Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday evening - 5:00pm
Sunday - 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
5:30pm

Weekday Masses
Monday - Thursday 8:00am

Communion Service
Monday - Friday: 6:45am

Morning Prayer and Communion Service
Friday: 8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
First Friday of the Month
8:30-9:30am

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 8:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm (closed 12 - 1pm weekdays)
Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun: 9:00am - 1:00pm

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October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today’s Gospel, we have the story of the two sons: one who originally says no to his father’s request to work in the field, but then changes his mind and goes, while the other who says yes, but does nothing. How many times in our lives can we say we’ve done one, or the other, or both? I can think of many times I have said “No, I don’t wanna” as a child, but did it anyway to make mom and dad happy. Or I can honestly say that I have said I would do something but never do just to get my husband off my back. (Trust me that DOESN’T work!)

So in starting to write this reflection I thought I would share one of those stories to connect the gospel to my life, as I have done in the previous articles. But as I came to the obvious conclusion, I thought, maybe I will look at this in another direction—I would look it through the eyes of someone else.

As many of you know, this weekend is also Respect Life Sunday, a time when we take the opportunity to show to our fellow brothers and sisters how much we value the gift of life that God has given us, as well as how precious each child is. In my first article, I mentioned that my husband and I were not able to have children of our own. When we heard this truth, the pain of knowing there would be no little one within my womb was more than I thought I could bear. Both my husband and I thought we would never heal from this pain ever in our lives!

Until our 18-month-old son arrived in our home back in September. He is our foster son, in hopes of adoption someday soon, and he is such a joy! His dancing feet, his glowing smile, his HIGH energy, and the love that he gives so freely truly made all that pain go away for us. To us, he is our son no matter what. Even if he didn’t come from my womb, he is a gift.

But we wouldn’t have had that gift had it not been for the biological mom making the choice to have him regardless of her illnesses. She could have very well decided to terminate her pregnancy because she couldn’t take care of him. But she chose life. Now his precious life is now a part of our lives.

Now when we originally got the news we would not be able to have children, we didn’t listen to what the Father was asking of us. We both thought, fostering to adopt sounded too hard, so let’s try something else. We tried for many months to try to adopt, but the fees for adoption were way too far out of our reach. So finally we said, “Ok God, we will look into fostering to adopt.” Then next thing I know, we were taking the training classes, and we were licensed about a month later. Three months later, this young man was placed into our lives, all because of two things: mom said “YES” to life and we said “YES” to God’s will.

So as a new mom to an infant son, I thank all the women every day who decided to give life to a child, even if they cannot raise it themselves. I thank them for loving those children so much that they gave them a chance to have a life, to let them make a difference in this world, and to have opportunities. But also, giving women like me a chance to be a mom, too. Your selfless gift means so much to my husband and I, as well as many families facing infertility.

So in the end, I am so glad that my husband and I changed our minds from “No we won’t do it” to “Ok we will follow your will.” And I thank his mom for saying “YES” to Him as well. We continue to pray for women who need to face this decision in their lives and hope they know they are giving a gift God himself is asking them to give.

A blessed Sunday to you all! Heather
Important Updates

Deacon Jim Gaughan Update

At the beginning of September, we informed you that Deacon Jim was having health issues. Now that all the test results are in, Jim’s wife, Sharon, has asked us to update you on Jim’s condition.

Jim has been diagnosed with a neurological brain disease called “CJD”. Currently, there is no cure for this disease. Sharon and Jim have asked that you continue praying for them. If you would like to send cards or well wishes, you can drop them off at the Parish Office or at the marked box in the Narthex. Sharon has requested that you understand their request for privacy.

ARCHDIOCESAN
FIREARMS POLICY

The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to providing safe environments for the community. In the midst of a culture of violence, the Church is a staunch voice to call us to be a place of peace.

The Archdiocese has long had a best practice restricting the presence of firearms in our facilities. Most of our buildings display signage, consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois, indicating that these weapons are prohibited on the premises. Cardinal Cupich recently distributed a Policy aimed at updating and clarifying the Archdiocese's position on the prohibition of firearms on all property it owns and controls.

