

# Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

June 15, 2025

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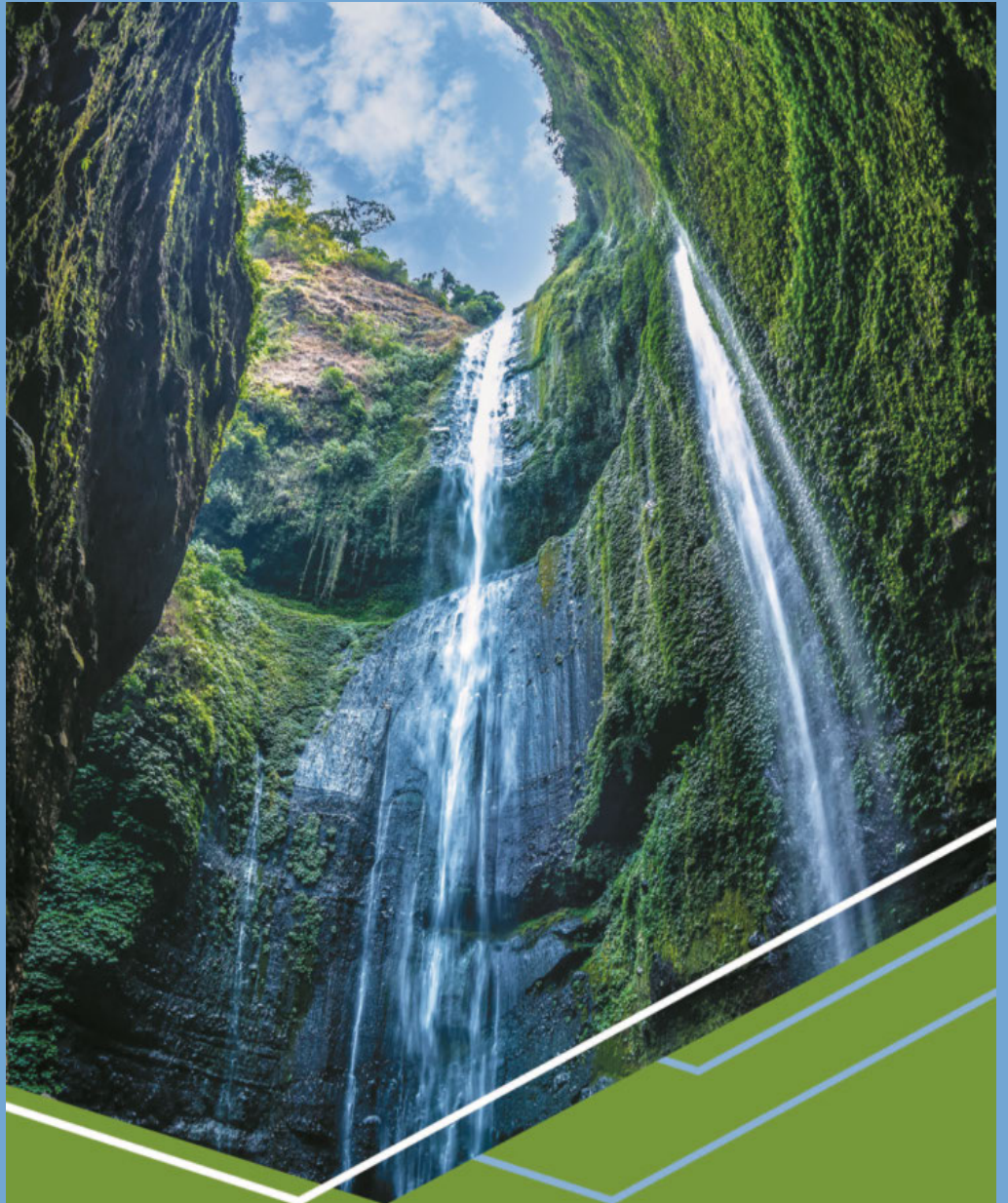
Mass Times  
Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday: 8:30am  
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

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Mass Times  
Monday and Friday: 8:30am  
Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:15am & 5:00pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm

## Weekend Livestream

We livestream one  
Ascension site Mass each  
weekend. View livestream  
schedule online by visiting:  
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and click on Mass Times.



