

Most Holy Redeemer Parish

Mass Schedule

Weekend Liturgies
Saturday
4:30 p.m.
Sunday
8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.

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 August 6, 2023

First Reading: His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Second Reading: When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel: And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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Parish Staff

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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

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.

Do You Use Electronic Contributions?

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To set up electronic contributions visit www.givecentral.org. In the search box, enter *Most Holy Redeemer*. Select *View All* to see the different ways to support our parish. When you are ready, click on *My Gift Basket* to either Log In or Sign Up.

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

It's no secret that fewer and fewer people today claim any religious affiliation with a particular religious denomination or church. More and more people are leaving the practice of religious faith behind. I have seen a number of articles on the internet lately documenting reasons for this. Some of the reasons are what you would expect: people have lost faith in church leaders, or disagree with various teachings, or feel religion is out of touch with life today, or have fallen out of the habit of religious practice. Some of the reasons are more novel. I always feel those who leave the practice of their faith because they find "religious faith incompatible with science" to be largely misinformed. For example, the Catholic Church is not against the theory of evolution as long as it doesn't leave God out of the picture. Life can evolve as long as God is acknowledged as the creator and sustainer of all life, that evolution proceeds according to God's plan, and that at some point, God offered a special relationship with Him and a sharing in His life to human beings. To say that religion is incompatible with science would ignore the contributions of people like Roger Bacon, a Franciscan priest who was instrumental in developing the scientific method, Nicolaus Copernicus, a Church Canon who determined that the earth moved around the sun, not vice versa, Gregor Mendel, an Augustinian priest who developed the laws of heredity, and Georges Lemaitre, a Belgian priest who proposed the Big Bang theory. The more we learn about the intricacies of the universe or how the human body works, the less likely it would seem that this all happened by chance. Science would seem to support the existence of God when you look at it this way.

I found one of the more novel reasons people gave for leaving the church and the practice of their faith was that "prayers were not answered." If everyone left the church and religious practice because of unanswered prayers, churches would have no members at all. All of us have prayers that have gone unanswered, if by unanswered you mean your prayers were not given the answer you wanted. This betrays a certain way of looking at prayer. Prayer is meant to be a conversation with God. To have a conversation means you have to give the other person the opportunity to speak. We can't do all the talking in a conversation, although some of us do. We have to listen to the other person in order to have a true conversation.

Too often I think, our prayer is a one-way conversation in which we do all the talking. We tell God what to do, how to do it, and when to do it. Prayer becomes a one-way conversation in which we tell God what to do and try to convince God that what we are asking for is really best. We don't give God a chance to speak to us. We don't listen to what God may be trying to tell us about what we are asking for. Maybe we don't give God a chance to give a different, and maybe better, answer to our prayers. Prayer is supposed to help attune us more to the mind of God. Prayer is to help us see things God's way, not to convince God to see things our way. This is something we all struggle with. I know in my own prayer I often find myself telling God what to do instead of listening for what God is telling me to do. If I spent more time listening to God, I might find fewer unanswered prayers.

"You never listen!" is a common complaint in many relationships. Faced with unanswered prayers, we might lodge that complaint against God. What we forget is that God could lodge the same complaint against us. Let's try to keep in mind that prayer is a conversation, and that means we have to listen as well as talk. Let's try to make sure we give God the chance to speak to us in our prayer. Let's try to listen to what God is saying. Doing so could lead to fewer unanswered prayers, and one less reason to leave the Church and the practice of our faith.

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.

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!

BAPTISMS

Deacon Mark Phelan baptized Griffin Arnold, son of Brian and Brittany (Marzullo) Scannell.

We welcome Griffin to our Parish family!



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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Catechists Make a Difference

We need catechists at all Grade levels, 1-8.

We also are looking for:

- a few parents to take pictures of our students in their classrooms and/or at special gatherings
- •an additional Office Assistant on Monday class nights

Catechist Training offered 3 evenings / <u>Your Choice:</u>
August 7, 14, or 21, 6-7pm.
RSVP dre@mostholyredeemer.org



Backpack Blessing
Sunday August 20, 2023
9:30am Mass

August is here! For many families that means school is just around the corner! Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone's schedule. Here at Most Holy Redeemer, on Sunday, August 20, we want to celebrate and

bless the beginning of another school year. Students, bring your backpacks to 9:30am Mass. Receive a blessing on yourself and your backpacks as you begin another year growing wise in your education and strong in your faith to do the work of the Lord.

Parish Life

FAMILY ADORATION

Are you looking for something to do as a family, please feel free to stop by the chapel and pray together.

Chapel hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

"I urge priests, religious and lay people, to redouble their efforts to teach the younger generation the meaning and value of Eucharistic Adoration and Devotion."

- St. John Paul II



SMALL EFFORT, BIG DIFFERENCE

Just a small effort on your part can make a big difference for our parish. When you name Most Holy Redeemer Parish as the Payable on Death (POD) or Transfer on Death (TOD) beneficiary of your investment, checking or savings account, you help to strengthen the Church. A gift like this won't affect your lifestyle and it will make a tremendous impact on the future of our faith community.

Please contact your financial advisor or banker to facilitate this process. You can also reach out to the Archdiocese of Chicago's Planned Giving Team at 312.534.7959 or plannedgiving@archchicago.org for any additional questions.



PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING MOST HOLY REDEEMER IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS.

