

# Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025

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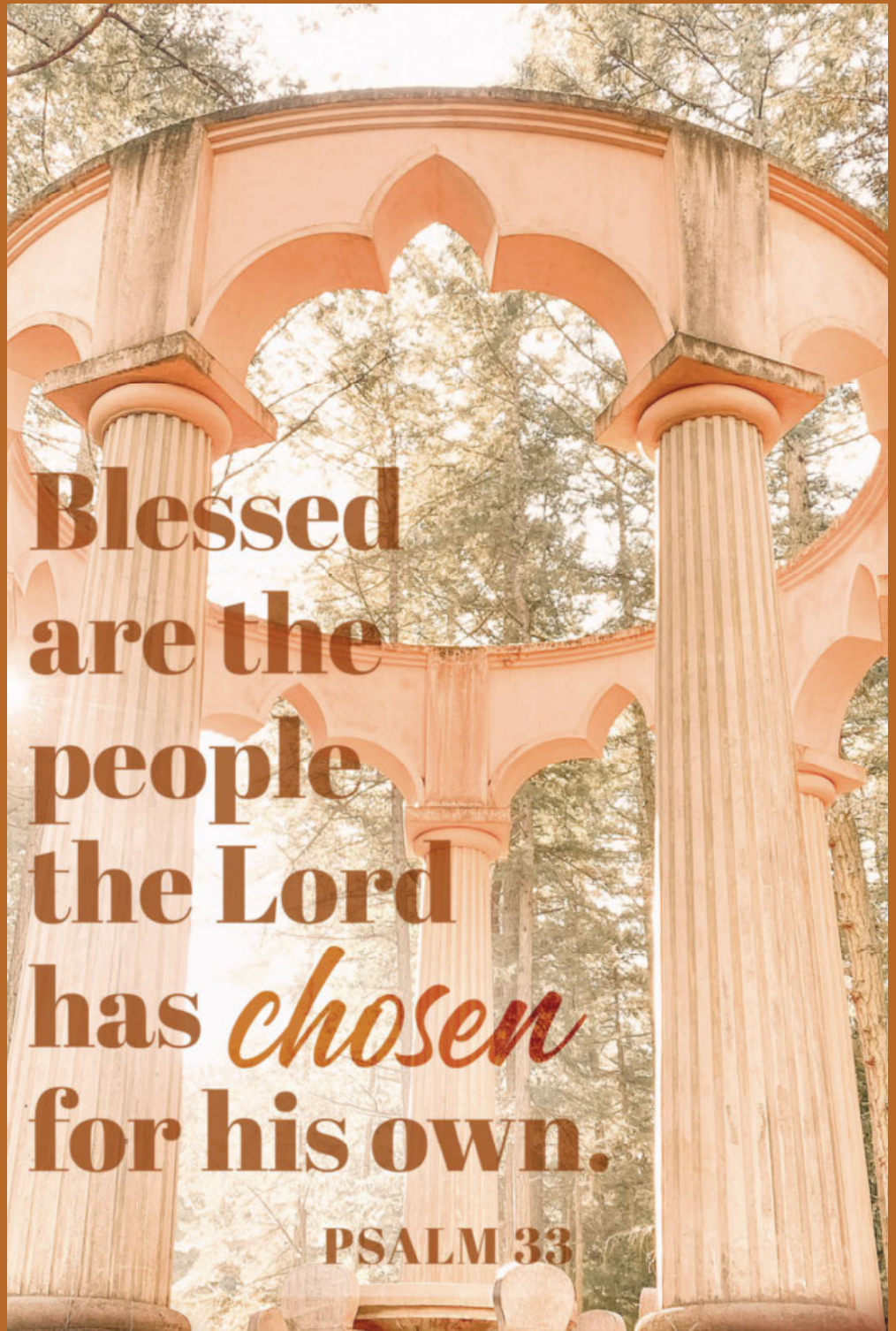
Mass Times  
Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday: 8:30am  
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

St. Edmund Church  
188 S. Oak Park Avenue  
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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:  
[catholiccommunitiesof oakpark.org](http://catholiccommunitiesof oakpark.org)  
and click on Mass Times.