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.  
Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take  
from what is mine and declare it to you."

- Jn 16:14-15

## Father Carl's Corner

Happy Father's Day to all our dads, and father figures today!

This weekend, we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity reminding us that at the very heart of God is relationship – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, united in love. That same love shapes and holds our human relationships too, especially the ones we honor this Father's Day. Whether with our fathers, father figures, or those who guide us in faith, we celebrate the self-giving love that mirrors the Trinity's own communion.



At the same time, I am very much aware of a more tender moment we are moving toward next Sunday, June 22, when many will gather at 10:00 AM to offer the final Mass at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy worship site. It is one of our four worship sites in the Oak Park Catholic Community. Like Saint Giles, Saint Edmund and Ascension, this sacred space has held years of prayer, laughter, tears, baptisms, weddings and farewells. Despite this sad reality, we hold to this truth - a church building may close, but the CHURCH, the PEOPLE of GOD, remains alive. In the mystery of the Trinity, we find the courage to move forward in the hope, that knowing every ending in Christ carries seeds of new beginnings.

The Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles community extends open arms and hearts of welcome to those who choose to continue and worship and build community together. And I know, arms and hearts are open to anyone who may feel at home at Saint Edmund or Ascension as a new spiritual home.

I write about this today to ask for your prayers but also to remind us, we walk forward in faith, rooted in love, and trusting in God's ongoing work among us. May the unity of the Trinity inspire us to remain united, even as we grieve the ending of this sacred space or any other ending we may be facing in our lives at this time. Every time we bless ourselves at the beginning of our prayers or at Mass - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - we are expressing our hope that every ending in Christ carries the seeds of new beginnings.

Have a blessed and safe week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Rev. Carl Morello*

Fr. Carl Morello, Pastor

The celebration of the feast of the Ascension and the picnic that followed, the memorial service for Father Lucas, and then that same evening the joyful coming together for our raffle drawing, were all wonderful community building events where the support for each other, in good times as well as in the difficult moments of life, were very visible and felt. Thanks to all who gave so much of their time and talents making these events possible, prayerful, and a time for coming together.



## Parish News



The Ascension and St. Edmund Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. The offices will reopen on Friday, June 20.

### ASP Car Washes Help Support ASP

Please come support ASP and get your car washed by our teens who will be volunteering for the Appalachian Service Project this summer. The ASP Car Washes are being held on **Saturday June 14 & 21** from 9:00am - 3:00pm.



The teens will be out in the **Ascension Parish Center parking lot** washing cars to raise funds for this year's trip.

**Suggested donation is \$8 per car.**

### Baptism Preparation Class



Baptizing your infant and or young child (zero to six years of age) – begins simply with an email or phone call to Diane Lawrence, Coordinator of Parish Ministries, to learn about the process and to sign-up for a Baptism

Preparation Class. I look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming sessions: **Saturday, July 12, 2025** and **Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 2:30pm** at St. Edmund McGivern Center.

To register, please email Diane Lawrence: [d.lawrence@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:d.lawrence@ascensionoakpark.com) (708) 406-2709  
Diane Lawrence  
Coordinator of Parish Ministries  
Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

### FAITH and FILM Ministry invites all to WATCH - LEARN - DISCUSS

**The Chosen**  
**Season 2, Episode 3**  
**Saturday, June 14th in Murphy Hall**  
**After the 5:00 Mass**

**Episode 4**  
**Saturday, June 21st in Murphy Hall**  
**After the 5:00 Mass**

Are you looking for things to do this summer? Please consider joining Faith and Film Ministry twice a month to **WATCH - LEARN - DISCUSS Season 2 of The Chosen**. Please mark the following Saturdays on your calendar, come and be inspired, and meet some really nice people who also like to **WATCH - LEARN - DISCUSS**.

