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JULY 13, 2025



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

FROM FR. DEO

July 13, 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with You! I hope you had a great holiday weekend. Welcome back to those returning from vacation, and we extend God's blessings to those going on vacation this week. I'd like to catch up with the parish news before I share my meditation on the Gospel.

We finished the Totus Tuus Program on Thursday, and both day and evening programs were well attended. I thank our parish team, the **missionaries**, and all the students who participated in the program this year. The energy, faith, curiosity, and joy our students displayed is a sign of hope for our parish. I'm grateful to the parents who registered their children and helped them grow in faith and knowledge of Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

I also want to extend my heartfelt *gratitude* to each one of you for the warm and gracious welcome you offered to **Bishop Balthazar** Ntivuguruzwa. He asked me to thank you for your prayers, and caring hospitality. He will keep you and your loved ones in prayer. He will continue to cherish the memories we made together in our parish until he comes back, and he extended his invitation to anyone who would like to visit his diocese and the country of Rwanda.

As you know, the Sisters of the Poor are here with us to share their mission. Their work is a powerful witness to the Gospel in action. But like all missions, they rely on the generosity and prayers of people like you and me. Together, we can be "good Samaritans" to our neighbors in need as this Sunday's Gospel urges us to "go and do likewise".

The story of the **Good Samaritan** is one of the most familiar and powerful parables of Jesus. We've heard it many times, but it never loses its power to challenge and inspire us. It all begins with a scholar of the law asking Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus, as He often does, responds with another question: "*What is written in the law?*" He mentioned the love of God and that of our neighbor. He probably knew that the key to eternal life lies in the understanding of and relationship to the "neighbor", but he asked: "Who is my neighbor?" — not because he is genuinely curious, but because, as the Gospel suggests, **he wanted to justify himself**. Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan in which a man is beaten, robbed, and left half-dead. All religious men — a priest and a Levite both pass by. They see him, but they look the other way. A Samaritan, someone considered an outsider, even an enemy to the Jews, is the one who stops, and moved by pity, he cares for the wounded man. The parable clearly indicates that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help. It is the Samaritan who fulfills the command to love his neighbor. His loving care knows no boundaries.

This Gospel challenges us as individuals and a parish community to go, live and act like the Good Samaritan who sacrifices his life for others. My question is: Where do we find ourselves in the story? Are we the priest or the Levite, who pass by those in need because it's inconvenient or uncomfortable? Or are we the Samaritan, who is willing to cross boundaries, to interrupt his journey, and risk something for the sake of mercy? Ultimately, the correct approach is not to ask only, "Who is my neighbor?" but also, "Am I a good neighbor to others?" or "To whom am I being a good neighbor?" As Pope Francis says: "It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others." (*Gaudete et Exultate*)

In Christ, Fr Deo.



In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks: "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered: "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said: "Go and do likewise."

This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



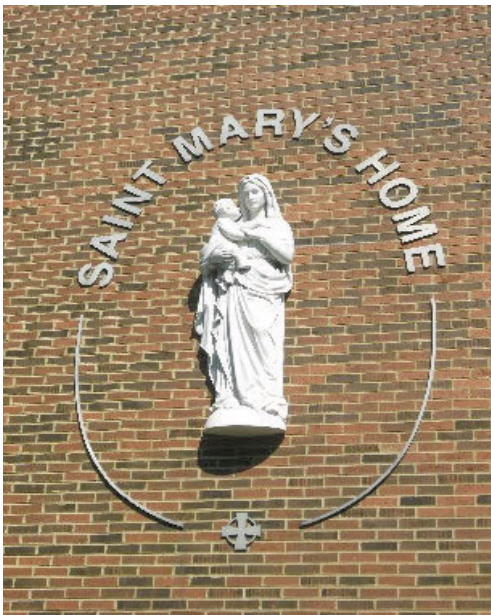
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The big white wooden box in the vestibule of the church is only for non-perishable items for the Food Pantry. It is not to be used for clothing or other household items. These things should be placed in the SVDP drop boxes on the east side of the gym entrance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

THIS WEEKEND!



