

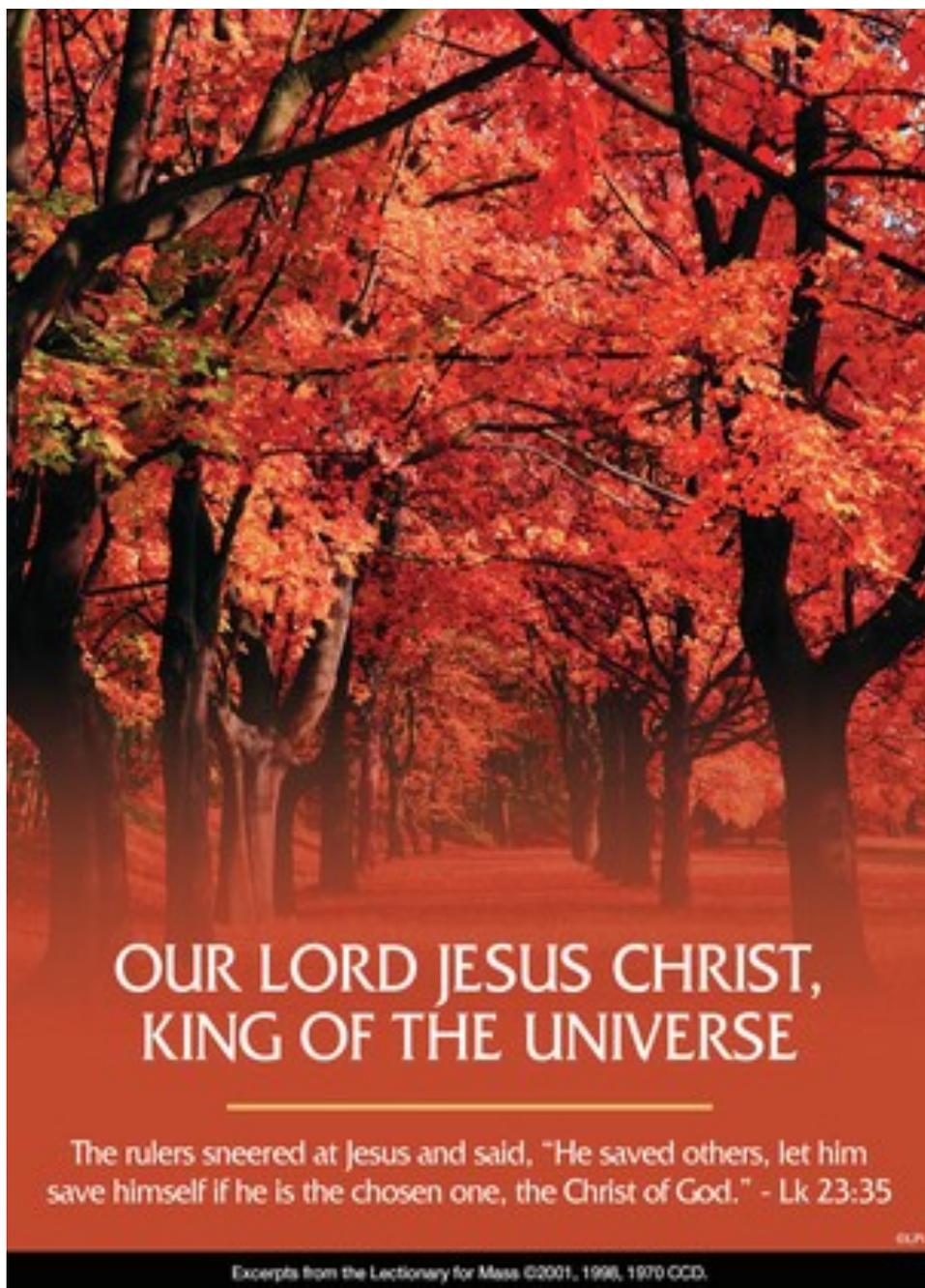
The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 OCD.

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
Fridays by appointment
Parish School (773) 271-2008
Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

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

As parishioners might remember from my article last weekend, we will soon receive a donation from the Cardinal of Luxembourg of a statue of Our Lady of Luxembourg. This statue will complete the shrine to Mary that is on the west side of the gathering space. It is meant not only to honor our history of being founded by Luxembourgers but also to remember George Meyers who was a faithful parishioner of ours who passed away three years ago. George was one of our last remaining full blooded Luxembourgers.

This donation of a statue of Our Lady of Luxembourg will be a happy blessing to us here at this parish. However, we might also be saddened by the fact that the statue comes from a parish in Luxembourg that was closed. Seeing the impact of parishes closing here in our own Archdiocese, we can sympathize with the parishioners of that parish in Luxembourg that had to say goodbye to their parish church. As sad as it is, we realize that the closing of parishes is not simply a reality limited to our own Archdiocese. Many other parishes throughout the world are having to close for many of the same reasons as here—drastically low numbers of parishioners, lack of financial resources to sustain the buildings, and no new members being added.

As I spoke with a few parishioners a couple of weeks ago, the closing of churches is also not simply a Catholic reality. Many denominations are going through the same thing. One parishioner shared with me that a friend of hers who is Methodist also recently went through the closing of her church. The reasons were similar to what we are experiencing—not enough members, an aging congregation, and lack of financial resources to maintain the physical buildings. This same parishioner also mentioned that there is a case she knows of where a church of a Protestant denomination had to go down to a part-time pastoral minister because it was unable to afford a full-time minister. This also shows that this is not simply a Catholic issue but an issue that has impacted churches all across the board.

One of the major contributing factors in all of this is the secularization that continues to grow in many parts of the world. Secularization is a movement or tendency to remove religion, faith, and spirituality from all aspects of life. In these cases, religion and faith become matters of personal choice that ought to be practiced simply on a private level but have no greater impact on society as a whole.

