



HOLY ARCHANGELS PARISH



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"
- Lk 10:8-9

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MASS SCHEDULE DAILY MASS CONFESSION & ADORATION

St. Hubert Church

Saturday Mass: 4:30 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Daily Mass: 7:30 AM Tuesday & Friday

St. Matthew Church

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass: 7:30 AM Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Confessions: 4:00-5:45 PM Tuesday
(or by appointment)

Adoration: 4:00 - 6:00 PM Tuesday

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next 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

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St. Matthew Church

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St. Hubert Church

729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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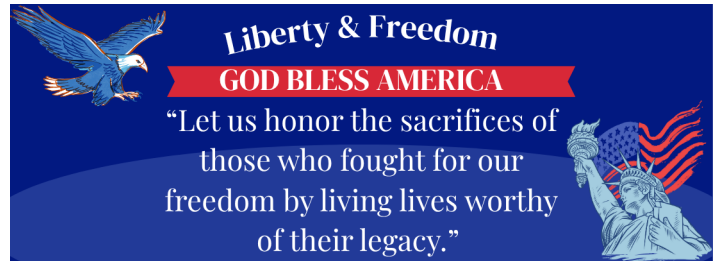
On July 4th, the United States bursts into celebration with fireworks, parades, and gatherings that paint the nation in red, white, and blue. This Independence Day, as we commemorate the birth of our nation, we pause to reflect on the profound significance of the freedoms we hold dear—freedoms secured through the sacrifices of countless people, the

privilege of living in this remarkable country, and the enduring truth of our national motto, "In God We Trust." These pillars remind us of the cost of liberty, the blessings of our nation, and the spiritual foundation that guides us toward true freedom.

Living in the United States is a privilege that sets us apart. This nation, built on the ideals of liberty and justice, offers opportunities that many across the world can only dream of. We are free to innovate, to express our beliefs, and to shape our futures in ways that reflect our individual aspirations. Yet, this privilege comes with responsibility—to uphold the values that make this nation exceptional and to ensure that the freedoms we cherish are preserved for future generations. On this July 4th, we celebrate not just the existence of our nation but the extraordinary gift of calling it home.

Central to our identity as a nation is our motto, "In God We Trust." These words, emblazoned on our currency and etched into our collective consciousness, remind us that our freedoms are ultimately rooted in God. It is through faith in God that we find the strength to uphold justice, to act with compassion, and to pursue true liberty. When we, as a nation, forget this truth, we risk losing sight of the moral compass that has guided us through challenges and triumphs. Trust in God is not merely a slogan but a call to align our actions with principles of righteousness and humility. It reminds us that our ultimate freedom—freedom from fear, division, and despair—comes from a divine source that transcends human striving.

As America celebrates Independence Day, a time to reflect on freedom and liberty, Christians worldwide face severe persecution that starkly contrasts with these ideals. In the Middle East and North Africa, where Christianity originated, believers endure violence, imprisonment, and discrimination, with populations dwindling from 20% a century ago to under 4% today due to extremist attacks and state-sponsored restrictions in countries like Iran, Syria, and Saudi Arabia. In sub-Saharan Africa, particularly Nigeria, thousands of Christians are killed annually by groups like Boko Haram and Fulani militants, with over 8000 deaths reported between 2021 and 2022, alongside church burnings and forced displacement. In India, Hindu fanatic groups fuel a rise in anti-Christian violence, with rise in hate crimes, including church arsons and forced conversions. Elsewhere, from North Korea's labor camps to Eritrea's mass imprisonments, Christians face harassment, torture, and death for their faith. As we honor America's freedom, let us remember and pray for our brothers and sisters enduring these trials, standing firm in their faith despite immense hardship.



Let us pray and do whatever we can to help our Christian Brothers and sisters around the world. Let us embrace the privilege of being Americans by fostering unity. And let us never forget that "In God We Trust" is more than a motto—it is a reminder of the divine grace that underpins our liberty.

