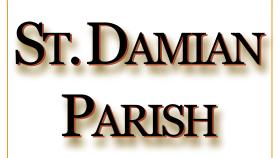
January 30th, 2022 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Celebrating Catholic Schools



Mass Schedule:

Daily

9:00 AM: Monday through Saturday. Note: Tuesday Masses are currently reserved for the students only when school is in session.

Weekend

Sat: 5:00 рм | Sun: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Sunday 9:30AM Mass only:

Nursery for 2-3 year olds, no pre-registration required. **Little Lambs** for 4-5 year olds, pre-registration required.

Livestream

Watch on our St. Damian Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. **Mass:** 9:00 AM Daily, 5:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Sign up sheet in Narthex.

Pastor's Corner by Jennifer Miller

Dear Friends of St. Damian,

I am honored I am able to address you this week. Ever since I was a student at St. Monica's Elementary School in Mishawaka, IN, this has been one of my favorite weeks. We celebrate our students, teachers, volunteers, nation, families, parish, and our religious orders. We truly celebrate everyone!

National Catholic Schools Week is our annual celebration of what makes education at St. Damian School outstanding.

Starting with the Sunday Mass today, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders.

The theme of our celebration is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." This theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders.

These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make choices to provide their children with a Catholic education. St. Damian students learn about their faith development and community service projects.

We invite you to let your friends and neighbors know about us, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children.

I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is the perfect time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Jennifer J. Miller Principal

Principal Miller very deservedly received the "Heart of the School Award" during Catholic Schools Week of 2021 for her passion and dedication to the students, teachers and faculty of St. Damian School in a most challenging time!



Holy Hour for Vocations - Saturday, February 5th

Join us as we host a Holy Hour using the Historic Monstrance from the 1926 International Eucharistic Congress! This incredible Monstrance was a gift from Pope Pius XI to Cardinal Mundelein. This Monstrance was used in a Eucharistic Procession at Mundelein Seminary, with nearly 800,000 people in attendance. We are blessed to be able to have this Monstrance at St. Damian for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

All are welcome to attend this morning of prayer as we give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of our vocation. We especially pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and in thanksgiving to the priests who have dedicated their lives to God and the Church.



9:00AM - Mass 9:40AM - Short talk on the historical significance of the monstrance 10:00AM - Holy Hour 11:00AM - Benediction

Pray for the Sick

Linda Carey Mary Anne LaHayne Linda Ruisz Linda Lisikiewicz Celine Lisikiewicz **Rick Davis** Greg Plesha David Olson Yolanda Flores Guinivere Fobert Minerva Fobert Barbara Bremer Michael Morgan Janet Abramic Michele Worden Kathy Rauter Maureen Holmes John Morgan Al Belluomini Tony Mazurowski Klara Szabo Brian Frank Virginia Horvath Pat Duggan Wanda Roper

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In Loving Memory

Edward Olejniczak, Jr.

William C. Vickers

Patricia M. Holder

Mary A. Koerner

Richard A. Sudantas

Sandra L. Sukolowsky

Parish Support

January 16, 2022

Collected Budgeted Difference Year-to-Date Collected Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$21,787 \$18,000 \$3,787 \$471,544 \$522,000
Year-to-Date Difference	(\$50,456)
Votives Sharing Parish Capital Donation Food Pantry Initial Offering Fuel Christmas Catholic Charities Solemnity of Mary - Jan	\$132 \$488 \$135 \$260 \$53 \$100 \$1,120 \$20 \$301
Church Latin America	φ301 \$55
Retired Religious	\$20

Thank you for your generosity!





Catholic Schools Week Events at St. Damian

Sunday, January 30, 2022 Celebrate our Parish at our 11:30AM Mass.

