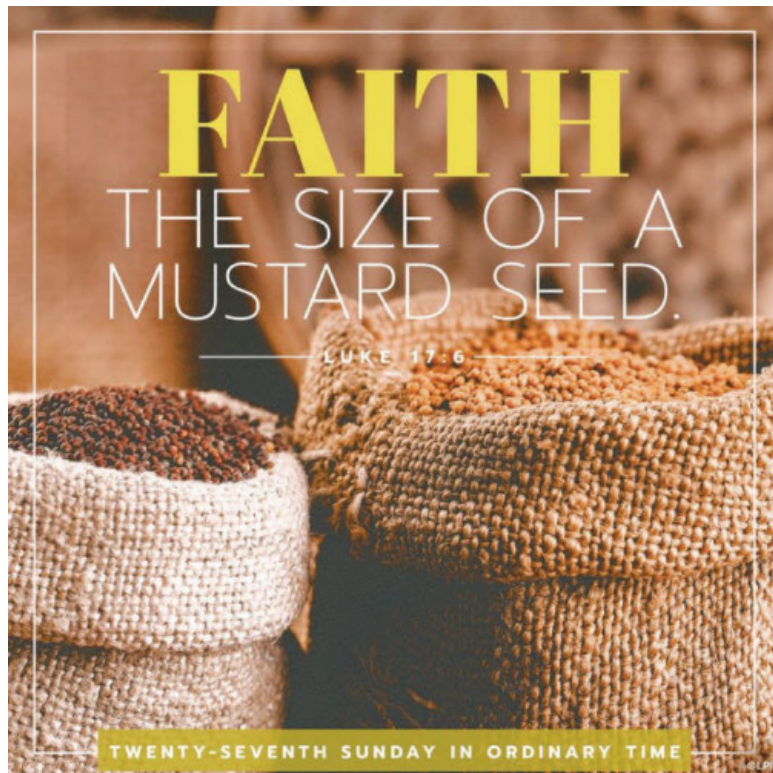




SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES CATHOLIC PARISH



OCTOBER 5, 2025

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

Abraham replied, "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad, but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." - Lk 16:25

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SAINT GILES CAMPUS

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MASS SCHEDULE AT SAINT GILES CHURCH

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday at 6:30 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:30 AM
Saturday at 8:00 AM
(Confessions following the
8:00 AM Mass on Saturday)

Weekend Masses

Saturday at 4:30 PM,
Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Family Mass Community

Sunday at 10:00 AM in Saint Giles School Gym

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 Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Wednesday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Thursday - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Friday - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 Saturday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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**FATHER CARL'S CORNER**

The simple phrase "What would Jesus do?" has guided

Christians for generations. It is not just a slogan, but a challenge to pause before we speak or act and to let Christ's example shape our choices. In our country today, and even in the Church, we see hatred and division being stirred - even by some who speak in the name of religion. Jesus himself warned against those who misuse God's name to burden or mislead others. When we ask, "What would Jesus do?" the answer is NEVER hatred, fear, or exclusion. but it is ALWAYS mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and truth spoken in love.

If Jesus were here today, he would not be shouting insults or dividing communities. He would be healing wounds, uplifting the brokenhearted, and reminding us that every person is a beloved child of God. The gospel calls us to do the same.

So, when we are faced with the anger and hostility that seem so common in public life, let us resist being pulled into it. Instead, let us be guided by Christ's way - choosing peace over hostility, understanding over judgement, and love over hate. This is not weakness; it is the true strength of discipleship.

In the end, the question is not only "What would Jesus do?" but also "What will we do?" As followers of Christ, we are called to be different. We do not answer hatred with more

hatred, but with courage, compassion, and truth, spoken in love. This is how we keep faith alive in a world that desperately needs HOPE.

In the week ahead if you are confronted with anger or words of division, pause and ask - "What would Jesus do?" then, choose the path of love. Sometimes that might just mean smiling and walking away.

Today's readings encourage us to remember as well that faith begins with the gratitude and humility of the servant in today's gospel: to realize that we have all been created in the image of a loving God and that the only meaningful return we can make for this life is to love and honor one another as sisters and brothers thus "servants" at the table of the Father.

