

The Chimes

The weekly bulletin of
SAINT MARGARET MARY

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January 26, 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

PASTORAL STAFF

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

I continue last weekend's article regarding Mass intentions and the stipends that are associated with them.

When the custom of votive Masses and weekday Masses developed, the practice of Mass stipends also began to develop. Initially, the monetary offerings connected to Mass intentions helped to provide for the wellbeing of the priest. Since he was not allowed to engage in any other profession which would afford him another source of income, he became dependent on the stipends given to him for Mass intentions. Of course, this is not really the case today since priests normally receive a salary determined by diocesan guidelines. To be clear, a priest's salary is nowhere near what someone with a master's degree is supposed to receive but he does benefit from a financial remuneration from the parish he serves. In some parts of the world (for example, Third World countries), a priest's salary can be a lot less and so there are times when Mass stipends become a help to a priest's basic needs.

Either way, we still have the custom of making an offering whenever a Mass intention is requested. Each diocese stipulates for its particular region the amount of this offering but it is relatively the same amount. For example, here in Chicago and in virtually every diocese in the nation, the customary Mass offering for an intention is \$10. All of this still begs the question of what purpose it all serves.

First, what we must avoid is the sense or understanding that Masses are being put up "for sale." There was a part of our Church's history when simony was rampant. Simony was the understanding/custom that Masses or sacraments could be bought and used as "shortcuts" into heaven. We need to avoid this understanding because offering a Mass intention is not the same as entering into a contractual agreement where we pay for a specific service to be done. In fact, the official term used now in the Code of Church Law is the word "offering" since a stipend still implies that a certain service was "paid for" in return for a service granted.

Rather, what we must always go back to is a sense of gratitude. Whenever we make a donation—whether it be to a parish or any other charitable organization—the motivation is a sense of being thankful for the blessings we have received and the desire to share the blessings with others. So, in the case of making a contribution to a charity, we more than likely might do so because we are being moved by a desire to "give back" or "pay it forward" as we oftentimes say. Those donations, then, are made as an act of thanksgiving and, in the true spirit of generosity, nothing is expected in return.

The same must be the case when offerings are made as an act of prayer. Requesting someone to be prayed for during a Mass is an act of intercessory prayer. Whenever we request a Mass intention, we are doing so because we wish that our prayer be united to the prayer of the Church as she celebrates the Eucharist. Furthermore, since the Eucharist is an act of prayer in which the Church Militant (the faithful on earth) and the Church Triumphant (the faithful in heaven together with the angels and the saints) are both united in the same act of praise, requesting a Mass intention for a specific person elevates our prayer in such a way that both heaven and earth are praying for the same thing.

Of course, this does not mean that only those whose names are mentioned at Mass benefit from this spiritual union between heaven and earth. Whether a name is mentioned or not, the Church's prayer is still a powerful intercessory tool that has a powerful spiritual benefit for both those on earth and those in heaven. For those on earth, the benefit lies in the very fact that God's grace is communicated through the act of the Church's prayer. For those in heaven, they fulfill their role as those who pray for the faithful on earth since they are the ones who are closer to the Throne of God than anyone on earth might be.

Again, what we basically want to avoid is using language that insinuates that the Church is in the "buying and selling" business when it comes to Mass intentions. It must and always be an act of faith and prayer that ought to be motivated by a sense of gratitude.



Our next project, for spring:
1000 PAPER CRANES.

Sadako Sasakik survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, but at age 11, she was diagnosed with leukemia. In the hospital, Sadako folded Origami Paper Cranes. There is a legend that if you fold 1000 paper cranes, your wish will come true. Sadako wanted to get well, but she was also wishing for Peace in the World. She died at age 12, but her legacy endures.

Do you fold Origami? And, do you have paper? Gift paper is good. Let us know. Our world is so in need of peace.

ANGEL CLOSET:

As spring approaches, we are preparing to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation with our children and teens. Do you have clothes that your children have outgrown? We already have a donation and if you would like to donate a dress, veil, a suit jacket or shoes, please bring them to the rectory during office hours. Dresses for Confirmation can be any color.

COLLECTION REPORT

January 19, 2020

Sunday Envelope Budget.....	\$8,942.00
Sunday Envelope Actual.....	\$2,950.07
Loose Money	\$ 815.01
Total Collection	\$3,765.08
Variance.....	(\$5,176.92)
Weekly Budget Amount	
Envelopes Used	93

GIVE CENTRAL CONTRIBUTIONS

July 1, 2019 to date:
\$23,735.00

Our job is to teach the students we have.
Not the ones we would like to have.
Not the ones we used to have.
Those we have right now.
All of them.