The Archdiocese respects the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and recognizes the right to lawfully possess a firearm for personal protection, hunting, or other sports. The Archdiocese has sought to balance the rights of all who visit our properties with the need to protect children, the elderly and other vulnerable populations. However, this Policy is rooted in the belief that our churches and community spaces are intended to be sacred sites where people come to gather, pray, and worship God. There are exceptions to this policy for law enforcement officers, and authorized security personnel.

For more information about this Policy, please visit archchicago.org.
Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study Groups met throughout the year in three-week to five-week segments. Our groups consisted of an average of 90-100 participants. This past year the groups studied Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians and the Gospel of Matthew. We offered sessions on Monday/Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings.

Parish Missions: our first Parish Mission was offered in October. Morning and evening sessions were given by our presenter Bill Wegner. Our second mission was a collaborative event with Our Lady of the Wayside, St. James (AH), and St. Mary (BG). Our guest speaker was Ken Yasinski. Over 600 people attended the three evening sessions.

Advent Retreat: “Hope, Joy, Peace, Love” was attended by 50 participants who spent the day reflecting on and discussing how we prepare for Christmas and ultimately for the Lord’s Second Coming.

Lenten Series: Catholic Morality, Has It Changed? This three-week class looked at all aspects of Catholic morality, from the Beatitudes and Commandments, to social justice issues, end of life, same-sex marriage, immigration issues, capital punishment and more. 50 participants attended. Sessions were offered on Monday/Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings.

Church History: From the Crucifixion to the Crusades, the Reformation to the sweeping changes of Vatican II. This five-week course was offered after Easter and was attended by 100 participants. Sessions were offered on Monday/Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings.

Summer Series: “Catholicism: The Pivotal Players” is a multi-part film series by Bishop Robert Barron that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars, who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of civilization. In part one, participants looked at the lives of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catharine of Siena and St. Thomas Aquinas. 90 people participated. Sessions were offered on Monday/Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings.

Adult Confirmation Program: 25 adults attended the Vicariate Adult Confirmation program hosted at St. Edna’s. This program consisted of eight evenings which included guest speakers and table discussion.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an opportunity for those who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church or need to receive Eucharist and Confirmation. We had 4 Catechumens and 1 Candidate for reception into Full Communion who met weekly beginning in September and concluded after Easter.

Transformations meets weekly on Tuesday mornings, after the 8:00 Mass, to study and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Baptismal Preparation provides formation for the Sacrament of Baptism to parents of infants to be baptized, as well as godparents. Sixty-four children were welcomed into the Catholic faith. Four children over the age of 7 were also baptized.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lorie Crepeau,
Director of Adult Faith Formation
Religious Education

Religious Education participated in 4 family events this past year, all centering on service. Our first event was our kick-off event. The purpose of this session was to not only inform families of the policies and procedures of the program, but to also introduce the theme of service.

Our second session was a gathering of Christmas stockings. But this wasn’t any ordinary stocking filled with candy! These stockings were filled with toiletries that the homeless of the PADS program at St. James benefited from. It was one way the RE families of St. Edna could bring a little holiday cheer to those in our community.

At our third session, we held a retreat for the families based on the sacraments in the movie the Lion King. With their families, the children were able to watch and then identify the various sacraments portrayed in the movie. At the conclusion, each child was given an animal mask that they could best relate to. Throughout our year, about 75 families attended each Family Event.

A new event we added this year was a family reconciliation service during the season of Lent. Instead of going to class, families came together to share the sacrament of Reconciliation. It gave the families a chance to participate in prayer and forgiveness together.

We had 75 children celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2016-2017
287 Children attended Religious Education classes between the summer and year round sessions

St. Edna’s SPRED (Special Religious Development) has begun its tenth year serving children ages 6 to 10 with developmental disabilities. We were at full capacity with 6 SPRED friends and 9 Catechists. Our mission is to provide a place where our friends with special challenges can grow in faith and enter into full participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Within the security of a small community, our friends grow in their awareness of God’s loving presence. In June, we celebrated our seventh SPRED Mass with our friends actively participating. Two of our friends received their First Holy Communion at that Mass, and were joined by one boy’s sister, who asked to receive with her brother. We also treated our friends and their families to a movie and pizza party in January in the Hurley Center with many “alumni” attending. Our parish is truly blessed to have a program that welcomes our special friends into the full life of the Church.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather Daudelin,
Director of Religious Education
Faith Formation Commission fosters the lifelong growth of all, in the Catholic faith.