On the weekend of **July 12 and 13**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our Parish to share their vocation of hospitality to the elderly. St. Mary's Home in Chicago is one of 155 Homes for the elderly poor operated by the Little Sisters in 31 countries around the world.

Acute and considerable continues to be their need for finan-

cial support. Virtually all of the current Residents of St. Mary's Home qualify for Medicaid, and a few receive meager pensions. But these modest funds cover, at best, about half of the annual expenses. The Little Sisters have ministered to thousands of elders in Chicago for 146 years. Your support will enable them to continue their mission of caring for the neediest seniors of every race and religion in a spirit of reverence and of humble service. God bless you!



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Baptism

Welcome

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Emilio Rey
child of Joel and Mireya
(Garcia) Gonzalez



COME JOIN US FOR TOTUS TUUS
JULY 6-11

STARTS TODAY!



Registration forms for students can be found at the Rectory, at the back of church or by going to the Totus Tuus tab on our website.

All Parishioners are welcome to join us for:

1. A parish potluck: We will kick off Totus Tuus with a parish potluck on July 6th from 12:00-12:50 and 2:15-3:15 in the auditorium. Come meet the missionaries and enjoy lunch with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a side or dessert to share if you can.
2. Mass: There will also be an 11:15 Mass Monday July 7th-Friday July 11th. Come pray with the students who are joining us for Totus Tuus. All are welcome.



SICK LIST

Bernadette Bannach—Elise Fernandez—Dolores Nano—Arthur Hamilton—
Joe & Nelda Garza—Jimmy Retondo—Elizabeth Hofstede—Jane Castiglioni—Donna Kolinski

(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)



A THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. MIKE...

Well, you probably didn't think you'd be hearing again from me so soon, but I had to have a last chance to say thank you. I am first grateful to the Lord for calling me to be a priest and your pastor for eight years. I had more people and groups to thank beyond what I could do at my farewell. As I write this, I haven't yet gotten to open all your farewell notes as I am still unpacking my bags at OLR. I will treasure those letters and remember you, especially in my daily Masses and prayers on sabbatical, thank you!

No parish functions well with only one person, it takes a great team of clergy, staff, and volunteers. I want to thank in a special way my brother clergy who have been faithful to the Lord and in their service to the parish. Fr. McCarthy first comes to mind as a pillar in the community over decades. He is the hardest working retired priest I know, he still trains the altar servers, and chaplains at Notre Dame HS as well as fulfilling his regular parish duties. Fr. Leo has been a huge help to me and both he and Deacon Jose have been essential anchors with the Spanish community which is thriving. Deacon Greg oversees baptism scheduling and is always willing to help with a funeral and pitch in when needed. We are brothers in the Lord who look out for each other beyond our liturgical and sacramental responsibilities. Thank you for your prayers and support of me over the years.

It took some years to develop not just a good parish staff but one that gets along with mutual respect and common purpose. When Fr. Knotek was here leading our Lenten Mission, he met the staff at SET and marveled that even the maintenance guys were able to talk about Jesus! While not everyone can be named, the office, liturgical planning, operations, maintenance, school faculty and administration all have high morale and accomplish their tasks as a team with little drama or negativity, praise God! Not every parish has a staff like SET that works together well in a productive and supportive way.

Of course, all the clergy and staff exist at a parish to help the people fulfill their Christ-given purpose. We're all called to serve the Lord in varying ways and I'm proud to say that many of the parishioners at St. Elizabeth are giving back to the community and helping others come to know Christ through their ministry. The poor are helped through the food pantry, our very active SVDP Society, and your generous donations which also help OPOP and the Station School. The homebound get Holy Communion and visits and comfort through our ministers of care and shawl ministry. The children are taught about Jesus through the school and RE programs. The Sacrifice of the Mass is enhanced by music and lay ministers. The various men's and women's groups build community through social events as well as gathering for formation and faith sharing.