Finally, October, the month of the Rosary, invites us to pray with Mary as she points us to Christ, the Prince of Peace. Each bead becomes a step away from fear and anger, and a step toward hope and reconciliation. In this way, the Rosary is truly a prayer for peace.

Consider praying the Rosary at home as a family or joining the Rosary for Peace group on Saturdays at Saint Giles Church at 8:30 AM after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Have a blessed and safe week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you, a priest.

F. Carl

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Manuel Aguilar, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Mark Andersen, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Katie Barnicle, JoAnn Boyle, Eloise Brown, Melissa Brumund, Phil Calabrese, Timothy Carraher Carwinski, Lucille Dalbis, Nancy D'Agnolo, Carole DiCicco, Andrea Dickson, Paula Dote, Baby Margaret Mary Doyle, Katherine Fisher, George Fleming, Jim Fletcher, Kitti Foley, Mary Ellen Frank, Baby Ford Gallagher, Sister Regina Gallo, Deacon John Henricks, Lois Henricks, Bill Holmes, Jennifer Hoyt, Joe Karas, Maureen Killackey, Hardie Kressler, Lynn Locke, Rossana Lopollo, Deacon Lorry Madonia, Linda Malloy, Marilyn Maggio, Lauren Marshall, Lynne Tallon Matassa, Chuck Mauter, John Megall, Paul Michael, Dave Mills, Joseph Musso, Sr., Jamie O'Reilly, Amelia Patterson, Geraldine Pedersen, Lorenzo Perez, Andrew Perricone, Patrick Pollard, Gia Rapacki, Hannah Rice, Peg Sabatino, Gregory Sherwood, Deborah Sobreira, Anita Spina, Eleanor "Elle" Taylor, Regina Thorpe, Shirley Venerable, Joshua Washington, Nancy Wesclitz.

Names will be removed from this listing in the bulletin after six months and from the intercessions spoken at the weekend Masses after four weeks. Also, some parishioners have received a Prayer Shawl to represent the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the Parish Office to include someone on this prayer list, or to request someone's inclusion in the intercessions at the weekend Masses, and/or to request a Prayer Shawl.

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially, Frank Bukowski, Sr.



"LITTLE ONES, THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU WITH GREAT JOY INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH."

Avery Alex Such, Daughter of Marc & Sarah (Stanley) Such

Tucker Richard Ranieri, Son of Nicolas & Brigitte (Barney) Ranieri

Charles John Conrath, Son of Kevin & Kristi (Palmer) Conrath

Oliver Stephen Floramo, Son of Michael Floramo & Alicia Cervantes

Silas Robert Urness, Son of Carl Urness & Brooke Reavey

Kane Robert Kramerich, Son of Daniel & Alexandra (Rentner) Kramerich, Jr.



WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW PARISHIONERS.

Matthew Muñiz

Fredy Lagunes & Christina Rodriguez

Michael Brady & Eileen Bustamante

Bridget & Matthew Wholey

Nicholas Hoffmeister & Justyna Kukulka-Hoffmeister



WEDDING BANNS

I John Samatas & Haley Hudler

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**SAINT GILES CHURCH****MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

6:30 AM The Deceased of the Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM Thomas Brekke
Ann Hastings

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30 AM Mary L. Kessler
Gene Lizak
Margaret Mary Daley McGurn
Dennis R. Bresnahan, Sr.

8:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 AM All Parishioners & Benefactors

8:30 AM Evelyn Dagostino
Andy & Elaine Sikowski
Thomas Locher

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:30 AM Joey Cocco
Valerie Gantner
Neil Hartney

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM Rose Jantelezio
Colleen Doyle

4:30 PM Anna Marie Sciaraffa
Anne Solome
Eva P. Kunkel
Harry & Mary Koko
The Deceased Members of the Class of 1975 of St. Giles School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 AM Sophia Shaker
Ruth Goldrick
Andrew Locke

10:00 AM Family Mass Community in Saint Giles School Gym

*10:30 AM Susan Egan Schmuck
Mary Anne & Terry Keshner
Catherine Jacobs

*This Mass will be live-streamed from the new parish website www.catholiccommunitiesofoakpark.org.