Youth Ministry

Each year, the annual report for The St. Edna Youth Ministry reads much the same: how many were confirmed (62), how many went to our Mission Trip (60), our Lenten and Easter activities, and our two weekly drop-in ministries (Options Ministry Team for Middle Schoolers, which is now on Wednesday afternoons, and Peer Ministry Team, which is on Thursday evenings). This year we put a different twist on our ministry: we really focused on Stewardship!

Our Youth Ministry Program is grounded in the “Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry,” which was published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Of the eight components of comprehensive ministry laid out by the Bishops, the Ministry of Justice and Service was the focus this year. Stewardship, aka service, has always been one of the important themes of Youth Ministry. By intentionally being aware of the Youth involvement and awareness of service, we also were weaving in the components of Community Life, Advocacy, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care, Catechesis, Prayer and Worship, and Advocacy.

Our Confirmation classes always have a service component in their preparation for the sacrament. This year, that service was at St. Edna and around Arlington Heights. Here are some ways the classes served our community:

- We worked with the Arlington Heights Park District in the Food for the Sole campaign. We collected and cleaned 220 gently used shoes for those in need.
- Prepared sandwiches and helped to set up for the St. Edna Community Table.
- Helped with the Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Worked at the Pancake Breakfast
- At the Knights of Columbus dinner and dances for the Clearbrook clients.

The annual service trip was in June to Twin Cities in Minnesota had two new twists of stewardship. We mentored a group from St. Ferdinand Parish in Chicago. They traveled with us to learn how to “do” the Mission trip. They are planning on shadowing us one more time before branching off on their own in 2019. We also partnered with our insurance company, Gallagher Bassett, and handed out over 25 teddy bears to children, and adults, who we were working with, who we felt needed some comfort.

Our weekly drop-in groups continue to grow and reach out to others. Not only do we share the Sunday Gospel and weekly prayer intentions, but our alumni, who have gone off to college, now receive our bi-weekly, lectionary-based reflections to continue growing in their faith, their parish connection, and their commitment to praying for others.

“Faith in Action” is the motto on the wall of our Youth Ministry room. Everything that is done in the Youth Ministry of St. Edna Parish is done with this in mind. Our Ministry Teams, our classes, our outreach, our prayers, & even our fun, all are aimed to be witness, proclamation, invitation, conversion & discipleship to the young people of our Parish.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Holpuch,
Director of Youth Ministry
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**Bulletin Deadline:**
Articles for the October 15, 2017 bulletin may be dropped off in the Parish Office or e-mailed to stednabulletin@stedna.org no later than Tuesday, October 3

*Please indicate the topic in the subject line.*
With Sympathy

Helen Kowalski,  
mother of Renee Lupo
Patrick Muller, husband of Sharon
Jeffrey Koszczuk,  
husband of Donna, father of Katrina
Margaret A. Kriss, wife of Norbert,  
mother of Dr. Steve Kriss

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to remember a deceased relative or friend in a special way, here is your opportunity. We are accepting donations for the altar breads and wine that are used at Mass for that week. Every week in the bulletin we will post who the bread and wine was donated in memory of. Suggested donation is $25. You can drop off or mail your donation to the Parish Office, marked “Altar Bread Memorial.” Make sure to include your name and the name/s of whom you would like to be remembered. Requests are published in the bulletin in the order that they are received.

ROSARY GROUP

Meets: Monday – Thursday 7:20am  
and Tuesday at 7:30pm  
in the church
All are invited to join us to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Rosary.

Mass Celebrants  
October 7-8
5:00pm—Rev. John Canary & Deacon Greg Beeber
7:30am—Rev. Robert Heidenreich & Deacon Greg Beeber
9:30am—Rev. Rodolfo Ramirez
11:30am—Rev. Rodolfo Ramirez & Deacon Jim Pauwels
5:30pm—Rev. Diego Berrio & Deacon Joe Yannotta

Wedding Banns

Samantha Wellbank & Michael Guzman
Melissa Gorski & Casey Aubin
Sarah Bealles & Dave Boburka

Altar bread and wine will be offered in memory of  
John Lawrence Rodrigues  
donated by Lancy & Belinda Rodrigues  
during the week of October 1, 2017
Evening of Reflection

“Spiritual Growth in the Writings of St. John of the Cross”

An evening of prayer, reflection, questions and hospitality.

