

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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:
catholiccommunitiesofaokpark.org
and click on Mass Times.



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

- Lk 12:20-21

Father Carl's Corner

In the past few weeks, life situations have reminded me what my, our, spiritual anchor is as we stand before the great mysteries of life and death. In the same week, I celebrated Mass for a lifelong parishioner who turned 90 years young. A few days later, I attended the funeral of a young, devoted parishioner who ushered at one of my parish sites who was only 21 and died unexpectedly.

In the meantime, I joined many volunteers from our migrant ministry praying for a young 25-year-old migrant who was severely injured in a car accident and declared brain dead. He was being kept alive on machines until his mother could be contacted, and she was able to see him on Face Time before the machines were turned off.



These moments of joy, struggle, and sorrow remind us that life is both fragile and sacred. They invite us to ask “where do we find our spiritual anchor when life’s storms come.”

Our anchor is found in Christ, who promises to be with us in every season of life – whether we are celebrating a long journey of faith or walking through the valley of grief. As Saint Paul writes, “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure” (Hebrews 6:19). This hope is not wishful thinking but the deep trust that God is present, even when we do not understand. It is the belief that love is stronger than death, that mercy is greater than pain and that our lives, however short or long, are held in the hands of a faithful God.

In times of joy our anchor draws us to gratitude; in times of loss, it holds us steady as we face the unknown. I see this anchor lived out in the quiet, steady faith of our parishioners, in the compassionate service of our volunteers, and in the resilience of those who suffer but still believe in God’s goodness.

Each of us has those challenging moments where we stand before the joys and sorrows of life and the many mysteries of life and death. Whether it is showing up for Mass, being present to each other in community, keeping a daily time for prayer, spending time reaching out to another to share a joy or to help carry a sorrow, these are all ways we can continue to hold fast to Christ, who is our ANCHOR in every season, and to also be anchors for one another through prayer, presence, and love.

Saint Teresa of Avila, a favorite saint of mine, who deeply understood the mysteries of life’s trials and the power of faith, wrote: “Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks for nothing.” These words can help to ground us when life feels overwhelming.

Most of all, remember when we come to Mass and share in the Eucharist, that despite all the changes in life and the world around us, the Eucharist, Mass, never changes. God is always with us! We are given Jesus! Keep this in your heart and prayers this week: When life feels uncertain, let your soul drop anchor in Christ – and you will not drift.

Happy beginning of August! Be safe and well.
With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Rev. Carl Morello

Fr. Carl Morello

Parish News

Diaper Collection This Weekend August 2 and 3

The St. Edmund collection requests baby/children's diapers, baby wipes, adult diapers, adult undergarments and feminine pads. Please deliver donations at St. Edmund Church to the corridor between the church and Murphy Hall.

Diapers and wipes collected at Ascension Church will be donated to the Migrant Ministry and Beyond Hunger. Please deliver donations at Ascension Church to the southeast corner of the church (please do not leave diaper donations in the vestibule).

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 session: **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

Oak Park-River Forest Gangster Tour September 28 11:00 am

Take a 2.5 hour bus tour, leaving from FitzGerald's (6615 Roosevelt Rd, Berwyn), to learn about gangster history in Oak Park and River Forest. John Binder, organized crime historian and author of *The Chicago Outfit* and *Al Capone's Beer Wars*, is the guide. This exterior tour visits 13 houses which were once owned by major Chicago hoodlums, including Tony Accardo, Paul Ricca, Sam Giancana, "Tough Tony" Capezio, and "Machine Gun" Jack McGurn. John will discuss the former owners' careers, the family's time there, the interesting features of each home (10 of which he has been in), including secret tunnels and hidden rooms, and answer questions.

Tickets are \$38.16 for Seniors. We recommend you purchase your ticket by August 8 to ensure space is available. You may purchase your ticket at <https://fareharbor.com/chitowngangstertours/items/118029/>.

Click on **Book Now**, then choose the 11 am tour on September 28.

Please email:
ase50plus.social.club@gmail.com to let us know you're participating.

