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Saturday Mass 5:15 PM
Sunday Mass..... 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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Tuesday -Friday Mass8:30 AM
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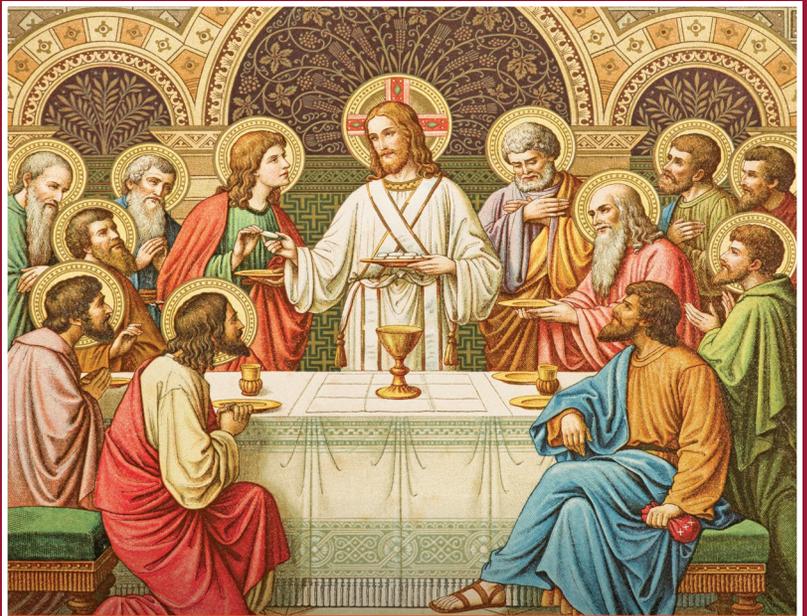
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Contact the Rectory at least six months prior to the wedding. Please call the Rectory for available times and dates.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners are invited to register at as soon as possible.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

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From Our Pastor

SOME HISTORY - CHAPTER TWO

As I said last week when I began this series, its purpose is to help you appreciate why I feel so ready to retire, but certainly not to impress anyone with whatever I might have accomplished in 50+ years of ministry. The truth is that I didn't even remember much of what I related last week until I began to reflect on all of it – and maybe that reflection is a good thing for me. In fact, something else I had completely forgotten is the summer job/ministry I began in 1972 at my home parish, St. Francis de Sales (on the **real** East Side of Chicago) which continued thru the spring of 1975. I lived in the parish rectory each summer, supervised the teens who were hired to do a variety of jobs during those months, directed the liturgy teams of the parish & trained the lectors throughout the year, and was in charge of all the merchandise for the "pull-tab" prize booths at the 11-day Summer Festival which had been going on for over fifty years and brought in a profit of over \$100,000 for the parish each summer during the early 70's. It was fun.

Anyway, getting back to last week....I left you there with my arrival in the fall of 1973 for the beginning of four years of theology at what was then known as St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein; it's now Mundelein Seminary of the University of St. Mary of the Lake – "a rose by any other name...." I think we were on an academic quarter system then, but that I can't really remember. Anyway, in addition to the theology classes (where I focused on scripture for all of my elective courses) I continued with my work at St. James on S. Wabash as a chaplain at Micheal Reese hospital one day a week and at St. Francis de Sales on some weekends. But those weren't official "field ed." sites, so I chose a Hispanic parish in the city from the many options we were offered. I figured it would be good for me to brush up on my high school Spanish which I had continued to practice on multiple vacations in Mexico in the previous seven years. However, I didn't realize that my priest-supervisor's idea of ministry at his parish (he's now a bishop who won't be named) was for me to stand on street corners and "get to know the young people" of the community. I assume you know by now how much I like things to be organized, so you'll understand why this wasn't exactly my cup of tea!

So after just one month, I requested a switch to another "field ed." site which turned out to be St. Edna's in Arlington Hts. – a part of the Archdiocese with which I was totally unfamiliar. There was no school at the parish, but a huge religious education program along with a nascent youth ministry program, and this is where I began my twenty years of directing Youth Ministry in the parishes where I served as well as at Quigley South.