Date: Wednesday, October 18
Location: Church
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Who: All Liturgical Ministers, RCIA members, Catechists, Parishioners, guests
Presenter: Msgr. John Canary
Worship Commission

cultivates the
liturgical life of the parish
by fostering full, active and
conscious participation of
the community.

Mass Intentions for the week of October 1, 2017

Weekend of September 30-October 1
5:00pm—Charles Rank, Pam LeFeber, Vivian E. O’Connor,
Martha Sumonka King

7:30am—Walter Mundala, Ron & Bill Snider, Anna & Pauline Tortorice,
Frances Seranko, George Tokarczyk

9:30am—Geraldine Sullivan, Al Eberhardt, Emily Gibbs,
Norma Quinto Sales (A)

11:30am—Tadeusz Koziol, M. James Sabini (A), Frank Senese (A),
Norma Quinto Sales (A)

5:30pm—

Monday, October 2
6:45am—Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
8:00am—For Parishioners of St. Edna, Thomas Harney

Tuesday, October 3
6:45am—Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
8:00am—Don Mercado, Charles Clark (A)

Wednesday, October 4
6:45am—Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
8:00am—Herman Johnson (A)

Thursday, October 5
6:45am—Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
8:00am—The Souls of the Faithful Departed of St. Edna, Mary Kurtyka (A)

Friday, October 6
6:45am—Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
8:00am—Morning Prayer & Communion Service
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
9:30am—Benediction

Saturday, October 7
8:00am—Confessions
Ministers Needed

**Wedding Sacristans**
We are need of Sacristans to set up and clean up for Wedding Masses. Weddings are typically on Saturday afternoons. You do not need to be a Eucharist Minister. Training will be provided.

**Funeral Sacristans**
We are in need of Sacristans to set up and clean up for Funeral Masses. Funeral Masses are said in the morning Monday through Saturday. You do not need to be a Eucharistic Minister. Training will be provided.

**Usher Ministry**
We are in need of high school teens and adults to usher at our 5:30pm Sunday Masses. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact Lorie Crepeau at lcrepeau@stedna.org
Our Faith Formation Commission fosters the life-long growth, of all, in the Catholic Faith.

**Chair:**
Heather Daudelin

**Members:**
Steve Jubek  
Cynthia Jochum  
Tom O’Neill  
Katie Pisello  
Camille Ponski  
Michelle Stuercke  
Ann Marie Thomas

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**Grandparents!**
All Grandparents are welcome to gather for prayerful support for your families:

**GRANDPARENTS’ PRAYER TIME**
Tuesday mornings 8:30-9:00 in the Hurley Center

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**Transformations**
Join the open discussion every Tuesday morning at 9:00am in Room D of the Hurley Center to discuss the readings for the following weekend. It brings us together in prayer and friendship, renews us spiritually, and brings the Word of God into our everyday lives.

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process especially designed for adults who were:

◊ Never baptized  
◊ Baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic  
◊ Baptized Catholic but never received First Eucharist and Confirmation

St. Edna’s Inquiry on Catholic Christianity meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Community Room (off the main entrance to the church). Sessions started on September 19, but inquirers are invited to come any time.

For further information, please contact  
Lorie Crepeau at 847-398-3362 x325 or lcrepeau@stedna.org
Saint Viator High School
Open House
Sunday, October 22 1:00-3:00pm
Monday, October 23 6:30-8:30 pm

Come join us and learn why we were named an Apple Distinguished School and a two-time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

You don’t want to miss this opportunity to tour the school, meet current students, faculty, administration and coaches.

Pre-registration is available at www.saintviator.com

GIVE THE ‘GIFT OF SIGHT’ TO THE POOR

Donate your old prescription and reading eyeglasses during the used eyeglasses collection drive after all Masses THIS WEEKEND and October 7/8.

The EYEsee Chapter at Saint Viator High School is conducting this ‘Gift of Sight’ Project to help address the desperate need for eyeglasses in the poorer segments of the world’s populations.