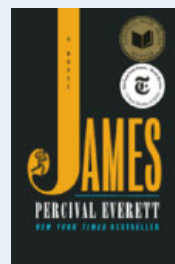
Where: St. Edmund Murphy Hall  
When: Following the Saturday 5:00 Mass - 6:15 pm  
Other Summer Dates: **July 12 & 19**  
**August 9 & 16, 2025**

Questions? Call 708-406-2709 to reach the Coordinator of Parish Ministries, Diane Lawrence  
Or email [marithans@comcast.net](mailto:marithans@comcast.net), Faith and Film Co-Leader, Mari Hans



### Ascension and St. Edmund Book Club

Our June book club selection is *James* by Percival Everett **Tuesday, June 17th** from 6:00-8:00pm in Murphy Hall.



The book club always meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Murphy Hall. We start at 6:00pm with dinner and end by 8:00. Come join us! We have a great group of people.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.  
Mari: [marithans@comcast.net](mailto:marithans@comcast.net)



## Parish News

### Interested in the Marriage Mentor Ministry?

For more than twenty years, married couples have served as Marriage Mentors to engaged couples getting married at Ascension-St. Edmund. With more couples getting married at Ascension and St. Edmund in recent years, we are in need of new Mentors.

Marriage Mentors serve as facilitators, providing engaged couples support and a space for learning and growth, as the couple prepares for their marriage. Mentors are provided training and resources. Typically, Mentors meet with the engaged couple 3-4 times in the Mentor's home, working with one engaged couple at a time. Mentors must be married at least seven years. If you and your spouse would like to make a meaningful impact and walk with an engaged couple on their journey to marriage, please contact Carol and Dan Doody at [dan@doody.com](mailto:dan@doody.com) to learn more.

### Summer Sessions for First Communion Preparation for Junior High Students

Children who are in Junior High and have not yet had their First Communion are welcome to join with their peers to prepare for celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion during the summer.

Sessions begin on Wednesday, June 18, and will continue once a week on Wednesdays through the end of July. All sessions will meet at 4:30 pm at the St. Giles Campus Parish Center at 1025 Columbian Avenue.

Children who attend all preparation sessions and celebrate first Reconciliation will be able to celebrate their First Communion at any of the weekend Masses in the churches in our two parishes of Ascension and St. Edmund or St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy and St. Giles.

For more information, please contact Rachel Faulman at [rfaulman@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:rfaulman@spiritandlightcenter.org), or at 708-383-3430, ext. 421

### THANK YOU for supporting the plastic collection!

The response has been encouraging and some have asked if we could continue. Sure! The collection boxes will remain at both Ascension and St. Edmund for a little while longer. Thanks again! We'll keep you posted on the status of the bench as soon as we have the approval from TREX.

### Susan Fleming Garden

We have resumed our weekly harvests, gathering on **Tuesday around 5:30 PM** to harvest, weed, water and accept donations of produce for St. Simon of Cyrene (formerly St. Martin's) Food Pantry. Please consider stopping by to help with these tasks and if possible bring some produce to donate. This season our harvest totals over 143 pounds.

We had a bright, beautiful Monday morning when we hosted the annual visit of students from Nazareth Academy. H.O.M.E. Team founder Gina Orlando shared insights on Native American spirituality and Laudato Si. The students planted beans and squash around young corn plants in bed 6, learning about the Native American agricultural practice of the *Three Sisters*. It was a busy, happy time with beds being repaired, beneficial insects being released and home baked cookies being shared.



**ASE 50+ Social Club  
Chicago Dogs Baseball  
Game  
Wednesday,  
July 30th**



### Take Me Out To The Ballgame

The ASE 50+ Social Club invites you to join us for a fun night at a Chicago Dogs Baseball Game, on **Wednesday, July 30th** at Impact Field located at 9850 Balmoral Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018. The Chicago Dogs are hosting The Kane County Cougars. The game starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$14.00.

If you would like to go to this game, you need to go through me. Regarding payment for your ticket, you can give me your money or you can send it to me via Zelle. My phone number is: [708-848-6208](tel:708-848-6208). **I need to know if you're planning on going, no later than July 4th!** We went to a game last August and had tons of fun!

Feel free to bring a friend or two! If you have any questions, please send me - Mari Hans an email: [marithans@comcast.net](mailto:marithans@comcast.net).