SAINT EDMUND CHURCH**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

5:00 PM Oak Park Catholic Parishes Mass

SPIRITUAL CLASSICS FOR OCTOBER: SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES AND HIS WAY OF DIVINE LOVE

Come to the next Spiritual Classics gathering on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM in the Ascension Parish Center Dining Room, where we will discuss Saint Francis de Sales' inspirational classic, *An Introduction to the Devout Life*. Jeff Wood will lead the discussion. All Oak Park parishes are welcome.

An Introduction to the Devout Life, written over four hundred years ago, inspires and guides Catholics in pursuing a holy life. De Sales thought that the holy life was accessible to all people at all ages and in all times. He uses clear, simple language and provides vivid references to images in nature and daily life. At the heart of his message is the conviction that God has made us for himself and that Jesus offers himself in prayer and sacrament as we grow closer to God.

Saint Francis de Sales was born into a noble French family, studied law and theology, and decided against his father's wishes to become a priest. He became the Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland during a time of battles between Protestants and Catholics, yet he achieved a universal reputation for patience and gentleness. He developed a sign language in order to preach to the deaf and he is the patron saint of the deaf.



SAINT GILES NAMED NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL, 2025!

We are thrilled to announce that St. Giles has been named a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence! Yesterday, Greg Richmond, Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools Superintendent,

recognized the Chicago-area schools with this prestigious honor, which celebrates schools demonstrating outstanding academic achievement and exceptional teaching and learning. We are proud to be among only 10 schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago to receive this award, and the only private school in the Oak Park area.

This award places St. Giles among the top 15% of schools nationwide—and confirms what we already know: our school is a special place where students thrive intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally.

Our Journey to Excellence

Being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School reflects our deep commitment to academic excellence, strong student outcomes, and a nurturing, faith-filled environment. It's the result of dedicated teachers, hardworking students, and the unwavering support of our families and community.

The Blue Ribbon evaluation focuses on Curriculum and Instruction, School Culture and Climate, and Strategy for Excellence. Here are just a few proud highlights from our entry that helped St. Giles stand out from among thousands of schools nationwide considered for the honor:

- **Academic Growth:** Four years of iReady growth in reading, writing, and math, exceeding national averages by over 40 percentage points.
- **High School Success:** A 100% acceptance rate into first-choice Catholic high schools, with many students also admitted to Chicago's selective enrollment schools—a prestigious honor.
- **Innovative & Interdisciplinary Learning:** Multi-disciplinary curriculum, such as a science curriculum that combines plant biology and sustainability through gardening in our Wifi-enabled outdoor garden and a STEAM program with projects like Smart Lamps and coding-based TechSynth synthesizers that involve music composition.
- **Service Leadership:** Year-round service learning activities, including monthly lunch preparation for the unhoused and our annual school-wide Service Day.
- **Community Partnerships:** Collaborations with organizations like DePaul University and the Field Museum to enhance leadership and STEAM learning opportunities.
- **PreK-8th Bonds:** Cross-grade programs like the Buddy Program and school-wide events such as "One Book, One School" foster meaningful relationships and support social and academic growth.



This week at **St. Giles School**

In school this week...

Mrs. Elwart's class! Kindergarten Lions dove into the world of germs and discovered just how fast they can spread! With shaving cream, bread, and glitter, students got to see up close how germs move from one surface to another. These fun, hands-on experiments highlighted the importance of handwashing and making healthy choices every day.



Upcoming Events

Lion's Leap is Back with a ROAR!

A St. Giles School tradition for more than three decades, our biggest annual fundraiser, Lion's Leap, kicked off Tuesday September 23 with a roar! Halls were decorated, classes got excited – and ready! – to raise \$100,000 and give back to a school that gives so much to us all.

Lion's Leap gives students the chance to get involved in raising funds that go directly to offset the costs of their St. Giles School education. Every student -- from our littlest Lions in PreK to our leaders in 8th grade -- collect pledges for competing in an obstacle course (for students in 6th-8th) and a fun run (for students in PreK-5th) last Friday, October 3rd.