All eyeglasses collected during this drive will be distributed during health missions in Asia, Pacific Islands, Caribbean, Central America and Africa. Please bring in your prescription and reading eyeglasses and sunglasses. Children’s glasses are specially needed.
Parish Life Commission fosters a sense of parish unity by organizing and welcoming all to community-building events.

Members:
Sandy Bialek
Christine Domalik
Dawn Finn
Kathie Galvani
Sue Jackson
Jackie Lapetino
Anne Mura
Kathy Romza
Denise Swanson
Theresa Watkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 12
Bunco Night

October 21-22
St. Edna Craft & Vendor Fair

November 3
Bingo

YOUNG AT HEART
FOR SENIORS

October 12— White Elephant Bingo
11:30am—Hurley Center

October 26— General Meeting
11:30am—Hurley Center

St. Edna’s Annual
Craft and Vendor Fair

Saturday, October 21
9:00am-3:00 pm

and

Sunday, October 22
8:00am-3:00pm

Over 50 Crafters & Vendors!

Free Parking
Free Entry

For More Information:
www.stedna.org/CraftFair

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Edna Parish, please join us in the Narthex on:

October 15, 2017
after all morning Masses
at the Kiosk in the Narthex

Registration will take place at this time. Registration can also be completed in the Parish Office during Office Hours.

We look forward to meeting you!
Parish Life Commission

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Come Join Us for Bunco Night!
Sponsored by WOSE Guild 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
Doors open at 6:30pm,
Game begins at 7:00pm

$10.00 per person

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses
THIS WEEKEND and October 7-8

Refreshments will be served.
We can’t wait to see you there!

YOUNG AT HEART is sponsoring a trip to Potawatomi Casino!

Everyone is welcome to join us for our bus trip to Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Monday, October 16. Cost is $28 per person, and includes round-trip bus transportation, $10 Firekeepers Reward Play (slots only), and $10 Food & Beverage credit.

To join us on this trip, you must fill out all of the information below and submit it to the Parish Office along with your check (made payable to Young at Heart) by October 1 or until the bus is full. You must also bring a photo ID (Driver’s license or state-issued ID. Your Social Security card is required to claim any winnings over $1199.00. Potawatomi will need it to release large winnings, per IRS regulations). We will be departing St. Edna at 9:30am and returning around 6:00pm.

Name/s 1) __________________________ 2) __________________________
Birthdate/s: 1) __________________________ 2) __________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip: _____________________________________________________
Phone (if we need to contact you): __________________________________ __

If you do have a player’s club card, please include your card number

Card 1: ___________________________ Card 2: ___________________________
1st Annual KC Hall Beer Fest

Saturday, October 7th | 1-5 PM

$20 in advance on Eventbrite, $25 cash at the door

Ticket price includes craft brewery samples, complimentary appetizers, a signature cocktail from SPRITZOLOGY and raffle prizes! Enjoy live music by Erik Donner and Oktoberfest style food for purchase provided by Al-A-Carte Gourmet Catering. A portion of the proceeds to benefit Clearbrook Charities. For tickets visit www.eventbrite.com/e/1st-annual-kc-hall-beer-fest-tickets-37036918420?aff=eixtefmnd

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Parish Life Commission

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection**

**October 1, 2017**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.” Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.

To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, “God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them.”

That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to “Love your neighbor.” That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.

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**Energetic People Wanted!**

Although it’s only early October, the St. Edna Craft & Vendor Fair will be here in only a few weeks: Saturday, October 21, and Sunday, October 22.

We are looking for volunteers for both days. You don’t have to work both days - you can work all day or only for an hour. We need some strong volunteers to help the crafters unload on Saturday morning and help them pack their cars Sunday afternoon. We have some sitting-only jobs and more active ones. There are a lot of positions!

Most people who have worked at the Craft & Vendor Fair said they had a great time, so why not give us a try? Thanks in advance for your help!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Roe Knotowski at 847-255-8898.

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Parish Life Center Project
$5,700,000

This pie chart represents the combination of both our “Bringing Our Vision to Life” and “To Teach Who Christ Is” Capital Campaigns

Funds Pledged But Not Received
“Bringing Our Vision to Life”
Remaining Pledges: $465,398.38

Funds Pledged But Not Received
“To Teach Who Christ Is”
Pledges Made less than 40% Arch Share
$823,971.92

Funds Received
“Bringing Our Vision to Life”
Cash Received: $282,965.88

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Pledges Uncollectible*
$(386,811.09)

Remaining Funds Needed
$197,047.86

* Pledges uncollectible due to Death, Loss of Employment, Families moving out of Parish
Loan from Archdiocese is necessary to enable our Building Project to start before all pledges are actually received.