A Note of Appreciation

I want to thank everyone for the many birthday wishes as I celebrated my 90th on July 22nd. I am grateful to all who came together for morning Mass, and to Fr. Carl, all of the presiders, Deacon Tom, Kathy Halfpenny, the choir, and everyone who made it possible. My appreciation goes out to the Reception Committee for the delicious breakfast they lovingly prepared for nearly 200 people! My heart is filled with gratitude for all of you who are such an important part of my faith community, as well as to my dear friends and wonderful family.

-Don Giannetti



Our Music Ministry

Ascension and St. Edmund Music Ministry News 2025-2026 *SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!*

Consider sharing your musical gifts with the music ministry of our parish! All adult choirs are open to singers, high school age and older. We have three adult choirs and one children's choir in the parish. All new potential adult members are asked to contact **David Anderson** at the Music office, 708-434-1535, or email him at d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com. **Robert Valle** is the new director of the St. Edmund Choir. Contact Robert at r.valle@ascensionoakpark.com.

The Ascension Schola rehearses two Tuesdays each month and sings at the 8 am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 9, 7:00-8:30pm. New members in all voice parts are welcome!

The Ascension Choir rehearses three–four Wednesday evenings each month. We sing at the 10:30am Mass on all but the first Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 10, from 7:00-8:45pm. New members in all voice parts are welcome!

The St. Edmund Choir rehearses three Wednesday evenings in Murphy Hall at St. Edmund and sings at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass three times each month. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 10, from 7:00-8:30pm. New members in all voice parts are welcome!

The Choristers (our parish choir for children and youth) are for young people in grades 3-8. Choristers rehearse once each week on Tuesdays or Wednesdays depending on grade level. Young people in grades 6-8 will practice on Tuesdays from 3:05-4:00pm. Young people in grades 3-5 will practice on Wednesdays 3:05-4:00pm. Our first practices of the year are Tuesday, Sept. 9, (grades 6-8) and Wednesday, September 10, (grades 3-5) from 3:05-4:00pm in church. A snack is served at 3:05pm. Contact Mr. Anderson if you have any questions. Permission slips will be available through both the School and Religious Ed programs. Choristers normally (with several exceptions) sing once a month at the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Cantors assist with leading and animating the sung prayer of our community. Some musical reading ability is helpful along with a pleasant voice! Cantors rehearse individually and in small groups as needed. We are always looking for additional cantors. Contact David Anderson to set-up an audition/listening session. While many cantors sing in one of the parish choirs, this is not a requirement.

The String Ensemble plays for the Saturday 5:00pm Mass, usually on the 4th Saturday of each month. Rehearsal is before the Mass. Membership is open to all high school string players. Adult string players are also welcome. For more information, contact **Becky Coffman**, Associate organist and strings coordinator at b.coffman@ascensionoakpark.com or 708-434-1561.

Other **Instrumentalists** of the parish are also welcome to offer their talents at various parish Masses. If you are fairly proficient at a particular musical instrument and would like to offer your talents, then give David Anderson a call or send an email as noted above. Music is provided!

Father Carl's letter originally ran in last weekend's bulletin. Due to many parishioners being on vacation, we thought that this announcement should be included in the bulletin again.



Ascension and St. Edmund
Catholic Parish

July 26, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

As the fiscal year has come to a close, I wanted to give you an update on the future of our St. Edmund school building. There is no doubt that the school building is currently being used to carry out mission for Ascension and St. Edmund Parish and for the Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors. We see this through the Migrant Ministry and our Youth Ministry which are presently using the building.

When we met with parishioners this fall to share the report from the Multi-Site Review Committee, we discussed that a committee would be formed to look at how the school building could further support the ministry and formation needs of both parishes. While we recognize the potential value this space may hold for our future, after much discernment, we have determined that our financial reality makes it impossible for us to retain the school building. This is a very difficult decision for me as your pastor, knowing the profound legacy of St. Edmund School. For 99 years, it helped shape the faith of thousands of children —made possible by the unwavering generosity and commitment of the St. Edmund faith community.

