

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 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:
catholiccommunitiesof oakpark.org
and click on Mass Times.



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"

- Lk 12:50

Father Carl's Corner

It seems crazy to me ... but here we are, mid- August, and our community is preparing to welcome students and teachers back to school at three parish schools: Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy, Saint Giles and Ascension. With the return of the students comes the energy and excitement of new beginnings, fresh supplies, new friendships, and a renewed sense of purpose. I ask everyone in the community to be especially aware and cautious when driving near the school sites. Children may be walking or biking, and families will be navigating busy streets in these areas while dropping students off. Help us to ensure a safe return to school for all.



I also ask our parish families to remember all students, teachers, and school staff in prayer. May this be a year filled with wisdom, patience, joy, and kindness. A family that prays together stays focused and becomes stronger in faith, love and living the values we profess as followers of Christ. I encourage all of our school families to remember that coming to Mass strengthens us as families and as a community. When our school families worship with the parish community, we witness the beautiful fruits of supporting Catholic Education.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of schools, reminds us: “Wonder is the desire for knowledge.” May that desire flourish in every classroom and home this year.

As we begin a new school year, may God bless all of our efforts, keep all of us safe, and strengthen the bond between our schools, parish, and families.

Food for thought:

At Masses around the world every day, millions of people, in the words of the gospel, “eat and drink” with the Lord. Would Jesus disown any of them the way the master does in the gospel story we hear? Maybe more than we would think! Jesus did not want followers who tagged along for a meal and a few pieces of wisdom; He wanted disciples to walk next to Him on the hard road to Jerusalem and beyond. Not people who “do” the ritual and say that’s good enough, but those willing to embrace His Way, and His fate. Which one of those people are we?

Have a blessed week ahead.

With you a Christian, For you a priest.

Rev. Carl Morello

Fr. Carl Morello
Pastor

Parish News

Hospitality This Weekend after Ascension Masses

This 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 the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses.



Mark your calendar for **Soup and Bread... on August 23** at 6:15pm in Murphy Hall.



CROP Hunger Walk 2025

I want to thank all of this year's supporters of the CROP Hunger Walk 2025. The 2025 total as of today is \$88,261, which

includes \$18,845 from the Ascension and St Edmund Team.

This was a team effort with so many of you participating. I am very grateful to each supporter for any amount you were able to donate. Each donation matters as we fight to end hunger world-wide. Thanks again!

- Kaydee Sproat, Ascension and St. Edmund Team

This 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

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, September 13, 2025 and Saturday, November 8, 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

Give Us This Day resource for daily prayer

Give Us This Day is a monthly publication centered on the Word of God. Drawing inspiration from a multitude of voices, it provides a relevant and trustworthy understanding of Scripture. This daily resource provides the readings for Mass for each weekday and Sunday for the month. Whether you have five minutes or a half hour, *Give Us This Day* supports your desire to pray with:

- Daily inspiration from the lives of saintly witnesses
- Insightful, relevant reflections on Scripture
- Simplified daily prayer for morning and evening

For a number of years, we have been ordering a group parish subscription which allows for parishioners to receive of a group subscription discount.

The annual subscription cost for a year is \$29. We currently have over fifty parishioners who subscribe! A **large print edition** is also available at \$60 for the year (we do not receive a group discount.)

Now is the time to subscribe. If you are interested in this resource, subscription information sheets are available at the *Give Us This Day* box on the table near the entrance to the sacristy (southwest courtyard side door entrance to church.)

Contact David Anderson if you wish to take advantage of the group subscription rate at d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com

Parish News

Volunteers needed to sustain our monthly Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé

Praying ecumenically is about joining in prayer with baptized Christians from every tradition.

Ecumenical prayer is about praying, and singing for unity, communion, and healing for all that is broken and for all that divides our world. Our monthly prayer service is modeled after the daily prayer of the ecumenical monastic community of Taizé in France.

Our monthly first Friday *Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé* will be entering its 34th year in October. While in-person attendance is lower than our pre-Covid numbers, we are seeing more people return each month with typically close to 300 in person and 100–200 praying via live-stream.



Volunteers are always welcome to assist with this monthly ecumenical outreach.

Set-up team

We are currently looking for folks of all ages to volunteer to assist with our monthly prayer.

The set-up team gathers at 6:15 PM to set up the prayer area around the altar. Volunteers can help each month or every other month, depending upon your availability.

Welcome and Hospitality team

The welcome team gathers shortly before 7:00 PM and greet all who come to the prayer and distribute song sheets and candles.

