September 22nd, 2019

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.
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Follow along in Breaking Bread p. 214

**Introductory Rites**

Entrance Hymn: This Day God Gives Me (#635)

Greeting

Penitential Act (p. 4-6)

Gloria: Heritage Mass

Collect

**Liturgy of the Word p. (214-216)**

Psalm 113- “Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.”

Profession of Faith

Universal Prayer-General Intercessions

**Liturgy of the Eucharist (p. 11-26)**

Offertory Hymn: Your Words Are Spirit And Life (#593)

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**Communion Rite:** (p. 26-27)

**Communion Antiphon:** See Below

**Communion Hymn:** Shelter Me, O God (#464)

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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:** Sing Of The Lord’s Goodness (#464)

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

2 possible ways to help Hurricane Dorian Victims:

Checks to: **Catholic Relief Services**  Checks to: **Catholic Charities**

- Catholic Relief Services
- Attn: Hurricane Dorian Response
- PO Box 17090
- Baltimore, MD 21297

- Catholic Charities USA
- Attn: Hurricane Dorian Response
- 2050 Ballenger Ave., Suite 400
- Alexandria, VA 22314

(Donations to other charitable organizations can be made instead.)

This weekend’s **second** collection: Annual Archdiocesan Seminary Appeal

This annual appeal supports our seminary and vocations programs. Our generosity is very important for future generations to have well-trained priests. An appeal envelope is in our bi-monthly packet. If you wish to make an ongoing-pledge, pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule.

The Feast of Saint Thecla

The feast of St. Thecla is observed on either September 23 or 24. At our School Mass this Tuesday, we will be celebrating what is known about her.

This coming Saturday, September 28 – after 5:00pm Mass:

**Retirement Party for Fr. Ron Stake**

All are welcome to the Haran-Nelson Room for “dinner & sweets”.

One week from this Friday: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – October 4

**After** school dismissal, we will have the blessing of pets near the school garage.

Sunday, October 20 – 10:00am Mass: “Blue Mass”…

…with the CPD Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt

Parish Sharing with Transfiguration Parish

For those who wish, this month, we are re-starting the use of the Parish Sharing (pink) envelope. Transfiguration Parish is also now active in **Renew My Church** planning.

A Novena for Healing and Atonement – Evenings of Prayer and Reflection

This is an initiative of Catholic laity in Vicariate II to unite the faithful in addressing the issue of clergy sexual abuse through prayer for healing, atonement, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit within our Church. 7:00 to 8:00pm – Saturday, September 21 thru Sunday, September 29.

Prayer cards are available in the vestibule and other entry ways. The cards also have the schedule of locations. St. Cornelius will be hosting this Tuesday, September 24.
Our “Questions & Suggestions Box”…
   …is in the vestibule (across from where the “Queen of Hearts” raffle tickets are sold).
Questions or suggestions will be replied to a.s.a.p. in the bulletin or at announcements-time.
P.S. So far, I have received 3 essays/letters, I have not been able to respond-at-length.

RMC Update #32 (9-22-19)

Thank You Very Much to all who attended a session of our Parish meetings. A report can be found on another bulletin page. (Thanks to Katy Haran who helped me by taking notes.)

Below is the remainder of our “North Milwaukee Grouping” schedule with St. Cornelius and St. Tarcissus Parishes. (This has been updated since last Sunday’s bulletin.)

⇒ Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team (GFDT) Meetings:
    Thursdays, September 26, October 3 & 10
⇒ Presentation of Feedback & Discernment to the Renew My Church Executive Committee
    Monday, October 21
⇒ Cardinal Blase Cupich will meet with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council on Tuesday, November 5. Among many topics on their agenda, the Cardinal will consult with the Council about 3 Groupings – including ours with St. Cornelius and St. Tarcissus.
⇒ The Cardinal’s decision will be finalized and, then, announced on November 8.
⇒ The “activation” of the decision will be July 1, 2020.
   Some preparations will happen before 7-1-20. Much work will happen after 7-1-20.