St. Hubert Church Parking Lot project:

Our parish is embarking on a journey to enhance our facilities over the next five years, ensuring our sacred spaces continue to serve our community effectively. After thoughtful discussions with the finance council based on the facility report provided by the Archdiocese we have identified many key projects that need to be addressed in a timely manner

These improvements will be undertaken step by step, with careful planning to ensure fiscal responsibility. We have identified the parking lot repairs at St. Hubert a priority. We're happy to announce that our Church Parking Lot fundraising campaign has raised just over \$49,000! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has generously contributed so far—your support is truly making a difference. We invite others to join us in this effort to help us achieve this and improve our shared space. Every donation counts! As St. Paul reminds us, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). When we give to the works of God, we receive abundant blessings in return. Your support, through donations will help shape the future of our parish. Let's build together for God's glory!

Parish Announcement: Deacon Allen's Transfer

After 16 years of devoted service, Deacon Allen is transferring from our Parish, leaving behind a cherished legacy. His vocation has profoundly touched our community, guiding the youth, assisting at Masses, and bringing comfort and joy to countless weddings, baptisms, and funerals. Though his presence will be deeply missed, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for his future endeavors, trusting he will continue to inspire others with his faith and compassion. Please see the bulletin on his farewell Mass and reception details.

In Christ,

Father Tomy Abraham

"Among you I am a man of faith, with you I am a Christian and for you I am a priest."

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 7

7:30 AM †Albert Behm

Tuesday, July 8

7:30 AM †Blake Carlson

Wednesday, July 9

7:30 AM Holy Archangels Parishioners

11:00 AM Wedding: Edward Caley & Stephanie Hoepfner

Thursday, July 10

7:30 AM †Judith Kelly; †Ignacia Santarinala;
†Frank Mercurio

Friday, July 11

7:30 AM †Edward Walsh; †Joyce Cairns

Saturday, July 12

4:30 PM †Dorothy Colello; †Don & Phyllis Basset;
†Dan Payne; †Rosemary Voncina

Sunday, July 13

8:00 AM Holy Archangels Parishioners

9:00 AM †David Szymonik; †Catherine Szymonik;
†Kathy Weidner; †Joyce Cairns

10:00 AM †Kevin Gipson

11:00 AM †Joyce Cairns

12:00 PM George & Joyce Green 50th Wedding Anniversary

*The presider schedule for the entire month
is posted on our website, www.holyarchangelsparish.org*



Wedding Banns

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Marisa Villasenor + Gabriel Alvarez
Edward Caley & Stephanie Hoepfner

Recently Deceased...

Claudia Sue Poling, Haydee Peralta

Pray for...

Ryan Anderson •Alonso Family•Shirley Bald
Andrea Emilia Bernabey•Marianne Bowen•Caceres Family
Gustavo Caceres•Cesar•Ronald Cescaline•Cullen Creel
Maureen Culleney•Maggie Depa•Dianne Dubois
Aurora Escobedo•Kate Eugene•Chris Fleming
Carleen Fuller•Ronald Girard•Jerry Goggin
Linda Hardy•Mary Heiress•John Hindenburg
Gerald Huber•Joel•Baby Amelia Johnson•Tyler Kropp
Lauren Mangino•Makenna Mattesi•Martha McDonough
Peggy Molitor•Carolyn Monahan•Caroline Morici
Carolyn Orthner•Joseph Pacer•Violet Radman
Chuck Respondi•Rios Family•Marty Sammon
Santa Cruz Family•Howard Selkin•John Sieja
Stephanie Voeller•Eleanor Voncina

**WELCOME,
VISITORS!**

Welcome to Our Parish

We are so glad to have you with us today! Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning after some time away, know that you are warmly welcomed into our community. Our church family is here to

support and journey with you in faith. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Holy Archangels Parish, please contact our parish office at **847-885-7700, Ext 102** or visit our website at: www.holyarchangelsparish.org. We pray that you feel God's love and presence today.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HAPPY 4TH OF JULY JULY 4TH AND 5TH SCHEDULE

★ MASS TIME ON FRIDAY, JULY 4:

Mass will be at St. Hubert Church at 9:00 AM.
(We will **NOT** have a daily Mass at 7:30 AM)

★ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON JULY 4 AND 5:

The parish office will be closed on
Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5,
in observance of Independence Day.

