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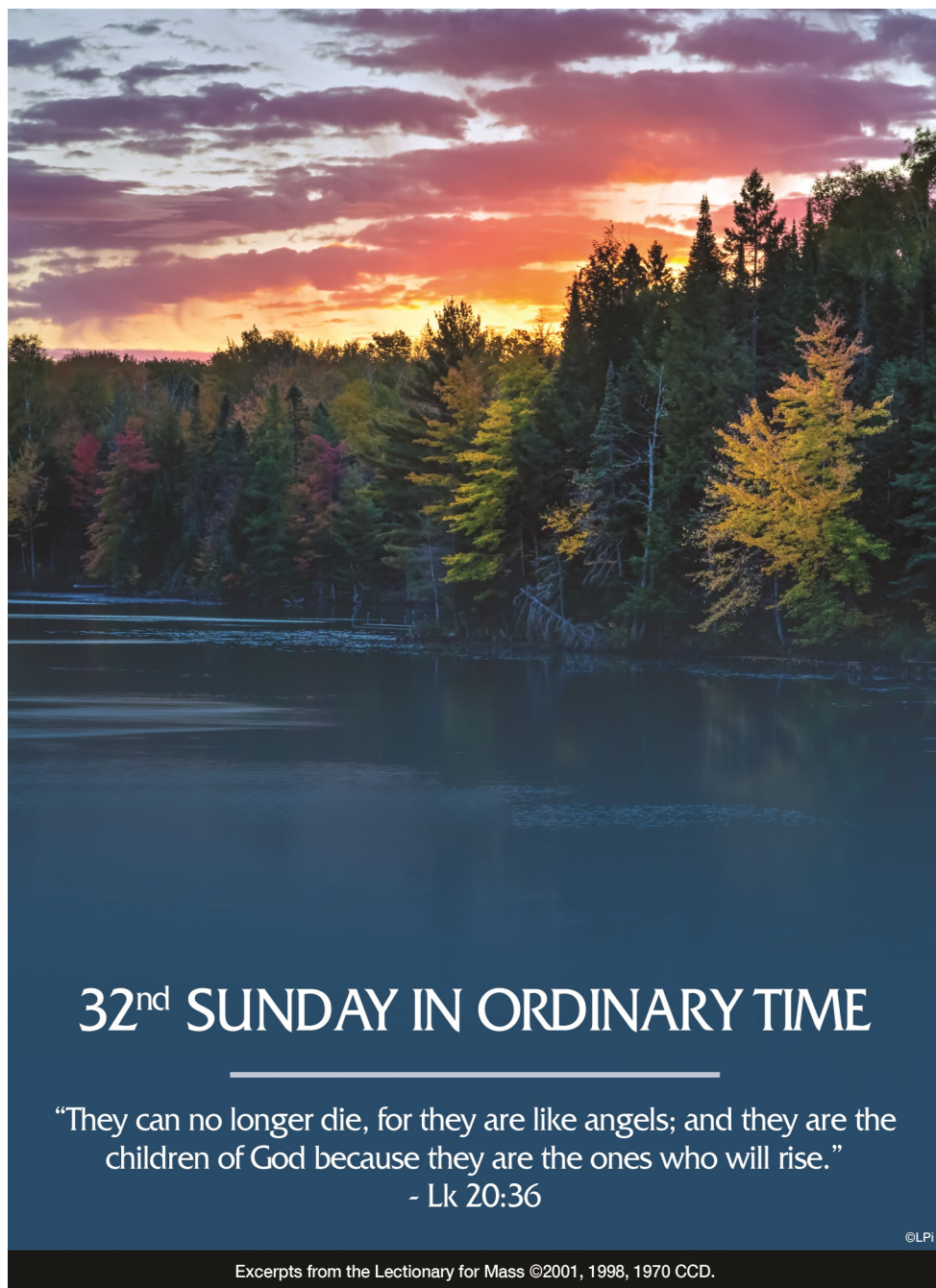
The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

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November 10, 2019

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.”

- Lk 20:36

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Pastor, Rev. Tirso Villaverde

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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.smmchicago.org/parish

Parish School (773) 271-2008

Northside Catholic Academy

Activity Center

7341 N. Claremont

Holy Hands

(773) 764-0615, ext. 27

This coming Tuesday will be the last session for the Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team (GFDT) that is a part of the Renew My Church process. I again ask for everyone's prayers as the teams from all four parish communities meet this last time to finalize the draft of the summary report of the conversations we have had regarding the possible scenarios that were presented to the four parish communities.