**Blessed  
are the  
people  
the Lord  
has *chosen*  
for his own.**

**PSALM 33**

## Father Carl's Corner

You are either at Mass or streaming ... each is a good choice for keeping a strong mind and heart in today's world; however, in person is the most desired. In our world which is shaken by wars, hunger, violence, and a growing disregard for human life, it is easy to feel overwhelmed or even numb, as the headlines change daily, but the suffering seems constant.



In the midst of this chaos, we come to Mass, not as an escape, but as a return to the one thing that will never change – God. God does not shift with the times or bend to political or social trends. His love, justice, and mercy are constant. His word still speaks truth. His message still calls us to compassion, forgiveness, courage, and hope. Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). In this truth, we find our anchor. Coming to Mass each week helps us to remember who we are and whose we are. It is not just a ritual, it is a re-centering of our hearts and minds. We listen again to the Gospel that calls us to love when the world tells us to fear, to forgive when the world pushes us to revenge, to serve when the world says to take.

So what should we remember? Though the world may change, drastically and often painfully – GOD DOES NOT END. And what should we pay attention to? The quiet voice of the spirit urging us to be agents of peace, to care for the poor, to defend life in all its stages, and to remain faithful even when it is difficult. Saint Teresa of Avila once said, “Christ has no body now but yours ... Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on the world.”

Keep showing up for Mass. Keep praying. Keep loving. That's how we live out the presence of God which never changes in the world around us. This week, let's each try to commit to one act of compassion; to visit someone who is lonely, check in on a neighbor or friend, reach out to someone struggling, or volunteer in some way. That's how we can live out His presence that never changes in a world that desperately needs more mercy, care, and love made visible.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

*Rev. Carl Morello*

Fr. Carl Morello  
Pastor

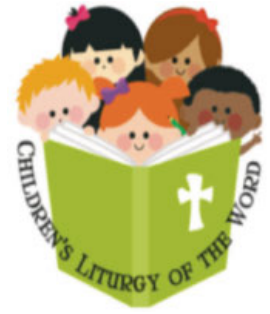
Please pray for the peace and rest of the soul of Connie Rakitan who was a member of our unified St. Catherine-St. Lucy & St. Giles Staff. Connie died last Saturday.

Forty years ago Connie help to start our Faith and Fellowship ministry out of the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Rectory and Church. She loved and cared deeply for folks with emotional challenges. They became partners with volunteers who helped them see God in simple formation and social programs created especially for these friends. God called Connie home after a short illness and the gradual decline of her mind, body and spirit. May she find the eternal rest and the peace she deserves, and know and take delight in hearing God's greeting to her ... well done, good and faithful servant.

## Parish News

### Listening to God's Word with Children Sunday, August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Some parents read the weekend scriptures to their children throughout the week. You can find simple versions of the readings from the Children's Lectionary at <https://www.pflaum.com/readings/> If you want to talk to your young children about the readings, try starting a discussion by asking questions like those below. You might be surprised by the answers!



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about being prepared. When you go on a trip, how do you prepare? You want to be ready for all the things that might happen when you get there. Followers of Jesus must be prepared for the time when we will meet Jesus face to face. What things should we do so that Jesus will welcome us as good and faithful followers?

For children who celebrated Children's Liturgy of the Word today ... Ask them if they remember a special word or idea that was interesting to them.

For information contact:

Laura Kelley: [lkelly@spiritandlightcenter.org](mailto:lkelly@spiritandlightcenter.org)

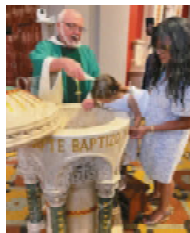
or JaneAnne Campbell: [ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com)

#### 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](mailto:d.lawrence@ascensionoakpark.com)  
(708) 406-2709  
Diane Lawrence  
Coordinator of Parish Ministries  
Ascension and St. Edmund Parish



#### Hospitality This Weekend - August 10 Coffee and...

Come to Murphy Hall following the 9:15am St. Edmund Mass for Coffee and... Refreshments and other breakfast items and homemade pastries will be served.

Next weekend, August 17 is Hospitality at Ascension following the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Donuts and refreshments will be served on the Ascension Parish Green.