Past Sunday bulletins are available on our Parish website: www.saintthecla.org, and RenewMyChurch.org has lots of information. (Some bulletins from previous Sundays are also available in the ushers’ room.) Our Grouping Partners’ bulletins can be found at www.stcornelius.org and www.ststars.org

Finally, here are some numbers to think about. In the 3-page hand-out from last Sunday’s & Monday’s meeting, there was a “Facility Assessment Summary” with the “estimated needs over a 7-year period”. Below is that information & the estimate over a 7-year period of our ordinary, buildings expenses. (Extraordinary expenses would be, for example, major boiler & air-conditioning repairs/replacement, major tuck-pointing, stone-work & window work.) (Ordinary expenses include ordinary maintenance & repairs, utilities, & property insurance.)

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
KofC officers Mtg. –7:30p.m.-9:00p.m.-QOP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Choir rehearsal– 7:00p.m. –8:00 p.m.-parish chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Al-Anon Mtg-9:30a.m.-11:30p.m.-SJW
GFDT-Renew my church-set up –5:30 p.m. – 6:30p.m. –MPR, GYM
GFDT-Renew my church Mtg. –6:30p.m.-10:00p.m.-MPR, GYM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Eucharistic Adoration-3:00p.m.-4:00p.m.-Parish Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Gen. Anders Polish School –9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.-MPR, school facilities
Fr. Stake Retirement Party– 6:00p.m.-MPR

SJW– St. Joseph the Worker room
QOP–Queen of Peace room
PDR-Parish Office dining room
MPR-Multi-purpose room: Haran-Nelson Hall

GENERAL ANDERS SATURDAY SCHOOL
OF POLISH LANGUAGE
www.szkolaandersa.us
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40 Lat działalności wśród PoloniiAmerykańskiej
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tion.
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn’t advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers overcharged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.” This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we’re responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

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OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Thursday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Saturday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4beghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Renew My Church (RMC) Parish Meeting Summary: September 15 & 16, 2019

Parish Meeting Update:
On Sunday 9/15 and Monday 9/16, our Parish held an open meeting for parishioners to share feedback and ask questions about the scenarios presented in the 8/18 bulletin. At these meetings, a document with a review of the 6 Scenarios was distributed, along with a more detailed view of enrollment, finances, and Mass attendance of all 3 parishes in our grouping. There was also a 3-question survey that was distributed, asking parishioners to provide feedback on the scenarios. The survey needed to be returned by 9/19/2019. Please note: this survey was not a “ballot for voting” but a “tool” to learn the thoughts of the parishioners at all 3 of our Parishes.

Meeting Attendance – About 25 attendees on Sunday and over 40 attendees on Monday, all shared feedback that was captured in 6 pages of notes, questions, and feedback.

Next Steps – The RMC GFDT (Grouping Feedback Discernment Team) will share the notes at our future meetings, as we move ahead in the Renew My Church Process. The feedback on these scenarios will be summarized and included in the feedback provided for each scenario.

For those of you unable to attend, here are a few summary points that I’d like you to review:
(The 2 sheet, 3 page hand-out is available in the vestibule.)

- IMPORTANT: No decisions have been made!
  - The scenarios are discussion starters to save time at all of our Parish & Grouping meetings.
  - One fact is clear; we will be moving ahead as one single parish. It may be a parish with multiple sites, however, St. Thecla, St. Tarcissus and St. Cornelius will operate as a single parish.
- As the timeline stands, we anticipate the Cardinal’s decision to be announced on November 8.
- Post-announcement (between 11/8/19 & 7/1/20), planning towards a transition would begin, however, the changes wouldn’t go into effect until July 1, 2020.
- The enrollment data in the materials is current – the Mass attendance data is from October 2018. All parishes are required to report their average weekly mass attendance during the month of October.
- There were several pieces of content that parishioners asked that we have added to the feedback:
  - capacity of St. Thecla and PFGA – factor in the percentage of the capacity being utilized
  - real estate values and terms of any potential sales of buildings/campuses
  - the great feedback from non-Thecla students participating in Thecla sports about our campus amenities.
- Resounding feedback was shared in both meetings about St. Thecla’s accessibility, single level design, ample parking, and solid financial position; and that will be included in the feedback.
- The disappointment caused by the cancellation of the Polish Mass was again expressed & also, the request for a better explanation of “why” that decision was made & a request for an apology.