Celebrate our Students with our All School Liturgy



Monday, January 31, 2022 Celebrate our Community with our All School Community Meeting in our Gym "Jesus Calls Us All By Name". Livestream on our Facebook Page beginning at 8:20AM

Special Guest Speaker for our Student Assembly at 10AM in our Gym

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Wednesday, February 2, 2022 Celebrate our Nation Red, White, and Blue Dress Down Day

"Heart of the School Mass" at 9:00AM

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

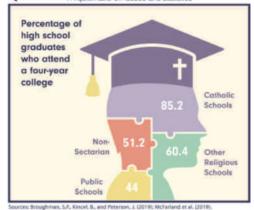
All School Bingo at 2:30PM

Thursday, February 3, 2022 Celebrate our Vocations Special Zoom with Sr. Stephanie from The Mission of the Holy Angels



Friday, February 4, 2022 Celebrate our Faculty and Staff Student/Faculty Volleyball Game in our Gym Early Dismissal at noon

NCEA. A quick take on issues and statistics





NCEA. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS



Sources: Gray, M.M., and McDanald, D. (2019), Education Week. (2020).

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A few members of the St. Damian Faculty and Staff celebrating their Catholic School Uniforms.

Come visit

St. Damian School & Preschool Academy 708-687-4230 www.stdamianschool.org

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Catholic Schools Week

Is it a school with a parish, or is it a parish with a school?

It is a good question, because our parish communities have a mandate from the Gospel to preach the good news. Moreover, that is exactly what a good Catholic school does. It is another one of the ministries of a parish: to educate well-rounded individuals in Gospel values, preparing those young individuals to take their eventual place in the larger secular community. All the educational efforts of the parish school are focused on the life of faith. That faith is formed in knowledge of the teachings of the Church and of the Gospel, and those qualities are demonstrated through a life of service to the community.

A Catholic school is a community of faith, knowledge, and service, as a ministry of the parish community; and Catholic Schools Week provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on whether we have "a school with a parish, or a parish with a school," and make sure our parish school is living its mandate from the Church.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY AND OUR CHURCH

If we took a survey of every parishioner and asked what subject would be at the top of their prayer requests, it would be a prayer for their family. And very likely, many of the prayers would be that a family member would return to church or that they believe in God.

We all know there's strength in numbers. Many examples of this are found in nature. Wolf and lion packs overwhelm animals that dwarf them, because they move as a single-minded goal oriented unit. Corporations stress the importance of teamwork as do sports teams. Ergo, the common phrase: teamwork can be applied in all walks of life.

Matthew 18:20 tells us that "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." What better way to practice teamwork than praying together, knowing that Jesus is heart and center of our prayers.

Beginning **Friday, February 11, at 10**_{AM}, and every Friday thereafter, we will **be gathering in the chapel** to pray together for our family and our church. There will be a special prayer booklet for all who choose to use it.



INTERCESSORY PRAYER

One of the many gifts that Jesus has given to His church is the gift of healing prayer. St. Damian has Prayer Ministers who have completed a formation program for this ministry. They are available to pray with you as the need arises in your life.

You may struggle with difficult and unending situations in the present – job loss, financial difficulties, physical illness, strained or broken relationships, past hurts and pain, difficult experiences from childhood or teenage years, or failed adult commitments. When in pain, you cannot be your best self. Spending time in prayer is one way to offer the pain to Jesus and allow Him to begin a healing process.

Intercessory Prayer is time offered to you and your prayer needs. It is focused and more in-depth prayer and takes place in a private and confidential setting. It DOES NOT take the place of counseling or the Sacraments (Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick), and is not spiritual direction. Intercessory prayer IS NOT the solving of a problem or giving of advice.

Intercessory Prayer Teams are available for prayer after Masses on scheduled weekends and after the Healing Prayer Services. (See the bulletin for dates.)

If you would like to meet with a Prayer Team for individual prayer, call the Pastoral Center to schedule an appointment, 708-687-1370, and a Prayer Minister will contact you.

Cancer Support Group Tuesday, February 1 6:00рм, Damian A

Whether you are currently in treatment for cancer, supporting a loved one or friend who has cancer or in recovery - we hope you will join us.

For information call Joy at 708-687- 4762. Please leave a message.