Please stop by after our Masses.

#### The Solemnity of the Assumption - August 15

The 8:30am Mass on Friday morning, August 15th will be celebrated at Ascension Church. The 6:00pm Mass will be celebrated at St. Edmund Church.



## 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](mailto:d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com). **Robert Valle** is the new director of the St. Edmund Choir. Contact Robert at [r.valle@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:r.valle@ascensionoakpark.com).

**The Ascension Schola** rehearses two Tuesdays each month and sings at the 8:00am 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](mailto: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!

## Parish News

### 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**

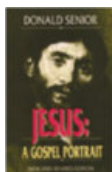
**At 6:15 pm**

**Summer Dates: August 9 & 16, 2025**

Please email Mari Hans [marithans@comcast.net](mailto:marithans@comcast.net) or Joann Lewandowski [lewjoann@hotmail.com](mailto:lewjoann@hotmail.com) with any questions.



### Women's Spirituality Group September 11 at 7:00pm Ascension Parish Center



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.

### Welcome to Our New Parishioners of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

*Rob Brennan and Maria Keegan & family*

*Karen Lange and family*

*Charles Soldner*

*Jonathon & Amy D'Souza and family*

*Scott and Nisa Underriner*

*Francisco Nunez and Antonia Napolitano*

*Paul and Megan Roach and family*

*Erica Hughes and Justin Giordano*

*Guillermo and Hazel Ronquillo and family*

*Dominick Gery*

*Lindsay Carroll Rzepka and family*

*Brian and Ashley Fontana and family*

*Erica and Jose Gomez and family*

### Next Weekend, August 16 and 17 is our Monthly Food Drive



Please bring non-perishable food items to Ascension and St. Edmund Churches during Mass for our monthly St. Simon of Cyrene Food Pantry collection. Monetary donations are accepted in the offertory baskets at church or [www.givecentral.org/location/580/event/17682](http://www.givecentral.org/location/580/event/17682)

### Men's Spirituality - Saturday, August 16

Men of all ages are welcome to come to the Ascension Parish Center. We begin about 8:30 AM and conclude by 10:00 AM.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month (August 16) in the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room.

Contact Paul Terronez at [paulagt@att.net](mailto:paulagt@att.net).

## Parish News

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



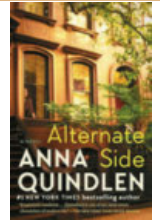
Take a 2.5 hour bus tour, leaving from FitzGerald's (6615 Roosevelt Rd, Berwyn), to learn about gangster history in Oak Park and River Forest. John Binder, organized crime historian and author of *The Chicago Outfit* and *Al Capone's Beer Wars*, is the guide. This exterior tour visits 13 houses which 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.

### Ascension and St. Edmund Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, August 19th to discuss *Alternate Side* by Anna Quindlen.



Upcoming books and dates:  
September 16th - *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa  
October 21st - *Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

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 Calendar and Space Requests

Please submit your ministry meetings/event dates and space requests for 2025-26.

Requests may be made online at <https://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/asc-se-room-request> or, call the Ascension or St. Edmund Parish Centers and speak to one of our parish assistants.

If you need additional information contact [mb.granholm@ascensionoakpark.com](mailto:mb.granholm@ascensionoakpark.com). Thank you!

### 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 yielded an excellent harvest of 65 pounds and donations were 53 pounds for a total of 118. Year to date we are at 990 pounds.



It was the first harvest of the mustard greens in the Third Day Garden at St. Edmund. The green beans continue to produce a full crop. The ramp garden produced a couple of eggplants and zucchini. All in all a beautiful morning on Wednesday to harvest fresh vegetables.



