined. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

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Our second collection today will be taken up for our Annual Summer Mission Appeal. This year the mission society we will be hearing about and asked to support will be: "The Society of the Catholic Apostolate" which is led by the Pallottines. We welcome Fr. John Christopher, SAC who will tell us all about their work and mission. Our parish has always been so generous in supporting these annual Summer Mission Appeals. Welcome Fr. John Christopher!

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All are invited to join your fellow parishioners, family and friends on our next adventure as we discover "The Glories of Ireland" May 2 – 13, 2027. Brochures containing our entire itinerary are now available in the bulletin and brochure kiosks of our worship sites and at the parish office. To learn more about this exciting destination come and join us for an informational meeting on Monday night, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hayes Center at Our Lady, Mother of the Church. All are welcome!





Have a great week everyone!

Fr. Rich Yanos



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Sharon Sherlock
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Tony Strzalka
Anthony Vanhanselaere

Saturday, July 25, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Juan Diaz, Brain, Gonzalez & Mardoian Families

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

Francis Burzawa
John Carrozza - Birthday Remembrance
Mirno Della - Santina, Don Feist
Ryszard Karczmarczyk
Angeline Komperda - Death Anniversary
Jan Kuczek, Joseph Reyes, Robert Zimmerman

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

People of the Parish, Juan Diaz
Charles Dressner, Anna Dolcimascolo
Jerry Schippers, Mrs. Schippers

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Margarita Panopio Aspi
Luciano Chemello
Antonia Daniello
Giacomo & Maria Daniello
Gus Magnelli, Donato Parente
Sabina Pisani, Jerry Stephens

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Domenico Battista
S.I. For Vittorio Burnetti Family
Domenico & Anna Cale
Clotilde Cozzone
Florence Jassak
Stanislaw & Bronislawa Landowski
Radi Gundo Melendrez
Ida M. Olivo, Maria Rizzo
Frank Scalise
Giuseppe Giacalone - 2nd Death Anniversary

Monday, July 27, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Robert Cisek
Jolanta Gumkowska
Jude & Minn & Homes Families

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Jose Vitug

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

John Carrozza
Dorothy & Elmer Chanski
Jozefa Kolinska
Vince LaPietra Family & Cornell & Cardio Fam.
Patricia Schippers - Birthday Remembrance
Giselda & Nancy Simonetti

Thursday, July 30, 2026

7:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

Souls in Purgatory
Luisa Dellota
Roman Godlewski
James O'Regan
Lola Belle Pavlik

Friday, July 31, 2026

9:00 am Mass at SE Church

Eva Anderson
Jonathan & La Pietra & Castiglia Families

Saturday, August 1, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Baby Sandra Romeo Power & Grandma Sandra Romeo

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SE Church

Mario Burzawa
Robert Cisek
Stanley & Frances Purchla
Joseph Reyes
Pat Schippers

Sunday, August 2, 2026

8:30 am Mass at SE Church

Braxton, Heredia & Betty Families
Yvonne De Gennaro
Mazur Family
S.I. For Nicole & Mike
S.I. For Matt & Sabrina

10:00 am Mass at OLMC Church

People of the Parish
Tadeusz & Maria Knurek
Stefania & Jan Kulon
Tim Leonardo
Mimi D. Palermo
Giulia & Angelo Parente
Zofia & Czeslaw Pilch
Barbara Smolinska-Pyrich
Edward Rebacz
Nicola Troiano

11:30 am Mass at SE Church

Edward Coyne
Graziella Deadessis
Grace Lour Dellota
Angles Hernandez
Alexandar Hyrc
Mariano G. Lising, Jr.
Donato Donald Parente
Mario R. Rizzi
Vincenzo Sammarco

	Celebrant	Extraordinary Minister	Altar Server	Lectors
Saturday, 08/01/26 4:30 PM - SE	Rev. Jacek Dada	C. Lim - WB M. Lim - B Rev. Dada / M. Meo - C C. Jesiolowski - O B. Urbaszewski - WO F. Klus - Cup B J. Gebhardt - Cup O	S. Martinez W. Janus T. Janus	J. Magnuson
Sunday, 08/02/26 8:30 am - SE	Rev. Greg Rom	D. Duszynski - WB R. Kennedy - B Rev. Rom / J. Cardella - C B. Ndiwe - O G. Bermas - WO J. Kolaski - Cup B M. Egan - Cup O	O. Godyn A. Czubek	C. Mikucki
Sunday, 08/02/26 10:00 am - OLMC	Rev. Rich Yanos	R. Sparacino - T D. Calabro - T Rev. Yanos / C. Capps - C J. Stephen - Cup A B. Kasiarz - Cup T	G. Pilch J. Pilch	P. Peterson - 1st reading S. Sparacino - 2nd reading
Sunday, 08/02/26 11:30 am - SE	Rev. Robert Carlton	P. Tomzik - WB B. Berggren - B Rev. Carlton / M. Holder - C C. Giacalone - O S. Melendez - WO P. Paetsch - Cup B U. Pawlowski - Cup O	M. Clancy C. Rodriguez E. Switalla	R. Mroszcak