St. Damian Prayer Group Meets every Tuesday, 7-8:30PM



We meet in the large meeting room at the east end of the School, Door "F."

February freeze got you down?

Warm up in the fire of the Holy Spirit!

Our next meeting is February 1. Join us!



Every Wednesday in the Chapel 9:30AM - 7:00PM

Our chapel is open for private prayer Monday through Friday 8:30AM - 8:00PM

The Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has returned to Thursday evenings in the Chapel, 6:30-7:30PM



Save the Date! Weds. April 6 7-9:30рм



CHRISTOPHER WEST MIKE MANGIONE

JOIN US FOR OUR HEALING PRAYER SERVICE February 2, 7:00pm ST. DAMIAN CHURCH

OVERVIEW ...

You will have an opportunity to read prayers or to quietly listen. Tony Berardi will play and sing music that will soothe. *Optional*: one of our deacons will listen to your individual prayer request and pray over you.

It is private. No one can hear your request.

THIS IS A TIME WHEN ...

Praying about your troubles will ease your load! God is eager to take on your burden and love you the entire way!

Prayer is your direct link to God. Talking to Him brings you closer to Him, making you more attune to His purpose for your life!

Prayer has the amazing power of making your world slow down. When life is moving too fast, spend some time in prayer.

Our Healing Prayer Service is a powerhouse for allowing the Holy Spirit to quietly and gently answer your prayers.

PRAY ABOUT IT ... THEN COME JOIN US.

JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU ...

Liturgical Ministers Needed! Do you feel called to assist at Mass?

Are you a confident reader? Would you like to share the Word of God with others? A Lector is a liturgical minister who proclaims the assigned scriptures aloud during the Mass or other liturgical celebrations.

The Eucharistic Minister is trained to distribute the consecrated Body and Blood of Jesus to the



congregation during Communion.

If you feel called to be a Liturgical Minister or want more information, please email Deacon Tom Ruzevich at ruzy@comcast.net

Please provide Deacon Ruzevich with your full name, address, email and phone number.

St. Damian Men's Club Tuesday, February 8, 7:30рм Shaw Hall

Our guest speaker will be member Nick Piazza who will discuss his 15 year career in the U.S. Navy, the last 12 years with the White House Communications Agency (WHCA).

All men 21 and over interested in becoming a member are



welcome to join us for an informative meeting focusing on parish activities, refreshments and socializing.

All members are requested to bring non-perishable food items for distribution by the St Damian Food Pantry. See you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BAKE SALE

Please support our Religious Education Program By purchasing a delicious treat The weekend of February 12th & 13th!

Food Pantry - Who are we here for?

YOU! The St. Damian Food Pantry provides support to any Oak Forest community member in need. Clients do not have to be parishioners of St. Damian. Our clients come from all different backgrounds and needs:

- We serve those going through a job loss.
- Some have unexpected bills that have come up (medical, repair, etc.).
- Others are on fixed incomes.
- · Some clients have taken in other family members.
- We have clients on disability.

The one thing we hear from all our clients is that they just need a bit of help to get them through this time. That's what our ministry is here for! All someone has to do is call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 708-802-0484 and leave a message. A food pantry volunteer will return your call.

Clients are added to our distribution list for 4 months. After that, clients have to option to continue with our services. We offer delivery or a pick-up option on our distribution day. Please call if you could use our services or pass on our information if you know someone who could.

Food Pantry - Donation Reminders

We can only accept non-perishable food items (nothing that requires refrigeration/freezer). We also cannot accept any items that are open or expired.

Thank you for keeping the pantry well-stocked!

Young at Heart Seniors Monday, February 14

St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr 17500 S. 84th Avenue, Tinley Park

Old Time Movie Day

Hot Dogs & Chips served at no cost.

We welcome new members! Only \$15 Membership fee for the year.

St. Damian parishioners call Pat W. for information 708-535-0155



We invite you to join our volunteer team at Neat Repeats!

One 5 hour shift once per week can make such an impact on so many.

