

AUGUST 18, 2024



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57



August 18, 2024

"Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding" (Wis. 9:6).

As I write this the Paris Summer Olympics have recently come to an end with the United States representing well on the world stage, leading in all medal categories. It is amazing to see the limits of human physical potential and the dedication, focus, and hard work needed to even be selected as a competitor for the games.

Sadly, good things with broad appeal often have alternate agendas too. I know I am late in commenting, but I was reminded about the blasphemous Last Summer inspired scene that began the Olympics. The perverse Last Supper scene was a bacchanalian orgy, that hardly raised the human mind and heart to heavenly things. The performance that followed was John Lennon's "Imagine", which sings about a world without religion, just to frame the organizers intentionality for us.

How does God want us to respond when Jesus Christ, the faith, and sacraments are ridiculed or profaned?

Firstly, we should not be surprised or "shocked" when those caught up in worldliness, unbelief, or sin mock Jesus or His followers. Jesus Christ repeatedly told us things like: "*If the world hates you, know that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own*" (Jn. 15:18). The Western world has largely lost its faith in Christ and what fills in that gap is nothing but evil influences, even diabolical. People influenced by the demonic hate Light, virtue, and childlike innocence. A serene and prayerful awareness of this fact will help us to respond to our times in a calm and virtuous manner: "*Amidst a crooked and depraved generation, you will shine like the stars in the sky*" (Phil. 2:15).

Secondly, we should be clear about why we are offended. We remind people to not blaspheme against God for their own sakes, not because our personal feelings are hurt. Some say that the truth can't be spoken, because someone's feelings might get hurt, but it should not be so among us. If we are offended, it is for others to see the horror of what they are doing, like when a parent's eyes go wide in disbelief at something their child has said or done that is beneath their dignity. The Lord can't be hurt emotionally and is not ashamed of His tender, undying love for us. His concern is for our own well-being. *"Are they really offending me—oracle of the LORD—or rather themselves, to their own disgrace"* (Jer. 7:19).

The Church was persecuted in a much more horrible way in Paris over 200 years ago during the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror. But sixteen Carmelite nuns offered prayers every day for the salvation of France. The nuns were interviewed by the anti-religious government authorities and told to renounce their religious vows, but they refused. They were accused as being enemies of the people and sentenced to death.

The sisters remained prayerful and surrendered to the Lord as they were paraded through the streets of Paris, praying their office and singing the Salve Regina. It is reported that the usually riotous crowd remained silent during their prayers and the execution of these Carmelites. Each sister renewed her consecration to Jesus before their prioress, Mother Theresa and kissed a statue of Mary before ascending the scaffold. The prioress was last to die and is reported as saying to the executioners: *"I for-give you my friends, with all my heart, as I would have God forgive me."* The Reign of Terror ended shortly after their deaths. What a faithful, courageous and peaceful example they gave us.

God bless you,

Fr. Mike



In today's Gospel, even the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps with joy at the approach of Mary, the "lowly servant," who by accepting God's plan for her became blessed for all generations.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what household items and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

RE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

If you'd like to enroll your child(ren) in our RE program, please scan the QR code:

Religious education classes for students in 1st – 8th grades will meet in person on Sundays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the school building.

Students and their families are encouraged to attend the 9:00 am Mass prior to classes. Classes end at 11:30 am.

Classes will begin on September 15 and meet generally three Sundays per month. *Please register well before Sept. 15.*

2024-25 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES

1st Child: \$250 for each additional Child: \$75 per Child

SACRAMENTAL FEES

First Communion: \$75 per child - Confirmation \$100 per child

Financial assistance is available for those in need.

FEE PAYMENTS

Check, cash, or Faith Direct are accepted for fees and tuition. Checks should be payable to St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and may be dropped off at the Parish office.

REGISTRATION FORMS & TUITION AND FEES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

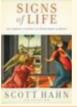
Please direct any questions to Mr. Hugo Munoz at 773 763-8228 x 2114 or

hhmunoz@archchicago.org

Additional information can be found on our parish website under the Religious Education tab.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Book Club will next meet on **Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.** We will be reading: <u>Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots</u> by Scott Hahn



Details to follow.

Stewardship Report			
<u>Sunday Giving (Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025)</u>			
	July		
	2024	2023	
Monthly Total	\$45,023	\$42,804	
Yearly Total / Fiscal YTD	\$45,023	\$42,804	
YTD - FY 25 Budget	\$52,000		
Variance from Budget	-\$6,977		
Mass Attendance			
Weekly Average	752	772	







Dominic Paul, child of Robert and Samantha (Canata) Peraino



APPLY Now St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School NE ARE Hirir CALLING ALL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS Our school is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in making a positive impact in our community. If getting back into the classroom is something you are interested in, please contact us. Subs are welcome and needed for preschool - 8th grade. For more information: 773.763.7080 k.hillmann@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