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SHARING OF TREASURE -- Fiscal Year 2017

Week ending September 24, 2017
Sunday Offering
Sunday Collections $13,391
GiveCentral $2,881
Parish Pay
Children’s envelopes $16
Grand Total For Week $16,288
Amount Budgeted for Operating Expenses $22,885
Greater/(Less) than Budget $6,597

Extraordinary Collections
Sharing Parish $789
Total Seminaries Collection (to date) $5,951

Fiscal Year-to-Date 7/1/16 - 9/24/17
YTD Sunday Collections $273,577
YTD Budget Sunday Collections (corrected) $297,505
Greater/(Less) than Budget $(23,928)

Christmas Budget
Greater/(Less) than Budget $- $-

Holy Days Budget $2,930
Greater/(Less) than Budget $2,930

Easter Budget
Greater/(Less) than Budget $- $-

Extraordinary Collections
Sharing Parish, St. James $14,454
Alms (Various Organizations) $20,234
Archdiocesan Required Collections $13,272

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October 1, 2017
We Need Your Help!

Your cookie-baking skills are again needed by the Kairos team for a retreat at Stateville Prison later this month. The homemade cookies are shared with the inmates and are proof of the Christian community's compassion and care for all. The 4 day retreat brings Hope, Faith, and Christ's Word to the participants. Everyone is affected.

Recipes are found in the church office, at the poster in the church entry, and online at the St. Edna Prison Ministry website. Please bring your cookies to the church kitchen the weekends of Oct. 7th & 8th, and Oct. 14th & 15th, after 1:00 on Saturdays and anytime before 1:00 on Sundays.

Your prayerful support is also requested. St. Edna is a major supplier of cookies and our efforts are greatly appreciated. Please call June Hoogenboom at 847-398-1397 with questions.

St. Edna Prison Ministry

Domestic Violence Awareness

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There will also be three silhouettes in the Narthex by the Holy Family statue. Each silhouette will have a story pertaining to victim of Domestic Violence. Please take a moment to read their stories.

"Remember my story, remember my name"

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Human Concerns Commission will witness, support, and promote efforts in all areas of Ministry of Care and Social Outreach to further Christ's mission to serve one another.

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Saturday, October 7th, 2017

NORTHWEST FAMILIES
March for Life

1:00 pm:
Gather at St. Theresa Church (455 N. Benton, Palatine) for song, prayer, & inspirational speakers.
- Joe Scheidler - Pro-Life Action League
- David Smith - Illinois Family Institute

Followed by a ½ mile walk to the plaza at Hicks & Northwest Hwy.

2:15 pm:
Rally at Hicks & Northwest Hwy: Crusaders for Life energetic youth group
Save the Storks mobile ultrasound unit

Followed by fellowship and refreshments at St. Theresa

“Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.”
Deuteronomy 30:19

Choose LOVE LIFE

Choose

Wear YELLOW to the march!

Refreshments provided by the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

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Before we know it, the holidays will be just around the corner. The Gift of Love Committee will be meeting to plan for this season. Gift of Love is a program that provides food and gifts at Christmas to those individuals and families who are most needy in our community and at Our Sharing Parish, St. James in Chicago. At our meeting, we will discuss the program and sign up for various volunteer positions.

The meeting will be Monday, October 16 at 7:30pm in the Hurley Center

If you would like to volunteer your talents or just find out what the Gift of Love program is about, please plan to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Genelle at 847-705-7654

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Celebration of the Centenary of
Our Lady of Fatima
October 12, 2017
The Eve of her Final Apparition to the Shepherd Children

Our Lady of Fatima is coming to
St. James Church
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And how have I deserved that
the mother of my Lord should
come to me?
(Lk 1:43)

- All day Eucharistic Adoration
- Receive a plenary indulgence by praying before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima
  (www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgc.php)
- Receive a First Saturdays of Reparation bookmark
- Receive a brown scapular and become enrolled

7:00 a.m. Rosary
7:30 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. Talk by the World Apostolate of Fatima
8:15 a.m. Rosary
8:15 – 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Veneration of the Statue
Throughout the day Talks by the World Apostolate of Fatima
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour followed by Enrollment in the Brown Scapular

Heed Her requests ... and ... Her Immaculate Heart will Triumph

Daily Rosary ~ Enrollment in the Brown Scapular ~ Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart ~ Five First Saturdays

“If people do as I ask, many souls will be converted, and there will be peace.”

