

Most Holy Redeemer **Parish**

Sunday, March 10, 2024

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.

Rosarv 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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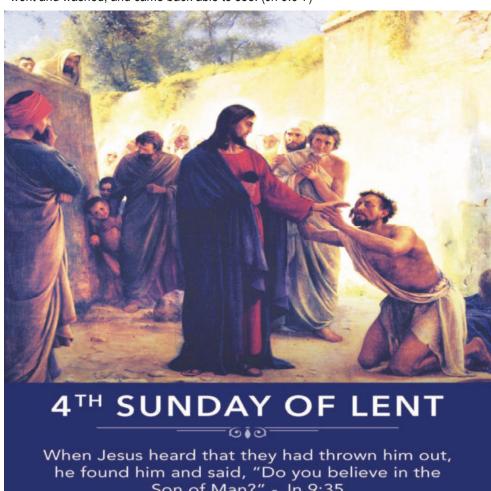
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First Reading: Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm

Second Reading: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel: He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)



Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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.

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.

Funeral and Wedding Music/contact Linda Maffiola at lmaffiola@mostholyredeemer.org

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

The author G. K. Chesterton was raised as a Unitarian. He later became a member of the Anglican Church in England. At the age of 48, he converted to the Catholic faith. He was often asked why he became a Catholic, and in response wrote a famous essay titled, *Why I Am a Catholic*. In the essay, he lists many reasons why he became a Catholic. One of the reasons is, "To get rid of my sins."

Chesterton saw a great value in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance as it was called when he became a Catholic). He saw a great value in being freed of his sins. He saw a great value in the chance to begin again with a clean slate. He saw a great value in being able to unburden himself of a lot of the guilt and anguish and regret that sin causes.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation still offers us the opportunity today to be freed from our sins and all that accompanies our sins. Even with all that the sacrament offers, so many do not make use of it. "How long has it been since your last confession?" is a question that might cause a lot of embarrassment to many Catholics. Going to confession and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation is something we are encouraged to do during Lent as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Maybe many of us need to understand why we celebrate the sacrament as we do and the value of receiving the sacrament.

One of the main reasons people tell me for not going to confession is they don't feel they need to confess their sins to a priest. They just confess their sins directly to God. While we can and should ask God's forgiveness in prayer, thinking this way indicates that we believe God is the only one who is hurt by our sins and the only one we need to ask forgiveness from, and we don't need a priest for that. Even if we expand a little bit to say that we also need forgiveness from the person or persons we directly hurt by our sins, we don't need a priest for that either.

Sin though, does not just hurt God or even those directly affected by our sins. Our sins weaken the Church, the Body of Christ in the world. When we sin, we hurt all the members of the Church, even if they are not directly affected by our sin. That was how the celebration of this sacrament began – as a way to welcome back into the Church those who had weakened the Church by abandoning their faith in times of persecution. The reason why sins were confessed to a priest was that the priest had a dual role. As God's representative, he let the penitents know they were forgiven by God. As the representative of the Church, the priest also let the penitents know they were welcomed back into the Church. That is still the reason why we confess our sins to a priest today. It is because our sin hurts not only God and those directly affected by our sins, but all the Church as well.

Even if we understand why we celebrate the sacrament as we do, we still may not see a value in it. I would like to suggest three reasons to receive this sacrament. One is that it gives us an opportunity to take stock of our lives. What are we doing? Which direction are we heading in? We need to take a good look at our lives on a regular basis. If we don't, it becomes too easy to say that the things we do "aren't so bad," or, "aren't as bad as what other people do." Without taking stock of our lives regularly, we might find that it isn't long before we are just as bad as those other people are. A second reason to receive this sacrament is in response to those who say they don't have to confess their sins to a priest because they confess them directly to God. When someone tells me that, I often say, "You certainly can confess your sins directly to God, but do you ever hear God tell you you're forgiven?" No one has ever told me they heard God's voice telling them they're forgiven. We may believe with all our heart that God forgives us. But as human beings, we still need the physical reassurance that we are forgiven. We have that reassurance through the priest's words of absolution. One final reason to receive this sacrament is that it gives us a concrete starting point for changing our lives. If you think about it, most resolutions to try to change our lives are made on New Year's Day and on Ash Wednesday. These days give us a concrete starting point. We can say, "Beginning this day, I am going to change something about myself." Every time we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it gives us a concrete starting point to turn from our sins and live a new life

A MESSSGE FROM THE PASTOR CONT.