## A Celebration of Life of Fr. John P. Lucas, J. C. L.



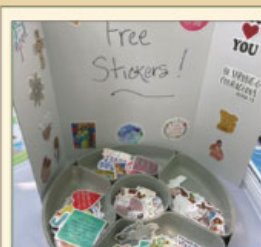
On Saturday, June 7, we celebrated the life of Fr. John P. Lucas, longtime priest of St. Edmund and Judicial Vicar with the Court of Appeals of the Province of Chicago. His family, friends, colleagues from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and parishioners came together to honor and remember him. Cardinal Cupich was the principal celebrant along with several bishop and priest concelebrants. Our pastor, Fr. Carl Morello, preached the homily and Deacon Tom Dwyer assisted. It was a true celebration of Fr. Lucas' life as parishioners from his former parish of St. Cyprian joined in prayer with his Ascension and St. Edmund family. A beautiful brunch hosted by our Reception Committee followed. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the Lucas family and all who love him. We extend our gratitude to everyone involved with the planning of this special liturgy and particularly the combined choirs of St. Edmund and St. Cyprian.

Mari Hans  
Parishioner and friend of Fr. Lucas  
Mass Coordinator - St. Edmund Church



## Great Turnout for the 51<sup>st</sup> A Day in Our Village Festival!

The annual Oak Park festival, A Day in Our Village, was held on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at Scoville Park. This community event lets residents and visitors discover the variety of civic, cultural, social service, business, educational, and religious organizations and groups in the Village. Ascension and St. Edmund Parish and Ascension School reserved booths. Hundreds of people stopped by to inquire about our parish and school offerings. Our location and weather were ideal this year. We are grateful for the volunteers who helped staff the event and to the parishioners and school families who stopped by.





## Community News

### YOU ARE CALLED TO BE A WHOLEMAKER! —

Together let's reflect, pray, and take action to care for the Earth this summer.

With beautiful prayer and scripture, meaningful multimedia, and opportunities to share one's thoughts, the *Wholemakers* curriculum weaves together the latest in climate science with insights from Catholic tradition to equip participants to be the faithful protagonists of transformation the world so urgently needs.



Participants from last year shared:

*"Wholemakers brought environmental stewardship back to my life and helped me to rely on my faith as support for doing what is right to help do our part with regards to our home, the earth. I also loved learning about modern day saints and their connections to the environment."*

*"Taking action was strongly encouraged and ideas from other participants in discussion expanded one's thinking."*

*"Wholemakers was a wonderful experience! It (gave) me an opportunity to examine Pope Francis' Laudato Si, which I had wanted to do for some time. I am truly grateful for what I learned through Wholemakers."*

Our group will meet on Zoom for 10 sessions on the following **Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:45 PM:**  
June 18

July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

August 6, 13, and 20

For more information and to register, please contact Mary at [marynpaul@comcast.net](mailto:marynpaul@comcast.net)

### Resource Document for Caregivers Available from Knights of Columbus



Our local council of the Knights of Columbus has completed its resource document for those caring for ailing or elderly loved ones. The document includes information on individual caregivers as well as agencies and offers insights from those who have provided or arranged for care for an elderly or ailing loved one.

The Ascension Council of the Knights of Columbus invites anyone who would like to receive the document, or offer additional insights to it, to send an email to [KnightsCaregiverProject@gmail.com](mailto:KnightsCaregiverProject@gmail.com). We hope to collect additional names of caregivers or agencies used and recommendations by fellow parishioners so that we can regularly update the document. Please help us do so. And thank you to those who have already provided input!

### MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: *CELEBRATING AN AMAZING YOUNG MIGRANT!*

In September 2023, the Scalabrini Missionary community found the P family sleeping in a car in their parish in Melrose Park. They had left Venezuela many months before and made the very difficult journey to the United States eventually making their way to Chicago. The Scalabrinis contacted the Migrant Ministry to see if we could help this family of five.



We were able to resettle the family in an apartment in Oak Park and the oldest child, 12 year-old A, enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Julian Middle School. He spoke no English and was behind in his studies because of the long journey to the United States and the failing educational system in Venezuela.

**A worked hard and overcame these hurdles. In two years, he mastered English and managed to meet all the requirements for graduation.** Family and faculty were so proud of A as he crossed the stage recently in his graduation gown and stole bearing images of both the American and Venezuelan flags.

