

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 22, 2025

Ascension Church
808 S. East Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60304
www.ascensionoakpark.com
(708) 848-2703

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

St. Edmund Church
188 S. Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302
www.ascensionoakpark.com
(708) 848-4417

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:

www.ascensionoakpark.com
and click on Mass Times.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

Father Carl's Corner

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi, a solemn and beautiful reminder of the central mystery of our faith - that Christ is truly present with us in the Eucharist. This is not just a symbol or a memory. It is Christ himself - His Body given for us, His Blood poured out for us, offered again and again at every Mass for the life of the world. For Catholics, the Eucharist is not just something we receive. It is someone we encounter. Jesus meets us in bread and wine, made sacred, and enters into our fragile, everyday lives. At a time when so much feels uncertain, when our world faces division, when families and communities experience change, when we face the reality of parish communities being united and now one of our worship sites being closed, the Eucharist grounds us. It reminds us that God is not distant. Christ walks with us, feeds us, and remains with us.



The Eucharist calls us to be Eucharistic people - people of gratitude, presence, and sacrifice. We are invited not only to receive Christ, but to become what we receive, His Body in the world today. That means carrying His peace into places of conflict, His compassion into suffering, and His hope into situations that seem hopeless. Even in uncertainty, *the Eucharist assures us that God is with us, God is for us, and God will not abandon us.*

Saint Thomas Aquinas once wrote, so beautifully, “The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; it signifies Love, it produces Love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.”

How then do we live this out today? We begin with small acts - reaching out to a neighbor who is isolated, praying for those who suffer in silence, showing up for one another in times of grief or transition. We join our struggles with Christ's, offering them quietly at Mass. We let the Eucharist shape not only what we believe but how we treat others. When we do this, we become signs of God's presence for those in our community who are saddened and struggling with change and for our weary world.

As we receive the Body of Christ at any one of our sacred worship sites, and in a particular way today at Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy Church as we offer the closing Mass in this sacred space, let us become more fully the Body of Christ in our community and in the world. Together, even in uncertainty, let us find strength and hope, trusting we are held in the heart of God.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Rev. Carl Morello

Fr. Carl Morello, Pastor

Friends, be aware next weekend of those who may be coming from Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy worship site to join us for Mass. Our Parish Churches are open to all seeking a spiritual home.

Also, a word of THANKS to all who have supported our drive to have a stronger end to our fiscal year. It is not too late to be an angel donor! Any gift helps to make a difference and you can still make a gift until June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

July 4 Mass

On Friday, July 4, there will be one Mass for the Catholic Community of Oak Park and Neighbors at 9:00 AM at St. Edmund Church.

Please contact JaneAnne Campbell: ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com if you are interested in serving.



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 to learn more.

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



Take Me Out To The Ballgame

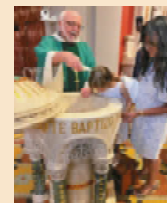
The ASE 50+ Social Club invites you to join us for a fun night at a Chicago Dogs Baseball Game, on **Wednesday, July 30th** at Impact Field located at 9850 Balmoral Avenue, Rosemont, IL 60018. The Chicago Dogs are hosting The Kane County Cougars. The game starts at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$14.00.

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.

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 (708) 406-2709
Diane Lawrence
Coordinator of Parish Ministries
Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

"THE CHOSEN"

Season 2



Join us for an episode of
the acclaimed series,
and discussion afterwards

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

**The Chosen
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, Faith and Film Co-Leader, Mari Hans



Parish Fundraiser News



Calling all Parish Angels...
Help us to close the gap and
reach our fundraising target for this year!
We are at 93% to our goal...

Thank you for all of your support to date. Together we have raised \$93,000 thus far. Our goal is to meet a budgeted fundraising target of \$100k and to help reduce our deficit. If you have not done so already, will you consider becoming an Angel Donor by June 30th? You'll be directly impacting the programs and ministries which are vital to our parish.

Become an Angel Donor with a tax-deductible donation

All levels of support are needed and appreciated. You can write "Angel Donation" on the check memo line or you can 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 for assistance.



*Will you be one
of our Angels?*



Get ready...

***New website launches in just 11 days!
July 1st***





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Hello Summer



Remember us as you travel this summer.
Your stewardship is vital to our ministries.
Consider automating your support today. It's easy!
You'll have peace of mind knowing your parish is taken care of.

To automate your offertory, access GiveCentral here:
or
To text-to-give: text "Donate" to (708) 400-7396





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

**Our First Catholic Vacation Bible School was a huge success full of faith, food and fun!
Thank you for to all our volunteers!**



MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: Thank you, Volunteers

On Tuesday, June 10, the Migrant Ministry Volunteers gathered at St. Edmunds for lunch and to celebrate the work that they are doing. About 60 volunteers attended and they were treated to a lovely meal made by one of our migrant brothers. In addition they were treated to a musical tribute to the tune of the Beatle's *With a Little Help From My Friends*. Here are a few of the lyrics and a photo of the performers:

*What did you do, when we called out to you,
Asking for, volunteers, at St. Ed's?
Serve food to all, guard the doors, in the hall,
Getting up, early out, of your beds.
Oh, we got by with a little help from our friends.*

Most sincerely, thank you, to all of the Migrant Ministry volunteers.

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.**

You can also help by paying for all or part of the rent for a year, or by mentoring a family 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!

Spirit and Light



Theology on the Green: *Catholicism in Modern Day America*

This year Theology on Green will focus on Catholicity in the United States. Theology on the Green will be held at the St. Giles courtyard on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. (McDonough Hall if raining or excessively hot.) Light refreshments will be offered.