SICK LIST

Michele Schmidt—Maria Szumski—Gary Sowell—Jeffrey Lalowski—Jadwija Chudzvnski— Amy Grudzinski—Bernadette Bannach—Patricia Newell—Guzman family—Angela Ross— Nicholas Guerrieri—Marie Brasher—Paola Estrada—Eva Anderson—Elise Fernandez— Emery Tanski—Cary Muldoon-Pauly—Sr. Kelly Masdat MSHT—Darlene Russo– Constance Anderson—Dolores Nano—Roberto Drueca—Helzing Aguilar—Flavia Langan— Dennis Cresco—Roger Doering—Alice Ward—Arthur Hamilton—Anthony Pfeifer—Paul Konietzny— Kathy Burns—Joan Harriss—Daniel Fraczkowski—Jackie Fortier—Charles Jacobucci— Nancy Wesclitz—Ciara Czajkowski—Donna J. Kolinski—Richard Muench—Raffaella Mucerino— Jose A. Reyes—Carmen R. Reyes—Calli Olvera—Antoinette Bongiorno—Joe Banks—Eleida Flores— Paul Wierdak—Joe & Nelda Garza—Kenneth Payne—Gloria Spychalski—Andrea Emilia Bernabey— Gustavo Caceres—Patricia Gullery—Patryk Kozlowski—Rita Lombardi—Larry Garcia— Jeanette Peterson—Lauren Moy—Lacey Red Anderson (*Call the rectory office to have your name - added or removed*)

Most Masses this week and next will feature a speaker after Communion talking about That Man Is You. They will also be in the vestibule after Mass to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by to find out more.





BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

THE VISION OF MAN FULLY ALIVE

DISCOVER:

- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles.
- How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

PROGRAM DEVELOPER:

Steve Bollman

Developer, That Man is You! Founder & President, Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas, to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! Men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Tuesday Evenings at 8:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish School Auditorium 6040 W. Ardmore Ave., Chicago "Come & See" Preview Aug. 27 -Starts Sept. 10

SCHEDULE:

8:00 p.m. - Gathering 8:15 p.m. - Presentation 8:45 p.m. - Small Group Discussion 9:15 p.m. - Conclusion

REGISTRATION:

Enroll by scanning the QR Code or find registration cards in the church vestibule or rectory office.

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Paradisus Dei

Preview session on Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. All men are welcome to come and see what TMIY is all about. Are you of High School age or older and missing Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation? Do you desire to be in full Communion with the Catholic Church? The Lord awaits all of us to answer His call to a deeper relationship with Him through His Church. This is only possible if we have the Sacraments that He gave His Church. We welcome all who desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Church to attend OCIA, formerly known as RCIA.

What is OCIA (RCIA)? The <u>O</u>rder of <u>C</u>hristian <u>I</u>nitiation for <u>A</u>dults (OCIA) is a process for adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments of initiation and is designed for the following:

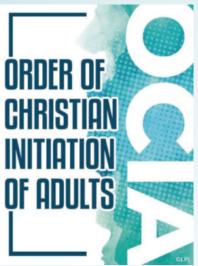
1) those who have never been baptized

2) those who have been baptized in another Christian faith

3) those who have been baptized Catholic but never prepared for and received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

The OCIA sessions, hosted by our sister parish St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge, also provide opportunities for you to ask the questions you may have about the Catholic Church. You will be able to learn what the Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims as revealed by God.

Who should I contact? If you would like more information, or to begin the process of OCIA (RCIA), please contact **Hugo Munoz**, Director of Lifelong Formation; email: hhmunoz@archchicago.org



May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you towards a deeper conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Parísh Socíal - September 21, 2024

Please plan to join us for our annual Parish Social after the **4:00 p. m. Mass on Saturday, September 21 in the Moody Parking lot.** Food, drinks, and entertainment for the whole family will be provided. Bring a friend or two!

Would you like to help organizing this event? Volunteers are needed to join the Planning Committee.

If you would like to give of your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@setparish.org or call 773-763-8228.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start - Four Ball Scramble.

Low Price of \$175 (\$150 without transportation)

Includes golf, cart, food and drinks at the course, post-golf reception plus transportation.

Please see handouts in church vestibule for registration, email <u>stelizabethhns@gmail.com</u> or call Tim Jacobs at 773.410.0736



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Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 54, Intercessions by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



After the Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and our offering of Jesus to the Father along with ourselves, the Eucharistic Prayer also includes some **Intercessions**. The Diocese of Peoria teaches, "The Eucharistic prayer also intercedes or prays for various members of the Church. We always pray for the pope, the bishop and all the clergy. Intercession is also made for the Church suffering in purgatory, as we pray for the faithful departed. We pray that they soon be taken into Heaven and live in the presence of God. Intercession is also made for the entire Church, both those who are present at the Mass and those throughout the world. We pray God hears our prayers as we offer them through the Mass, we ask for His mercy and we also pray we be united so we may worship as one body as our Lord Himself desired" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 16).

