

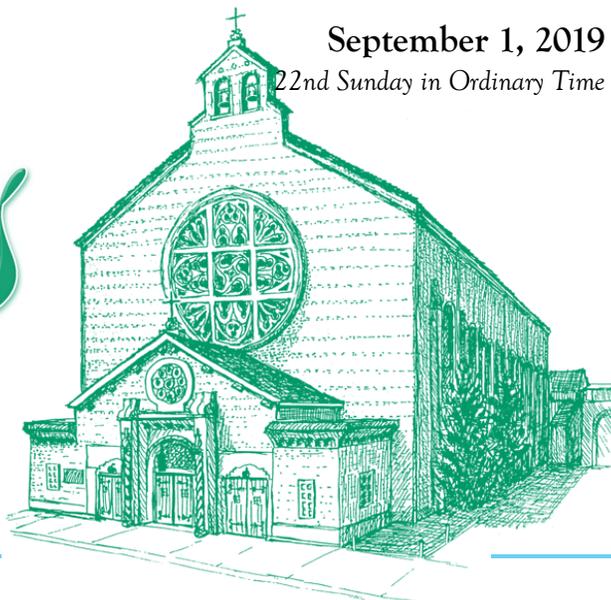
The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

2324 W. Chase Ave. • Chicago, IL 60645

September 1, 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde
Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James Barrett
Residents, Rev. Harold Murphy
Michael Okoro, C.S.Sp.
Deacon, Michael Neba
Accountant, Jim Masini
Religious Ed, Cynthia Splatt
School Principal, Christine Huzenis
Music Ministry, Steve Burke
Howard Schneider

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.
An appointment can also be made
by calling one of the priests.

OFFICES

Rectory (773) 764-0615
2324 W. Chase

Hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-5:00 pm
Friday by appointment

Parish Website:

www.smmchicag.org/parish
Parish School (773) 271-2008
Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

In a couple of weeks, we will have our First Parish Session as part of the Renew My Church process. This will take place on Sunday, September 15th in the Activity Center immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It should not go longer than an hour and a half at the most. ALL are encouraged and invited.

During this conversation we will continue to pray about our future as a parish community together with the other parishes in our grouping. We will also review what are our strengths and what are the greatest challenges we face as one parish among many others. We will also use this as an opportunity to answer questions with information that is currently available.

I am sure that even at this point any one of us can list a good number of strengths and gifts that our parish possesses. Perhaps top on the list would be our facilities. Among the parishes in our grouping, ours would be the largest worship space that can accommodate the most number of people.

Of course, in addition to our worship space, we have the Activity Center. I have seen jaws drop as new visitors come and see the space for the first time. Parishioners and even non-parishioners all seem to want to use it for all sorts of events and activities. The Activity Center has become an asset.

Fortunately for us, our school building is being occupied and used by NCA who has assumed much of the responsibility for the upkeep of that building. So not only do we have a Catholic school present on campus but we no longer have had to deal with the demands of running our own parochial school.

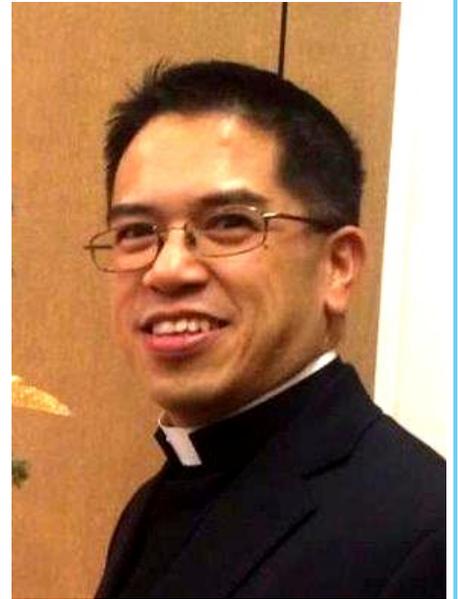
Furthermore, our parking lots have also been a cause of envy whenever visitors come to us. In a day and age when people are no longer walking to church, it is truly a blessing to have as many parking lots as we do especially in a city parish such as ours.

Of course, our greatest strength would be all of you who fill the pews each week. We would not be a parish without a faithful community calling this place a spiritual home. We are diverse and vibrant. We are committed and generous. We are our greatest asset.

However, there are still the challenges. I am not trying to rain on anyone's parade but we also have to face reality. The greatest gift of a community oftentimes can become its own greatest weakness. We have five (5) major structures (church, rectory, school, convent, Activity Center) not to mention the garage structure and the boiler room. The finances required to take care of a large number of facilities is A LOT. It is similar with the expense of owning a home. Larger homes naturally require larger expenses and it is no different with large buildings such as the ones we have.

As I have mentioned on other occasions, the greatest challenge that faces us as a community is our inability to keep up with the ordinary expenses of running a parish of our size. As vibrant as it is, our faith community is no longer as large as it once was. Smaller numbers in people in the pews oftentimes means that the regular Sunday collection is impacted. As generous as people have been to projects such as our stained glass windows, we still come up drastically short when it comes to meeting our ordinary expenses. Our financial woes continue to be our greatest challenge.