Happy 60th B-Day Father Jacek!

July 25



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

Queen of Peace Parish

Religious Education Program 2026-2027

Provided at St. Eugene School



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

- 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 6th 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. Please call school for details about this program.



ST. EUGENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement
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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We are Verbum Dei, a Catholic Missionary Community in Chicago. We bear the Living Word of God through the charism of prayer and preaching. Our world is evolving so fast that there is an urgency to respond according to the needs of all walks of life. We provide the space for people to have a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ through the School of the Word, retreats and other initiatives. Our very diverse groups: English, Polish, Hispanic and Filipino communities, are very welcoming and will suit your spiritual needs. You'll never walk alone wherever you are. The Verbum Dei Missionary Family can be found in many parts of the world. We act on a global scale, but we respond on a local scale!
Come and be part of this wonderful adventure!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 call 773-398-4472 if you have any questions.

The Friendship Club is going on an adventure on Sunday, December 20, 2026. The bus will leave the south parking lot of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at 12:00 and return at approximately 4:00.
We will be traveling to Lake Zurich to see The Real Story of Christmas - the entire life of Jesus from manger to resurrection-a Shepherd who saw it all. You will be transported back in time to Bethlehem for the very first Christmas. Cost of the trip is $72.00. For more information and to make a reservation, please call Debbie at 773-631-6330.

IN OUR HEARTS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

† Queen of Peace Deceased Parishioners
† Richard M. Magnone
† James Thomas Kazluski



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!



Bulletin Submissions

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

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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).
- Make a donation or set up financial support options
- Get general information like office hours, event schedules, or directions to the church facilities.

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

After another successful year, we will be taking a summer break.
For July and August, with 12 or so ladies, we were able to make a donation of 200 shawls and lap robes for all residents of Harmony Nursing Center in Chicago.
We also donated baby blankets to Maryville Crisis Nursery for their residents, and a Gift Shop, where they were able to make some profits for things they needed.
We hope more of you will join us next year to continue this ministry that is celebrating 20 years thanks to Shirley Schindler.
Thank you for all the many yarn donations.

Please call Pam Hoffelt
773-848-4586.



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Annabella Amato
Ralph J. Amelio & Victoria Amelio
Patricia Basili
Judy Bauer
Don Bellisario
Ludwika Bialo
Bronislaw Bialo
V. Bischof
Gabriella Bongiorno
Frank Bucaro
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STEWARDSHIP

07/19/2026

4:30pm SE	$2,902.00
8:30am SE	$2,712.00
10:00am OLMC	$2,699.00
11:30am SE	$4,037.00
Online Collection	not available
Mail	$360.00
Sunday Total	**$12,710.00**
School Support	$2,361.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

You can scan QR code to go directly to GiveCentral and support our Parish.

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If paying by check, please make the check payable to Queen of Peace Parish. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 26
Summer Mission Appeal
August 9
School Support Fund
August 15
Assumption
August 16
Repair & Maintenance