As members of our extended St. Giles School family, you can support our Lions by making a donation to our fundraising campaign.



Thank you for your support!
Please feel free to reach out to us directly at 708-383-6279 or visit www.stgilesschool.org



**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**

GriefShare

Surviving the Holidays

Provides encouragement, support,
and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

Co-Hosted by: Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, IL

Sunday, November 16
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Saint Giles Campus
1101 Columbian, Oak Park
McDonough Hall - 2nd Floor

For information, contact Geri Tapling
griefshare@stgilesparish.org



JOIN US - ONE IN LOVE LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

**Saturday, October 11
from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
at the Saint Giles Parish Center-
1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park**

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.

GriefShare® GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT AFTER THE
DEATH OF A LOVED ONE.**

At a Grief Share group, you will find
understanding, guidance, relief, and a
safe place to navigate the challenges of
grief. Come join us!

**Tuesdays, September 16 to December 9
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

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griefshare@stgilesparish.org
griefshare.org

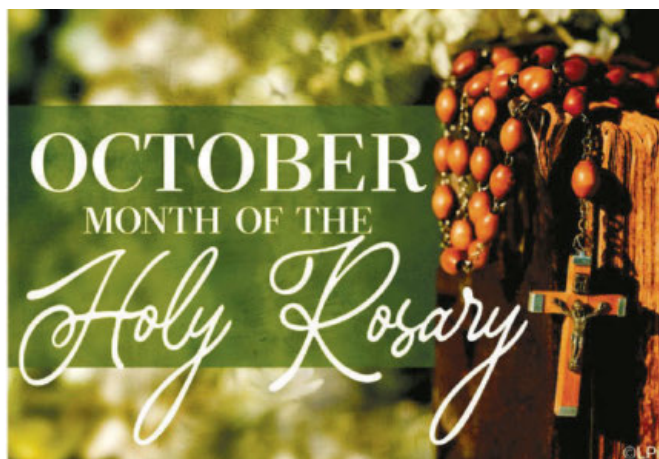


SENIOR CORNER

Pope Francis has
declared 2025 as a
Jubilee Year. We are all
invited to celebrate by
making a pilgrimage to
a designated "Jubilee

Church." Our Seniors will be journeying to Saint
Francis Borgia Church on Tuesday, October 21, for
a Jubilee visit and a tour of the church. We will
carpool over to the church for our 11:30 AM visit.

Following our stay, we will venture over to Red
Lobster (4401 N. Cumberland) for an optional
lunch. St. Francis Borgia Church is located at
8033 W. Addison St. Please plan on joining us for
this spiritual visit and a delightful meal.



PARISH WEBSITE

[HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITIESOFOAKPARK.ORG](https://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. Administrators, Hugo Lugo and Marybeth Granholm, will remain as primary contacts for each parish.

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



PARISH E-NEWS



Want to know all the latest parish news? Sign up for the weekly parish e-news via our broadcast email program, Flocknote!



To sign up, just scan the QR Code here or go to this URL in your browser: <https://stgilesparish.flocknote.com/ENews>, and the information you need will be right in your inbox.

SUNDAY BULLETINS

Deadlines: Please note... generally speaking, material for the bulletin is due in the parish office on Friday, nine days before it reaches the parishioner's hands. Please send articles to mboos@archchicago.org. Thank you.

OUR PARISH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

September 21, 2025

	Weekly Total	YTD Collection
Envelopes	\$ 6,037.00	\$ 158,618.81
Loose—Total included in YTD count	\$ 1,638.01	
Online Giving 9/16/2025–9/22/2025	\$ 10,867.50	\$ 132,007.57
Mail Collection	\$ 3,750.00	
Total Collections	\$ 22,292.51	\$ 290,626.38
Seminary Collection		\$ 3,644.58

Those wishing to make their donations online through GiveCentral can find the link and easy-to-follow instructions on the church website: www.catholiccommunitiesofOakPark.org/giving

Contact Carol Coleman at the Parish Center, 708-383-3430, Ext. 419 with any questions or for assistance. We could not be here without you!