Please remember, as we work to come together as one parish, it’s important for us to make one another feel welcome. I’ve been hearing some great stories about St. Thecla and PFGA parents and students coming together. That’s an example of what we want to “hand on to future generations”. Let’s pray for an openness to new beginnings. Then, when we receive the Cardinal’s decision in November, our hearts can better embrace one another. 94 years ago, the first parishioners of the “new St. Thecla Parish” left their “old Parish”, wherever it was, to begin a new Parish. We are thankful for their initiative and hard work. May future generations be thankful for our initiative and hard work now. Whatever the Cardinal’s decision will be, an extremely important initiative and good work is and will be the spiritual and social interaction by the parishioners of all 3 Parishes embracing one another as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ because we are all God’s daughters and sons.

Finally, I THANK YOU for your commitment to our parish, to our faith, and to this process!  Fr. Greg Rom
Defending Life-Join the Knights of Columbus; contact Grand Knight Tim Horn at 312-927-7057 or Parish Office.

Consider SAINT THECLA SCHOOL for your Children. Schedule a visit today! call Ms. Kathy Collins at 773-763-3380 or email:studentdevelopment@saintthecla.org. On the web visit www.saintthecla.org

Mass Intentions

Tues. Sept. 24  8:30a.m.  +Max Koelbl
Wed. Sept. 25  8:30a.m.  +Amanda Sulkowski
Thurs. Sept. 26  8:30a.m.  Steve Rom
Fri. Sept. 27  8:30a.m.  +Ann Mackey
Sat. Sept. 28  5:00p.m.  +Maureen Maquire
Sun. Sept. 29  8:00a.m.  Parishioners
          10:00a.m. +Deceased members of the Sweeney family

Thank you for supporting and caring for the gift of your parish - St. Thecla

Contributions  9/15/19
Sunday Collection:  $6,224.61
Parking Lot:  $25.00
Initial Offering:  $159.00
Budget Gap:  $50.00
Votives:  $33.26
Total:  $6,491.87

Parish-Other  9/15/19
Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland & Polonia:  $31.00
Total:  $31.00

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE. It's easy!
1. Visit www.saintthecla.org/parish and click “Give Online”.
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click “Recurring Donation”, then enter your donation amount and frequency.
   Please call parish office. Will be happy to assist. 773-792-3077.

ST. THECLA QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE
Drawing every Thursday 9:00 PM. Tickets $5 each. POT is over $202,000

Volunteers from Compass will offer Blood Pressure screenings next weekend after the 5pm, 8am & 10am Masses. Plan to stop by in the back of church. Thank you, Chris Koza
"Hair Razor Haunted Scenes"
Be a part of one of St. Thecla’s largest fundraising events!

*We are looking for adult volunteers to be:*

*Scarers, Security, Tech Workers, Make-Up Artists, Ticket Sales, Ticket Takers and Concessions.*

**NOTE: Virtus Training is required.**

*Volunteer hours are approximately 6:00 to 10:30 on Friday & Saturday and 5:00 to 9:30 on Sunday.*

Online signup: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAAAD23A7FC1-hair
or return form below to the parish or school office:

For more information call Jerry Nelson 773-316-7896 or email hauntedscenes@gmail.com.

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*Please note: All positions are handled on a first come, first served basis. Also, your job may be changed due to a need in other areas.*

**Tickets and Concessions will be assigned upon arrival.**
VIRTUS-Protecting God’s Children Training Sessions
The Archdiocese of Chicago requires all volunteers who come in contact with children to participate in the Virtus Training. You must be present for the entire 3.5 hours for certification. Registration is required in advance of the date of the class.