There are too many good people to mention by name and to thank for their friendship, faith, and good example. I am grateful for you all and am glad that you support the wider Church and the local parish the way you do. The Lord is still calling all of you to follow Him and of course, to support your new spiritual leader, Fr. Deo. He is a good and holy priest who is also grateful for your prayers and gifts. Now is the time of salvation, now is the time to bring Jesus more into our hearts, homes, and the world around us, as Pope Leo XIV reminds us:

*"We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us.
The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as
the bridge to be reached by God and his love."*

God bless,

Fr. Mike



GOSPEL MEDITATION - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 10:25-37)

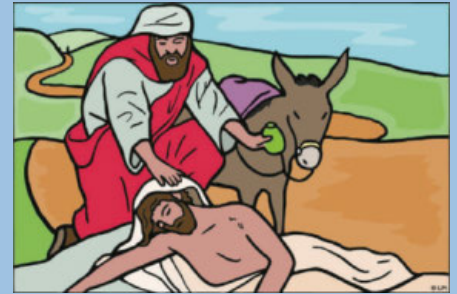
I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

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Stewardship Report			
<u>Sunday Giving (Fiscal Year July 2024-June 2025)</u>			
		May	
	2025		2024
Monthly Total	\$42,805		\$46,180
Yearly Total / Fiscal YTD	\$502,484		\$526,682
YTD- FY 25 Budget	\$531,850		
Variance	-\$29,365.99		
<u>Mass Attendance</u>			
Weekly Average	1,022		984

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Between June 9 and August 15 the parish office will be open:
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and
Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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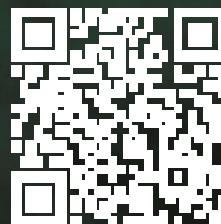


QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 27 – Wednesday, July 30, 2025
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood.

For information and registration, visit:
chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days.





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 JULY 12, 2025

5:00 PM — Don Love, Jr., Margaret Rodden Wydra

SUNDAY JULY 13, 2025

7:30 AM — Charles Jacobucci family
9:00 AM — Tom Gutzman, souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — John Keane Sr., Mary Keane, John Keane Jr.,
Fr. John McCarthy
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Pedro
Barrera, Evangelina Rubio Medina

MONDAY JULY 14, 2025

8:30 AM — Fr. Dan McCarthy

TUESDAY JULY 15, 2025

8:30 AM — , Fr. Dan McCarthy,
for those on our memorial trees
11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
6:30 PM — for those in our Book of Remembrance

WEDNESDAY JULY 16, 2025

8:30 AM — Joseph Jaszczor

THURSDAY JULY 17, 2025

8:30 AM — for those on our memorial boards
6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY JULY 18, 2025

8:30 AM — for those in our prayer garden

SATURDAY JULY 19, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish
5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
9:00 AM — Julie Albert, souls in Purgatory
11:00 AM — Theresa Cicchetti, Dennis K. Mcoz
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Evangelina
Rubio Medina, Pedro Barrera, Jose Sacramento
Suarez (20th anniversary)

Presider Schedule - July 19 & 20

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt
10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt
11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt
11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26
-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and
16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col
1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

*“Holy Communion is the shortest and
safest way to Heaven.
There are others:
innocence, but that is for little children;
penance, but we are afraid of it;
generous endurance of trials of life,
but when they come we weep and
ask to be delivered.
The surest, easiest, shortest way
is the Eucharist.”*

— St. Pius X

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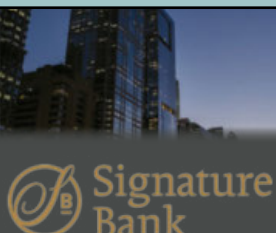
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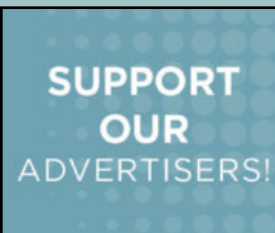
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SERVICES

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., and 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.)**

**Parish Office (Rector): Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday- 9:00 a.m.
- 4:00 p.m. & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)*. 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 Ashley Guinn 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

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*"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*