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.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Follow along in Breaking Bread p. 219

Introductory Rites
Entrance Hymn: Praise To The Lord (#195)
Greeting
Penitential Act (p. 4-6)
Gloria: Heritage Mass
Collect

Liturgy of the Word (219-220)
Psalm 95- “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”
Profession of Faith
Universal Prayer-General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist (p. 11-26)
Offertory Hymn: One Love Released (#359)

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

**Communion Antiphon:** See Below

**Communion Hymn:** We Are Many Parts (#583)

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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:** I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light (#600)

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

Blessings of Serenity to Mrs. Christina Stefanec, our former School Principal

Mrs. Stefanec resigned last Sunday in order to take care of her family. Just this past July, she gave birth to her first child. Kathy Collins is taking good care of our School. Thanks be to God! Soon, we will be interviewing candidates for an interim principal for this 2019-2020 School Year. **No decisions have been made for 2020-2021.** Please pray about all of this.

In 2 weeks – Sunday, October 20 – 10:00am Mass: “Blue Mass”…
…with CPD Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt

A question from our “Questions & Suggestions Box”:

If a parish closes, can a parishioner’s “To Teach Who Christ Is” donations be refunded?

(This question was also asked at our Sept. 16 Parish meeting.)

When a Parish closes, “TTWCI” paid pledges **may** possibly be refunded as follows:

1. **40%** of all paid pledges are assigned to help Catholic Schools & Religious Education programs in the Archdiocese. Those paid pledge dollars are **not** refundable because they are already being used.

2. **60%** of paid pledge dollars are for designated projects at the individual Parish. **If** they have **not** already been used, they may **possibly** be refunded.

I apologize that I am not up-to-date on if any of our St. Thecla TTWCI dollars have been used for “Campus Restoration” and the “Falcons Forever” fund. So, I’ll give an example from St. Felicitas where I had previously been the pastor.

To the best of my memory, the designated projects were approximately as follows:

- **40%** of paid pledge dollars: maintenance of the church’s stained glass windows
- **35%** of paid pledge dollars: tuck-pointing on the church & rectory (done)
- **10%** of paid pledge dollars: Catholic School tuition-assistance (done)
- **10%** of paid pledge dollars: replacement of the church’s wheelchair ramp
- **5%** of paid pledge dollars: new sound system in the church social hall (done).

So, if a St. Felicitas parishioner had wanted to be refunded any of their paid pledge dollars, they may have been able to receive “50% of their Parish’s 60%”. (If they had fulfilled a $1,000 pledge, they may have been refunded $300. They might also have to include the refund on their income taxes since it was no longer a tax-deductible donation.) (FYI: I did make & fulfill a pledge at St. Felicitas.) If my explanation is not helpful, please let me know; and I’ll try again.

While on this topic: **Thank You Very Much** to all who pledged & have fulfilled & are fulfilling their TTWCI pledges. Our September 8 bulletin indicated: $468,000 was pledged toward our St. Thecla goal of $780,000. $282,732 in pledges have been fulfilled.

RMC Update #34 (10-6-19)

[FYI: Because of the usual bulletin deadline, I had to type this before the GFDT (Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team) meeting on this past Thursday, October 3.]

Below is the “week-by-week” remainder of our “North Milwaukee Grouping” schedule with St. Cornelius and St. Tarcissus Parishes:

⇒ Thursday, October 10 – Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team (GFDT) meeting
⇒ Week of October 13–19: work to complete the Feedback & Discernment Presentation
⇒ Presentation of Feedback & Discernment to the Renew My Church Executive Committee Monday, October 21
⇒ Meeting of Renew My Church Executive Committee & Renew My Church Commission to discuss 6 Groupings on Saturday, October 26
⇒ 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 our Grouping with St. Cornelius & St. Tarcissus.
⇒ The Cardinal will finalize his decision, and it will be announced on November 8.
⇒ The “activation” of the decision will be on 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 some bulletins from previous Sundays are available in the ushers room. RenewMyChurch.org has lots of information. Our Grouping Partners’ bulletins can be found at www.stcornelius.org and www.ststars.org

Friday, November 8 – when the Cardinal’s decision will be announced – is now just 4 weeks away from this coming Friday. I encourage all of us to pray the “Renew My Church” prayer and other prayers – yes, for ourselves and also for the St. Cornelius and St. Tarcissus parishioners and the Pope Francis Global Academy students, families and School staff and also for the Renew My Church Executive Committee & Commission and also for Cardinal Cupich.