Dr. Kevin Maxwell

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE/ART AND MUSIC SHOW

Join us on Sunday, January 26th, as we kick-off Catholic Schools Week, an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Both of our campuses will be open for touring. You will be able to meet our teachers, learn about our wholistic educational approach and experience the commitment of our faculty and the connection they make with our students. This is your chance to experience our award-winning academy with a student ambassador as your tour guide.

We will have an art show at the Primary School displaying our students' original artwork. There will be an art and music show at the Middle School displaying our students' original artwork and acoustic guitar skills.



Primary Campus, 6216 N. Glenwood Avenue, Chicago
11 am - 1 pm

Middle School Campus, 7315 N. Oakley, Chicago,
12 pm - 2 pm.

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 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY 2020 SOIREE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

169 years ago, on Chicago's far north side, settlers followed their values of social justice, service, education, community and their Catholic faith. St Henry Parish was the first of many parishes to spring up in our local neighborhoods. Seven of these parishes would eventually become a part of NCA. With great personal sacrifice, people gave to build and sustain their parish communities and schools.

Today, we endeavor to follow their precedent and faithful spirit of giving so that in another 169 years, our school community will still be alive and thriving.

The NCA Soiree is Northside Catholic Academy's largest fundraiser. This multi-faceted gala event raises funds to support the NCA Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund and both academic and facility improvements. The Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund helps to ensure that a quality Catholic education is available to all families in our community. This fund, and many school improvements, cannot be sustained without this essential fundraising event!

Event Details:

Ravenswood Event Center, 4043 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago.

Tickets and RSVP:

Tickets are \$125 person or \$1250 for a reserved table of 10. If you require a vegetarian meal, please indicate in the pulldown box when purchasing tickets. Tickets must be purchased by February 14th. Visit the website, northsidecatholic.org to purchase tickets.

Donate:

If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to our cause by visiting NCASoiree.com to make a donation or to sponsor event tickets or tables for faculty and staff.

Attire:

We invite you to be your fancy, festive self, whether that be cocktail attire or black tie.

Parking:

Free street parking on Ravenswood Avenue.



CYCLES OF FAITH

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. *“He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea.”* Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. *“As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers.”* What does he say to these men? *“Come after me.”* These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

“Come after me.” The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn’t know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. *“I will make you fishers of men,”* Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. *“Come after me,”* Jesus says. *“At once they left their nets and followed him.”* Drop the nets of what you’ve demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

Readings for the week of January 26, 2020

Sunday:	Is 8:23–9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/ 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

+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, January 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Don Tres
George Meyers

10:30 am In thanksgiving
Julita Trovela
Rafael Zavala

Monday, January 27 St. Angela Merici

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, January 29

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Thursday, January 30

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, January 31 St. John Bosco

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, February 1

8:00 am Agnes Robst

4:00 pm Ann Donohue

Sunday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
George Meyers

10:30 am For the intentions of an SMM Donor
Rafael Zavala
Julita Trovela

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans

Monday, January 27

A Volunteer Is Needed

Wednesday, January 29

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, February 1

Elsie Heyler

Lectors

Saturday, January 25

4:00 pm Lee Draus & Art Blumberg

Sunday, January 2

8:30 am Richard Schaefer &
Janet Murtaugh

10:30 am Betty David & Tasha Fernandes

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 25

4:00 pm A. Alban, B. Alban, D. Cole,
G. Lindor, J. Moylan, M. Varallo &
M. Fallon

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am M. Neba, B. Russell, R. Mackin,
L. Igboanugo, T. Murtaugh &
R. Hardy

10:30 am B. Skiles, Y. Malicay, V. Onyeaghala,
G. Potucek, K. Conoquie,
J. Seruelo & T. Fernandes

Lectors

Saturday, February 1

4:00 pm Bernita Ferdinand & Lee Draus

Sunday, February 2

8:30 am Bernadette Edom & Reid Mackin

10:30 am Analee De Ramos & Greg Umogo

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

8:30 am L. Honda, J. & T. Murtaugh,
R. Hardy, L. Igboanugo, P. Mackin &
B. Russell

10:30 am M. Neba, J. Stoner, M. Grigsby,
A. Baldonado, L. Ibekwem,
T. Linwood & B. Bingham

Accept what is,
let go of what was
and have faith in
what will be.

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