Various ministers

Additionally, we are always looking for lectors of all ages to proclaim the readings in English and other languages, other leaders of prayer, and for additional singers and instrumentalists to join the music team.

If you haven't experienced the monthly prayer as it is celebrated at Ascension Church, I encourage you to give it a try! If you have been away for a while, please come back and pray with us! Our next first Friday prayer is on September 5, at 7:30 PM.

If you have time to occasionally assist with some aspect of the monthly prayer, email me at d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com.

David Anderson
Director of Pastoral Music and Liturgy

Special Alert: Problem with GiveCentral Platform

We began experiencing problems with the GiveCentral payment platform on Friday, August 8th. If you automate your giving or log on to GiveCentral to make a payment, you might have received a message stating that your transaction failed. The issue resides at GiveCentral, and not with the parish or your payment information. We are actively working with GiveCentral to rectify the problem. **Transactions that failed (omitting duplicates) will be resubmitted for processing. No action is needed on your part.**

In the meantime, if you have any questions please email Carlos Guerrero, Director of Operations, at caguerrero@archchicago.org or call the office at (708)848-2703 and (708)848-4417.

We thank you for your ongoing stewardship to our parish and appreciate your understanding.

Faith and Film Ministry Presents *SIGHT*

Please come and join the Faith and Film Ministry on September 13 at 6:15, after the 5:00 pm Mass, to view a biographical drama film named "Sight". We will follow the journey of Ming Wang, a Chinese immigrant who became a renowned eye surgeon in the United States. He meets an orphan girl named Kajal, from India, who is in the care of nuns who travel with her to the United States in hopes of restoring her vision after surviving devastating abuse.



This story is true and based on real lives. It is an American immigrant story that acknowledges the trauma of fleeing to a new country and how that may follow a person throughout their life. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the movies.

THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN WHAT YOU SEE.

A vibrant poster for Ascension Oktoberfest. The central image is a large, stylized beer mug with a red and orange striped hat on top. The text 'ASCENSION OKTOBER FEST' is written on the mug. Surrounding the mug are several circular callouts: 'BEER TENT', 'LIVE GERMAN MUSIC ALPINE THUNDER', 'FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES MAGICIANS BALLOON ARTISTS LEGACY SPORTS FACE PAINTING', 'GERMAN FOOD', and 'LIVE MUSIC 6:30-10PM'. At the bottom, it says 'PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ASCENSION & ST. EDMUND PARISH', 'OAK PARK, ILLINOIS', 'SEPTEMBER 13TH | 2-10PM', and 'ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH | 808 S EAST AVE, OAK PARK'. A small circle at the bottom right says '5PM MASS'.



50+ Parish Social Club Next meeting: Wednesday, August 27, 2:00PM St. Edmund Murphy Hall

We'll meet on Wednesday, August 27, at 2:00 PM in St. Edmund's Murphy Hall. Join us for social time and to discuss future events. For more information on the 50+ Social Club, email us at ase50plus.social.club@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

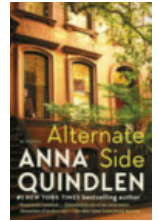
Ministers of Care Visits

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.

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.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer arises from our shared contemplative tradition and consists of simply sitting in silence with God. We open the doors of our minds and hearts to wordless communion with God. We say "Yes" to God's loving and healing presence in our lives.

We meet on **Tuesdays from 4:00-4:45pm** in the north transept of St. Edmund Church. **Edmund north transept.**



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. We had just started harvesting on Tuesday evening when we were washed out by heavy rains. We reconvened early Wednesday morning and finished. The garden yielded an excellent harvest of 71 pounds and donations were 57 pounds for a total of 128 – best of the year so far.



At the Third Day Garden, the beans had a final pick this week and the bed was seeded with salad greens. That bed and the newly seeded mustard greens guarantee a September harvest. Jalapeno and yellow peppers are still providing a little spice.

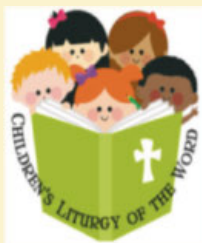


Parish & Community News

Join Us on Sunday, August 24, 2025
Listening to God's Word with Children
Ascension Church
10:30am Mass

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/>

For additional information contact:
Laura Kelley: lkelly@spiritandlightcenter.org
or JaneAnne Campbell:
ja.campbell@ascensionoakpark.com



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.