RMC Executive Committee for our Grouping:
   Bishop Mark Bartosic (our Vicar)
   Bishop Ron Hicks (Vicar General)
   Fr. Jason Malave (Cardinal’s Liaison)
   Ms. Betsy Bohlen (AOC-COO)
   Mr. Cliff Barber (AOC-CSO)
   Dr. Jim Rigg (Catholic Schools Superintendent)

(6 members)

RMC Commission:
   12 Lay Persons (2 from each Vicariate)
   an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council member
   2 Pastor representatives
   Fr. Jason Malave (Cardinal’s Liaison)
   Fr. Ken Simpson (Vicar for Development of Priests)
   a Priests Placement Board member
   Bishop Ron Hicks (Vicar General)
   Ms. Betsy Bohlen (AOC-COO)
   Bishop Mark Bartosic (our Vicar)

(19 members)

AOC – Archdiocese of Chicago; COO – Chief Operating Officer; CSO – Chief Strategy Officer
PARISH INFORMATION

Administrator: Fr. Gregory Rom
Weekend Associate: Fr. Ronald Stake
Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Gerald Rogala
Deacons: Robert Cnota, Steven Wagner and Michael McManus
School Principal: Mrs. Christina Stefanec
Church & School Development: Ms. Kathy Collins
Religious Education: Mr. Ron Mazzoni
Music: Mr. Mark Wozniczka, Director
           Mr. Markeise Russell, Choir Director

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK

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p.m.-MPR, school facilities

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QOP-Queen of Peace room
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GOSPEL MEDITATION-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’ The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appealing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds. It’s important to remember that we do have a place at God’s table. But we don’t “earn” it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we’re imitating the Good Samaritan. We’re visiting Jesus! We’re growing his kingdom of life and love. The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we’re seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we’re meant to serve? That is, is this where we’re meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” But, ultimately, we’re not the ones doing the deeds. We’re not the ones “earning” the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

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OBSERVANCES
Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope
Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY READINGS
Readings for the week of October 6, 2019
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Sing with the choir, offer your musical skills; see Markeise or Mark after Mass or contact them!
Markeise: music@saintthecla.org
Mark: organist@saintthecla.org

In a memory of loved ones
Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 3 to 4 PM. It will conclude with Benediction. Adoration at Parish Office Chapel.
Joyful in Christ, Deacon Steve

Respect Life
Beginning on October 6th, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women’s Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God’s Grace, The Women’s Centers have saved almost 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984. Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on October 6th fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of Oct. 27th.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women’s Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost $1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. Thank you for helping defend life, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Also if you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to:
The Women’s Center. Thank you!

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes to support St. Thecla’s FSA!

A drop box will be located at the back of church. If you have a larger donation, pickup or drop off can be arranged by contacting Laura Rottman (773) 551-5805 * laura.rottman19@gmail.com

till October 31st.

THANK YOU!
**Defending Life**

Join the Knights of Columbus; contact Grand Knight Tim Horn at 312-927-7057 or Parish Office.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tues. Oct. 8 8:30a.m.** + Leonard Ficht

**Wed. Oct. 9 8:30a.m.** +Richard Soens

**Thurs. Oct. 10 8:30a.m.** +Lawrence & Helen Meyer

**Fri. Oct. 11 8:30a.m.** +Stefania Przeworek
+ Maria & Ludwig Luberda
+ Paulina Jarowiecki

**Sat. Oct. 12 5:00p.m.** +Bernice Cwiklik
+ Jeanne Corcoran
+ Maureen Maquire
+ Edward Wnek
+ Margaret(Peg) Comiskey
+ Fred Addante

**Sun. Oct. 13 8:00a.m.** +Patrick Quinn
+ Christopher Wynd
+ Jane Kobos
+ Jessica Martin
+ David Macapagal
+ Jesus Mendoza
+ Herold Ruadad
+ Katharine Hiera

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**ST. THECLA QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE**

**The Final 12**

Tickets $5 each for the Queen of Hearts raffle can be purchased at parish office during the week.