The effects of secularization are seen all throughout Western Europe. For example, in the nations that had once been bulwarks of Catholicism—Portugal, Spain, France, Italy—the great cathedrals are all but empty on Sundays except for the tourists who might attend Mass there while on vacation. The small parishes in the rural areas are all suffering from lack of parishioners and, as a direct result, a lack of financial resources to maintain the buildings. The Catholic faith that once dominated the lives of people all throughout Western Europe is now no longer seen as relevant. The faith once permeated the culture of every one of those peoples and now those same nations that once sent missionaries in droves to all parts of the world are themselves in desperate need of missionary priest who might come and preach the gospel.

Again, this is a trend that we can see in virtually all denominations. The practice of religion—any religion—is no longer seen as relevant to peoples' everyday lives. Faith no longer is seen to have an influence on peoples' lives—socially, politically, and culturally. Those things have been so separated from the secular world that young people are growing up without being introduced to any faith.

Perhaps the few exceptions to this is the growth in Muslim and Jewish communities especially those that might follow a stricter practice. In them, faith and life go hand in hand. Faith and family are so intertwined that it is unthinkable to marry outside of one's religion. The children grow up with a strong sense of faith and religion and they in turn pass it along to the future generations. More and more, we need to recapture this same sense for ourselves as we face our own future.





COLLECTION REPORT

November 17, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual	\$3,361.90
Loose Money	\$ 932.11
Total Collection.....	\$4,294.01
Variance	(\$4,647.99)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	103



Saturday, December 7, 8 - 4
Sunday, December 8, 10 - 3

A festive Christmas marketplace featuring Christmas trees and greenery for sale, a craft fair showcasing local artisans, and visits from Santa himself!

St. Nicholas Church
806 Ridge Ave. (one block south of Main St.)
Evanston, IL 60202 | T: 847.864.1185
www.nickchurch.org

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

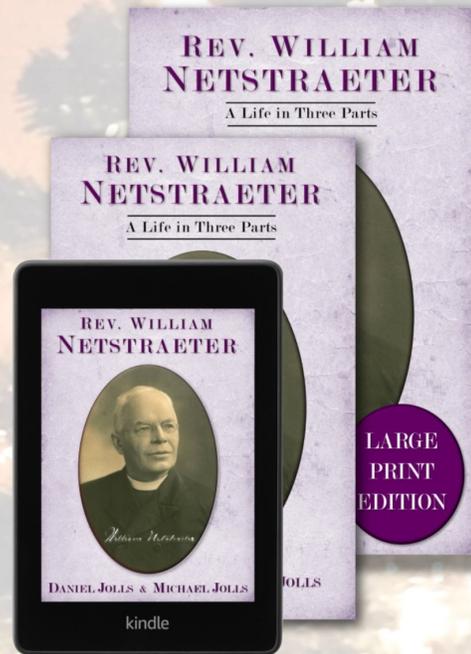
Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

A history forgotten. A legacy attacked. The story lives on!

Since his death in 1924, the enigma of a German priest has continued to endure and stand the test of time!

Father William Netstraeter was sent to Chicago's northern farming community to salvage the distraught St. Joseph's parish and missions. Not only were the Catholics saved from certain doom, but the years followed with expansion!

Fr. Netstraeter would continue to make strides in local government and real estate into the 1900s, resulting in a variety of present day institutions — including becoming posthumously tied to a dispute between Adolf Hitler and Cardinal George Mundelein.



This Christmas, share the inspiration of the priest whose life embodies the American dream!



All information for the December 8th issue of the Chimes is due in the Rectory office no later than 9 am on Monday, November 25th. Thank you!



www.CreativeCertificates.com

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;
NEEDED: handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534
FOR SALE: 3 couches, baby grand.piano, 2 sets of china, 773-860-5185.

CYCLES OF FAITH

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus.” Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, “they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin.” In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity “make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least.” Christ’s kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. “The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity.” Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together “be with [him] in Paradise!

BAPTISMS

+Andrea Melissa Escalante, daughter of Jorge Escalante & Maria Gutierrez, received new life in the Lord through the waters of Baptism this past weekend. May her parents and godparents be a light to her life.



+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, November 24

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

8:30 am Don Tre
George Meyers
Mary Hardy

10:30 am Peter Carlos & Maria Felicidade Wallis
Julita Trovela
Rosie Thiel

Monday, November 25 St. Catherine/Alexandria

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, November 26

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, November 27

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am Alyce & John Potucek

Friday, November 29

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, November 30 St. Andrew

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Antonia L. & Eugenio R. Dias

Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers
Helen Jean & Emmett Jeffers

10:30 am Ed Daugherty
Howie Infante
For the intentions of an SMM Donor
Julita Trovela

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, November 25

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, November 27

Terri Luciano

Saturday, November 30

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, November 23

4:00 pm Maureen Varallo & Judy Moylan

Sunday, November 24

8:30 am Peter Scheidt & Richard Schaefer

10:30 am Betty David & Trish Linwood

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 23

4:00 pm A. Blumberg, G. Lindor, D. Cole,
M. Fallon, J. Moylan, M. Varallo &
R. Hardy

Sunday, November 24

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

10:30 am M. Neba, B. Skiles, J. Seruelo,
L. Ibekwem, A. Balonado,
M. Grigsby & K. Conoquie

Lectors

Saturday, November 30

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Art Blumberg

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Michelle Okeifufe & Reid Mackin

10:30 am Alex Jones & Leonard Kohl

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

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

10:30 am J. Stoner, Y. Malicay, B. Bingham,
V. Onyeaghala, G. Potucek,
B. Alban & K. Conoquie