After Tuesday's meeting, the writing team will generate the final draft. That draft will then be submitted to the executive committee of the Renew My Church team in early December. The executive committee consist of Fr. Jason Malave and other lay people. Once that executive committee has had a chance to review it and make its own recommendations, it will then go to the Presbyteral Council for another review. The Presbyteral Council again is an advisory board to the Cardinal and is made up of priests appointed to represent all of the regions of the Archdiocese along with all of the auxiliary bishops. Once the Presbyteral Council reviews the report and makes its own recommendations, it is finally presented to the Cardinal. He then will have the chance to review the report and make the final decision.

I again ask for not only everyone's prayers but also patience. We should have a final decision by sometime in late January and/or early February. At this point, no one knows what the final decision of the Cardinal will be. This makes it important for everyone to pray that everyone involved will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in discerning what will be the best direction for our four parish communities.

There is no doubt that the last few months have been full of anxiety for many if not all of the parishioners of each of the four communities in our grouping. Thankfully, the conversations have been honest and sincere. Still, nobody wants to lose the parish that they have been calling their spiritual home for whatever length of time they may have been part of that parish community. But, with the declining number of Catholics living in the area, declining number of priests with the ability to be pastors, and more and more financial resources being devoted to maintenance of buildings rather investing in the mission, we will all need to learn how to be a parish in a whole new way. We are striving to form new realities that will provide us with parishes that are of good size with enough resources for a long time sustainability.

There is no doubt that the next few months until the decision is announced will also be a time of great anxiety. However the future will look like for our particular situation, we will need to rely on the grace of God to guide every step of the process. So I would again like to ask that everyone pray for hearts open to God's wisdom and guidance.

Of course, once the decision is announced, the journey still continues. It is from that point onward that we will all need to figure out creative ways to be a parish in the new way that I mentioned. That will be a challenge in and of itself for everyone and will still require that hearts and minds remain open to the Spirit of God who will again guide us into the new reality.

Finally, if anyone still has questions regarding the process, you may feel free to contact any member of the GFDT or myself.



Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

NCA's Queen of Hearts Raffle had another rollover! Pot is over \$17,850 and growing every day. Next drawing will be on Saturday at 6:30 pm at the Double Bubble. Tickets are \$1 for one or \$5 for 6. Join us or purchase your tickets ahead of time at The Edge of Sweetness, the Double Bubble, the Sovereign, or at the school offices.

NCA's Puppet and Clown Show

We welcome children, ages 2-5 years old, to enjoy this playdate event on Saturday, November 16th, from 10 am to 11:30 am at the Early Learning Center, Primary Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood.

Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/simGx8ffdvdr7UEdA>.

COLLECTION REPORT

November 3, 2019

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$3,935.78
Loose Money	\$ 920.56
Total Collection	\$4,856.34
Variance	(\$4,085.66)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	110

WOMEN'S CENTER NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, it is an appropriate time for us to thank God for the many people who have helped us in our work of serving mothers and babies in difficult pregnancies. We could not do this without your help.

Save the date for our annual Life Banquet which will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at Avalon Banquets.

Volunteers are needed as follows: substitute and on-call for our lobby reception area; to sort donated items and assist clients in our Family Room; help with mailings and baby bottle projects; bi-lingual who are conversation in Spanish to help in special areas; male volunteers to assist with baby furniture donations.

Seeking donations as follows: 5 infant car seat/carriers, 4 high chairs, 3 toddler beds, 3 dressers, 4 single strollers, 5 baby carriers, 4 exersaucers and 4 baby swings. Also needed are diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 only, all sizes of pull-ups, baby wipes, shampoo, lotion, food and formula and women's hygiene items. We need winter clothing for women and boys and girls in all sizes, including jackets, snow suits, shoes and boots. These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture.

The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity. Please call 773-794-1313 for our delivery address.

Overwhelmed with gifts you cannot use? Please consider donating them to The Women's Center for our Silent Auction. We are looking for gift certificates to restaurant, theaters, sporting events; sports equipment; housewares; jewelry; electronic or technology items, tec. You may not be able to use it, but we can! If you're happy with all your gifts but would like to help us, please call 773-794-1313.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: sm office spaces \$300-\$600/ mo, perfect for 1-8 person office, quiet environment, 24 hr access, Neal Gallo, 773-743-6565 or Neal.gallo.gznm@statefarm.com;
NEEDED: handiman/computer tech, Peg, 773-274-7534.

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.

FATHER HAL'S SCRIPTURE PROGRAM

Autumn leaves are already falling, but there's still time to do something serious. How about spending a few weeks reflecting on a brief work of the New Testament, the Epistle of St. James. Our text will be JAMES: PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK.

This letter is one of the "Catholic Epistles" because the author, James, did not write this work to a particular city but rather addressed it to the universal Church. (By the way, Martin Luther called James a "straw apostle" and did not think this work was an authentic part of the Bible. We'll examine Luther's opinion.) This work was written before any of the gospels were composed and we'll examine its unique point of view. James has much to teach us about our own lives of Faith.