Go online: [http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/)

Select First-Time Registrant
Select begin the registration process,
Select Chicago, IL (Archdiocese)

The prompts walk you through the registration process. After the class you will receive monthly online bulletins to read and answer. Please look for them, they could be in your spam. At the training you will also be given a Code of Conduct form.

- New volunteers and current volunteers must fill out a CANTS forms (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System) every year by Oct. 1.
- Use the form on the next page. We also have them in the school and parish offices.
- The CANTS form is to be filled out by Priests, Deacons, Lectors, Choir members, Ministers of Holy Communion, Catechists, Coaches, Ushers, Scout Leaders, Ministers of Care, Principals, Faculty, School staff, Classroom aids, Room moms, Lunch workers etc.
- DEADLINE for turning in the CANTS FORM is October 1, 2019.

NOTE: School volunteers return the form to the School Office, Parish Volunteers return your form to the Parish Office (or put in an envelope marked CANTS; and place it in the collection).

We will mail the forms to DCFS for you. Thank You. (copy of the CANTS form is printed on pg. 13)
Parishioner Contact Update: To help keep our records current, please print the information below and drop the form in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you.

Last Name______________________ First Name _____________________________ M/M, Mr., Mrs., Ms.

Address__________________________________ City___________________ Zip Code______________

Email address____________________ Phone (Home)______________ Cell phone___________________________

We pray for all those in nursing homes, homebound or who require extended care and those who care for them:

Richard Bekielewski, Sr Maria Kadrub Helena Rumas Rose Zembal
Alicja Brozyna Barbara Kelly Stanley Sadej Barbara Zygmunt
Daniel Burke Edward Kennedy Jennie Sekula
Jodi Chmiel Maria Kieca Walter Smal
Harriet Chudzynski Beverly Kisiel George Stasinios
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Mildred Cwiak Rose Ligeza Janis Taylor
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Gilfoy Family Imleda Mizones Cecilia Walega
Fernando Gimenez Alice Mae Norton Christine Wasowski
Ann Gosciniak Patricia O'Toole Rosemary Westfallen
Gerald Halvey Carolyn Plodzien Mary Widelka
Beverly Herbig Stanley Podgorny Edward Wnek
Frank Herbig Thomas Podgorny Julia Zeler
Rick Hernandez Virginia Rozmarynowski E.J. Zbikowski

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.

United States Marines:

United States Army:
MAJ. Terence W. Bacon, PFC. Adam Dunbar, SGT. Sean Doherty, SGT. Rachel Hall, SGT. Robert Lach, CPT. Jared Lampe, WO. Steven Larmay, SPC. Thomas J. Lyons III, PFC. Raymond Rau, 1LT. Michael Spiwak, SGT. Brian Pasterczyk

United States Air Force:
State of Illinois
Department of Children and Family Services

AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND CHECK
Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking Systems (CANTS)
For Programs NOT Licensed by DCFS

NOTE: Do not use this form if you are an applicant for licensure or an employee/volunteer of a licensed child care facility. Please contact your licensing representative.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

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If you currently reside out-of-state, please provide ALL Illinois addresses in which you did reside while living in Illinois.

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Your Position (Circle One): Priest  Deacon  Religious Order  Lay Employee  Volunteer

List maiden name and/or all other names by which you have been known (last, first, middle):

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I hereby authorize the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to conduct a search of the Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS) to determine whether I have been a perpetrator of an indicated incident of child abuse and/or neglect or involved in a pending investigation. I further consent to the release of this information to the agency listed below.

Submit by mail OR fax OR email
Mail to: Department of Children and Family Services
        406 E. Monroe - Station #30
        Springfield, IL 62701
FAX to: 217-782-3991
Scan/Email to: CFS689Background@illinois.gov

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Please type, use bold letters or label:

safekids@archchicago.org
Archdiocese of Chicago
Mary Jane Doerr
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

(Submitting Agency Fax Number)
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(Contact Person)
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(City/State/Zip)
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

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