

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

August 4, 2019

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett
Residents, Rev. Harold Murphy
Michael Okoro, C.S.Sp.
Deacon, Michael Neba
Accountant, Jim Masini
Religious Ed, Cynthia Splatt
School Principal, Christine Huzenis
Music Ministry, Steve Burke
Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.
An appointment can also be made
by calling one of the priests.

OFFICES

Rectory (773) 764-0615
2324 W. Chase
Hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm
Friday by appointment
Parish School (773) 271-2008
Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont
Holy Hands
(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

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Our recent Totus Tuus summer camp was a huge success by all accounts. Over the week of Sunday, July 21st until Friday, July 26th, we had 31 children in the day program and 13 in the evening program.

The day program—which was for children in grades 1 through 6—brought together campers from our parish, St. Timothy, and even St. Nicholas in Evanston. They spent the week learning about the Seven Sacraments of the Church even learning sacramental theology that I learned when I was in my major seminary days! It was amazing how the four missionaries were not only able to transmit the Church's theology but did so in a way that truly engaged the kids and made them want to learn more. At the end of the week, the children were more on fire for their faith with one mother even commenting that her son just could not stop looking things up on the internet so that he could learn even more.

In the evening program, teens from grades 7 through 12 from SMM and St. Timothy came together to pray and reflect. The missionaries spoke to them about the faith of the Catholic Church plus open and frank conversations with the teens about many of the issues they are facing that make it challenging in today's society for them to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

But the week was not all serious talk or classroom learning. The most important thing was that every child and teen had A LOT OF FUN!!! There were games and skits with the young campers and similar activities with the teens. The evening program ended on Thursday night with a shaving cream fight in the Activity Center parking lot that left everyone—myself included—covered in shaving cream. The day program ended on Friday with a water balloon fight that left everyone—again myself included—completely drenched in water. At the end of the week, I had children, teens, and even a couple of parents begging that Totus Tuus might be extended. There was a spirit of transformation and conversion that was clearly evident.

What is just as important is that there was a connection established between teens and children from all three parishes. Especially with the teens from SMM and St. Timothy, this was a huge step as we are both currently in the Renew My Church process. As they came to know one another throughout the week, teens from both parishes along with the young adult volunteers were expressing excitement and joy at the possibility that SMM and St. Timothy might merge to combine one parish community. Of course, I had to emphasize the fact that no such decision has yet been made but it is an important testimony for all of us to take to heart. This energy shows very clearly that teens and young adults from both parish communities are fully capable of moving beyond the attitude of “saving our own turf” or looking at the Renew My Church process as a “bad thing.” Rather than looking at the future with fear, apprehension, or even dread, these teens and young adults from both of our parish communities are willing to embrace the future as full of joyful possibilities that will lead to the spiritual enrichment of everyone involved. I think this is an attitude that everyone of us—young and old—need to learn to embrace ourselves as we continue the Renew My Church process.

The week of Totus Tuus concluded with an overwhelming desire that it be brought back to this area next year. Since it was such a success this year, it will definitely be repeated next year. I really appreciated the efforts of our four missionaries—Dan, Tony, Katie, and Grace. The four of them truly were an inspiration to our youth, teens, and young adults. I am sure that when the dates for Totus Tuus 2020 are announced at our respective parishes the “alumni” themselves will light the fire in others.

Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.



Religious Education Program 2019-2020

The Program welcomes students in Grades 1 through 12 who attend public or non-Catholic private schools.

Classes meet on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the school building. The first class will meet on September 14, 2019 and the last on May 23, 2020.

Registration begins June 23, 2019 and ends September 7, 2019. Late Registrations will not be accepted so please register early. Forms can be found in the Church, requested at the Parish Office Monday through Thursday from 9 to 12 & from 1 to 5 or downloaded from the Parish web site: www.smmchicago.org/parish.

Completed forms can be placed in the Sunday collection, or returned to the parish

**RELIGIOUS ED
SIGN-UPS!**



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

July 28, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,823.55
Loose Money	\$ 634.34
Total Collection	\$4,457.89
Variance.....	(\$4,484.11)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	113

GIVE CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

July 1, 2019 to date:
\$3,160.00

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

**GOLDEN
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**



Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from cross the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, which will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

2:45 PM

St. John Brebeuf

8307 N. Harlem Avenue

Niles, IL., 60714

Register on line: <https://cvent.me/DNQ52>

or call

312-534-8351



EXERCISE CLASS meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:15 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



THE PARISH COUNSELING PROGRAM

Starting this summer, St. Margaret Mary will partner with

Claret Center's Parish Counseling Program to offer confidential nurturing and goal-oriented support for parishioners who have experienced depression, anxiety, grief, trauma and other challenges. Counseling can be helpful when you:

- * feel more sad or anxious than you want to feel
- * have lost a job or struggle with problems at work
- * have challenges with relationships
- * have experienced the loss of someone close
- * have trouble adjusting to change or transition
- * desire a closer relationship with your spouse or partner
- * want to bring a new sense of purpose and meaning to your life.