Because it is so late in the season, our program will be four sessions rather than seven. Each week we will examine two chapters in our text. The program will begin on Tuesday, November 19th and conclude on December 10th. Each session will meet from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm, and we will meet in McCarthy Hall. (The text book is provided by the parish, and there is no charge for the program.)

If you wish to spend some time reflecting on scripture, please consider this program. You can register by calling Father Hal or Julie Kent at 773-764-0615. Remember, studying the Bible is an opportunity to experience the Lord's promise, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!

Join us for a Basketball Tournament on Saturday, November 16th in SMM Activity Center, 7341 N. Claremont, from 5:00-10:00 pm.

You can form your own teams. Charge is \$5 per player/participant. Pizza and prizes included!



To sign up, please have your parents contact Fr. Tirso at 773-764-0615 or tvillaverde@archchicago.org. Parents (or responsible adult) will need to sign a permission form which will be made available in the rectory office during the week or on the day of the Tournament.

*"If a child
can't learn
the way we teach,
maybe we
should
teach the
way they learn."*

~ Ignacio Estrada

CYCLES OF FAITH

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Some Saducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus ...” In this Sunday’s Gospel, the Saducees avoid their real question. Is there a resurrection from the dead or not? Rather than ask this question point blank, the Saducees try to prove their point through a roundabout, unrealistic scenario. Jesus cuts straight to the question behind the question, citing Scripture passages relating to the resurrection.

The Saducees are trying to trick Jesus. While we may not intend to stump God, our doubts and questions may have more in common with the Saducees than we care to admit. Doubts are part and parcel of life in a fallen world. Still, there are different ways we can word our doubts to ourselves, God, and others. When we’re struggling, truly struggling, about some article of faith, do we admit it? Or do we cloak it with other, obtuse questions to hide the nature of our concern?

Have you considered leaving the Church over the hypocrisy of some of her members and leaders? Perhaps the real question is: “How can a place blessed by God and instituted by Christ have this evil in it? Can I reconcile with the concept that an institution has an admixture of good and bad? What do I expect from others, from myself? What responsibility do I have to try and remedy evil in an institution I’m part of?” Perhaps you’ve wondered about the nature of romantic love, and if God is love, does He really care so much about the details of this particular scenario? Perhaps the real question is: “Can my mind wrap around the concept of a God whose law seems — on the surface, in this situation — to make people unhappy? What is the relationship between the moral law and human flourishing?” These aren’t easy questions, but they are more honest ones. This week, don’t be afraid of your deeper questions! Bring them to God, to someone you trust, and to yourself.



+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, November 10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Deceased members of McNeela Family
George Meyers
10:30 am Ed Daugherty
Julita Trovela

Monday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, November 12 St. Josaphat

- 8:00 am Tom Kelly

Wednesday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, November 14

- 8:00 am Rafael Virella

Friday, November 15 St. Albert the Great

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, November 16 St. Margaret/Scotland

- 8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
4:00 pm Ann Donohue
Chuck Baggary

Sunday, November 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Dolores Chozianin
Rosemary O. Janito
10:30 am Jeffrey Cobarrubias
Marie Schmid
John Conway
Julita Trovela



VETERANS DAY
WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

Readings for the week of November 10, 2019

- Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
[15b]/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or
20:27, 34-38
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10
[24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
[2a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/
Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130,
135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/
Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, November 11

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, November 13

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, November 16

A Volunteer Is Needed

Lectors

Saturday, November 9

- 4:00 pm Lee Draus & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 am Richard Schaefer & Reid Mackin
10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Peter Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 9

- 4:00 pm A. Blumberg, A. Alban, B. Alban,
M. Neba, J. Ashbach, M. Varallo &
J. Moylan

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 am L. Honda, P. Mackin, R. Hardy
L. Igboanugo, B. Russell &
J. & T. Murtaugh
10:30 am M. Grigsby, A. Baldonado, B. David,
L. Ibekwem, T. Linwood, B. Skiles &
J. Seruelo

Lectors

Saturday, November 16

- 4:00 pm Mary Fallon & Maureen Varallo

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 am Peter Johnston & Bernadette Edom
10:30 am Tasha Fernandez & Greg Omogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 16

- 4:00 pm A. Blumberg, G. Lindor, D. Cole,
M. Fallon, J. Moylan, M. Varallo &
R. Hardy

Sunday, November 17

- 8:30 am M. Neba, C. Chima, B. Russell,
J. & T. Murtaugh & L. Igboanugo
10:30 am T. Luciano, G. Potucek, B. Bingham,
V. Onyeaghala, Y. Malicay &
K. Conoquie