We are currently in ongoing dialogue with the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding the next steps for the future of the school building. I will share more details as soon as I am able. In the meantime, we have met with the leadership for Migrant Ministry and encouraged them to begin to look at space alternatives. A plan is also being developed for Youth Ministry so that it has the space necessary to support our young people and the ministry's programming.

I know many of you may have questions, so I have set aside time on **Sunday, August 24, at 10:15am in Murphy Hall** to be available for conversation. Please join me after the 9:15 a.m. Mass for coffee, pastries, and a time to talk together.

I will keep you updated as I have more information to share. Thank you for your faithfulness and for everything that you do.

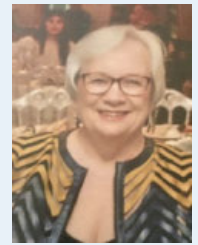
Fr. Carl Morello
Pastor

Parish News

Ascension and St. Edmund Finance Council Update

Tom Brooker rolled off the Finance Council at the end of June. We want to offer our thanks to Tom for his many years of service on the Ascension Finance Council and then the Ascension & St. Edmund Finance Council. His experience was invaluable in helping the newly formed council establish expectations.

We also want to welcome Nancy Schwider to the Finance Council. Nancy introduces herself below:
My husband and I moved to Oak Park 2 years ago we joined Ascension Parish after being parishioners at St. Clement in Lincoln Park for over 40 years. After my 3 children finished school, I went back to school and received my MBA in Non-Profit Management. I have enjoyed my retirement of 8 years immensely along with our 7 perfect grandchildren. For the past year I have been volunteering weekly at the Migrant Ministry at St. Edmund.



In 1983 I started my own business doing bookkeeping and business services for over 25 parishes in the Chicago Archdiocese (not all at the same time), specializing in subsidized parishes. Starting in 2000, I worked as the Director of Parish Operations for St. Clement Parish, and 10 years later for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. In addition to taking care of business needs, I was instrumental in the capital campaigns that raised over 2 million dollars and served as the project manager for parish construction projects.

Financial Status

Income and Expenses have been published in the bulletin weekly. For FY 25, expenses exceeded the expected deficit. Thank you for increasing your weekly donations as well as supporting the Close the Gap and fundraiser initiatives to help reduce the deficit.

FY 26 Budget

One of our goals was to work with staff to submit a balanced budget for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year. We are happy to report that we achieved this goal.

Finance Communications

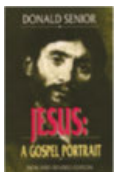
Weekly donation data and monthly reports on actuals vs budget are being published in the bulletin. Weekly Mass counts were recently added to the bulletin.

Contact Us

Remember you can always contact us with questions or suggestions by sending an email to ASEFinanceCouncil@gmail.com.

Women's Spirituality Group

The Women's Spirituality Group gathers women in all stages of life, to strengthen our connection to our God by connecting with each other through reading, prayer and reflection. Last year, we read *Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred* by Mark Nepo.

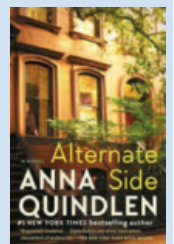


We meet on the second Thursday of the month from September through May to discuss part of the book, socialize, and pray. We will be reading 2 books this year. For most of the year, we'll be reading *Jesus: A Gospel Portrait* by Donald Senior. During Lent, we'll be reading *The Women of the Passion* by Kathleen Murphy.

Watch for more information in the bulletin. We hope you'll join us.

Ascension and St. Edmund Book Club

Join the Ascension and St. Edmund Book Club on **August 19th** to discuss *Alternate Side* by Anna Quindlen



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.

Parish Operations Update

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to share a few updates regarding various maintenance projects across our parish.

It has been challenging to keep our buildings cool with this summer's fluctuating temperatures. Our Parish Center on the Ascension Campus required a major overhaul of its HVAC system. Maintenance work was needed at Ascension School and at the McGivern Center to keep HVAC systems running.

Sewer repairs were necessary at the entrances of St. Edmund which entailed breaking some of the concrete on the walkway. We took the opportunity to replace other cracked concrete areas and improve drainage around the campus. Much of this work was made possible due to a generous donation from a parishioner who reached out specifically to support our most critical needs. We are very grateful for the support.