In light of the current political situation, we decided against publishing a photo of A and revealing the family's names, although they are here legally as asylum seekers. *¡Bien hecho, A!*

More good news! The National Catholic Reporter recently ran a feature on us. [Chicago seniors mentor migrants amid deportation threats](#). Yay! A parish in Oregon has already contacted us for guidance in initiating a similar ministry.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers and your generous donations. We have moved from Amazon to Dreamlist. Here is the [DREAMLIST LINK](#) and the QR code. This is our [SPRING DONATIONS LIST](#).

The Migrant Ministry would not be possible without volunteers and your generous donations. **WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR BLANKETS, SHEETS, AND TOWELS. We ARE ALSO SEEKING FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR THE MIGRANTS' LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.**

To donate online through GiveCentral use the link: <https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/580/event/38694> OR send donations to Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, 808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304. Include a note that the donation is for the "Migrant Ministry". Thank you!

### Parish Fundraiser News

With 2 weeks away from the end the year,  
we are at 91% of our fundraising goal...



Thank you for all of your support to date. Together we have raised \$91,000 thus far. Our goal is to meet a budgeted fundraising target of \$100k and to help reduce a deficit of \$170k. If you have not done so already, will you consider becoming an Angel Donor today? You'll be directly impacting the programs and ministries which are vital to our parish.



Will you be one  
of our Angels?

#### **Become an Angel Donor with a tax-deductible donation:**

All levels of support are appreciated. Complete an Angel Donation Card or write "Angel Donation" on the check memo line. You can also make a donation online by visiting our GiveCentral page or by using the QR code.



Contact Maria Allori, Development Director, at (708)528-7622, [mallori@archchicago.org](mailto:mallori@archchicago.org) for assistance.



Congratulations to our 4  
Cash Raffle winners:

**Jim Ihrig**

**Paul Terronez**

**Rosemarie Nowicki**

**Gabriel Allori**

### Stewardship Appreciation Event Recap

Saturday's Appreciation Event was a wonderful gathering! It was an opportunity to thank all of you, our wonderful parishioners, for your support throughout the year. The winners of the cash raffle were also drawn. We congratulate them and thank everyone who participated in the raffle. As proceeds benefit our parish, we can consider ourselves all winners! A huge thanks to our Reception Committee for the delicious food and dessert spread, and to the volunteers who helped with set-up, decorating, procuring items, bartending, and assisting with logistics. A very special thanks to all of the Angel Donors who helped to underwrite some of the event costs.

Here are some snapshots from Saturday:





# COME AS YOU ARE

## WHAT ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR?

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF OAK PARK AND NEIGHBORS

ASCENSION AND ST. EDMUND PARISH  
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST LUCY AND ST GILES PARISH

#### MASS AND MUSIC

JUNE 22, 29  
JULY 27, AUG 24

Mass followed by fellowship and concert

St Edmund Church,  
188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park  
5 PM

#### COURTYARD CONCERTS

JUNE 20, JULY 18  
AUGUST 15

St Giles Courtyard  
1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park  
7 PM

#### BIBLE STUDY

Multiple Bible Studies available  
based on your interests!

Email  
[alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org)  
to get connected

#### THEOLOGY ON THE GREEN

JULY 8, 15, 22

St Giles Courtyard  
1025 Columbian Ave, Oak Park  
7 PM

#### TAIZE PRAYER FIRST FRIDAYS

Ascension Church  
808 S. East Ave, Oak Park  
7:30 PM

#### FAITH AND FILM THE CHOSEN

JUNE 21, JULY 19

St. Edmund Church  
188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park  
6:30 PM

Check out [www.stgilesparish.org](http://www.stgilesparish.org) and [www.ascensionoakpark.com](http://www.ascensionoakpark.com) for the latest information!

#### Come as You Are

Something might  
just be in the air!



National research indicates that the decline in religious affiliation has leveled off. Studies indicate that most people in the U.S. believe in God. Recent robust attendance at our own local Easter services indicates that the faith still matters to a lot of folks, even when they might not attend church regularly. And the election of a new Pope with both local roots and a global profile has stirred hope in and beyond the Church.