WE PRAY

FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY

Anthony Chrobak, Brian Freeman, Jared Koch,
Jaden Lambrechts, James Lamberty, Joel Nogle,
Riley Santoyo, Bradley Vicchiolla,
Oliver Lavenson, Michael & Matthew Kukula,
Vincent E. Paris, Kyle O'Reilly

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All Powerful God,

Watch over all our dear ones who serve this day in the
military. Hold them safely in the palm of your hand.

Walk with them in your strength.

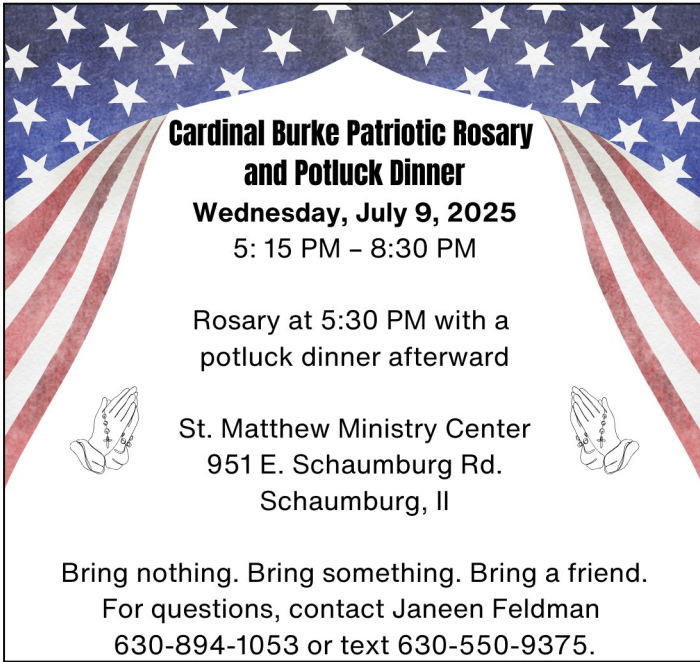
Bring them comfort and hope when they are weary.

Remind them of our love.

Merciful Lord, Bring a lasting peace into our midst.
Heal our hearts and help all nations find ways to live in
harmony so that blood is shed no more.

We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, Prince of
Peace. Amen

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Should you wish to add a loved one serving our country,
please contact the parish office at
847-885-7700, Ext. 102 or office@sainthubert.org



**Cardinal Burke Patriotic Rosary
and Potluck Dinner**
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
5:15 PM – 8:30 PM

Rosary at 5:30 PM with a
potluck dinner afterward

St. Matthew Ministry Center
951 E. Schaumburg Rd.
Schaumburg, IL

Bring nothing. Bring something. Bring a friend.
For questions, contact Janeen Feldman
630-894-1053 or text 630-550-9375.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "**Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven**" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— *Father John Muir*

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DESIGNATED JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE SITE

St. Hubert Church will **no longer** be open from
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM on Fridays.

Pilgrims are invited to visit our beautiful grotto, just behind the church at our **St. Matthew Campus**, to pray the Stations of the Cross or sit in peaceful reflection by our Blessed Mother. Surrounded by nature, it is a perfect place for spiritual renewal and quiet contemplation. We also offer confession and adoration at St. Matthew Church.



Confession and Adoration

Tuesdays at St. Matthew Church

Confession: 4 PM - 5:45 PM | Adoration 4 PM - 6:00 PM

www.holyarchangelsparish.org/jubilee-2025-year-of-hope

Pilgrimage Visit to Our Parish

A few weeks ago, a group of adorers made a meaningful pilgrimage on foot from St. Ansgar Catholic Church located in Hanover Park, to St. Hubert Church. As a designated pilgrimage site, we welcomed them for a time of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. We are grateful for their visit and the opportunity to share in this sacred journey.