Thanks to a generous targeted donation, the Ascension School gymnasium and courtyard are undergoing much needed updating to ensure the continued usefulness and safety of these areas. The end-pine, gym floor is being stripped and refinished with a fresh logo painted in the center. A fence will be installed along the east and south sides of the courtyard including a gate at the alley and driveway entrance. Improved lighting will be installed in the courtyard as well. The donation will also cover some new classroom furniture. A second phase of the project to be undertaken next summer will include repairs to the gymnasium walls and installation of retractable bleachers as well as additional classroom furniture.

I am happy to share that the newly-formed Parish Maintenance Committee had their first meeting this month. This group will share more information about the responsibilities they are taking on in the near future.

We appreciate your continued support to make sure our campuses are well care for. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Carlos Guerrero

Operations Director

caguerrero@archchicago.org

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

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 At 6:15 pm

Summer Dates: August 9 & 16, 2025

Please email Mari Hans

marithans@comcast.net or Joann

Lewandowski lewjoann@hotmail.com with any questions.



WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

www.catholiccommunitiesof oakpark.org

The new website launched on July 1 and replaces the two previous websites. Each legacy website has a landing page that will notify visitors of the change.

The new website is a work-in-progress as we continue to add content and updates.

As you begin to explore the new website, please share your feedback with us. We hope the website reflects the vibrant, welcoming spirit of our Catholic community.

Community News

MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: REST IN PEACE, DEAREST JORGE BORRAYO

A **Beloved Community** has formed among the volunteers and migrants of the Migrant Ministry. In the almost three years since the Ministry began, volunteers of various ages, faith centers, and communities have come together with a common goal of welcoming and serving migrants. And many migrants themselves have joined the group, working alongside us to sort donations, distribute clothes, and help in many other ways. **We have become very close and are truly blessed.**



After receiving services at Centro San Edmundo, Guatemalan natives Jorge Borrayo and Hector Hernandez began volunteering last year, joining us regularly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They worked in the men's clothing room, adding dignity to the "free store" by helping migrants select clothes that fit well and looked good on them. They became intimate members of our community.

Jorge and Hector were returning from a weekend job near Rockford on Sunday evening, July 20, when they were in a terrible car accident. **Jorge was seriously injured and did not survive.** He died peacefully in the Cook County Trauma ICU surrounded by Hector and his "Chicago family." Arrangements are being made to ship his body back to Guatemala.

A small memorial altar has been set up in Centro San Edmundo for the volunteers to write messages and share memories of Jorge. A celebration of LIFE will be held later.

We mourn out beloved brother, Jorge Borrayo.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers and your generous donations. Here is our updated [AMAZON WISH LIST](#) and QR code. This is our [SUMMER DONATIONS LIST](#) **WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.**



Email us at immigrantministry@gmail.com for more information.

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!

JOIN US- ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry

**Saturday, August 9, 2025
from 1 to 3pm
St. Giles Parish Center
1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302**

**ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry meets the
second Saturday of each month.**

Please join us for a safe and respectful conversation.

You are free to share your story, resources or whatever

is in your heart that day, or just listen to others with an open heart.

We offer a friendly and safe place for The Catholic Communities of Oak Park and our Neighbors, where we welcome LGBTQ+ individuals, their partners, families and Allies to share through deep listening circles.

If you have questions, please contact:
Kathie Nash kathienash1023@att.net



Parish & Community News

Ministers of Care Visits

Just a reminder to all parishioners, if you cannot get to church and would like a Minister of Care to bring Eucharist to you in your home, please call the parish office to make arrangements. Also, if a loved one is hospitalized, please contact the Pastoral Care Office in the hospital and tell them there is a patient who wishes to receive Eucharist.

In case of serious illness, we will be happy to pray for your loved one at all the weekend Masses; just call the Ascension Parish Center, 708-848-2703 and ask that their name be added to the list. This is also a good time to request a Minister of Care to bring Eucharist to your loved one.