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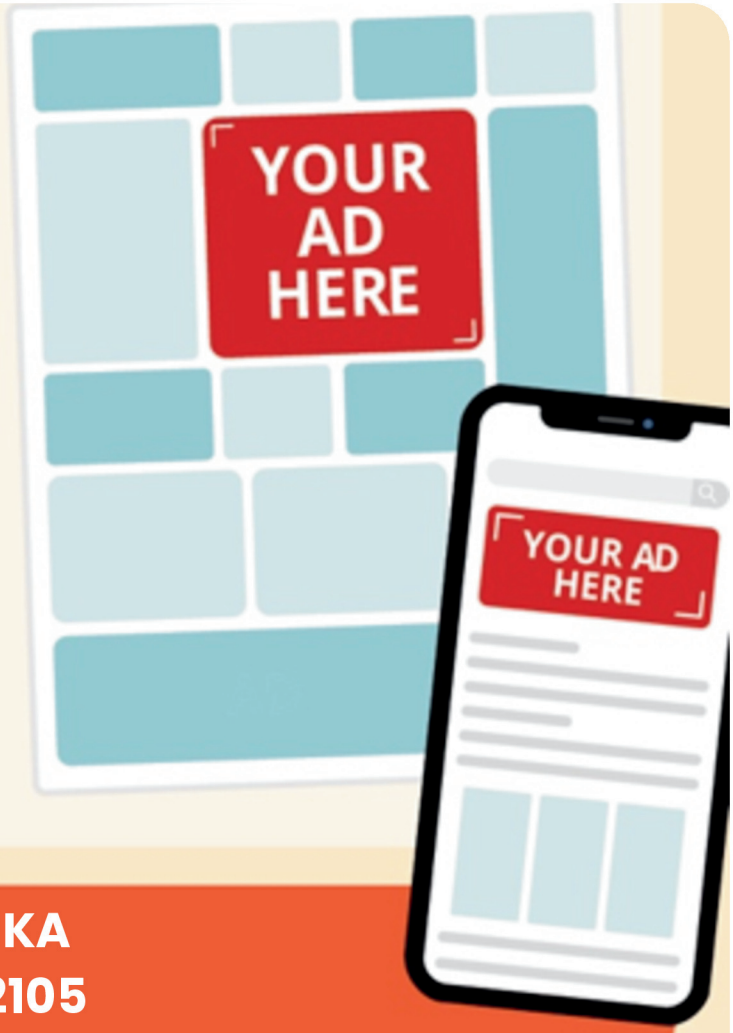
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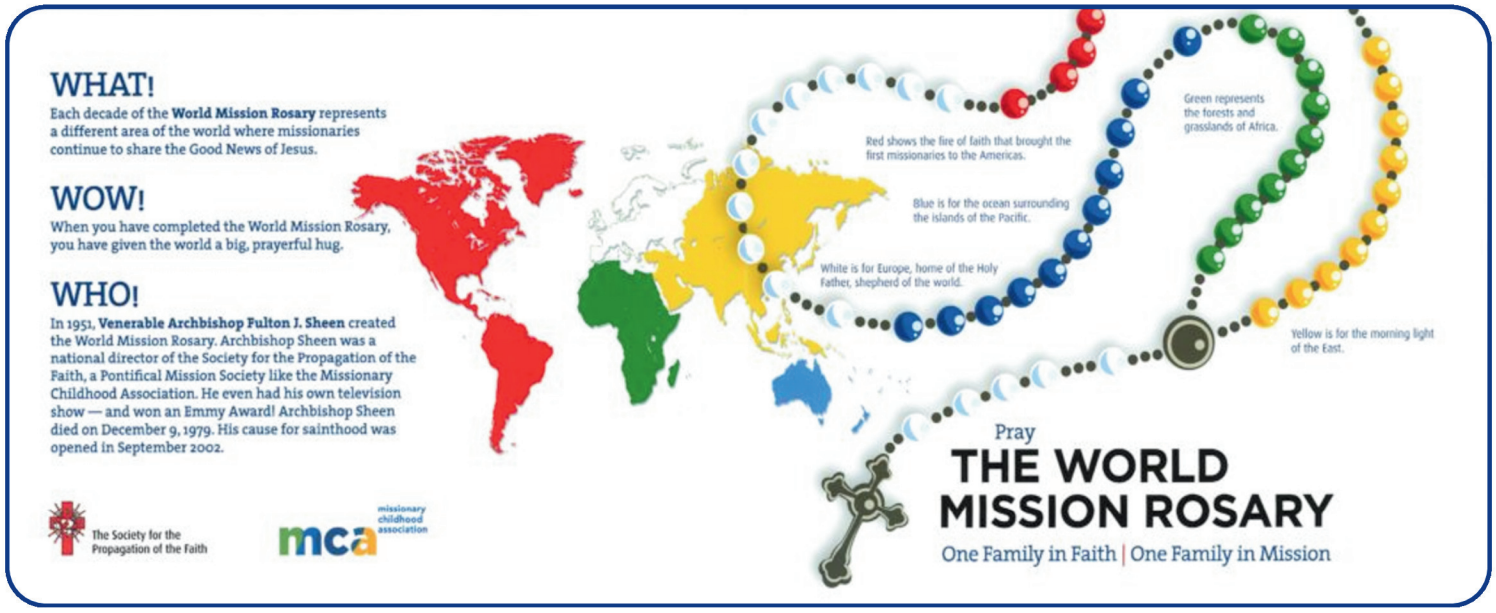
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ROSARIES FOR MISSIONARIES

This weekend we are hosting a missionary visitor through the summer Missionary Cooperation Plan. Please pray at least one Rosary this week for missionaries as they help local leaders to form and nourish faith communities in areas where the Church is young, struggling, or economically strained. 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

Blessed Pauline Jaricot founded both the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and the Living Rosary, both of which help the missionary work of the Church. In the Living Rosary, people pray a decade of the Rosary every day for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is for the glory of the Most Holy Trinity, and also in honor of the patron of the Living Rosary, St. Philomena.