### *Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized and Their Families*

#### **Welcomed into the Family of God in May 2025:**

**Amelia Bea**

child of Alexis (Prieto) & Cecilia Palacios

**Roman James**

child of Cassandra (Blake) & Dante Williams

**Mía Anthonella Pacheco Salcedo**

child of Leidys Salcedo Padilla & Felipe Pacheco Mieres

**Vlad Marinescu**

child of Maria (Nastasoiu) & George Marinescu

**Kaya Rue**

child of Lindsay (Carroll) & Ryan Rzepka

#### **Welcomed into the Family of God in June 2025:**

**Rowan James**

child of Kelsey (Keithly) & Sean Hennessy

**Theodore Francis**

child of Adriana (Casillas) & Matthew Risser

**Joaquín Lorenzo**

child of Melinda (Poleski) & Roberto Billa

**Charles Scott**

child of Angela (Guerino) & Connor Kerrigan

**Parker Lee**

child of Moira (Gilroy) & Brent Olson



**GriefShare**  
*Grief* Support Group

*Help and encouragement  
after the death of a loved one*

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding,  
guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the  
challenges of grief. Come join us!

Tuesday, 6-8 PM, 9/16/2025 to 12/6/2025  
St. Giles Campus, McDonough Hall  
1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park  
708/223-4912  
griefshare@stgilesparish.org

**[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)**

#### **WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!**

**[www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org](http://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.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: Pivoting again

As Father Carl announced in last week's announcements, it is not possible to retain the St. Edmund School Building. So, Migrant Ministry has once again been asked to pivot, to change directions. The Migrant Ministry Advisory Committee has decided that October 9 will be the final day for the Tuesday-Thursday Migrant Ministry Mornings. We are seeking places that might house this amazing program moving forward. This early closing will give the volunteers time to pack up and move all the clothing and furniture before it gets too cold inside the building.

In fact we have seen the needs of the migrants changing over the past few months. We expect that winter clothing will be needed, but other items may not. We are seeing a shift to the need for more services such as the Immigration Support Services. It will be moving across the street to Murphy Hall in early September. Mental health services, job training, and language programs are becoming a higher priority. Pivoting will become our motto over the next weeks.

We are working to develop a schedule for donations. There are a few items that we will continue to need. There will however be the need to reduce donations, and we are working to develop guidelines as we determine how we will move forward.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers and your generous donations. **WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.** For more information, email [immigrantministry@gmail.com](mailto:immigrantministry@gmail.com).

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!



Dan Schutte's music has been a pulse in the heartbeat of many churches for more than 50 years, including "Here I am, Lord," "City of God," and "You Are Near".

### An Evening of Song

with renowned liturgical composer & songwriter

**Dan Schutte**

5:30 pm Reception

7:00 pm Concert

**September 25, 2025**

Holy Name Cathedral  
735 N State Street, Chicago, IL

in Celebration of  
IVC Chicago's  
25th Anniversary

**Tickets \$25**



### Congratulations to Couples Celebrating 50 Years of Marriage

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled to be held Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, [735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654](https://www.holynamcatholic.org/).

Please register by September 8, 2025. For information and to register: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/es/events/golden-wedding>





A colorful poster for a 'Religious Education Fun Fest'. The background is light blue with white sunburst rays. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) hangs across. Below the flags, the text 'Hosted by SPIRIT and LIGHT' is written in black. The main title 'Religious Education Fun Fest' is centered, with 'Religious Education' in a smaller, multi-colored font and 'Fun Fest' in a large, bold, black font. To the left of the title is a green balloon with the text 'SPOKE CAFE' and 'Coffee and Rootbeer Floats'. To the right is a blue balloon with 'FOOD GAMES & Prizes'. Below the title, the date and time 'SATURDAY, August 23rd 6:00PM - 8:00PM' are written in a bold, pink, shadowed font. At the bottom left is a yellow balloon with 'Balloon Artist & Face Painting'. At the bottom right is a red balloon with 'KONA Shaved ICE'. The bottom of the poster features a green grassy field. On the left side of the field, text says 'Meet catechists and Learn about religious education opportunities'. On the right side, text provides the location: 'St. Edmund Church 188 S. Oak Park Avenue Oak Park, IL 60302 Located at parish green south of church'. At the very bottom, a small line of text reads 'Made with PosterMyWall.com' and another line says 'Food, Spoke Cafe and Kona Ice accept cash or card'.

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Religious Education  
**Fun Fest**

Supported by the Knights of Columbus at Ascension and the St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Men's Society

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:mallori@archchicago.org)  
or (708)528-7622.



# Back to School Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, August 17th**  
**Following 10:30 am Mass**

Join us for a gathering on the green and  
catch up with classmates, teachers and  
Ascension families.