The Spirit and Light Team of our local, Catholic communities in Oak Park would like to hear from folks about this. Everyone who shares a Catholic background, or even some intermittent contact with the Church, also has a unique personal journey. Without judgement, we'd like to listen to and learn from some of those journeys.

Any individual faith story has its beginnings, its surprises and phases. All this takes place in a world filled with many different faiths. Along the way, one's spiritual understanding evolves, sometimes in surprising ways. God has many faces. The Spirit has a limitless capacity to touch each person uniquely, whether that person at the time is "churched" or not.

Please consider this an invitation to participate with us in an informal listening session. Bring yourself and your journey just as you are. We'll keep the meetings to a reasonable size so that each one can be heard. Help us learn. We'd like to know where you are in your faith and in your relationship with the Spirit.

Something's in the air! Let's work together to figure out what it might be.

If you're interested in coming, contact Tim Smyth:  
[tmsmyth@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:tmsmyth@spiritandlightcenter.org)  
or 708-406-2916.

We look forward to an enlivening conversation.



## School & Parish News



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# Hello Summer



Remember us as you travel this summer.  
Your stewardship is vital to our ministries.  
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*You'll have peace of mind knowing your parish is taken care of.*

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For assistance, contact Maria  
at [mallori@archchicago.org](mailto:mallori@archchicago.org)  
or (708)528-7622.


# Oak Park Young Adults Summer Events Calendar


Contact Alex Ryan [alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org) or Megan Geraghty (630-390-8662) to join the GroupMe or ask any questions.  
All adults 21+ are welcome!


 **June 10 - Night of Light:** Meet at Scratch on Lake for dinner/drinks at 6:30pm then walk to St. Edmund for the prayer service at 8pm. We will reflect and pray for the ways in which we can be hope, peace, and light to the world.


 **June 22 - Mass and Concert in the Park:** Meet for 5pm mass at St Edmund then walk over to Scoville Park to chat and listen to the band "The Grady Experience" (Pop, R&B, Soul, Jazz). We will have food after mass to bring to the concert so come hungry! BYO blanket.


 **June 30 - Bible Study:** Come chat with the group and spend a bit of time in silence and prayer. Location is TBD so watch the GroupMe for details, but it will be from 8 to 9pm.


 **July 9 - Housing Forward:** We will gather at 4pm in one of the parish kitchens to prepare and serve a few meals for our community members who are experiencing homelessness. Watch the GroupMe for more information.

 **July 18 - Courtyard Concert:** BYO chair or blanket to the lawn at St Giles! We will have food and drinks so come hungry. Watch the GroupMe for start time.

 **July 22 - Theology on the Green:** The topic is Catholic Social Teaching. BYO chair or blanket and a beverage! Snacks will be provided. Watch the GroupMe for start time.

 **August 1 - Movie Night:** Bring a chair or blanket and a drink and come watch on the projector screen outside at St. Giles. Movie will begin at 8:30pm and popcorn will be served!

 **August 11 - Bible Study:** Come chat with the group and spend a bit of time in silence and prayer. Location is TBD so watch the GroupMe for details, but it will be from 8 to 9pm.

 **August 15 - Theology on Tap:** Details are TBD other than the date! More information to come so watch the GroupMe!

 **August 24 - Mass and Concert in the Park:** Meet for 5pm mass at St Edmund then walk over to Scoville Park to chat and listen to the band "The Heartwreckers" (Tom Petty cover band). We will have food after mass to bring to the concert so come hungry! BYO blanket.

**Please also join us at the 5pm Young Adult Mass on the 4th Sunday every month!**  
If you are available to support with music, reading, ministering communion, greeting, or altar serving, please help!! Contact Alex Ryan at [alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org)



## Community News

### HELP HOPE BLOOM THIS SPRING!

We're thrilled to announce that **our Spring Appeal has been extended until June 30!**



A generous donor will match every dollar donated to The Neighborhood Bridge between now and June 30<sup>th</sup> up to \$50,000.

**This is a unique opportunity to double the impact of your donation!**

We are counting on your help to provide relief, care, and connection to families in Austin



You can donate online at <https://bit.ly/3EFfdUy> or by using the QR code.