Counseling services are provided by Mike McCauley, an experienced educator who's now in the third year of Loyola University Chicago's MA program in Pastoral Counseling. Mike's services are available on a sliding scale.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mike at 773-234-4640 or mikemccauleyclaret@gmail.com.



RCIA and the Search for God

Are you searching for God? Do you, or someone you know, feel a calling toward the Catholic Church?

RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – is a program for adults who are considering entering the Catholic Church or for baptized Catholics who wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Eucharist and Confirmation). We also welcome Catholics who would like to study their faith more deeply.

In RCIA, we talk about the presence of God in our lives and in the world. We share our faith and pray. We study Scripture and how it relates and speaks to us today. We learn about the Church, its beliefs, and its sacraments. We explore what it means to be Catholic and to live a Christian life. We learn from each other as we journey together on a pilgrimage of faith.

RCIA sessions will take place on Monday from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in McCarthy Hall (7325 N. Claremont Avenue). The introductory class meets on Monday, September 9. RCIA culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

If you have been contemplating entering the Church or completing your Sacraments of Initiation, please consider RCIA. Or you may know someone who has inquired about the Church or has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. Spread the good news!

If you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (773) 764-0615 and leave a message for Fr. Tirso, Fr. Hal, or Art Blumberg. You may also fill out the form below and drop it off at the Rectory.

Is God calling you? Let us all welcome his presence!

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RCIA 2019-2020

NAME _____

PHONE _____

CYCLES OF FAITH

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"The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?"

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

Readings for the week of August 4, 2019

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:34, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
 Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
 Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.
 Please enter the middle door, school side.
 (Become a regular, call
 Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or
 Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)
 Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;
 Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm
 on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING
 Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 Every 1st Friday of the month
 beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.
 Fellowship follows after Mass.
 Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY
 First Saturday of the month
 immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance. Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am John & Camilla Edom
Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers
Leona Okonkwo
- 10:30 am Julita Trovela
Jack Kent - anniversary
- 4:30 pm Asian Community Mass

Monday, August 5

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, August 7 St. Sixtus II

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, August 8 St. Dominic

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

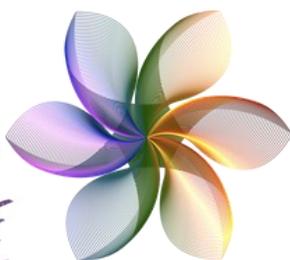
Saturday, August 10 St. Lawrence

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Sunday, August 11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am John & Camilla Edom
Dolores Chozianin
Leona Okonkwo
- 10:30 am Julita Trovela
Mary Jo Talsma

I AM IN
CHARGE
OF HOW I
FEEL AND
TODAY I AM
CHOOSING
HAPPINESS.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gzm@statefarm.com; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534; **NEEDED:** handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534.

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, August 5

Pauline Ohiri

Wednesday, August 7

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, August 10

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Lectors

Saturday, August 3

4:00 pm Judy Moylan & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, August 4

8:30 am Bernadette Edom &
Richard Schaefer

10:30 am Analee DeRamos & Alex Luciano

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, August 3

4:00 pm M. Neba, A. Alban, D. Cole,
G. Lindor, J. Ashbach & M. Fallon

Sunday, August 4

8:30 am C. Chima, P. & R. Mackin,
B. Russel, R. Hardy, L. Honda &
L. Igboanugo

10:30 am J. Stoner, T. Luciano, J. Seruelo,
G. Potucek, V. Onyeaghala,
P. Ohiri & B. Alban

Lectors

Saturday, August 10

4:00 PM Lee Draus & Julie Ashbacn

Sunday, August 11

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Peter Scheidt

10:30 am Leonard Kohl & Ryan Madayag

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Saturday, August 10

4:00 pm A. Alban, B. Alban, M. Varallo
G. Lindor & D. Cole

Sunday, August 11

8:30 am M. Neba, L. Igboanugo, L. Honda,
B. Russell & P. & R. Mackin

10:30 am T. Linwood, Y. Malicay, M. Grigsby,
A. Baldonado, B. Bingham,
M. K. McGuire & L. Ibekwem