The group is made up of young people and children who adore the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday and the second Saturday of the month. May God bless them.

Courtesy of Fr. Eduardo Garcia-Ferrer





Sunday, July 13
**Farewell
 Mass &
 Reception**
 Deacon Allen Tatara

Join us as we bid
 farewell to Deacon Allen
 on
 Sunday, July 13 at the
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
 Mass.
 A light reception
 to follow after
 each Mass.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best – knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC?

We often receive requests to sign a statement that a certain individual is a practicing Catholic and eligible to serve as a godparent, Confirmation sponsor, or OCIA sponsor. The letter assures the requesting parish that the person recommended is serious about his or her Catholic faith and will share that faith with the one to be baptized or confirmed. Therefore, please take note of the following guidelines for requests that you may make in this regard.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC?

1. Has formally registered and participating in the life of the parish for at least 3 months.
2. Attends Mass at least 75% of all Sundays.
3. Contributes financially to the parish according to ones means

Please understand that we welcome everyone. The guideline above is helpful for me to exercise the duty of granting those requested letters from my conscience and my limited authority within the parish. Finally, please note our parish registrations are to be used only by our parish and our Archdiocese. In no way do we share the information you give us with the government or any outside organization.

- Fr. Tomy Abraham

WE'RE HIRING

► MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

Job Description:

Work with contractors for maintenance & repairs, secure bids, minor repairs, school and church event setups. Usually on site for school openings & closings. Ability to travel between two campuses (5 miles).

► BOOKKEEPER

Job Description:

A strong working knowledge of QuickBooks Online. Able to reconcile bank accounts, post journal entries, cut checks and run reports. Participates in collections and tuition processes.

SEND YOUR RESUME TO:

Greg Bowman, Operations Director
 gbowman@archchicago.org
 847-885-7700, Ext 112



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) - HOLY ARCHANGELS PARISH

Interested in joining the Catholic faith?

- Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Are you an adult Catholic wishing to receive First Communion & Confirmation
- Do you simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Are you, or do you know someone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Or are you an adult Catholic who has not yet completed receiving the Sacraments? We invite you to consider joining the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program, which is currently forming, to help you prepare to receive the sacraments and learn more about the Catholic faith in an open and welcoming environment.

The OCIA sessions 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 to be revealed by God.



OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Classes will start on September 2, 2025

You can register by scanning the **QR code** or filling in the form online via our parish website at:

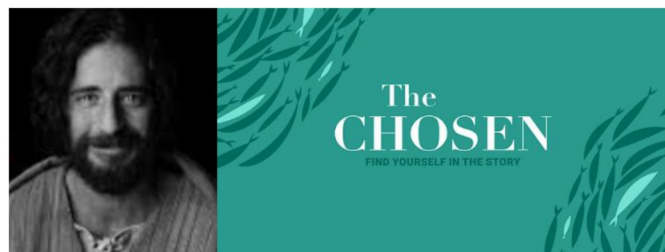
<https://holyarchangelsparish.org/ocia-order-of-christian-initiation>

Contact Fr. Oswald Nkyanungi:

 onkyanungi@archchicago.org

 **847-885-7700, ext. 104**

For more information.



FIND YOURSELF IN THE STORY

We just finished Season 2 of The Chosen. Although we're taking a break for the summer, we'll resume in September for Seasons 3, 4 & 5. Have a happy summer!



**FREEDOM
IS
LIVING
FOR
CHRIST**



FAITH FORMATION

Registration Now Open!

We can't wait to welcome your children back for another exciting year of growing in faith, learning about Jesus, and strengthening their connection with God and the Church!

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE! Don't wait. Classroom space is limited, and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to catechists and volunteers.

SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM (available online or at the parish office). All Faith Formation classes will take place on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** at **St. Hubert School Building**. Classes will begin after Labor Day.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION—1ST & 2ND GRADE (2-YEAR PROGRAM)

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION—7TH & 8TH GRADE (2-YEAR PROGRAM)

(Both programs follow the mandatory two-year curriculum required by the Archdiocese.)