Learn how The Neighborhood Bridge is supporting Austin families and how you can volunteer at <https://theneighborhoodbridge.org/>

### Corpus Christi - The Body (and Blood) of Christ

What does this mean for us as a Church? How do we live the life the Church asks of us?

**The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Solemn Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, on Sunday, June 22. During this highest level of holiday, the Church adores Jesus Christ who is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in both forms of the Eucharist.** One common form of celebrating holidays is parades. The Church has a history of hosting a sort of parade, called a Eucharistic Procession, on Corpus Christi.

Spirit & Light is planning a Eucharistic Procession during the weekend of Corpus Christi in (June) 2026. To help the Parishes prepare for this, over the next year, various resources will be made available to help us deepen our relationship with and love of Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Soon-to-be canonized Bl. Carlo Acutis collected **documentation of various Eucharistic Miracles** and publicized it via [a website](#) and a travelling exhibit. Some of this exhibit **will be found at each Oak Park worship site during June** for you to read as you enter and leave the church. Each week will have different new material rotating through the worship sites. So be sure to look at them each week.

### **Being the Eucharist to All that We Meet**

Luke 22:19-20 **Jesus took the bread**, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, **"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."**

Matthew 28: 19-20 **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."**

Jesus clearly commissions us to teach the world about His real presence in the Eucharist, bringing Him to all the nations. Have you ever wondered how to do this or what this looks like? Is this only something that we do at Mass? Do we just talk to people about Jesus and the Eucharist? This month, **on Wednesday, June 25 at 7pm in McDonough Hall on St. Giles's campus, Sr. Julia Walsh, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, will speak to us about how we can be Eucharist to everyone we meet.**

Sr. Julia holds a Masters in Pastoral Studies of the Catholic Theological Union and is a certified spiritual director. As part of her congregation's formation team, she serves women who are discerning their religious vocation. Sr. Julia hosts the Messy Jesus Business blog and podcast and is the author of *For Love of the Broken Body: A Spiritual Memoir and the forthcoming 2026: A Book of Grace-Filled Days* (Loyola Press). *She is also a speaker, educator, retreat presenter, and avid podcaster, passionate about exploring the intersection of creativity, spirituality, activism, and community life.*

**ONE IN LOVE, the LGBTQ+ Ministry of the Catholic Communities of Oak Park and our Neighbors**

**Invites you to join us in a**

**"CELEBRATION OF LOVE" PARTY**

**Friday Evening, June 27, 2025**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm, St. Giles Courtyard**

(Please bring your own lawn chair/  
if rain we'll meet in McDonough Hall)  
1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park, IL

All are welcome as we gather to appreciate and support our LGBTQ+ Catholic Community.

The Celebration of Love will include light refreshments, music, resources, and a Special Blessing for same sex couples, their families, friends and allies.

(If you have questions, please contact Kathie Nash)  
[kathienash1023@att.net](mailto:kathienash1023@att.net)

# Parish Meetings and Staff Directory

<b>Sunday, June 15</b>		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am
Baptisms	ASC	11:40am
<b>Monday, June 16</b>		
Mom's Faith Sharing	ASC Dining Room	7:30-9:00pm
<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>		
Centering Prayer	STE	4:00-4:45pm
Book Club	Murphy Hall	6:00-8:00pm
Anti-Racism	STE	7:00-8:30pm
<b>Wednesday, June 18</b>		
50+ Social Club	Murphy Hall	1:30-4:30pm
Cub Scouts	Pine Room	5:00-9:00pm
<b>Thursday, June 19</b>		
Parish Center Offices Closed for Juneteenth		
Third Day Peace Garden	Murphy Hall	6:00-8:00pm
<b>Saturday, June 21</b>		
Contemplative Prayer	ZOOM	8:30-9:15am
Men's Spirituality	ASC Dining Room	8:30-9:30am
ASP Car Wash	ASC	9:00am-3:00pm
Faith & Film	Murphy Hall	6:15pm
<b>Sunday, June 22</b>		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am

## Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15  
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34  
  
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

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# Stewardship of Treasure Report

	Week of	Week of	Year To	Easter
	Sunday, May 18th	Sunday, May 25th	Date	
			7/1/24-	thru
Actual	\$ 35,381	\$ 23,377	\$ 1,219,943	\$ 75,815
Budget	25,125	25,125	1,175,500	78,000
Variance	\$ 10,256	\$ (1,748)	\$ 44,443	\$ (2,185)

## Parish Budget vs. Actual through April 30, 2025

	Actual	Budget	O/(U) Budget
Income	\$ 1,509,954 *	\$ 1,458,268 *	\$ 51,686
Expenses	1,680,479 *	1,594,753 *	85,726
Net Income	\$ (170,525) *	\$ (136,485) *	\$ (34,040)

\* Amounts include Spirit and Light programs.