For us on a local level, the question becomes what is better for our continued survival? If we keep going the way we are going, we will definitely run ourselves into the ground sooner than we may hope. With that in mind, what would be better? Do we downsize? Do we join forces with the other parishes and form one large faith community? These are the difficult questions we must ask and this is the reality that we are facing. If we come to the Parish Session on September 15th with the idea that we are striving to maintain the status quo, it is guaranteed that it will be a painful process. But, if we come with a prayerful spirit of how we can best respond to the needs of all of God's People in the West Ridge area, then we will be able to journey through this together and together celebrate God's grace.



Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde, Jr.

Religious Education Program 2019-2020

The Program welcomes students in Grades 1 through 12 who attend public or non-Catholic private schools.

Classes meet on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the school building. The first class will meet on September 14, 2019 and the last on May 23, 2020.

Registration begins June 23, 2019 and ends September 7, 2019. Late Registrations will not be accepted so please register early. Forms can be found in the Church, requested at the Parish Office Monday through Thursday from 9 to 12 & from 1 to 5 or downloaded from the Parish web site:

www.smmchicago.org/parish.

Completed forms can be placed in the Sunday collection, or returned to the parish.

Please sign up now. Some classes are nearly full.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

COLLECTION REPORT

August 25, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,117.27
Loose Money	\$ 616.95
Total Collection	\$3,734.22
Variance.....	(\$5,207.78)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	108



RCIA and the Search for God

Are you searching for God? Do you, or someone you know, feel a calling toward the Catholic Church?

RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – is a program for adults who are considering entering the Catholic Church or for baptized Catholics who wish to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Eucharist and Confirmation). We also welcome Catholics who would like to study their faith more deeply.

In RCIA, we talk about the presence of God in our lives and in the world. We share our faith and pray. We study Scripture and how it relates and speaks to us today. We learn about the Church, its beliefs, and its sacraments. We explore what it means to be Catholic and to live a Christian life. We learn from each other as we journey together on a pilgrimage of faith.

RCIA sessions will take place on Monday from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in McCarthy Hall (7325 N. Claremont Avenue). The introductory class meets on Monday, September 9. RCIA culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

If you have been contemplating entering the Church or completing your Sacraments of Initiation, please consider RCIA. Or you may know someone who has inquired about the Church or has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. Spread the good news!

If you would like more information, please call the Rectory at (773) 764-0615 and leave a message for Fr. Tirso, Fr. Hal, or Art Blumberg. You may also fill out the form below and drop it off at the Rectory.

Is God calling you? Let us all welcome his presence!

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RCIA 2019-2020

NAME _____

PHONE _____

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

EXERCISE CLASS meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:15 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.

The 2019 St. Margaret Mary Chuck Wagon is coming soon!



Saturday, September 7, 2019

SMM Courtyard on Chase Ave. between Claremont and Oakley

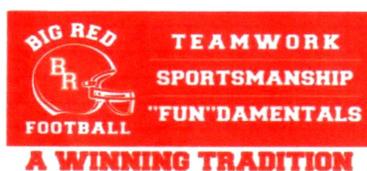
5:00pm to 11:00pm

REFRESHMENTS, FOOD, and FUN!

There is a 4:00 pm – Mass in our SMM Church that all are invited to attend immediately preceding the festivities.

The ChuckWagon is a 50+ year tradition run by the SMM Red & White Club (formerly SMM Athletic Board). This annual end of summer event brings our Parish and School community together and helps to raise funds to support the Athletic programs of our Parish School and our NCA students. Proceeds are used to support, our Big Red Football Program, NCA Athletics and an array of other athletic traditions that benefit our students, alumni and friends. The Chuck Wagon is family event full of fun for kids and adults including Great BBQ Dinners, Baked Goods, Refreshments, Music and More.

To volunteer, please contact mmcguire@smmchicago.org



CYCLES OF FAITH

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be — everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

HOLY SPIRIT LIFE LEARNING CENTER

We offer our Fall Term from Monday, September 9th to Friday, December 6th. Feel free to take as many workshops as you want for only \$30. The Center does provide child care while parents are in class. For those who are over 18, we have Case Management and Counseling, by appointment.

We are located at 2020 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago, 773-764-3005 or dv.learning.center@gmail.com.

Come and learn with qualified teachers and work alongside former classmates and new faces!

BANNS

II Vincent Santangelo & Madeleine Fifarek



+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.

Please enter the middle door, school side.

(Become a regular, call

Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or

Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)

Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;

Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm

on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Every 1st Friday of the month
beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.

Fellowship follows after Mass.

Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY

First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance.

Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers
Eleanor Schaefer

10:30 am Julita Trovela

Monday, September 2

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, September 4

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, September 6

8:00 am Chris Arrendondo

Saturday, September 7

8:00 am Agnes Robst
4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Sunday, September 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am George Meyers
Philip Dennis Fox

10:30 am Julita Trovela
Anita & Brian Almeida
In Thanksgiving



Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, September 2

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, September 4

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, September 7

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, August 31

4:00 PM Mary Fallon & Judy Moylan

Sunday, September 1

8:30 am Bernadette EDOM & Reid Mackin
10:30 am Jan Stoner & Andree De Ramos

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm D. Cole, G. Lindor, M. Varallo & J. Ashbach

Sunday, September 1

8:30 am J. & T. Murtaugh, A. Alban, C. Chima, B. Russell, R. Hardy & L. Honda

10:30 am J. Seruelo, G. Potucek, B. Alban, V. Onyeaghala, K. Conoquie & T. Linwood

