



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 19, 2023

First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." (Lv 19:18)

Second Reading: All belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God. (1 Cor 3:22-23)

Gospel: "You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:43-44)



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

Parish Staff

Pastor
Rev. James M. Hyland
x 209

Associate Pastor
Rev. Paul Guzman
x 205

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Rev. Albert R. Adamich
x 212

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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 arrangements with the Rectory for the Baptism and the Enrichment 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

Lent begins this Wednesday. Maybe you have already thought about what you're going to give up this year or what extra things you are going to do during this Lent. For catechumens and candidates, Lent is the final preparation for their baptism or reception into the Church. For the rest of us, Lent is our preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. It would be good for us to keep that in mind on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. It gives the proper focus to Lent. It helps make Lent a time of spiritual change and renewal rather than an endurance contest.

Ashes are an ancient symbol. In the Old Testament, when someone had sinned and now wished to repent and turn back to God, that person would put on ashes and clothing made of sackcloth. Ashes still carry that meaning today, that the one who receives them is trying to turn back to God. The readings we hear at daily Mass on the first couple of days after Ash Wednesday really bring this point out. We are trying to turn our hearts back to God. Our goal should not be to give something up. Our goal should be a real change of heart that brings us back to God. In what ways have we turned away from God? In what ways do our hearts need to change? Let's try to make that the focus of Lent so that when we renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday, they will mean what they should.

Ashes will be distributed during Mass on Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes takes place following the homily. Mass times on Ash Wednesday are 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 7:30 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at a prayer service that will take place at 3:30 PM. Please consult the bulletin and our parish website for the schedule of Lenten activities.

Next Sunday at 1:00 PM, the 8th grade students from Most Holy Redeemer School and School of Religion will complete their initiation into the Church by receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Kevin Birmingham will administer the sacrament to these 57 young men and women. They have been preparing to receive this sacrament through their studies, but also through prayer and service. They have gone on a retreat and had interviews with Fr. Adamich, Deacon Phelan, or myself. They have given confirmation that they are ready to receive this sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they take this big step forward in their faith. Pray that they will not be like those far too many people who get confirmed and are rarely seen after that. Pray that they will be active members of the Church who live out their faith in such a way that the difference it makes is visible and draws others to Christ.

Our parish will be marching in the South Side St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 12. All are welcome to march with us. We will again have a trolley that will be in the parade and also take the riders to and from the parade. If you want to reserve a spot on the trolley, please call the rectory (708-425-5354). Space is limited, so don't wait too long.

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.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS.



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Jonathan Edborg	Brendan W. Brown
Ryan Carrasquillo	Christopher Kurtz
Brian P. Duffy	Maggie Kealy
Charles Cassidy	Joe Butler
Michael McRae	Anthony Boehm
Michael McCartin	Anton Thauer
John W. Campbell	Casey Hopkins
Andrew Jackson	Carolyn Roberts
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Meliesa Brooker	Molly Koman
Ronda Verback	Colleen Kaufmann
Edward Hunt	Fr. Paul Guzman
Christopher Mazurek	Michael Pufunt
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Brad Liberio	Jimmy Pufunt
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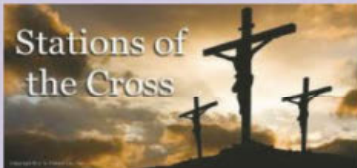
Thank You!!

Heart-felt thanks to the Hospitality Ministry and all those who contributed their time and baking talents toward making the February 'Hospitality Sunday' such a success. The first grade students from the School of Religion and Most Holy Redeemer School made the liturgy special. Their generous parents added to the sweet treats after Mass. Thank you.

Lent 2023

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Prayer



Fridays

February 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

6:30pm

Communion Service

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 Meat**

Age 18 to 59

- **No Meat and only-one 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



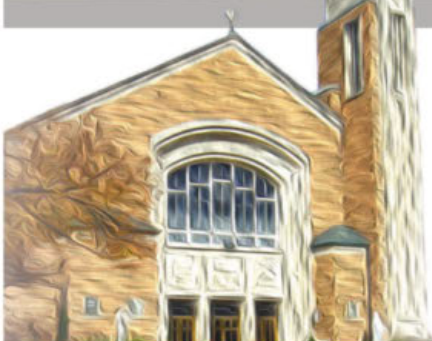
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Parish Life

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.



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Lenten Opportunities

- MAR 4/5 Blanket Drive - Pro Labore Dei**
- MAR 11/12 Toy Drive - Pro Labore Dei**
- MAR 18/19 Food Drive - EP Food Pantry**
- MAR 22 7pm Reconciliation/Taize Prayer**
- MAR 28 7pm Night of Reflection, Fr. Hurley**
- 6:30am Weekday Communion Service**
- 6:00pm Friday Stations of the Cross**

Parish Life

WOMEN'S GUILD MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The Women's Guild will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday April 29 at Ridge Country Club so please save the date! We will send out more information via email and through our Facebook group over the next few weeks.

