RENEW MY CHURCH

Lord Jesus, You speak to us today,
as You spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time, You call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of Your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us
to hear You clearly, to listen to each other attentively,
to imagine our future boldly, to discern Your direction wisely,
to persevere in Your holy will courageously, to stay together in charity,
to surrender our own plans readily, to embrace the greater good,
to hand on Your gifts to future generations.
May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the apostles and all the saints.
May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of Your grace.
We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.
22\textsuperscript{nd} Sunday in Ordinary Time

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\textbf{Introductory Rites}

Entrance Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (\#440)
Greeting
Penitential Act (p. 4-6)
Gloria: Heritage Mass
Collect

\textbf{Liturgy of the Word (p.208-209)}

Psalm 68- “God in your goodness, you have made [a home] a home for the poor.”
Profession of Faith
Universal Prayer-General Intercessions

\textbf{Liturgy of the Eucharist (p. 11-26)}

Offertory Hymn: Be Still My Soul (\#687)

\textit{Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.}

\textit{Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.}

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Communion Rite: (p. 26-27)

Communion Antiphon: *As The Deer Longs* (#764)

Communion Hymn: *Let Their Be Peace on Earth [Instrumental]* (#526)

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<td>(said quietly) My God, help me to make a good Communion. Mary, my dearest Mother, pray to Jesus for me. My dear Guardian Angel, lead me to the altar of God. Jesus, I believe that I shall receive your Sacred Body and Blood in the Host, I believe this with all my heart. Amen.</td>
<td>(said quietly) Jesus, I thank you with all my heart for coming to me and inviting me to be at this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Grant that I may not forget the grace of this beautiful moment; let me remember during this day that you are living with me. May I spend each day of my life becoming more and more like you and offer to you all my work or studies; and all my chores with joy. Amen.</td>
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Concluding Rite

Recessional Hymn: *Lift High The Cross* (#712)

Prayers for Before and After Mass: Inside back cover of the missalette
A variety of topics from Fr. Greg Rom

This Sunday, September 1: World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
Bishop Mark Bartosic will preside at this Ecumenical Service followed by a lecture at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Info on bulletin boards.

Tomorrow – Monday, September 2 – Labor Day Mass – 8:30am
We’ll give thanks for God’s Work and pray for blessings upon all laborers and upon our own labors – especially our Renew My Church labors. Here’s a “Church prayer” about labor:

“All-powerful and ever-living God, work is Your gift to us, a call to reach new heights by using our talents for the good of all. Guide us as we work and teach us to live in the spirit that has made us your daughters and sons, in the love that has made us brothers and sisters.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Next weekend: Catholic League for Poland – Annual Appeal – September 7 & 8
As explained in last Sunday’s bulletin, next weekend seemed to be the best time to have this annual, second collection. Appeal envelopes are available in the vestibule and entry ways.

Contributions to the “Missionaries of the Poor” can still be made.
⇒ Please use the 2019 Mission Cooperation Plan envelopes.
⇒ Please make checks out to “St. Thecla”. Thank You!
⇒ At www.missionariesofthepoor.org , you can learn more about their works of mercy.

“Annulment” Consultation with a member of the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal
“1 on 1” consultation will be available for your questions about “annulments” at the Quigley Pastoral Center (835 N. Rush St.) from 5 to 7pm on these Mondays: Sept. 9, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16. No appointment needed. (312) 534-8280 tribunal@archchicago.org

Soon: a “renewal” of the “procedures” for our “Communion Ministers”
Soon, our “Communion Ministers” will “return” to our former ministerial plan”:
⇒ come up into the sanctuary as the “Lamb of God” prayer begins and sanitize hands
⇒ approach the altar after the priest/deacon receive the “Blood of Christ”.
This is the correct way which eliminates the delay in distributing Holy Communion.

“Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?”
One way to apply Jesus’ question (Mt. 7:3 & Lk. 6:41): we are experiencing a decrease in the number of Altar Servers. Their parents tell us that “old folks who scold” are the reason. All of our liturgical ministers are volunteers. Please be encouraging – especially to children. A few changes in “serving” will be coming. For example, we don’t need “bobble-heads”. As God said through St. Paul to all of us: “make still greater progress”. (1 Th. 4:1,10) Jesus also said: “The measure with which you measure will be used to measure you.” (Mt. 7:2b)
Please remember: “scenarios” are discussion-starters, not final decisions.

Still available if you have not yet been able to read:
[1] the 4-page hand-out from our Aug. 18 & 19 meetings (on vestibule & entry-way tables)
[2] the Aug. 18 bulletin with the “discussion-starter” scenarios (in ushers’ room & sacristy)

Not sure if available “on paper”: the Aug. 25 bulletin. Please check our Parish website: www.saintthecla.org

Also, RenewMyChurch.org has lots of information.

Please remember: next Parish Meeting – just 2 weeks away
either on Sunday, September 15 after 10:00am Mass in the church
or on Monday, September 16 at 7:00pm in the church

We have a “questions & suggestions box” in the vestibule (across from the “Queen of Hearts table”). Whatever questions or suggestions are placed in the box will be replied to a.s.a.p. in the bulletin or at announcements-time. (I won’t mention names of “who wrote what”.)

Finally for this bulletin: in the Renew My Church prayer, among the nine “petitions”, we ask for help “to hear Jesus clearly” and “to listen to each other attentively”. More and more, I’m thinking that “to speak the truth and not spread rumors” should be in our prayers too. Please remember this lesson from Jesus in Matthew Chapter 6, verse 34:

“Do not worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow take care of itself.”

“New” contribution envelopes plan starting in September

As was announced in the July 21 bulletin, 3 envelopes are no longer in our bi-monthly packet: maintenance (green) [averaged $57 weekly], school (blue) [averaged $46 weekly], and parking lot – telecommunications (yellow) [averaged $83 weekly]. The reasons for this change:
[a] more envelopes can cause frustration and decreased giving and
[b] more envelopes increases the cost of the envelopes and of the postage.

Thank You to the few parishioners who were using those envelopes! If you wish and are able, please place your generosity – from those envelopes – in your regular envelope.

For all of us, who wish and are able, the Parish Sharing envelope (pink) for Transfiguration Parish has returned. I will check with their pastor about future possibilities.

Another kind of generosity: Annual Catholic Appeal – August report
Thank You Very Much to the 81 parishioners who have made a pledge!

our St. Thecla goal: $28,949
pledged so far: $24,573 (average pledge: $303)
paid pledges so far: $21,543

A Novena of Healing for those harmed by priests and Atonement Prayer Services
The full 9-day schedule is on the bulletin boards. The closest service to us will be on Tuesday, September 24 at St. Cornelius from 7:00 to 8:00pm.
**HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**
Happy Labor Day!
School & parish facilities will be closed.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**
STWC General Mtg.-7:30 p.m.-9:00p.m.-QOP

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**
Choir rehearsal– 7:00p.m. –8:00 p.m.-parish chapel

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**
Al-Anon Mtg-9:30a.m.-11:30p.m.-SJW
Leisure Club-Set up-9-11-QOP
Leisure Club Mtg-11:30 am-3pm-QOP
GFDT-Renew my church-set up-5:30p.m.-6:30p.m. -MPR
GFDT-Renew my church mtg.-6:30p.m.-10:00 pm-MPR

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**
Gen. Anders Polish School –9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.-MPR; Gen Anders School Mass –11:00 a.m.-Church

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**
Religious Education Session-11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. -MPR

**GENERAL ANDERS SATURDAY SCHOOL OF POLISH LANGUAGE**

40 Lat działalności wśród Polonii Amerykańskiej

**Pierwszy Dzień Szkoły — 7 Września.**
- Przygotowanie do Egzaminu Certyfikowanego z Języka Polskiego jako Języka Obcego oraz stanowego Seal of Biliteracy.
- Szkoła akredytowana jest przez Illinois Board of Education.

**WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL SPA DAY**
- Thursday, September 12-Felician Sisters Convent. Cost is $10/session. Please register at mpkell@sbcglobal.net or 847-800-5654. We encourage pre-registration for planning purposes but WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn’t let the wine run out. From this Sunday’s Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be—everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they’re the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn’t include the neighborhood "who’s who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children’s achievements? We’ve all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn’t invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we’d like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Article provided by LPI.
Prayer List, US Military

We keep those who are serving in the military in our prayers. Please print the name of your loved one and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office. Their names will remain on the list until you notify us of their return or if their rank changes.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. September 3  8:30a.m.  +Frank Donatello
Wed. September 4  8:30a.m.  +Dominik Horak
Thurs. September 5  8:30a.m.  +H. Zbikowski family
Fri. September 6  8:30a.m.  +Mary Henry
Sat. September 7  5:00p.m.  First Responders
Sun. September 8  8:00a.m.  Parishioners

10:00a.m. +William Hanley
  +Adeline Budzisz
  +Kevin Fay
  +Rita Schneider

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CONTRIBUTIONS 8/25/19

Sunday Collection: $5,526.93
  Maintenance: $15.00
  Parking Lot: $30.00
  Budget Gap: $144.00
  Initial Offering: $55.00
  Assumption: $46.00
  Votives: $36.61
  All Souls Day: $10.00
  All Saints Day: $5.00
Total: $5,868.54

Parish-Other 8/25/19

  Mission: $1,675.61
  Sharing Parish: $35.00
  Seminary: $25.00
  Propagation of Faith: $5.00
Total: $1,740.61

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1. Visit www.saintthecla.org/parish and click “Give Online”.
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Recently Baptized into the Catholic Faith
Evelyn Martin
Penelope Larmay-Suarez
Abbie Schroeder

ST. THECLA QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE
DRAWING EVERY THURSDAY 9:00 PM. TICKETS $5 EACH. POT IS OVER $173,000

Women's Council News
ATTENTION WOMEN'S COUNCIL
WE ARE MAKING CHANGES:
Our first meeting is on Tuesday September 3rd 2019. We have changed our meeting days to the 1st Tuesday of the month! We will now meet in the Queen of Peace room NOT the Haran-Nelson Hall. The Queen of Peace room will provide a more comfortable meeting space for our members, smaller tables, comfortable chairs and wheelchair access. Please plan on joining us for our wine and cheese meet and greet on Sept. 3, we are excited to see our members again and hope all women of our parish will consider joining us at this meeting If you need transportation to meeting please feel free to call Terri at: 773-631-0215.
Thank you for your continued support, hope to see you in September.
GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are new to St. Thecla; Welcome!
To register as a parishioner; call the office at 773-792-3077 ext. 209

Baptisms: Call the office to make the arrangements and reserve a place at the Baptismal Prep Class.

Marriages: The Pastoral Guidelines for Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese of Chicago ask that a minimum of 6 months be set aside as formation time in preparation for this sacrament. Couples should not reserve a banquet hall prior to setting the date in church. Please note we are unable to accommodate weddings on Sundays.

Bulletin Deadline: All articles must be e-mailed or dropped off at the office by 10:00 a.m. on Fridays (8 days prior to publication date). Holidays have early deadlines. Articles are subject to editing. Our e-mail is parish@saintthecla.org.

Become a Catholic: Adults and teens interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist) and those who are curious about the Catholic Faith we are eager to meet you. Call today! 773-792-3077 ext. 209

Homebound/Communion Visitations:
St. Thecla is blessed with Ministers of Care who can regularly take communion to those in need. Please call the office to arrange for Holy Communion for yourself or a homebound loved one.

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