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.

OCIA - ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

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.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 773-775-6660 OR FR. CARLTON AT RCARLTON@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:
Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:
We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday:	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, *Explained!*

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of Your renewal and inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning, and pour fresh grace and courage into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

Heat Exhaustion/Heat Stroke Fact Sheet

Symptoms of heat exhaustion generally develop after prolonged periods of outdoor activity in high heat. If left untreated, heat exhaustion may turn into a more serious condition called heat stroke, which can be life threatening. Heat stroke is defined as having a body temperature of 104°F or higher, not related to fever. At this point, your body cannot regulate temperature, as sweating has stopped.

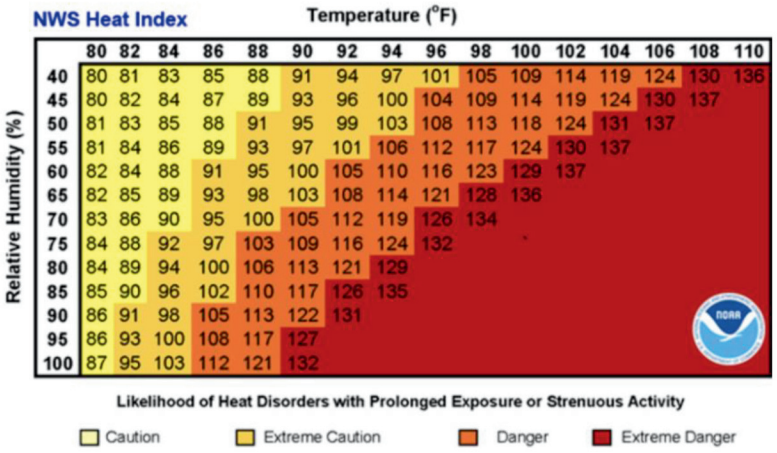
SYMPTOMS

Heat Exhaustion

- Cool, moist skin with goose bumps when in the heat
- Heavy sweating
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Weak, rapid pulse
- Low blood pressure upon standing
- Muscle cramps
- Nausea
- Headache

Heat Stroke

- High body temperature
- Nausea
- Sweating has stopped
- Rapid pulse
- Rapid breathing
- Flushed skin
- Loss of consciousness
- Confusion
- Skin hot, dry to the touch
- Shock



PREVENTION

- Review and follow the UMBC Heat Safety Program (https://safety.umbc.edu/heat-safety-program/)
- Look up the heat index prior to planned work. https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat-index
  - A heat index higher than 91°F monitor for heat exhaustion and plan for regular rest/water breaks.
  - Consider rescheduling work when the heat index is above 103°F.
  - Do not perform work if the heat index is over 115°F.
- Schedule work for cooler parts of the day.
- Use a buddy system to monitor for symptoms throughout the work.
- To prevent heat exhaustion, drink plenty of fluids. Drink water at least every 15 minutes, even if you are not thirsty.
- Wear loose fitting, breathable clothing.
- Take frequent rest breaks preferably in a cool building, but at least in a fully shaded area. More frequent, shorter periods of exposure to heat are better than fewer, longer exposures. Shorten work periods and increase rest periods:
  - As temperature rises
  - As humidity increases
  - When there is no air movement
  - When protective clothing or gear is worn
  - For more strenuous work
- Slowly acclimatize personnel to working in hot weather by starting with less strenuous tasks and more frequent breaks.
- Consider that some health conditions can put workers at greater risk of heat-related illness. These include diabetes, kidney and heart problems, pregnancy, and being overweight. Encourage personnel to consult with physician about how their health may be affected by expected working conditions.

FIRST AID TREATMENT

- Remove the person from the heat source, preferably in a cool building, but at least in a fully shaded area.

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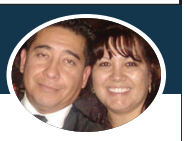
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