The Three Types of Intercessions

Diving deeper, this part of the Eucharistic Prayer brings to the forefront our unity with one another through Christ. We recall here in the presence of Christ that we are all in this together. We pray through the fruits of the Mass that each person can receive what is needed to fulfill our faithful life in Christ. What is great about the intercessions, according to Charles Belmonte, is that "the Intercessions make it clear that we celebrate the Mass in communion with the entire Church in heaven and on earth; and that we make the offering for the Church and for all her members, living and dead." Belmonte continues, "The Intercessions are usually divided into three sections: for living Christians, for the dead, and in relation to the saints in heaven" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 152–53).

Interceding for Church Leaders

Regarding our prayer for living Christians, part of our prayer is for the pope and for the bishop or archbishop of our local diocese. From Eucharistic Prayer II: "Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy." Our leaders in the clergy are part of the visible sign of unity we have together in Christ: we pray for and with our leaders who help organize and unite us. Belmonte refers to the Second Vatican Council when he says, "To be legitimate, each Mass presupposes union among the faithful, and of the faithful with their bishop, the pope, and the universal Church. Moreover, that solid union is made stronger with the celebration of the Eucharist and is a consequence of it" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 154, cf. LG, 3).

Interceding for the Faithful Departed

After prayers for the living, we then pray for those who have died. From Eucharistic Prayer IV: "Remember also those who have died in the peace of your Christ and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known." Eucharistic Prayers II and III have special sections that can be used for Masses for the Dead, where the name of the person for whom the Mass is offered could be prayed. As Belmonte continues, "In all Masses, the Church prays for the dead, so that on the basis of the communion existing among all of us as Christ's members, our petition for spiritual help may bring comforting hope for our faithful departed" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 155). For me as a priest, this is one of my favorite moments of the Eucharistic Prayer, especially when there is a moment of quiet in Eucharistic Prayer I: "Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." Following these words, there is a brief silence where I think of different family members, priests who helped me through the years, and people who recently died in my parishes. If you haven't done it before, I invite you to use that moment to think of those you love who have died in Christ. It truly is a great gift to feel united with them through the Mass!

Asking for the Intercession of the Saints

After prayers for the dead, we ask for the help of those already in the presence of God in heaven. This is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer where we might hear different saint names. From Eucharistic Prayer III: "May He make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs, (with Saint N) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help." A couple of the Eucharistic prayers have the Blessed Mother and a general reference to the martyrs and other saints. Eucharistic Prayer III (as we just saw) has an option for inserting saint's names, such as the saint of the day or a saint important to a particular parish. Of course, Eucharistic Prayer I has those two long lists of special saints… more on them to come!



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024

5:00 PM — Esther Ormachea, Don Love, Jr, Lorraine & Ralph Schmidt, Raymond Mikolajczak, Irene Chmielowski

SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

7:30 AM — Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Matthew & Margaret Futterer

- 9:00 AM Ralph Andrini, Frank Greif (5th anniversary)
- 11:00 AM Ralph Andrini, Irene Chmielowski
- 12:00 PM 12:45 PM CONFESSION
- 1:00 PM (Spanish) David Montemayor, Cesar Hernandez Marin

MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024

8:30 AM — Armando Manzo, Tom Janowski

TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2024

8:30 AM — Phyllis Lavorato, Conrad Deane 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION 6:30 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 2024

8:30 AM — Michael Mucerino

THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 2024

8:30 AM — Richard Bartuce (birthday) 6:30 PM — Bilingual CONFESSION

FRIDAY AUGUST 23, 2024

8:30 AM — Richard Bekielewski Sr.

SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2024

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family, John & Helen Ptak

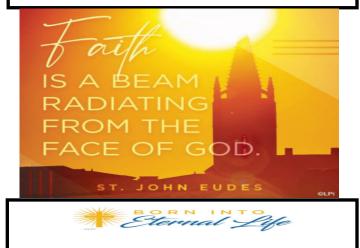
SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 2024

7:30 AM — Derick Feichtinger

- 9:00 AM for our parishioners
- 11:00 AM Edward O'Malley, Mary Jo O'Brian, Michael James Shannon, Lucyna, Richard & Joey Zoldan
- 12:00 PM 12:45 PM CONFESSION
- 1:00 PM (Spanish) Diana Calderon, Cesar Hernandez Marin

Presider Schedule - August 24 & 25

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano 11:00 a.m. — Fr. McCarthy / organ 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



Patricia Eastian

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Monday: Tuesday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John Eudes, Priest St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Thursday:	St. Pius X, Pope The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday: ^{©LPi}	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin St. Bartholomew, Apostle 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt
19:16-22
Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt
20:1-16
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt
22:1-14
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
22:34-40
Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-
18/Jn 1:45-51
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-
17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-
32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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SERVICES

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and First Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary:

Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m. Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual) Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. , Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.) Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office): Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements: gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Hugo Munoz for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the parish office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym For more Info email us at: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

"It seems to me that I have found my heaven on earth. because my heaven is You, my God, and You are in my soul. You in me, and I in You – may this be my motto." St. Elizabeth of the Trinity