The First Saturdays of Reparation that Our Lady requests is her solution to defeat the errors of Russia that have spread in our times. Russia is where legalized abortion began. It has cost more lives than all wars combined.

St. James Respect Life Ministry
Take Five for Faith

Sunday, October 01, 2017
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
To life!
The call to respect life confronts the multiple ways life is often devalued in our world—war, capital punishment, and abortion, among others. It is not only a call “out there in the world” but also a call within each of us. We can take this message to heart in every situation we encounter, and each day offers many opportunities—large and small—to respect life by the way we treat one another. What is one choice for life that you can make today?

Monday, October 02, 2017
MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
Our better angels
The tradition of a guardian angel that guides and protects each person in life developed gradually in the church. Devotion to angels grew in the monastic tradition, beginning with Saint Benedict and getting a big boost from the 12th-century reformer Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. By the 16th century the feast the church celebrates today in honor of guardian angels was well established. Whether you embrace the tradition literally or think of angels as expressions of God’s love and care extended to all of creation—or both—today is a day to be thankful that you do not walk alone in the spiritual life.
Today’s Readings: Zechariah 8:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday, October 03, 2017
Time to decide
Some things in our lives can be left to float in indecision or even inattention. That’s the pile of stuff on your desk or in the closet you keep adding to but never subtract from. Other things require commitment. And every commitment we make is an act of faith in God, faith that God will see us through, come better or worse. Think of the extraordinary commitments we make to friends, spouses, family, neighbors, and employers. Sometimes it is time to choose. Or, as Yogi Berra quipped: When you come to a fork in the road, take it!

Wednesday, October 04, 2017
MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Honor your mother
In his wonderful Canticle of the Creatures, Saint Francis of Assisi praises God for the delightful family he has enjoyed in the creatures he calls Sir Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, and Brother Fire. His prayer for Sister Mother Earth includes praise for the one who “sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.” Two days ago was “World Habitat Day.” Saint Francis would approve. Find a way this year to commit yourself to the health of our planet who is our sister and mother.

Thursday, October 05, 2017
MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST
Be of good cheer
What’s the secret to a joyful life? It is not about enjoying happy circumstances, or all privileged people would be smiling and the rest of us would be in therapy. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, which was very apparent in the life of the “cheerful ascetic” Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (1819-67). This Redemptorist priest was best known for his simplicity, sincerity, and good cheer in every situation. Once, upon escaping the fate of being named bishop of Pittsburgh, he threw a party! Before he died while serving victims of the yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans, Seelos declared: “To become holy is our only purpose in life.” Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary today to inhabit the spirit of joy.
Today’s Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 06, 2017
MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, VIRGIN
Pass the torch with loving attention
Among the short list of most influential people in your life surely there is a teacher or two, most likely from your early years of education. Saint Marie Rose Durocher, who founded an order in Quebec with a strong teaching ministry, was herself deeply influenced by those who taught her along the way. Her first teacher, in fact, was her paternal grandfather, who home-schooled her until the age of 10. The wisdom of tradition is preserved when it is passed from one generation to the next. Honor those who inspired you by doing the same for those who are coming up after you.

Saturday, October 07, 2017
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
Draw a bead on the Rosary
Rarely do we pass a statue of Mary that is not originally draped by the artist—and eventually by her devotees—with a rosary: around her neck, across her hands, or anywhere it’s possible to dangle one. Some statues are so laden with rosaries by the fervent that it’s a wonder Our Lady can stand up under the strain! This reality contrasts with the story that it was Mary who gave the Rosary to the early Carmelite Saint Simon Stock—and by extension, to all of us. We’re the ones who need a little help getting our prayer on, after all! As Rosary Month moves forward, have you found your beads yet?

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- Helping clean up the toy room
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