

The Chimes

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SAINT MARGARET MARY

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August 25, 2019

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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[[Jesus] answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” - Lk 13:24

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
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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
Fridays by appointment
Parish Website:
www.smmchicago.org/parish
Parish School (773) 271-2008
Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

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

The first thing I would like to share with parishioners again this weekend is a brief update of our stained glass window project. You may have noticed that work continued on the windows even before we began our Summer Collection.

In all honesty, I had to take a little bit of a risk. With our donor's commitment to match this year's Summer Collection, it seemed like a good possibility that we would have enough money to complete all of the windows. So I went ahead and had our window contractor continue with the rest of the stained glass windows on the east and west sides of church. I know it was a little bit of a risk to have the work started without being certain that we would have the funds on hand but I had faith in the parish that we would come through with our commitment and dedication to this faith community. To this date, we have gotten closer to our goal of \$35K (currently \$32,061.14) and donations are still coming in for the Summer Collection. So it all paid off for us in the end. Again, it is all thanks to all of you parishioners!

I would like to change gears at this point and share with you the life of a saint that the Church will celebrate this coming Wednesday, August 28th—the feast day of St. Augustine of Hippo. St. Augustine truly is an inspiration for all who are in search of the truth.

St. Augustine was born in northern Africa. His father was a pagan but his mother was a Christian who happens to be St. Monica whose feast day is the day before her son's. St. Augustine was far from a model son in his youth. He gave his mother every sort of headache a mother can imagine. The one wish that St. Monica had was to see her son be baptized a Catholic Christian. However, St. Augustine would have none of it. Instead, he searched for truth in every place but the Church. He also engaged in earthly pleasures of all kinds. He even fathered a son out of wedlock. St. Augustine, by all counts, was a rebellious child who gave his mother so much grief causing her to shed so many tears over her son.

There was a time in his life when St. Augustine tried to run away from his mother. He left for a distant land and told his mother nothing about his plans. However, St. Monica somehow managed to track him down and followed after him. If St. Augustine was persistent in his rebellious nature, St. Monica was just as equally persistent in praying for the conversion of her son.

Eventually, St. Augustine reached a point in his life that could be described as "rock bottom." He had sought the truth in every philosophical school of the time. He had sought for the meaning of life in every other aspect except the faith. He had engaged in earthly pleasures from material to sexual. In the end, St. Augustine experienced dryness in his life that he could not explain. It was at that moment when St. Augustine was prepared for his moment of conversion.

St. Augustine heard the voice of a child in the distance joyfully chanting over and over, "Take up and read." St. Augustine picked up Sacred Scripture and opened to the first passage he chanced upon leading him to one of St. Paul's letters in which was written that earthly pleasures would not give meaning to life but, ultimately, it would only be by putting on the Lord Jesus Christ. From that point on, St. Augustine's life turned around. He not only accepted baptism but eventually he became a priest and ultimately a bishop. He is also considered to be one of the Doctors of the Church—that is, someone whose writings and teachings have become extremely influential in the formulation of Christian faith and doctrine.

St. Augustine's life reminds us that it is not necessarily always the holiest person that becomes a saint. Ultimately, it is the one who allows one's faith in God to become the absolute foundation of one's life. St. Augustine coined a very well-known phrase, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Again, he reminds us that no matter where we may look, there is no one or nothing that can ever satisfy our yearnings in life more than God.

May St. Augustine pray for all of us as we search for the truth in God alone.



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.

Please sign up now. Some classes are nearly full.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

August 18, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,540.00
Loose Money	\$ 200.26
Total Collection	\$3,740.26
Variance.....	(\$5,201.74)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	90



Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

- Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2,
3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/
Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10,
11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14
and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10,
11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/
Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5,
6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.



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 _____

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL



Come out and play! Sign-up will be Tuesday, August 27th, from 7-8pm in SMM's Activity Center or you can contact Terry McTague at 773-338-5726. Fee is \$10 per player. High school age and older are invited. You can sign-up as an individual, couple or get a team together.