MASS COUNT

Saturday, September 20, 2025

4:30 PM - 138

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 AM - 140, 10:30 AM - 275, Family Mass - 165

Total Mass Count - 718

PLANNED GIVING

Please Consider a QCD gift for Our Parish

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests' Health and Retirement at 708-449-8026. If you would like to make





FALL SESSIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN IN 4TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

Children who are in 4th Grade through 8th Grade and have not yet received their First Communion are welcome to join with their peers to prepare for celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion during the Fall.

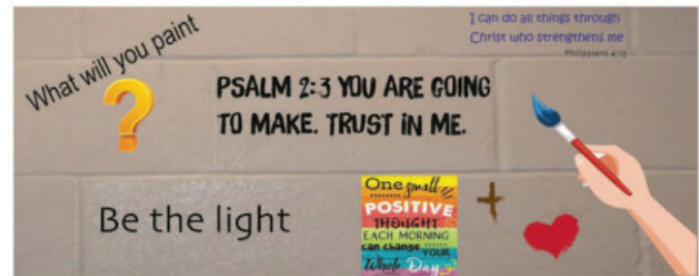
Sessions begin on Monday, October 20, and will continue on Mondays through mid-December. All sessions will meet at 4:30 PM in the Parish Center on the Saint Giles Campus, 1025 Columbian Avenue.

There will be a parent information meeting on Monday, October 6, at 7:00 PM in the Saint Giles Parish Center.

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

For more information, please contact Rachel Faulman at rfaulman@spiritandlightcenter.org, or at 708-383-3430, ext. 421

Youth Ministry



Hey teens! Come make your mark at the Youth Ministry Center by painting a brick on our wall with your favorite Bible verse or a positive saying. This is your chance to add your creativity, faith, and inspiration to a space that belongs to all of us. Bring your ideas, your friends, and let's fill the wall with hope and encouragement! If you are an artist bring your own favorite paints and brushes.



Sunday, October 19
6:30 - 8:00 PM
St. Edmund
Youth Ministry Room
Murphy Hall Annex



THANK YOU!

THE 2025 SAINT CATHERINE OF
SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND
SAINT GILES BABY BOTTLE PROJECT
RAISED \$2,184.77!

Since 1984 - with God's Grace - The Women's Centers have been supporting women and helping them choose life, sparing more than 41,000 mothers and babies from suffering the atrocity of abortion. Thank you for helping mothers and babies in need.

For more information, please call 773-794-1313 or visit gotwc.org

THE WOMEN'S CENTERS OF GREATER CHICAGOLAND
CHICAGO - EVERGREEN PARK

EXPERIENCING THE PSALMS

The Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Wednesday Night Bible Study is starting a new series on the Psalms!



The psalms display the full color of the human experience and relationship with God. By diving into selected psalms - examining the context, reflecting on our own experiences and what they mean for us today - we will deepen how we pray with the psalms and draw closer to God.

Bible Study started on Wednesday, September 10. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Living Room on the Saint Giles Campus (1025 Columbian Avenue) and over Zoom.

All are welcome from any parish or community - It is NOT necessary or required to attend each week. There is no need to have Bible Study experience... Come when you can!!

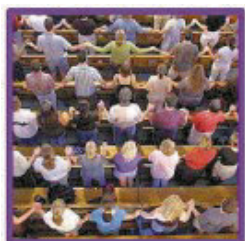
Please contact Maria Samatas (msamatas@me.com) or Alex Ryan (alexryan@stgilesparish.org) to get all the information.



OCTOBER 2025 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

PRAYER TO END

UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS



We pray for victims' healing and safety and perpetrators' restoration, turning to the One who has the power to make all things new.

Loving God be with women and men who are in doubt about the health of their relationships. Give those who suffer abuse clear minds and peaceful hearts so that they can make good decisions to care for their safety, guided by Your grace.

Teaching God, open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to be more aware, compassionate and supportive to people in abusive situations, so that they don't feel alone and know that someone cares. Give us wisdom to plant seeds that encourage people to think and take urgent action to end unhealthy relationships.

Compassionate God protect the innocent children who witness violence and abuse at the hands of the ones they love. Help them to know that domestic violence is not their fault.

