

Most Holy Redeemer Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgies
Saturday
4:30 p.m.
Sunday
8, and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses 8:30 a.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Rosary
Recited daily after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Cross Adoration Chapel

3650 W. 96th Street
Monday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday, closed
Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
9 a.m. - 12 noon

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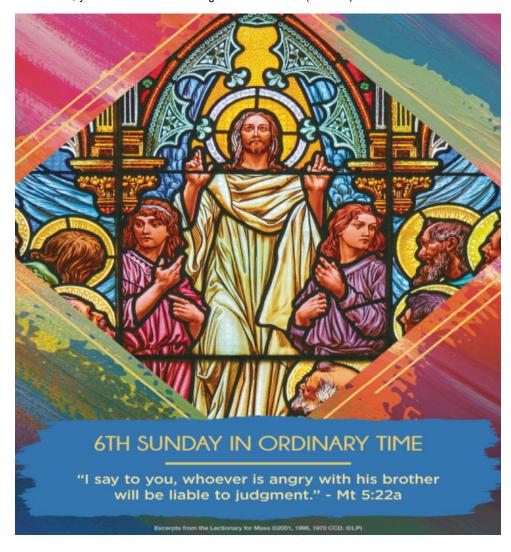


Readings for February 12, 2023

First Reading: No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Second Reading: Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)



Parish Staff

Pastor Rev. James M. Hyland x 209

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WELCOME

If you are new to our Church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a Church home, or your Church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our Church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Contact the Parish Office at 425.5354 ext 203 to register.

We're glad you're here and hope you'll join us!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism Call 708-425-5354 to make the Baptism and the Enrichment

arrangements with the Rectory for Program. Baptisms will take place on the first and third Sundays at 12 noon.

Marriage Couples intending to marry should call the Rectory and speak to one of the priests.

Wedding Music Selections Contact the Director of Music at lmaffiola@mostholyredeemer.org

Funeral Liturgy Information

Please visit the MHR parish website mostholyredeemer.org scroll down to the "Funerals" box to find the funeral guidelines, readings, music selections, and order of liturgy.

> Reconciliation Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, commit ourselves to enriching our relationship with God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we continue to build the Kingdom of God in our midst. Our vision is to foster the faith of all through prayer, service, education, and ministry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"Ahhh, that's not so bad. Everybody does that. It's not like I killed someone or anything."

How many of us have at times defended our wrongdoing in these or similar words? We downplay the wrong we do. We defend ourselves by saying, "It's not that bad," or, "Everybody does it," or by pointing out that there are a lot of much worse things we could have done. It is just this type of thinking and behavior that Jesus addresses in the gospel this weekend.

Jesus runs through a list of sins, starting with murder and running through anger, saying "Raqa" to your brother or sister, and concluding with calling someone a fool. Those last two are elsewhere translated as using abusive language toward another person and holding someone in contempt, which makes it more understandable for our purposes.

I'm sure we would all say that murder is very bad. Holding another person in contempt? Not so much. The interesting thing though, is that when Jesus attaches punishments to these sins, murder, the sin we would consider most serious, receives the lightest punishment, civil judgment. The sin we would consider the least serious, calling someone a fool or holding a person in contempt, receives the most serious punishment, the fires of Gehenna.

Jesus is not trying to say that murder isn't as bad as we think. Holding someone in contempt is certainly not anywhere near as bad as taking the life of another person. The point though is not which sin is the most terrible. The point is how we grow in holiness. If we want to grow in holiness, we have to pay attention not only to a big sin like killing someone. We also have to pay attention to smaller sins, such as holding someone in contempt or using abusive language towards another person. By attaching a more serious punishment to the lesser sins, Jesus lets us know that He pays attention to such things. If we seek to grow in holiness, so should we.

As He points out later in this gospel passage, it is often in these smaller matters that greater sins begin. There is a big difference between a man looking at a woman with lust and actually committing adultery. But it's with that lust that adultery often begins. In the same way, there is a big difference between being angry with someone and actually taking another person's life. But it's the anger and the feelings and thoughts that go with that can lead to murder.