I hope you will try to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation part of your Lenten preparation. In addition to our normal Saturday time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be a communal reconciliation service on Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 PM in church. There will be an extended time for confession on Saturday, March 23, from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. Additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are on Tuesday, March 26, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM, and on Saturday, March 30, from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

Fr. Jim Hyland

Spiritual Life

BAPTISMS

Rev. Paul Guzman baptized Juliette Elizabeth, daughter of Russell and Jacqueline (Zintak) Herberg.

We welcome Juliette to our parish family!



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!

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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Each week we will pray for children and their families preparing for First Communion.

This week we pray for:

FIRST COMMUNION / MAY 4, 2024

Scarlet Wexler Rylie Wigginton William Winters Grace Yopchick

Archdiocese News

PLANNED GIVING

If your family's needs are being met, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. By naming Most Holy Redeemer Parish as a beneficiary, you will provide crucial financial support to our parish and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

Please contact your IRA administrator for more information, or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

PARISH ALMSGIVNG

FEB 24/25 - PRO LABORE DEI - FOOD DRIVE MAR 2/3 - BEDS PLUS - HYGIENE DRIVE MAR 10 - EP FOOD PANTRY - FOOD DRIVE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT - 6PM
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FEB 23 - 5PM

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

SUNDAYS IN LENT 10:30-11:30AM CONVENT COMMUNITY ROOM

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 8:30-11:30AM CONVENT COMMUNITY ROOM

SCAN THE QR CODE AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO GIVE TO MOST HOLY REDEEMER!



FAMILY ADORATION

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

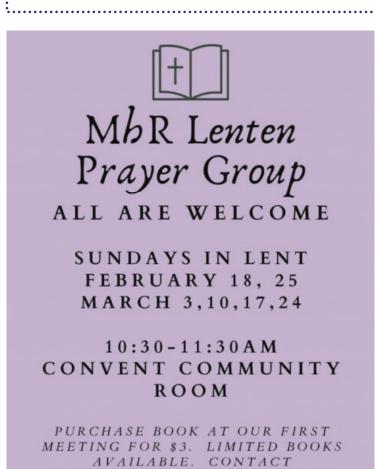
Chapel hours:

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





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Parish Life

RCIA

Next Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass our RCIA Catechumen, **Jake Matthys** will be present, with his sponsor, to participate in the Third Scrutiny of Lent. The Scripture readings and ceremony at the Mass will emphasize the need for each of us to turn from death by sin to a new life in Christ. Let us join together with those who are yearning for the Easter sacraments throughout the world and turn toward the Lord who offers us the fullness of life.

Community News

LENTEN MISSION SERIES

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

McDonough Chapel | 7 - 8 p.m. | Cost: Free

"Power of the Holy Spirit:
To Empower, Inspire, and Console"

Joanne Kuttner, D.Min.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus promises the disciples that he will send the Holy Spirit to support them in their mission on earth. What is that mission? Who is the Holy Spirit, really? In this interactive session, we will explore these realities and begin to more deeply comprehend the presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives and in our world.

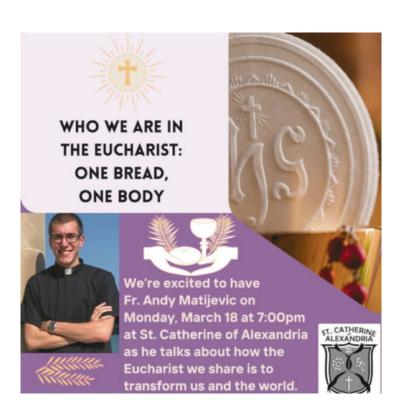
Joanne Kuttner, D.Min., specializes in pastoral theology and spirituality. She is a senior lecturer in theology at Lewis University. At Lewis, she has served as the program director of the Rome study abroad program for five years. She applied for and received a Lily Grant for a program called "Engaging Stories," a seven-day theology summer camp bringing together high school students from across the country. She has been the director of the program since its beginning nine years ago. She has also served in a variety of leadership roles in her parish for over 25 years.