Reach out to the womens guild via email, mhrwomensguild01@gmail.com with any questions.

Community News

VICARIATE V  ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

Lector Training

Initial Training for Lectors Thursday, March 30th 2023



Participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Thursday - March 30th 2023
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location:

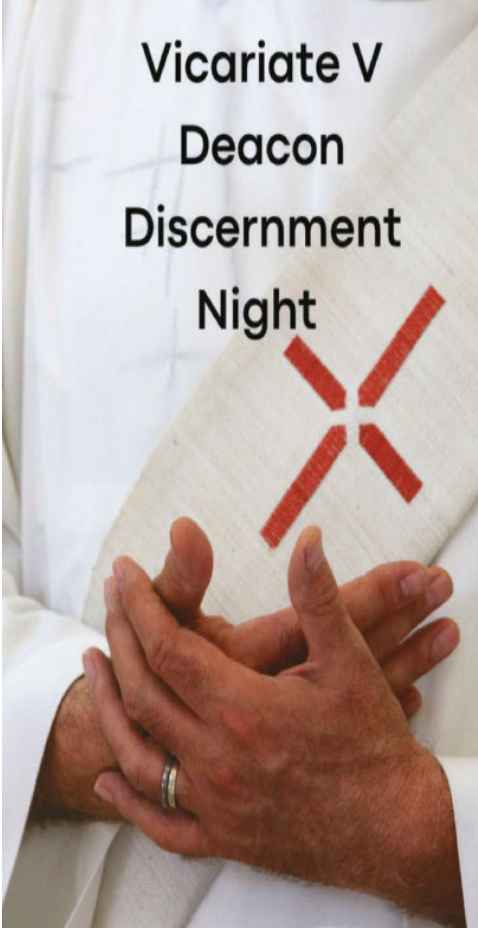
SS. Cyril and Methodius
Parish Life Building
Meeting Room 1



Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

Please register at: <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>


Contact: Trish Nicckleski, SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Liturgy 630-257-2776




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Community News

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

To let ourselves be nourished by the "Bread of Life" means to be in tune with the Heart of Christ, to assimilate His choices, thoughts, behaviors."

~ Pope Francis

Are you in need of "Spiritual Spring Cleaning"? Turn to the saints and the Eucharist for guidance! Join us for the monthly Perpetual Novena to St. Rita of Cascia on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass to be held Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00p.m. Stay after mass to enjoy a slice of the famous Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at stritashrinechicago.com for more information.

VICARIATE V | ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
MINISTRY COMMISSION *Presents:*

Gerry Dignan

Back by popular demand

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: St. Catherine of Alexandria (Church)
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Oak Lawn, IL



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Visit: <https://www.gerrydignansong.com/> for more information about Gerry Dignan



For planning purposes please go to our website and register

<https://ministrycommission5.com/> or email: vicariatevministrycommission@gmail.com or contact:

Maria (Cooky) Perez-Eracl 708-370-3674

CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR SINGLES

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the 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, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.



MASS INTENTIONS



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

Monday, February 20
 8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Nancy Reardon / Edward Nielsen

Tuesday, February 21
 8:30 St. Michael's League / Emanuel C. Wilhelm

Wednesday, February 22
 8:30 Ersilia Grangela / Giovanna Frangella
 7:30 Living and Deceased Members of Most Holy Redeemer

Thursday, February 23
 8:30 John and Rita Gleeson / Clara Wesolowski

Friday, February 24
 8:30 Patricia Burns

Saturday, February 25
 8:30 Patricia Townsend
 4:30 Wally McAuliffe / Mary Gallo

Sunday, February 26 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent
 8:00 The People of Most Holy Redeemer / Peggy Hauser
 11:00 Carol Ann Breyer / Mike Phelan

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

William Doran

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:43-45a

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, CANTORS, AND SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY 25 / 26

	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Cantors</i>
4:30 p.m.	Ava Obermeier Tommy Watson Mary Cate Watson	Therese O’Riordan Ken Hawking Mary Rita Hawking	Dan Ward Aileen Ward	Linda Maffiola
Sunday 8 a.m.	Lauren Barry John Barry Olivia Winstead	Christine Bibro Kathy Shannon Sharon Nassin	John Rowan Debra Vinci - Minogue	Colleen Klimczak
11 a.m.	John Kratzer Owen Sise Colin Sise	Ann Gallagher Ted Durkalski Terri Durkalski	Vince Crivellone Craig Miller	MHR Choir

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Week of 02/12

In church and drop off envelopes	\$7,751
Electronic Offering	\$4,900
Total Offering	\$12,651
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	\$151

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$362,759
Budget	\$425,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$62,241)

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