On the old "Andy Griffith" show, Barney Fife gave some famous advice about dealing with problems. Barney's advice was, "Nip it in the bud!" Take care of a problem while it's still small. Don't let it grow into something bigger. Israel is a long way from Mayberry, but in many ways, Jesus gives us the same advice today. If we seek to grow in holiness, we have to "nip it in the bud" too. We have to pay attention not just to the big sins, but especially to the smaller sins, all those things that aren't so bad and that everybody does, and that, if left unattended, can lead to something much worse.

Fr. Jim Hyland

Spiritual Life

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

MHR St Vincent DePaul's mission is to assist people living in MHR Parish boundaries in times of need.

If you are having difficulty due to illness, employment changes, caring for a loved one, etc, PLEASE CONTACT us through the rectory office at 708-425-5354. We can help with utility bills and other housing expenses, help pay for food, and find additional resources that can offer additional aid. We often get requests for help too late in the situation to help effectively. The sooner you contact us, the more we can help and find relevant resources to assist you. If you, or someone you know, needs help we are here for you.

All contact is strictly confidential.

Do you know someone in the military and would like to add their name to our list? We would be happy to include their name and pray for them. Please call the Rectory at 425.5354 ext 203 or email bulletineditor@mostholyredeemer.org.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? This is your chance to update records. Contact Eileen at ebrett@mostholyredeemer.org or the rectory office at 708.425.5354 with any changes.

If you have not been receiving email updates, please send your email address to ebrett@mostholyredeemer.org so we can keep you updated and encouraged!

PLEASE KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.

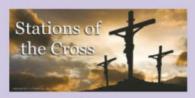
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Lent 2023

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Prayer



Fridays
February 24
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6:30pm

In Church
Monday-Friday
6:30am



Taize Prayer March 22 7:00pm

Evening Reflection with Fr. Tom Hurley March 28 7:00pm

Fasting & Abstinence

On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:

Age 14 and over

- No MeatAge 18 to 59
- No Meat <u>and</u> onlyone full meal

All Fridays of Lent Age 14 & Over

No Meat

Fasting suggestions for those Under Age 18

- Television
- Video games
- Internet use

Opportunities for Growth instead of Fasting:

- Seek forgiveness from someone you hurt
- Tell your mother/ father/brother/ sister what you love about them

Almsgiving

March 5
Blanket Drive
New/Hardly used

March 12
Personal Care Items Drive
Needed
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Laundry Detergent
Toothpaste
Toilet Paper

March 19
Food Drive
Needed
Breakfast Cereals
Jelly / Peanut Butter
Canned Vegetables
Canned Chicken/Tuna
Condiments
Salad Dressings
Pancake Mix / Syrup



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ENROLLING NOW:

Preschool - 8th Grade

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Parish Life

SU CASA-FEED THE HUNGRY!

For many years, Most Holy Redeemer has had a wonderful opportunity to provide food for the hungry and help the most vulnerable people of our community. MHR volunteers have been gathering together on the 4th Sunday of every other month to prepare 150 bag lunches. These lunches are then brought to a catholic facility called Su Casa, located at 51st and Laflin in Chicago, who then distributes them to a line of waiting individuals who rely on this life-sustaining meal. This 90-minute volunteer opportunity occurs on a Sunday morning (immediately after 8am mass), gathers some of the most selfless, caring individuals together to get to know like-minded volunteers while working hard to "feed the hungry".

Thank you to our many volunteers - you know who you are! If you would like to be a part of this elite ministry, please call the rectory.

Thanks very much!

MHR LIBRARY NEWS

Lent will begin in a few weeks. It is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It would also be a good time for us to add some daily spiritual reading to augment our prayer time. Most Holy Redeemer Church library has many books and free rosaries and scapulars to help us on our journey through Lent.

For light reading before Lent, we have a new book *Laid to Rest* by Rose Gabler and Sheila Lamb Gabler. Sheila, the daughter of Matt Lamb the funeral director, recounts humorous stories about her younger days growing up above the family

funeral parlor. It is an interesting and enjoyable book.