If you wish to generously remember *Most Holy Redeemer Parish / School* in your will, ensuring its growth and vitality for years to come, you may include the following general statement: I give (the sum of \$______)* to *Most Holy Redeemer Parish / School*, located in Evergreen Park, Illinois.

Please contact pastor *Fr. James Hyland at 708 425 – 5354* or Brendan Keating, Sr. Director of Planned Giving at 312.534.5271 or <u>bkeating@archchicago.org</u> for more information.

*You may also give a percentage of your estate, or a specific asset.

Community News



Brunch | Speaker, Suzanne Carter | 50/50 Raffle

Join the Loretto Sisters for brunch & guest speaker, Suzanne Carter!

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Wednesday, August 9 , 6:00pm Abdul Ghani, MD

Homewood Library, 17917 Dixie Hwy. To register call 708-798-0121 Blood Drives

Monday, August 21, 10-3pm Friday, September 22, 10-3pm Advocate Christ Medical Center Conference Center, entrance F2, Rm# 0629 Register on American Red Cross Website

Common Injuries
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Monday, August 21, 6:30pm James Leonard, MD Oak Lawn Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave.

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What Every Woman Needs to Know About Breast Cancer

> Monday, August 28, 6:00pm Amelia Jeyapalan, MD Homewood Library, 17917 Dixie Hwy. To Register call 708-798-0121

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PARISH FAMILY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago have been helping families seeking asylum, with case management, housing and financial support from Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese. Since the program launched, 16 parishes have signed on to fund and/or accompany a family for six months. To date, 36 families are being assisted.

To find out how to get involved, email Rose Marie Lesniak-Mendez at welcomethestranger@catholiccharities.net.

To make a donation to this program, visit <u>catholiccharities.net/donate</u>.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HIGHEST PAYOUT RATES IN OVER A DECADE!

The archdiocesan rates for charitable gift annuities have increased again. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary.

You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please visit <u>giving.archchicago.org/cga</u>. To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or <u>kcampbell@archchicago.org</u>.

Community News

HELLO, DOLLY!

GROUP SALES: 10 or more patrons are considered a group, and there are some great benefits to purchasing tickets through our Group Sales. First and foremost, groups save up to 20% off regular prices! For the Sound of Music, this means that a regular priced \$40 ticket is only \$32. Processing fees do still apply. (\$34.00). For group sales please contact the box office at 773-445-3838 ext 0.

Performances are 2 weekends only: August 3 – 13, 2023.
TICKETS
\$40 ADULT
\$32 SENIOR
\$24 18 & younger
(Plus applicable fees)
PURCHASE TICKETS HERE



TIME TO DUST OFF THOSE RUNNING SHOES AND GET READY FOR THE CHARGE ON 5K

We are excited to announce our 12th Annual Charge on 5K. Registration is now open. Details are below and we hope that you will all come participate. New this year is the COLOR RUN for the KIDS DASH. Powdered color will be sprayed before, during and after the race to bring some fun color to the kids dash.



Sign up for the 12th Annual Charge On 5K run/walk

https://raceroster.com/events/2023/74988/st-catherine-of-alexandria-charge-on-5k

There is also still time to sponsor the event! Check out our new sponsorship levels, including the new BRONZE & FAMILY Sponsorship!

Let's kick off the beginning of the school year with this fun family southside event!

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 Steve Lascola / Virgy Nwachukwu

9:30 People of Most Holy Redeemer

11:00 Steve Ligda

Monday, August 7

6:30 / 8:30 Souls in Purgatory / Dan Barber

Tuesday, August 8

6:30 / 8:30 Rev. Richard Dempsey

Wednesday, August 9

6:30 / 8:30 Michael Fitzgerald

Thursday, August 10

6:30 / 8:30 Peter Woods and Patrick T. Hogan

Friday, August 11

6:30 / 8:30 Jeanne Kenny

Saturday, August 12

8:30 Clara and Joseph Wesolowski

4:30 Edward Lavin / Kathleen Kummer / Mel and Steve Czerwinski

Sunday, August 13 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Benefactors of the Fr. Franzen Scholarship Fund9:30 People of Most Holy Redeemer / Vincent Martinez

(80th Birthday) 11:00 Rosemary Campbell

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are able to bring back Eucharist from the cup, however, we are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. As long as you are confirmed you can be a Eucharistic Minister!

If you are looking to become a Eucharistic Minister or you are interested in returning to the ministry, please Contact Eileen Brett at the rectory office at 708-425-5354 or ebrett@mostholyredeemer.org

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS FOR AUGUST 12 / 13

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
4:30 p.m.	Shane Lyons Jimmy Tumino Maggie Dickman	Therese O'Riordan Winnie Ligda Ruth Muscato	Jean Hanlon John Rowan
Sunday 8 a.m.	Will Steinmetz Flynn Steinmetz Joey Tassone	Mary Lou DiNovo Bernie McNamara Kathy Shannon	Don Grochocinski Rick Schultz
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Marty Racz Molly Racz Brian Goggin	Sharon Nassin Marge Lyons Christine Bibro	Robert Speski Debra Vinci - Minogue
11 a.m.	John Kratzer Billy Wollenberg Danny O'Connor	Ted Durkalski Terri Durkalski Chris Lanuti	Jennifer Busk Quinn Lyons

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Week of 07/30

In church and drop off envelopes	\$6,133
Electronic Offering	\$3,050
Total Offering	\$9,183
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$3,317)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$52,952
Budget	\$62,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$9,548)

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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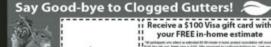
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