Mass Intentions for 2025 and 2026

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.

Suggested donation is \$10 per intention.

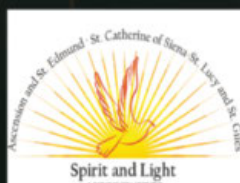
Night of Light

Are you searching for light?

Come to reflect on how we can be
hope, peace, and light to the world.

Candle Service
8 PM

Tuesday, August 5
St. Edmund Church
and Green
188 S. Oak Park Ave



Community & Parish News

Join The Neighborhood Bridge

Pantry Volunteers Needed

We are launching a volunteer-staffed Essentials Pantry in the former rectory at St. Catherine-St. Lucy in mid-August. Families from our 5 partner schools in Austin will be able to receive household necessities, such as cleaning supplies, toiletries, and baby products. Volunteers are needed to receive, stock, and deliver items to the schools. The commitment is fewer than 4 hours per week. To volunteer, contact Pantry Coordinator Christine Wedekind at christine.wedekind@aol.com.



Become an Advocate

We are also recruiting volunteers to serve as Advocates—trained companions who walk alongside families as they navigate services and pursue their goals. This unique role provides meaningful one-on-one support and connection. To learn more, we invite you to attend our Bridge Breakfast on September 6 or contact Jeanne Gallo at jeanne.gallo@theneighborhoodbridge.org

You're Invited: Bridge Breakfast on September 6

Join us at our next Bridge Breakfast on Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 am in the Tutoring Center at Maguire Hall. There you'll learn more about our programs and how you can get involved. Sign up at theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer

The Neighborhood Bridge, born out of the Renew My Church initiative, is dedicated to connecting Austin families with the services they need to thrive. Learn more at www.catholiccommunitiesofaokpark.org/the-neighborhood-bridge.

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.

School & Parish News



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Community Gardens

The Susan Fleming Gardeners 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.

The garden was much more productive this week – our harvest was 50.25 pounds. Donations were 83.5 pounds for a total of 133.75. Year to date we are at 872 pounds. These pictures are from our mid-summer barbecue on Tuesday evening.



Parish Meetings and Staff Directory

Sunday, August 3		
Diaper Drive	ASC + STE	Before Masses
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am
Monday, August 4		
Centering Prayer	STE North Transept	12:00pm
Tuesday, August 5		
Centering Prayer	STE North Transept	4:00pm
Night of Light	STE Parish Green	8:00pm
Thursday, August 7		
Spirit & Light Board	7:00-8:30pm	Murphy Hall Annex
Saturday, August 8		
Creative Crafters	Murphy Hall	11:00am-12:15pm
Faith & Film	Murphy Hall	6:15-8:30pm
Sunday, August 10		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am
Coffee and ...	Murphy Hall	10:15am
Children's Liturgy of the Word	ASC	10:30am Mass
Baptism	ASC	11:30am

Wedding Banns

II Ana Barajas & Matthew Lupsan

III Martyna Wojtach & Israel Garfias

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9am-5pm
Friday 9am-12pm

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McGivern Center Summer Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-1pm
Wednesday 1pm-5pm

Pastor: Rev. Carl Morello 708-383-3430 ext. 422

frcarl@stgilesparish.org

Moderator of Pastoral Care: Rev. Rex Pillai 708-848-2703

r.pillai@ascensionoakpark.com

Pastoral Care: Fr. Vittorio Bruscella, CMF vittoriocmf@libero.it

Weekend Assistant, Rev. Bob Hutmacher, ofm 312-372-5111

Deacon, Thomas Dwyer

Director of Operations, Carlos Guerrero 708-406-2385

Business Manager, Christine O'Connor 708-434-1546

Director of Pastoral Music and Liturgy, Dr. David Anderson
708-434-1535

Associate Musician and Director of St. Edmund Choir, Michael Silhavy
708-848-4417 ext. 2071

Associate Organist and String Ensemble Director, Becky Coffman
b.coffman@ascensionoakpark.com