Neat Repeats is dedicated to providing quality merchandise and excellent customer service. Our stores in Orland Park and Worth financially support the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for victims of domestic violence.

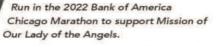
Join others like yourself who want to make a difference today! We know your journey with us will be a rewarding experience!

For more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@crisisctr.org or 708-429-7255, Ex 134.

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED. SIGN UP ASAPS CHICAGO MARATHON SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 2022







Mission OLA strives to spread the love of Jesus by providing food and basic necessities to over 3000 families a month in West Humboldt Park. Runners will get:

- Guaranteed entries into the race
- Race weekend accommodations
- Training help from Sr. Stephanie (2:53 marathoner, former D1 runner)

For more info, please contact Sr. Stephanie at olamission@gmail.com, 773-486-8431 or visit www.missionola.com/marathon.html



Franciscans of the Eucharist Chicago I 2021

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMEDY SHOW 2022 SATURDAY, MARCH 12

The annual Knights of Columbus Comedy Show is back for this year and will be held Sat., March 12th, in O'Connell Hall at St. George. Doors open at 6:00PM. Dinner at 7:00PM. Show is approximately 2 hours long.

The professional comedians are provided by Bill Brady. Tickets go fast; start planning for reservations now! Seating and tickets are limited.

Tickets are \$45 per person. Ticket price includes the show, dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda and water). Please note that we cannot allow alcohol to be brought in. You may bring in snacks for you and your friends if you wish to.

For tickets and information please use the KC website: www.knights4698.org. We will be utilizing an electronic ticketing system this year. If you have ticketing questions or need more information please call Rob Mertens at: 708-247-6387, or email Rob at: rpmertens@comcast.net. You may also contact Don Clark at: 630-461-6541 if attempts to contact Rob are unsuccessful.

We look forward to seeing you again after a year off for a fun filled evening!

St. Damian Parish



three months prior to the birth of your child.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the date of the wedding. Contact one of the priests prior to setting a date at 708.687.1370.

Mass Intentions

Monday,	January 31				
9:00	Scott Obluck, William Blake,				
	Danny & Estela Arguelles - Living				
Tuesday	, February 1				
9:00	Mary Ellen Mika				
Wednesday, February 2					
9:00	Philip Shifrer				
Thursday, February 3					
9:00	Roberta L. Noonan,				
	Joseph G. Noonan				
Friday, February 4					
9:00	Paul Wechet, Mary Fobert,				
	Jerry Bertello				
Saturday	y, February 5				
9:00	Daniel Lorek, Ronald Barrett,				
	Fobert Family Living & Deceased				
Vigil Ma	SS				
5:00	John Murphy,				
	Paul & Barbara Wechet,				
	Stanley Pacholski, Pearl Pacholski				
Sunday,	February 6				
7:30	Loved Ones in the Grotto				
9:30	James Grisolano, Kenneth Trail,				
	Bill Conn - Living, Lee DiJulio				
11:30	Marianne Scott, William Neibert,				
	Carole & Frank Dettmann				

Liturgical Ministers February 6, 2022

Mass	Greeters	Cantor	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:00 PM	Jennifer Jones Brian Paladin	Judy Dizon	Joann Johnson Jovita Johnson	Kathy Forst Brenden Infante Finley Madrigal	Caitlyn Forbes Antonio Nelson
7:30 AM	Steve Kachlik Ken Noell	Tony Berardi	Maria Connolly Jim Katula	Allan Gallassini - <i>sub requested</i> Laura Sullivan Jeanne Taverne	Marc Krawisz Kevin Sullivan
9:30 AM	Patrice and Patrick Thomas	Francesca and Anthony Chimera	Ian Bond Gail McGuire	Vickie Janicki Deb Hartigan Danny Arguelles	Christopher Kos Christa Olson
11:30 AM	Maureen Keating Sharon Lavelle	Judith Stephney	Thereseann Starr Anne Streer	Gene Starr Rose Odewald Cielo Medina	Sam Cardinal Joe Farrell



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