Home and School will be  
onsite and hosting a  
uniform exchange





## Parish Meetings and Staff Directory

<b>Saturday, August 9</b>		
Contemplative Prayer	ASC	8:30-9:15am
Creative Crafters	Murphy Hall	11:00am-12:30pm
Faith & Film	Murphy Hall	6:15-8:30pm
<b>Sunday, August 10</b>		
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
<b>Tuesday, August 12</b>		
Centering Prayer	STE North Transept	4:00pm
<b>Thursday, August 14</b>		
Knights of Columbus	7:30-9:00pm	Pine Room
<b>Friday, August 15</b>		
Mass (please note location)	ASC	8:30am
Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption	6:00pm	St. Edmund Church
<b>Saturday, August 16</b>		
Men's Spirituality	ASC Dining Room	8:30am
Faith & Film	Murphy Hall	6:15-8:30pm
<b>Sunday, August 1</b>		
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

**I Gabriella Valentini & Salvatore Romano**

**III Ana Barajas & Matthew Lupsan**

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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

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**Director of Pastoral Music and Liturgy,** Dr. David Anderson  
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# Stewardship of Treasure Report

	Week of	Year To
	Sunday, August 3rd	Date
	7/1/25-8/3/2025	
Actual	\$ 21,715	\$ 111,034
Budget	20,047	101,295
Variance	\$ 1,668	\$ 9,739

## 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 10, 2025

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  
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**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.

**Experiencing Domestic Violence:** Call 911, National Domestic Violence 24-hour Helpline: 800-799-7233, Sarah's Inn: 708-386-4225, [www.sarahsinn.org](http://www.sarahsinn.org). National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline: 866-331-9474.

## Mass Attendance for the weekend of August 2/3- 841

## 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)

Please consider remembering your parish in your will and estate plan: "the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole, for the use and good of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish, Oak Park, Illinois."

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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 caregivers, 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.

**Joseph Battisto**  
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**Maggie Biewala**  
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**Sandra Dominick**  
**Turida Dudley**  
**Angie Earle**  
**Olivia Navarro de Galeno**  
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**Tom Walsh**  
**Carole Woods**

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

*Audrey Ungaretti*

*“COME TO ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST”*

## Presider Schedule

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
August 9,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Dave Pavlik
August 10,	8:00am (ASC)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 10,	9:15am (STE)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 10,	10:30am (ASC)	Fr. Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm
August 10,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Dave Pavlik

\*Please note that the August 15th 8:30am Mass will be celebrated at Ascension Church. The 6:00pm Mass will be at St. Edmund Church on that day.

## Masses for the Week

	<b>SATURDAY - August 9</b>
5:00 STE	✠Camila Canama & Teodorico Yee Canga ✠Fr. John Lucas
	<b>SUNDAY - August 10</b>
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 -ASC ‘57
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors
	<b>MONDAY - August 11</b>
8:30 STE	✠Mary McEnroe ✠Clinton Sanders
	<b>TUESDAY - August 12</b>
8:30 ASC	✠Ernesto Domingo
	<b>WEDNESDAY - August 13</b>
8:30 ASC	✠Don Kraft
	<b>THURSDAY - August 14</b>
8:30 ASC	✠Janice R. and Valerie Sewell ✠Maria and Levan Nguyen
	<b>FRIDAY - August 15</b>
	<b>The Solemnity of the Assumption</b>
8:30 ASC*	✠Tom Carraher
6:00 STE	“Special Marian Intention” Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors
	<b>SATURDAY - August 16</b>
5:00 STE	✠Peter Sluka ✠Dorothy Honek ✠Kay and Mike Bracco (Anniversary)
	<b>SUNDAY - August 17</b>
8:00 ASC	✠Peter Sluka ✠August Minarik ✠Mark Fleishman
9:15 STE	✠Dorothy Honek ✠John Dwyer ✠Joann Dwyer Don Giannetti (Living Intention)
10:30 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors



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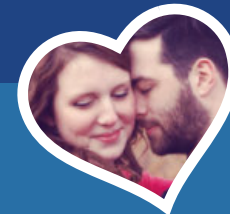


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