The league will play on Tuesdays starting Sept. 10th and will go through Oct. 29th in the Activity Center from 7-8pm and 8-9pm. As usual we don't keep any records of wins and losses. We strive for exercise, fun and fellowship.

On our last night, Oct. 29th, we will have our usual Pot Luck Party. Beer and pop will be supplied. Come out and have some fun and meet some fellow parishioners. All skill levels are welcome.

**RULES OF THE ROAD
REVIEW COURSE FOR SENIORS**

**Chicago Public Library
5331 W. Devon**

August 27th 1:30 - 3:30 pm

To register call 312-744-8313.

CLASSIFIEDS

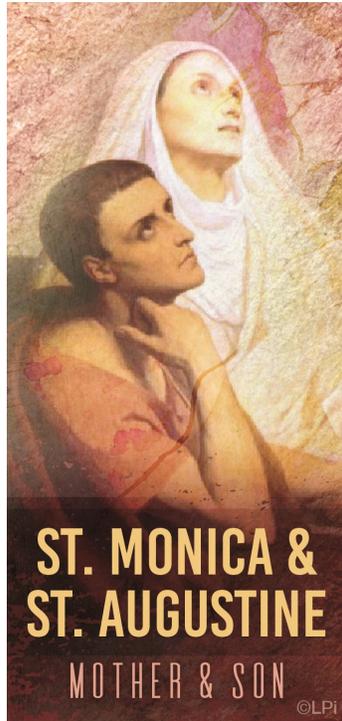
FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gznm@statefarm.com; 6.5 rm, 3rd fl of 3 flt, cntrl ht/air, 1500 sq ft, now, Peg, 773-274-7534;
NEEDED: handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534.

CYCLES OF FAITH 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed.

Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.



+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.

REST IN PEACE

Our blessed Lord has called home **Violet Caldarelli** for whom we promise our prayers that she may live in joy in His presence.



BANNES

III **Eric Salutillo & Esther Martinez**

BAPTISMS

+Diana Amauche Dara,
daughter of Kenneth & Nkeiruka (Eze)
+Wyatt Mitchell Kelly,
son of Francis Kimball & Lauren (Curran)
received new life in the Lord through the waters of
Baptism this past weekend. May their parents and
godparents be a light to their lives.

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 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Don Tres
George Meyers

10:30 am Rosie Thiel
Eugenio R. & Antonia L. Dias
Julita Trovela
Crispin Trovela

Monday, August 26

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, August 27 St. Monica

8:00 am Mary Mahoney

Wednesday, August 28 St. Augustine

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, August 29 Passion of St. John Baptist

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, August 30

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
5:00 pm Wedding: Eric Salutillo & Esther Martinez

Saturday, August 31

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Dr. Emmanuel Alzona

Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers
Eleanor Schaefer

10:30 am Julita Trovela

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, August 26

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, August 28

Terri Luciano

Saturday, September 1

Elsie Heyler

Lectors

Saturday, August 24

4:00 pm Julie Ashbach & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, August 25

8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Peter Scheidt
10:30 am Betty David & Lucy Ibekwem

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, August 24

4:00 pm A. Alban, B. Alban, J. Moylan,
G. Lindor, D. Cole & M. Falon

Sunday, August 25

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

10:30 am B. Skiles, B. Bingham, A. Baldonado,
M. Grigsby, Y. Malicay & T. Linwood

Lectors

Saturday, August 31

4:00 PM Mary Fallon & Judy Moylan

Sunday, September 1

8:30 am Bernadette Edom & Reid Mackin
10:30 am Jan Stoner & Analee De Ramos

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm D. Cole, G. Lindor, M. Varallo &
J. Ashbach

Sunday, September 1

8:30 am J. & T. Murtaugh, A. Alban,
C. Chima, B. Russell, R. Hardy &
L. Honda

10:30 am J. Seruelo, G. Potucek, B. Alban,
V. Onyeaghala, K. Conoquie &
T. Linwood