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

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

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 & Parish News

MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

When the Migrant Ministry team began nearly three years ago preparing to resettle our first migrant family, little did we know how much the effort would transform us. Jorge Borrayo's funeral held at St Edmund Church on



August 5 revealed to us how broad and profound that transformation has been. The 25-year old Guatemalan migrant who volunteered with us at Centro San Edmundo was killed in a car accident. He had received his work permit a few days before and was excited about moving forward in building a life in America.

The bilingual, intercultural, interdenominational service brought together volunteers, migrants,

immigrants, various faith centers, and a rural community in Guatemala with a suburb of Chicago. Jorge was raised Catholic but his best friend Hector was Evangelical. In Chicago they found a spiritual home at Grace Episcopal in the Loop, near the shelter where they were placed on arrival. Hector also attended a Seventh Day Adventist church. The different denominations were present and played a role in the service, with Rev. Amity Carrubba reading the Gospel and sharing a short homily in English. (Fr Vittorio Bruscella CMF gave a homily in Spanish.)

An image of the patroness of Escuintla, Guatemala, La Inmaculada Concepción, was placed near the altar to connect St Edmund with the cultural and spiritual traditions of Jorge's hometown. Bilingual hymns united the voices of the nearly-packed church. The service was videotaped and will be uploaded on YouTube to share with Jorge's family.

Clearly, the transformation that we have experienced in the Migrant Ministry is not the result of our human efforts. **It is the Holy Spirit dwelling among us that has brought such diverse communities together in praise, worship, and service.**

Pivoting has been our hallmark in the Migrant Ministry. Services in the St Edmund school building will end on Oct 8 and will move to another space. The last day for donations will be Monday, Sept 15.

Our work would not be possible without the volunteers and your generous donations. Here is our updated [AMAZON WISH LIST](#) and QR code. **WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER CLOTHING.** For more information, email 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!

JOIN US- ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ Ministry

**Saturday, September 13, 2025
from 1 to 3pm at 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

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.

Spirit and Light News

Spirit and Light - Religious Education

We're excited to announce that registration is now open! Sessions begin the week of September 7! For more information about our programs and calendars, please visit our website.

<https://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/religious-education>

How to receive an Electronic Registration Form

For families who had a child registered in our program during the 2025-2026 school year - On **August 6, 2025**, we sent via email an electronic registration form to all families through our **Flocknote platform** from our "Spirit and Light" Religious Education Office. If you did not receive an email on August 6, please contact us at sreligioused@spiritandlightcenter.org.

New families to the program- please click on the link and follow the prompts -

<https://re.stgilesparish.org/PasswordCreationNewFamily.php>

We're excited to see familiar faces and new ones this Fall!

Thank you,

The Faith Formation Team

Email - sreligioused@spiritandlightcenter.org



Hosted by
SPIRIT and LIGHT

**Religious Education
Fun Fest**

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

**SATURDAY,
August 23rd
6:00PM -
8:00PM**

Meet catechists and
Learn about religious
education opportunities

St. Edmund Church
188 S. Oak Park Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302
Located at parish green
south of church

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Food, Spoke Cafe and Kona Ice accept cash or card

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.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/the-neighborhood-bridge.



Holy Spirit ACTIVATE

High School Confirmation Registration is Open!



Scan me!

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.holynamemary.org/735-North-State-Street-Chicago-IL-60654).

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



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

Saturday, August 16		
Men's Spirituality	ASC Dining Room	8:00-10:00am
Contemplative Prayer	Zoom	8:30-9:15am
Faith & Film	Murphy Hall	6:15-8:30pm
Sunday, August 17		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am
Hospitality	ASC	Following Masses
Baptism	STE	10:15am
Back to School Mass	ASC	10:30am
School Ice Cream Social	ASC	11:30am
Monday, August 18		
Mom's Faith Sharing	ASC Dining Room	7:30-9:00pm
Tuesday, August 19		
Centering Prayer	STE North transept	4:00-4:45pm
Book Club	Murphy Hall	6:00-8:00pm
Liturgy ASE Core Liturgy	McGivern Center	7:00-8:30pm
Wednesday, August 20		
1st Day of School	ASC	8:00-11:45am
Thursday, August 21		
Third Day Peace Garden	Murphy Hall	6:00-8:00pm
New Marriage Mentor Training	ASC Dining Room	6:45-8:34pm
Saturday, August 23		
CGS Catechist Training	ASC Parish Center	8:00am-12:00pm
Contemplative Prayer	ASC	8:30 -9:15am
Family Fun Fest	STE	6:00-8:30pm
Soup and Bread...	Murphy Hall	6:00-8:00pm
Sunday, August 24		
Extending the Word	ASC Dining Room	9:00-11:00am
TRE Parent Meeting	Pine Room	9:00-10:15am
Fr. Carl discusses STE school building	Murphy Hall	10:15-11:15am
Children's Liturgy of the Word	ASC	10:30am Mass