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Please call parish office.
Will be happy to assist. 773-792-3077.
Everyone is invited to a Blue Mass to honor first responders.

Sunday
October 20th
10:00 a.m.
Fr. Dan Brandt
Chaplain of the Chicago Police Department will be presiding.
All Are Welcome.

Rosary by the River
Oct. 13th at 3PM

Catholics will be saying the Rosary Coast to Coast on October 13th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and 102nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. Join thousands of voices around the United States simultaneously at 3PM (CST).

We will gather in Caldwell Woods beginning at 2:30 off the Harts Road entrance. Follow the map to the starred area. Rosary will begin promptly at 3:00 led by Fr. Grisolano and two of our seminarians.
The second scripture reading last Sunday has St. Paul writing to Timothy, his disciple, “But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith (1 Tm 6:11).”

One gets the idea that an ordained minister must see life as a contest in which faith is the constant prize and the whole aim of one’s living. Consequently, no matter my position in the Church my one objective is to do nothing that would disturb my faith. Pope Francis recently said that the ordained priesthood is, like faith, a gift. It is a gift that must be nurtured at every moment by the one who has received it. As a priest retiring from full time office in the Archdiocese of Chicago, my work will change, but the contest to keep the faith will not.

In the lifetime of a diocesan priest any single assignment is typically short by comparison to the whole of one's priestly ministry. In my time I have had 17 individual assignments. Many were in the U.S. Navy, and all but a few relatively short. Apart from a six-year assignment at St. Barnabas Parish, and five years on active naval service in the Kingdom of Bahrain and my time in the Office for Canonical Affairs, my service at St. Thecla has been among the longest, more the four years.

I retired from full time priestly ministry, but I will not retire from the priesthood. It remains my gift to nourish. My time with you has been fulfilling, allowing me to be with so many people of this parish, most especially at Sunday Mass. Mass here has shown that our Catholic family can be a thriving household for all ages. There has not been a single week among you when I have not encountered a profound sense of longing for God. The often-short conversations had with the ill and injured, especially those in hospital, have always been spiritual food for me. As always, the baptism of children and the burial of the dead have provided life’s bookends, giving me the sense that we pass through this earth as mere pilgrims.

My pilgrimage among you has come to a point marked by the retirement celebration last Saturday. For that celebration I am most grateful to the parishioners of this parish. However, this point of retirement is not yet my goodbye. I will remain with you on the weekends for the foreseeable future. Only God knows what the longer future will hold. Thank you for your goodness and keep me in your prayers.

With blessings,
Fr. Ron Stake

P.S. I will continue in service as part-time associate vicar for canonical services, Archdiocese of Chicago, Archbishop Quigley Center, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611; rstake@archchicago.org; 312-534-5284.
"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.

Name: __________________________________________ Email: ______________________________

Ph# ____________________________ Cell# ______________________________

Scarer ___ Tech Worker ___
Security ___ Make-up ___

**Concessions/Tickets ___

10/04 ________ 10/05 ________ 10/06 ________
10/11 ________ 10/12 ________ 10/13 ________
10/18 ________ 10/19 ________ 10/20 ________
10/25 ________ 10/26 ________ 10/27 ________

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.
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 Kadlub Stanley Sadej Barbara Zygmunt
Alicja Brozyna Barbara Kelly Jennie Sekula
Daniel Burke Edward Kennedy Walter Smal
Jodi Chmiel Maria Kieca George Stasinos
Harriet Chudzynski Beverly Kisiel Diana Strauss
Sharon Cinkowsky Ronald Klish Aurelia Swiat
Eileen Cobb Mary Lavalle Matthew Swiatki
Kevin Connolly Joanna Lesna Janis Taylor
Mildred Cwiak Rose Ligeza Patricia Timm
Patricia Dooley Walter Malinowski John Vargo
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Donatello, Mark Imleda Mizones Cecilia Walega
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Gerald Halvey Stanley Podgorny Edward Wnek
Beverly Herbig Thomas Podgorny Julia Zeler
Frank Herbig Virginia Rozmarynowski E.J. Zbikowski
Rick Hernandez Helena Rumas Rose Zembal

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 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 Pasterczyk, SGT. Brian Pasterczyk

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.

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