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## The Ascension and St. Edmund Finance Council Would Like Your Feedback

We want to hear from you! The Finance Council is committed to communicating how our parish is doing financially. Each week there is a summary of collections vs. budget in the bulletin.

What additional information would you like to see? What questions do you have? Let us know at

[ASEFinanceCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ASEFinanceCouncil@gmail.com)

## Spirit and Light Job Opening

**Job Title:** Operations Associate

**Reports To:** Director of Spirit and Light

**Position Type:** Part-Time – 20 Hours per week / 11-month position

**Location:** St. Edmund/McGivern Center (Oak Park Catholic Communities and Neighbors)

**Position Summary:** The Operations Associate plays a vital role in supporting the day-to-day administrative and operational functions of Spirit and Light Collaborative. This individual ensures that systems run smoothly, events are well-coordinated, and the staff are supported with excellence and efficiency. The ideal candidate is organized, detail-oriented, and mission-driven, with a heart to serve.

For the detailed job description:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rkd7HLE6DuxecrmFcZMHdPn66EfEsdxm/edit>

**To Apply:** Please send your resume and a brief cover letter to Marci Madary at [mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:mmadary@spiritandlightcenter.org). Applications will be accepted until June 27, 2025.

## WAYS TO GIVE

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## Prayers

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN MIND, BODY OR SPIRIT

As we continue to pray for our sick and those most in need, please note that names on our prayer list will remain for four weeks, after which time they will be removed. To remain on the list, we invite family members, friends and other care-givers, to resubmit names for prayer. Feel free to share an update on your loved one so that we can inform our intercessory prayer team. Contact David Anderson at [d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com). You may also call the Ascension Parish Office to submit a name for prayer 708-848-2703.

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Turida Dudley  
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Phil Gazda  
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James Minaghan  
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Arisbeth Ruiz  
Alex Stevic  
Tom Walsh  
Candice Webb  
Beckett Wear  
Mary Sue Wheeler  
Carole Woods

*Please pray for all of our deceased  
brothers and sisters*

*Nora O'Connor Amey*

***"COME TO ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"***

## Wedding Banns

III Megan Reilly and John Lloyd

## Masses for the Week

	<b>SATURDAY - June 14</b>
5:00 STE	†Deceased Parishioners of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
	<b>SUNDAY - June 15</b>
8:00 ASC	†Edward Waadt †Denis Daly, Sr. †Isabell & Donald Frank
9:15 STE	†George Dietz †Frances & Herman Martin †Alice & John Nelson †Bessie & George Bursa
10:30 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors
	<b>MONDAY - June 16</b>
8:30 STE	†Marianne Nelson O'Donoghue
	<b>TUESDAY - June 17</b>
8:30 ASC	†Janice R. Sewell †Valerie Sewell †Donald Kraft
	<b>WEDNESDAY - June 18</b>
8:30 ASC	†Deceased Parishioners of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
	<b>THURSDAY - June 19</b>
8:30 ASC	†Dorothy Henry Joy D. Bumanglag (Living Intention)
	<b>FRIDAY - June 20</b>
8:30 STE	†Nancy McBride †Dorothy Lord †"Mamma" Giannetti
	<b>SATURDAY - June 21</b>
2:30 ASC	<i>Nup: Megan Reilly and John Lloyd</i>
5:00 STE	†Deceased Parishioners of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
	<b>SUNDAY - June 22</b>
8:00 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
9:15 STE	†Barbara & Nikolas Martin †Herbert B. Knight
10:30 ASC	†Helen Bestrycki †Liz Stuart †Pat & Robin Nelson
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors



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