MISSED A SACRAMENT? NO PROBLEM! If your child (grades 3 through 10) has missed Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, our **Sacramental Catch-Up Program** on **Wednesday evenings** will get them back on track! This one-year intensive program ensures full preparation, with parent participation required at every session.

For more details or to register, visit the parish website www.holyarchangelsparish.org under the Faith Formation tab or contact the Faith Formation office 847-885-7703. Join us for another joyful year of faith and formation!



ST. HUBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

255 Flagstaff Lane Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

NOW ENROLLING PRE K-8TH GRADE

New Student Discount for the 2025-2026 School Year!*

- \$3,000 Off Tuition – 1st Student
- \$1,500 Off Tuition – 2nd Student
- Available for New Students Entering 1st-8th
- PreK & Kindergarten Students Receive Discount When They Reach 1st Grade

Enrolling mid-year?

Your discount will be prorated based on start date.

Limited space available —enroll today!



Call 847-885-7702
or scan the QR code to
schedule a tour!

*Exclusions

Cannot be combined with other tuition assistance programs. Family information must be entered into FACTS to receive discount.



What will you give back to God from the Blessings you have received?

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

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SEEKING HELP WITH MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES

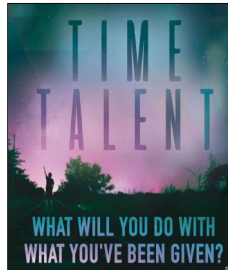


Community Life is looking for two parishioners per Mass to assist once a month with our Food Drive Collections at **St. Hubert Church.**

Saturday Mass: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM

Please contact Deacon Larry Smith for details at 847-885-7700, Ext. 103.



If you would like to know more about various ministries where you can share your time and talent as a good steward, please check out the parish website: www.holyarchangelsparish.org and click on the following tabs:

Human Concerns, Faith Formation, Parish Life and Worship. You can request information and sign up on the website.



Knights of Columbus See what we do...

www.HoffmanSchaumburgKnights.com



Become a Eucharistic Minister or Mass Coordinator!



We seek dedicated individuals to serve our parish community as Eucharistic Ministers and Mass Coordinators. These important roles allow one to grow in faith and help lead others in worship.

Training and support will be provided. If you feel called to serve or want more information, please contact

Zee Malinski at zee501@astound.net.

Your participation makes a difference!

STEWARDSHIP

We can't begin to express our gratitude for your continued financial support of our Parish. May God bless you and your family for your generosity and kindness.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ONLY

Month	This Year	Last Year	Inc. Dec.
MAY	\$129,259*	\$134,287*	\$(5,028)

*The total reflects cash, check and online giving for Sunday Offering.

BENEFICIARY INFORMATION:

Below is a sample of how to name Holy Archangels Parish as a beneficiary in a will, trust, IRA, life insurance policy etc.:

The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, tax ID 36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of Holy Archangels Parish located in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. However, if Holy Archangels Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish erected in its stead.

NOTICE TO ONLINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS:

We would appreciate if you could confirm that your credit card has not expired if you use it to participate in online giving either through Give Central or ParishSOFT. Kindly review what you have set up for online giving to determine if you are able to increase your donation(s) for the coming year. We are very grateful for any donations and ask God to bless you for your generosity.

Our Holy Archangels Parish online giving platform is established. Scan the QR code or visit our website www.holyarchangelsparish.org. At the bottom of the homepage you will see a link:

[Holy Archangels Parish- Online Giving.](#)

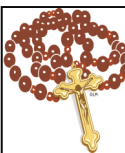


Parking Lot Resurfacing at St. Hubert Campus

Ways you can donate:

- Scan the **QR code**.
- Click on the **Ways To Give** tab on our website: holyarchangelsparish.org
- Pick up a **parking lot envelope** located in the church narthex for a cash or check donation.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



ROSARIES—Donate and Repair

Patrick Fleming, a parishioner, collects rosaries and sends them to the Missions. Please put unused rosaries you wish to donate into the slot on the ministry table in the narthex at St. Hubert Church marked "Rosaries for the Missions."