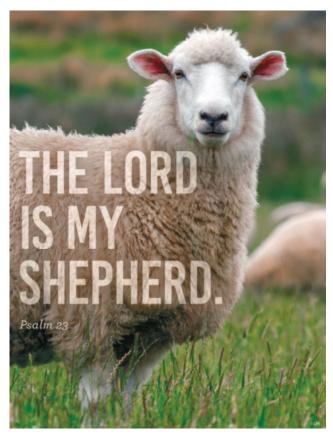
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Community News





OUR DROP OF WATER TO EASE BURNING IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN CHICAGO

In October 2022, Mercy Sisters Pat Murphy and JoAnn Persch were asked by the Sanctuary Working Group to help an asylum-seeking mother and five children from Sierra Leone. They brought the need to the Chicago Mercy Justice Committee of sisters and associates who agreed to find funds, housing, and all else the family would need. They didn't realize that they were on the road to starting a non-profit, but they were.

Visions of the buses, tents, overflowing police stations and shelters impelled a small group to accept and help other asylum-seeking families, and Catherine's Caring Cause, named for Sisters of Mercy foundress Catherine McAuley, was founded. By the end of 2023, it was Catherine's Caring Cause, Inc NFP. Since its inception, CCC has situated nine families in eight furnished homes on Chicago's southside. Each home has a mentor who helps with everything from enrolling kids in school to helping with medical and legal issues to explaining how washing machines work (Google Translate is a God-send for Venezuelan families) and everything in between. We are currently helping 13 adults and 23 children and are searching for two more homes.

We need YOUR help as we struggle to raise funds to pay rent, utilities, legal and medical fees. We also need mentors and others to help with such things as driving and teaching English.

Please check out our website at <u>catherinecareschicago.org</u> and contact Carol Conway, <u>cairec49@yahoo.com</u> or 708-227-3560, for more information. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, March 10 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

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

9:30 Intentions of Mary Gallagher / Diane Duffy Hartnett

11:00 Serafin Benitez / Teodora Luna

Monday, March 11

6:30 Souls in Purgatory

8:30 James Moxness

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 Salvator and Fulvia Dinova

8:30 Steve Lascola

Wednesday, March 13

6:30 Rev. Richard Dempsey

8:30 Edward Madden

Thursday, March 14

6:30 Rev. Joseph Ruiz

8:30 Steve Lascola

Friday, March 15

6:30 Noreen Carroll / Patrick William Markham Jr.

8:30 Rita Hogan

Saturday, March 16

8:30 Susie Brett

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

Sunday, March 17 ~ 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 Prim and Wiseman Families / Intentions of Mary Dahlke9:30 People of Most Holy Redeemer / Intentions of Michael Gallagher

11:00 O'Riordan, Marren, and Murphy Families / Sam and Marge Signorelli



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS FOR MARCH 16 / 17

	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Music
4:30 p.m.	Colin Sise Owen Sise Emmett Hosty	Felicidad Polido Christine Howley Ruth Muscato	Mary Riccio Mary Jo Allison	Gina Mincy
Sunday 8 a.m.	Will Steinmetz Keira Steinmetz Flynn Steinmetz	Gail Prim Frank Omiecinski Daniel Evoy	Vince Crivellone Craig Miller	Colleen Klimczak
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	John Kratzer Joey Tassone Eon White	Sharon Nassin Mary Riccio Christine Bibro	Dan Ward Aileen Ward	MHR Folk Group
11 a.m.	Soraya Moreci Molly O'Connor Liam Zurella	Terri Durkalski Chris Lanuti Teri Schulte	Lucy Diaz Terry Schultz	MHR Sacred Choir

Our Finances

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Week of 03/03

In church and drop off envelopes	\$7,325
Electronic Offering	\$2,368
Total Offering	\$9,639
Budgeted	\$12,500
Amount under / over budget	(\$2,807)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offering	\$402,264
Budget	\$462,500
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$60,236)

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