Tuesday, July 8 – Luis Beteta will talk about the fundamentals of Catholic Social Teaching.

Tuesday, July 15 – Rich Kordesh will share the Religious Landscape Study and what it means for us.

Tuesday, July 22 – Bill Cavanaugh will speak on Christian Nationalism: what it is and its dangers.

**Sponsored by the *Spirit and Light*
Lifelong Learning Committee**



**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

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](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. Applications
will be accepted until June 27, 2025.

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
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 and www.ascensionoakpark.com for the latest information!

Susan Fleming Garden

We gather 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 week, we harvested 33.75 pounds. The harvest included carrots, turnips, broccoli, Swiss chard, collard greens, lettuce, beets, and mustard green

This season we have donated over 327 pounds of fresh produce to our sharing parish, St. Simon of Cyrene.

Community Garden Photos

The Community Gardens of the parish were at the Ascension Feast Day Barbecue releasing ladybugs and lacewings. There were handouts, puzzles, and, of course, insects. It was a fun way to learn about insects that are good for a healthy garden.




Youth Ministry


A group of our adults and teens had a fantastic time attending Mass for Pope Leo at Rate Field, joining thousands in a powerful celebration of faith and unity. The beautiful weather, the vibrant energy, heartfelt prayers, shared spirit of community. From joyful singing to moments of reflection, the event left a lasting impression on everyone who came to witness this historic occasion. A recorded message from Pope Leo to the young people made the experience unforgettable.





Oak Park Young Adults Summer Events Calendar

Contact Alex Ryan 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



**HELP US
BUILD A
BRIDGE TO
SUPPORT THE
AUSTIN
COMMUNITY**

We're counting on your support to bring relief, care, and connection to families in Chicago's Austin Community. There are two impactful ways you can get involved:

Volunteer – Use your time and talents to help connect Austin residents to the resources they need. Whether it's mentoring, organizing, or administrative help, there's a role for you. Learn more at <https://theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer>

Donate – Our **Spring Appeal has been extended through June 30!** Every dollar donated will be matched up to \$50,000, doubling your impact. **Make your gift today at <https://bit.ly/3EFfdUy> or scan the QR code below.**

We're already getting started. We just launched a soft rollout of our Advocate Program at Catalyst School Circle Rock and St. Catherine-St. Lucy Schools. A full launch is planned for the fall, along with the opening of our Essentials Pantry, which will provide household necessities to local families. Your support now will help us train more volunteers, expand outreach, and meet growing needs in the Austin community.

Together, we can ensure the families in Austin have the support they need to thrive.



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.*

Parish Meetings and Staff Directory

Sunday, June 22		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am
Monday, June 23		
Finance Committee	ASC Dining Room	7:00-8:30pm
H+O+M+E	STE Murphy Hall	7:00-9:00pm
Tuesday, June 24		
Centering Prayer	STE	4:00-4:45pm
Saturday, June 28		
Contemplative Prayer	ASC	8:30-9:15am
Baptism	STE	10:00am
End Gun Violence Vigil	STE North Transept	6:00pm
Hospitality	Murphy Hall	6:00pm
Sunday, June 29		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Ascension Campus

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Parish Center Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9am-12pm & 3pm-7pm
Friday 9am-12pm

St. Edmund Campus

188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
(708) 848-4417 www.ascensionoakpark.com

McGivern Center Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-1pm
Wednesday 2pm-6pm
Friday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm

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Mass Intentions for 2025

Those wishing to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone who has died or for special intentions may come to the Parish Centers to do so. Masses will be scheduled on a first come basis. There are three intentions open for each Mass (except where the intention of the parish "All Parishioners and Benefactors" appears). All Holy days and all holidays are designated for the intentions of the parish; no individual intentions may be added to those days.

Did you know that we send out a weekly e-news letter every Friday morning? We also send out Funeral Notifications and Living the Word Sunday Gospel reflections. We encourage all parishioners to join our e-news distribution list. To join, send your request to mb.granholm@ascensionoakpark.com

Stewardship of Treasure Report

	Week of	Week of	Week of	Year To	Easter
	Sunday, June 1st	Sunday, June 8th	Sunday, June 15th	Date	thru
Actual	\$ 23,724	\$ 24,548	\$ 21,575	7/1/24-6/15/2025	6/15/2025
Budget	22,700	22,343	22,343	1,242,886	78,000
Variance	\$ 1,024	\$ 2,205	\$ (768)	\$ 33,763	\$ (1,050)

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	<u>\$ (170,525) *</u>	<u>\$ (136,485) *</u>	<u>\$ (34,040)</u>

* Amounts include Spirit and Light programs.

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

Thank you for supporting your parish community!

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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Masses for the Week

	SATURDAY - June 21
5:00 STE	†Deceased Parishioners of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
	SUNDAY - June 22
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
	MONDAY - June 23
8:30 STE	†Mary Bowman
	TUESDAY - June 24
8:30 ASC	†Bruce Hammer
	WEDNESDAY - June 25
8:30 ASC	†Peggy Mason
	THURSDAY - June 26
8:30 ASC	†Janice R Sewell †Valerie Sewell
	FRIDAY - June 27
8:30 STE	†Kevin Stapleton †Gino Giannetti
	SATURDAY - June 28
5:00 STE	Delia Nieblas Living Intention
	SUNDAY - June 29
8:00 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
9:15 STE	†Isabell & Donald Frank †Frances & Herman Martin †Alice & John Nelson
10:30 ASC	†Willie Irons †Robert Hill †William Black
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors

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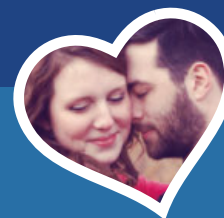


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