He also repairs rosaries. Put your rosary in need of repair in the slot on the ministry table marked "Rosaries for repair." The broken rosary should be in an envelope with your name and phone number written clearly on the envelope. Please note that he does not repair plastic or rope rosaries. Thank you for helping with this ministry.

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME, BUT NOT YET

A friend of mine likes to humor about his struggles in growing up. When I was in my twenties, he quips, I felt that by the time I was forty I would have grown-up enough to let go of my bad habits. But, when I turned forty, I gave myself an extra ten years, promising myself that by age fifty, I'd have conquered these habits. Well, now I'm my fifties and I've promised myself that by age sixty, I'll be more mature and more serious about the deeper things in life.

Most of us, if we are honest, have a similar story. We're well intentioned, but we keep pushing the things we need to change in our lives off into the future: Yes, I need to do this, but I'm not ready yet. I want more time. Sometime in the future I'll do this.

That's a near-universal sentiment, and for good reason. The tension we experience between our desire to grow-up and our perennial procrastination and infinite stalling in doing that, reflects in fact a tension that lies at the heart of Jesus' message, a tension between God's promises as being already here and God's promises as still coming. Simply put: Everything Jesus promised is already here and everything Jesus promised is still coming. We're already living the new, resurrected life, even as we're waiting for it still to come. What lies inside this paradox?

Biblical scholars and theologians tell us that everything Jesus came to bring us (the Reign of God, the Kingdom of God, the New Age, the Final Age, the reign of justice on this earth, new life, the resurrection, eternal life, heaven) is already here, except that it's also still coming. It's here now, but not fully; a present reality, but in tension. And it's still coming, in its fullness; still to arrive, in ecstasy. It's already here and it's still to be realized. For instance, when Jesus says that he has come to bring us new life, he is not talking simply about our future our lives in heaven; he is also talking about our lives here, already now. The new life is already here, he assures us. Heaven has already begun.

Jesus preached this very clearly and the problem was not that his hearers didn't understand him. They understood; but, almost universally, they resisted that message. Much as they yearned for God's Kingdom to be already here, like my friend who keeps asking for another ten years to get his life in order, they preferred to push things into the future. Having God become concrete in their lives was far too threatening.

Gerhard Lohfink, the renowned Biblical scholar, aptly articulates both the resistance that Jesus' hearers had to this part of his message and the reason for that resistance: "Jesus' hearers prefer to push everything off into the future, and the story comes to no good end. The reign of God announced by Jesus is not accepted. The 'today' offered by God is denied. And that, that alone, is why 'already' becomes 'not yet'. It is not only in Nazareth that the 'today' of the Gospel was not accepted. Later also, in the course of the church's history, it has again and again been denied or rendered toothless. The reason was the same as in Nazareth: apparently it goes against the human grain for God to become concrete in our lives. Then people's desires and favorite notions are in danger, and so are their ideas about time. It can't be today, because that would mean that our lives have to change today already. Therefore it can lie, hygienically and snugly packed, at rest, inconsequential."

I suspect that all of us can relate to that: It's very threatening to have God become "concrete" in our lives, as opposed to God simply being a reality that will one day become very real. Because if God is "concrete" already now that means that our worlds have to change now and we have to stop pushing things into the indefinite future. This isn't so much a fault in faith as it is a procrastination, a stalling, wanting of a little more time before we need to get serious. We're like the guests in the Gospel parable who are invited to wedding banquet. We too want to go to the feast, intend to go to the feast; but, first, we need to attend to our marriages, our businesses, our ambitions. We can get serious later. There's time. We fully intend to take Jesus seriously; it's just that we want a little more time before we do that.

We are all, I suspect, familiar with St. Augustine's infamous prayer. After converting to Christianity at age twenty-five, he struggled for another nine years to bring his sexuality into harmony with his faith. During those nine years, he prayed this way: Lord, make me a chaste Christian ... but not yet!

To his credit, unlike many of us, at least eventually he stopped pushing things into the indefinite future.

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