The library, located in the vestibule of the church, is open after all the Masses every weekend. Everyone

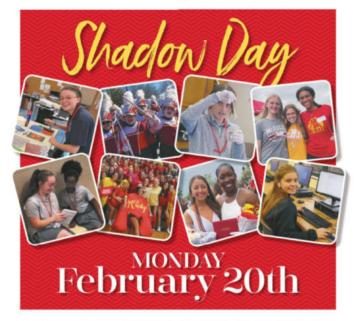
is welcome to come in and browse around.





Community News







All 6th and 7th grade girls are invited!

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MID-LIFE SINGLES (MID-30S TO 50S):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs), on March 3-5, 2023.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

Community News

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Register by calling 815.464.3880, emailing <u>info@portforprayer.org</u>, or on our website at www.portforprayer.org

COMPASSION: A LIFELONG JOURNEY

Date: Monday, February 27 Time: 9:00 a.m.- Noon Fee: \$25

Compassion is "a way of life – an inner posture of how to be with suffering, both our own and others, and a desire to move that attitude into action. We are never alone in our practice of compassion." (Joyce Rupp *Boundless Compassion*) We begin Lent by looking at the "how" of being a presence of loving-kindness in

every step we take on our path of life through input, reflective videos, activities, and conversation.

Compassion

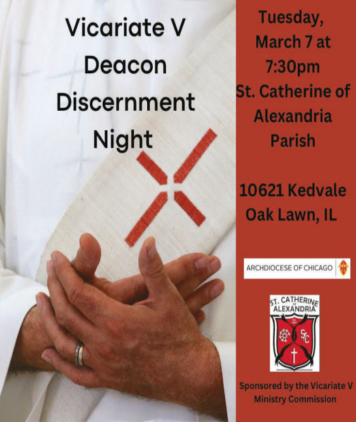
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Facilitator: Janice Keenan, OSF is a West Peoria Franciscan and Retreat Program Manager at the Portiuncula Center for Prayer. She is a spiritual director and has facilitated numerous retreats for a variety of ages and groups. She was trained in Boundless Compassion Retreats in November 2021.





MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, February 12 ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Benefactors of the Fr. Franzen Scholarship Fund

11:00 Rosemary Campbell / Bill Callahan / Ann Rosso

Monday, February 13

8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Mary Barry

Tuesday, February 14

8:30 Wesley Durkalski / Ciss Lafferty

Wednesday, February 15

8:30 Bill McNamara / Arthur and Ireene Ryan

Thursday, February 16

8:30 Medardo Hernandez

Friday, February 17

8:30 Joyce and Fred Wall / Susie Brett

Saturday, February 18

8:30 Michael Phelan

4:30 Paul, Alvina, Steve, and Mel Czerwinski / Joe and Jean Daly

Sunday, February 19 ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Michael Phelan 11:00 Bob Lawler



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"

— M t 5:33-34a, 37

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CANTORS, AND SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 18 / 19

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Cantors
4:30 p.m.	Declan O'Connor Mae Cook Danny O'Connot	Pat Telander Linda Biel Christine Howley	Keith Maxwell Katie Maxwell	Linda Maffiola
Sunday 8 a.m.	Dylan Cody Cali Maloney Liam Zurella	Frank Omiecinski Jenn Hynes Jan McAuliffe	Jennifer Busk	Colleen Klimczak
11 a.m.	Charlie Cushing Layla Phelan Andrew Phelan	Teri Schulte Dennis Smith Debra Vinci - Minogue	Mary Riccio Quinn Lyons	MHR Choir

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Week of 02/05

In church and drop off envelopes	\$7,962
Electronic Offering	\$8,872
Total Offering	\$11,834
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$666)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$349,900
Budget	\$412,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$62,600)

Your continued support of the parish is critical to our fiscal health. Please make provisions if you are away on vacation to continue to make your offering or visit www.givecentral.org to contribute via check or credit card. As always, thank you for your generosity.





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