Merciful God touch the hearts of those who abuse others. Heal their thinking, so that they can acknowledge that they are harming others, learn to change their own behavior in true repentance and begin a path to peaceful relationships.

God of Peace, we pray. Amen

www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

CREATION CARE CORNER



*"Praise be to you my Lord,
through our Sister, Mother
Earth, who sustains and
governs us..."*

- Saint Francis of Assisi

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: Plant Trees

They clean our air, protect our drinking water, provide food and habitat for animals. Studies show they even improve our mental health. Trees also absorb the CO2 that contributes to global warming and release oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the amount of CO2 produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. Planting trees also helps prevent soil erosion, increases land fertility and can add value to your property. Trees that provide shade can also significantly reduce your energy bills. When selecting trees, choose native types to support local wildlife. Spring and fall can be good times to plant.

For more information: www.arboday.org/trees



POPE LEO XIV @ PONTIFEX

The Church dedicates
the coming month of

October to #HolyRosary. I invite everyone to pray the Rosary for #Peace each day of the month—individually, in the family, in community. On Saturday, October 11, at 6:00 PM, we will pray the Rosary together in Saint Peter's Square, during the vigil of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, also recalling the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council.



MIGRANT MINISTRY UPDATE: A WEDDING RING FOR ONE FAMILY



We learned this week that one of our migrant couples are planning to get married but were waiting until they could afford to buy the bride a ring. Of course the story does not end here. One of our volunteers had recently gone through her jewelry and brought a ring to Centro San Edmundo (CSE) saying that she hoped we could find a migrant family who would treasure it. And then the volunteer donated a little money so the happy couple could afford a dinner celebration just for them.

We are so blessed to have loving people surrounding us at CSE and beyond to include the families and homes of all 23 of our resettled families. We learned recently that all of our families live within a five-mile radius of St. Edmund which means that our mentors are not traveling long distances to accompany them.

We will miss Centro San Edmundo and recognize the impact our time there has had not only on the migrants, but also the volunteers and the surrounding community. In the almost 22 months that we have been open, over 20,000 migrants have been served. The resettlement program continues and can always use additional mentors and mentor helpers.

We are pausing all but financial donations now, and will alert you when we can accept donations again. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Migrant Ministry. For more information, email immigrantministry@gmail.com. To donate online through GiveCentral use the link below OR send donations to Saint Catherine-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles Parish, 1025 Columbian, Oak Park, IL 60302. Include a note that the donation is for the "Migrant Ministry". Thank you for your generous hearts!

(<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/444/event/36149>).

Human Dignity and Solidarity

IMMIGRANT ASSISTANT RESOURCES

Get connected to organizations that offer pastoral, humanitarian and legal advocacy support for immigrants, refugees and all in need.

Scan the QR code:

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/immigrant-assistance-resources>



BECOME AN ADVOCATE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD BRIDGE

We are 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 next Bridge Breakfast on November 1 at 8:30 am in the Tutoring Center at Maguire Hall. Learn more at theneighborhoodbridge.org/volunteer or contact Jeanne Gallo at: jeanne.gallo@theneighborhoodbridge.org

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.



HOUSING FORWARD NEEDS YOU!

Housing Forward provides year round emergency overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness in two locations in our community. The parishes of Oak Park support this effort in several ways.

In October, Housing Forward will be expanding its shelter options with the opening of a new 40-bed shelter at 112 S. Humphrey in Oak Park. They are once again asking the women of Saint Catherine of Siena-Saint Lucy and Saint Giles to help by providing a continental breakfast for Housing Forward clients on the first Monday of each month, starting in October. This is a great service opportunity for teens and families, and can be shared between households.

Sign up for the monthly dates online by using the SignUpGenius Form below!

Housing Forward Breakfast Sign-Up
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAAE2EA2FA7-58142351-stgiles#/>)

To learn more about the shelter program, and volunteer opportunities, contact Theresa Lipo at 708-692-4404 or tglico@sbcglobal.net.

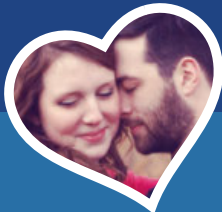


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