Liturgy Coordinator, JaneAnne Campbell 708-434-1533

Development Director, Maria Allori 708-848-4417 ext. 2121

Coordinator of Ministries, Diane Lawrence 708-406-2709

Sacramental Records, Cathi Knickrehm 708-434-1534

Communications, Marybeth Granholm 708-434-1541

Head of Maintenance, Rey Dominguez 708-434-1539

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Director of Spirit & Light, Dr. Marci Madary 708-383-3430

Coordinator of Traditional Religious Education & Sacramental

Coordinator, Terri Monaco tmonaco@spiritandlightcenter.org

Family RE Coordinator - Tim Smyth tsmyth@spiritandlightcenter.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator, Laura Kelley

lkelly@spiritandlightcenter.org

Director of Youth Ministry, Cooky Perez-Eraci,

mperezzeraci@spiritandlightcenter.org or 708-370-3674

Faith and Fellowship Program Director, Tim Smythe

faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

Evangelization Lead, Alex Ryan, alexryan@spiritandlightcenter.org

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School Principal, Maureen O'Neill Nielsen 708-386-7282

Assistant Principal, Deb Rodde 708-386-7282

Director of Advancement, Kelly Tybor 708-434-1558

Stewardship of Treasure Report

	Week of	Year To
	Sunday, July 27th	Date
	7/1/25-7/27/2025	
Actual	\$ 17,556	\$ 89,319
Budget	20,790	81,248
Variance	\$ (3,234)	\$ 8,071

Parish Budget vs. Actual through June 30, 2025

	Actual	Budget	O/(U) Budget
Income	\$ 1,807,089 *	\$ 1,766,450 *	\$ 40,639
Expenses	1,957,421 *	1,881,310 *	76,111
Net Income	\$ (150,332)	\$ (114,860) *	\$ (35,472)

* Amounts include Spirit and Light programs.

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Sick Calls: If anyone at home would like a visit by a Minister of Care, contact the Parish Office or one of the Ministers of Care Coordinators: Susie Cahill, 708-925-1512 or Linda Dunne, 708-204-5578.

Mass Attendance for the weekend of 7/19-7/20/25 - 748

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.

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Prayers

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Presider Schedule

July 26,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Carl Morello
July 27,	8:00am (ASC)	Fr. Carl Morello
July 27,	9:15am (STE)	Fr. Neil
July 27,	10:30am (ASC)	Fr. Rex Pillai
July 27,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Carl Morello
August 2,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 3,	8:00am (ASC)	Fr. Carl Morello
August 3,	9:15am (STE)	Fr. Vittorio Bruscella, CMF
August 3,	10:30am (ASC)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 3,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Carl Morello

Masses for the Week

	SATURDAY - August 2
3:00 ASC	<i>Nup: Allie Sautter & Tim Carroll</i>
5:00 STE	✠Sophie Minarik ✠Anne Macalik
	SUNDAY - August 3
8:00 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
9:15 STE	✠Dorothy Honek
10:30 ASC	✠Joseph & Geraldine Ostrowski ✠Dan Ozga
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors
	MONDAY - August 4
8:30 STE	✠Kerri Sayre
	TUESDAY - August 5
8:30 ASC	✠Thomas Trifone
	WEDNESDAY - August 6
8:30 ASC	✠Glenn Brooker
	THURSDAY - August 7
8:30 ASC	✠Alberto Domingo ✠Maria Nguyen ✠Levan Nguyen
	FRIDAY - August 8
8:30 STE	✠Peter Mazar
1:00 STE	<i>Nup: Martyna Wojtach & Israel Garfias</i>
	SATURDAY - August 9
5:00 STE	✠Camila Canama & Teodorico Yee Canga, ✠Fr. John Lucas
	SUNDAY - August 10
8:00 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
9:15 STE	✠William Thomas Burke ✠Maria Armendariz ✠Eugene Kenny
10:30 ASC	✠Edward Ozga ✠Virginia Meyers ✠Marybeth "Mimi" Signorella
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors

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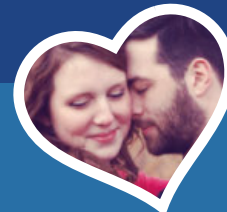
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