Ascension and St. Edmund Parish

Ascension Campus

808 S. East Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304
(708) 848-2703

<https://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/>

Parish Center Summer Hours:

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

St. Edmund Campus

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

<https://www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org/>

McGivern Center Summer Hours:

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

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

fcaryl@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

Director of St. Edmund Choir, Robert Valle

r.valle@ascensionoakpark.com

Associate Organist and String Ensemble Director, Becky Coffman

b.coffman@ascensionoakpark.com

Liturgy Coordinator, JaneAnne Campbell 708-434-1533

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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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Kaydee Sproat (STE) 708-848-4417 ext. 2011

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Coordinator of Traditional Religious Education & Sacramental

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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,

mperezraci@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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708-386-7282

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, August 10th	Date
		7/1/25-8/10/2025
Actual	\$ 23,847	\$ 133,442
Budget	20,776	122,071
Variance	\$ 3,071	\$ 11,371

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 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Wedding Banns

**I Shannon Kearns & Nicholas Pugesek
I Marilyn Meza & Henry Barrera
II Gabriella Valentini & Salvatore Romano**

Mass Attendance for the weekend of August 9 and 10 - 875

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.

Contact the Finance Council by emailing us at ASEFinanceCouncil@gmail.com or clicking on "Contact the Finance Council" on the "Our Leadership Councils" on the website.

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."

Thank you for supporting your parish community!

WAYS TO GIVE

To donate online and set up automatic monthly church donations from your checking or credit card, www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/giving

To give by mail, send to Ascension Church, 808 S. East Ave., Oak Park, IL, 60304 or to St. Edmund Church, 188 S. Oak Park Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302

Text to Give: Text the Word
"Donate" to (708) 400-7396



Scan QR code with cell phone camera to access Ascension and St. Edmund Parish Give Central Giving Page.

At Mass, during the collection of gifts.

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. You may also call the Ascension Parish Office to submit a name for prayer 708-848-2703.

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Ellen Skipper
Alex Stevic
Tom Walsh

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

“COME TO ME AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST”

Presider Schedule

August 16,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm
August 17,	8:00am (ASC)	Fr. Carl Morello
August 17,	9:15am (STE)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 17,	10:30am (ASC)	Fr. Carl Morello
August 17,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 23,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Neil Fackler
August 24,	8:00am (ASC)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 24,	9:15am (STE)	Fr. Larry Dowling
August 24,	10:30am (ASC)	Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm
August 24,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Richard Peddicord
August 30,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Carl Morello
August 31,	8:00am (ASC)	Fr. Bob Hutmacher, ofm
August 31,	9:15am (STE)	Fr. Neil Fackler
August 31,	10:30am (ASC)	Fr. Rex Pillai
August 31,	5:00pm (STE)	Fr. Carl Morello

Masses for the Week

	SATURDAY - August 16
5:00 STE	✠Peter Sluka ✠Dorothy Honek ✠Kay and Mike Bracco (Anniversary)
	SUNDAY - August 17
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
	MONDAY - August 18
8:30 STE	✠William Lord ✠Antoinette Denk ✠Maria Ibarra
	TUESDAY - August 19
8:30 ASC	✠Justin Kaufenberg ✠Tom Carraher
	WEDNESDAY - August 20
8:30 ASC	✠Deceased Parishioners of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
	THURSDAY - August 21
8:30 ASC	✠Maria Nguyen ✠Levan Nguyen
	FRIDAY - August 22
8:30 ASC*	✠Manus Keane ✠John Geary
	SATURDAY - August 23
5:00 STE	✠Carol Loomis ✠David F. Loomis Nancy and Dan Schmidt (35th Wedding Anniversary)
	SUNDAY - August 24
8:00 ASC	All Parishioners & Benefactors of Ascension and St. Edmund Parish
9:15 STE	✠John “Jack” Fisher ✠Mary and Gino DiVito
10:30 ASC	✠Zak/Moran Families ✠Eddie Sitzman ✠Mark Fleishman
5:00 STE	Catholic Communities of Oak Park and Neighbors

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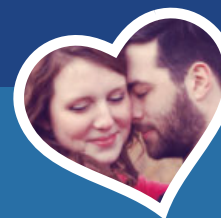
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