October 13th, 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.
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Introductory Rites**

Entrance Hymn: All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name (#728)

Greeting

Penitential Act (p. 4-6)

Gloria: Heritage Mass

Collect

**Liturgy of the Word (p.221-222)**

Psalm 98- “The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.”

Profession of Faith

Universal Prayer-General Intercessions

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

Offertory Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (#688)

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Communion Rite: (p. 26-27)
Communion Antiphon:  See Below
Communion Hymn: There Is A Balm In Gilead (#455)

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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: Now Thank We All Our God (#196)
Prayers for Before and After Mass: Inside back cover of the missalette
Next Sunday, October 20 – 10:00am Mass: “Blue Mass”…
…with Chicago Police Department Chaplain, Fr. Dan Brandt


Most of us are not “going out to all the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus”. Most of us are not leaving our homeland to be missionaries of the Gospel in foreign lands. We can participate in this Universal Mission of the Church by our prayers and by giving financial support. Every Parish does make monetary contributions to the World Missions at least twice a year: in the Summer Mission Appeal (for us this year, to the Missionaries of the Poor on Sunday, August 25) and next weekend. An envelope is in our bi-monthly packet.

A Respect for Life lesson from (Retired) Pope Benedict XVI

“Each human being is known by God and loved by God. Each is willed by God…Hence the Bible says that whoever violates a human being violates God’s property (Gn. 9:5)...each human being, however wretched or exalted he or she may be, however sick or suffering, however good-for-nothing or important, whether born or unborn, whether incurably ill or radiant with health – each one bears God’s breath in himself or herself, each one is God’s image.”

“In the Beginning…A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall” (1995)

Annual Catholic Appeal – September 2019 report

Thank You Very Much to the 84 parishioners who have made a pledge!

(That’s 3 more pledges since August.)

our St. Thecla 2019 goal: $28,949
pledged so far: $26,213 (average pledge: $312)
paid pledges so far: $23,793

…by members of our Parish Finance Council.

Please don’t worry and please be patient.

No decision has been made on how St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus and St. Thecla will work together in the future. If the total weekend Mass attendance of all 3 Parishes increased 10 percent over last year, it would be 2,200+. The total of weekend Masses now is 11. 11 Masses would average 200+ people per Mass. That’s not “half-full” at any of our churches. We will probably have fewer than 11 Masses starting some time next year. So, for now, we will not accept Mass Intentions after June 30, 2020. We will wait for directions from the Cardinal. If any already-accepted Mass Intentions after 6-30-20 need to be changed, we will communicate with the “requestor” as best as we can.
RMC Update #35 (10-13-19)

[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 10.]

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

⇒ 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 6 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.sttars.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 (21 members)
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)
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AOC – Archdiocese of Chicago; COO – Chief Operating Officer; CSO – Chief Strategy Officer

I am extremely grateful to our St. Thecla GFDT for their MANY hours both at meetings and in between meetings. The St. Cornelius & St. Tarcissus GFDTs have been great to work with too.
HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
Happy Columbus Day!
Parish & School facilities will be closed.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15
ST. Thecla Women’s Council Board Meeting-
7:15p.m. – 9:00p.m.-PDR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Choir rehearsal – 7:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.-parish chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
Al-Anon Mtg-9:30a.m-11:30p.m.-SJW
Leisure Club-Set up-9a.m.-11a.m.-QOP
Leisure Club Mtg-11:30 am-3pm-QOP
Boy Scouts—7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.-MPR
R/E Confirmation Class 8th grade – 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
-Music room at School

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
Eucharistic Adoration-3:00p.m.-4:00p.m.-Parish Chapel
Gen. Anders Teacher’s Day set up– 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.-MPR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
Gen. Anders School-9:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.-MPR, school facilities
Gen. Anders Teacher’s Conference-12:30a.m.-4:00p.m.-MPR
Gen. Anders School Rosary-12:30p.m.-1:00p.m.-Church
St. Thecla - “Trunk or Treat” – 12:45p.m.-3:30p.m.-Parking Lot

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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.” Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn’t believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you’ve ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we’ve wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

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WEEKLY READINGS
Readings for the week of October 13, 2019
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145/Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 3 to 4 PM. It will conclude with Benediction. Adoration at Parish Office Chapel.

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Our parish is 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 during the month of October and fill it with your spare change, and return it by 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!

Be at peace.

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

Amen

St. Francis de Sales
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

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   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 $221,000

The Final 11

Tickets $5 each for the Queen of Hearts raffle can be purchased at parish office during the week.
Everyone is invited to **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.**
St. Thecla Women’s Council

HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW

November 23, 2019
9:00 A.M. -- 4:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS..GIFTS....

.....& GOODIES

HOURLY RAFFLE

SNACK BAR

DEVON and OAK PARK AVES (6725 W Devon Ave)

ADMISSION $2.00

(includes 1 raffle ticket for Holiday Raffle)
"Hair Razor Haunted Scenes"
Be a part of one of St. Thecla’s largest fundraising events!

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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/805B4BAAAD23A7FC1-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.
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 Spiewak, SGT. Brian Pasterczyk

United States Air Force:

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

Richard Bekielewski, Sr
Alicja Brozyna
Daniel Burke
Jodi Chmiel
Harriet Chudzynski
Sharon Cinkowsky
Eileen Cobb
Kevin Connolly
Mildred Cwiak
Patricia Dooley
Diane Dudek
Donatello, Mark
Gilfoy Family
Fernando Gimenez
Ann Gosciak
Gerald Halvey
Beverly Herbig
Frank Herbig
Rick Hernandez
Maria Kadlub
Barbara Kelly
Edward Kennedy
Maria Kieca
Beverly Kisiel
Ronald Klish
Mary Lavelle
Joanna Lesna
Rose Ligeza
Walter Malinowski
Marni Mensching
Imleda Mizones
Alice Mae Norton
Patricia O'Toole
Carolyn Plodzien
Stanley Podgorny
Thomas Podgorny
Virginia Rozmarynowski
Helena Rumas
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Jennie Sekula
Walter Smal
George Stasin
Diana Strauss
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Matthew Swiatki
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Patricia Timm
John Vargo
Helene Veder
Cecilia Walega
Christine Wasowski
Rosemary Westfallen
Mary Widelka
Edward Wnek
Julia Zeler
E.J. Zbikowski
Rose Zembal
Barbara Zygmunt

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___________________________
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

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In Science, second grade is learning about plants. We are creating a diagram of the Parts of a Plant. We painted a plant and included the six main parts: roots, stem, leaves, flower, fruit, and seeds. We are working with Mr. Manicke, our Technology teacher, on typing up the function of each plant by creating text boxes to print up and add to our diagrams. Completing this cross-curricular activity has been a lot of fun!

Mrs. Ida H. Capone—Second Grade Teacher