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OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

MAY 29-30

Weekend Giving..... \$6,008.83

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Total.....\$981,032



From Our Pastor

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I worked there with the Religious Education Director in the Confirmation program (their young people were confirmed in high school) and with her and the associate pastor in expanding the Youth Ministry program which included weekend retreats, days of reflection, liturgical events and a variety of social gatherings. When I developed my Masters of Divinity Project—a Lector Training Program—I put that to use for all the lectors of St. Edna's.

A key part of preparation for ordination in my day was "Clinical Pastoral Education" or CPE for short. That meant spending a quarter (now I remember that we were on a quarter system!) working as a student chaplain in either a medical or psychological facility, usually sometime between the second and third years of Theology. CPE was (is?) an international program for seminary students of all denominations, with dozens of sites around the world from which a student could choose. Having travelled numerous times to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario and having visited both Toronto and Montreal on previous vacations, I found the idea of spending a summer in Canada appealing. So I applied to CPE programs in Toronto and at Montreal General Hospital—the only English-speaking hospital in that city (since French wasn't a second language for me). The Toronto program was full, but I was accepted in Montreal, and began my three months there in mid-May of 1975. The only tricky part of that was the requirement that we find our own place to live. But I was fortunate to be offered a home in the rectory of Ascension Parish in Westmont, a "suburb" of Montreal at the foot of Mount Royal, and only a twenty minute walk from Montreal General.

In the first few days of the program, when our supervisor learned of my chaplaincy experience at Michael Reese, he assigned me to the cancer ward of the hospital—the most challenging of the available options for the six members of our group. It was by no means an easy assignment, but I certainly learned a lot, including the fact that I didn't want to spend my priesthood as a hospital chaplain. The writing of "verbatim" also helped me with that decision. Those were weekly reports of a patient visit (of our choice) which were meant to be, as near as possible, a "verbatim" account of what transpired between chaplain and patient, with an analysis of how well we responded to the patient's needs. I went through a lot of typewriter ribbon in those twelve weeks! But in addition to the challenges of CPE, there was the delight of being in a beautiful city as well as the opportunity at the parish to train lectors and to serve in that ministry, and even being invited by the pastor to preach on several occasions—something I had never done before. I also had the opportunity one Sunday to lead a service and preach in a United Church of Christ community when one of the guys in my CPE group, who was the pastor there, had to be out of town for the weekend. I think that might technically have been an "impediment" to my ordination as a priest, so don't tell anyone.

After returning from Montreal that summer, I began Third Theology while continuing my ministry at St. Edna and St. Francis de Sales. In April of 1976, my thirty classmates and I were ordained "transitional" deacons—the transitional part meaning that we weren't remaining deacons, but were on our way to priestly ordination. We had already been given our deacon assignments, and mine was to be at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Lawndale. But I was also asked to accept what was a "first" for anyone's deaconate year: a "double" assignment as a member of the Formation Department at Quigley Seminary South. But, once more, that's another chapter for another week....

Fr. Bob

Around the Parish



THE COURAGE PROGRAM

9711 South Kolin Ave • Oak Lawn, IL 60453 | 708/636-8001 • thecourageprogram@yahoo.com

May 18, 2021



St. Joseph Church
17951 Dixie Highway
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Att: Respect Life Ministry

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the women and children whom we serve, I would like to thank you for having a donation drive for The COURAGE Program. The generosity of your parish is deeply appreciated.

Please know that your kindness really does make a difference and that you will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Molly O'Grady and The COURAGE Volunteers
Director, The COURAGE Program

Received of this office: Over 1,000 diapers, handmade scarves and mittens and stuffed animals

UPDATED MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

The Archdiocese is permitting **vaccinated** parishioners attending Mass to forego the wearing of a mask in church. However, if you have been vaccinated, you must present to one of the greeters either the card you received after your final vaccination or the record on your phone indicating that you are fully vaccinated. Please have that proof of vaccination ready when you enter church to ensure that others entering behind you won't be delayed too much.

If you are not fully vaccinated, you will still need to wear a mask in church until Phase 5 is reached in Illinois, presumably about a month from now.

Mass Intentions

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

8:30am Donald Berger
Harlan Schwob

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

8:30am People of St. Joseph

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

8:30am Kathy Weismann

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

8:30am Helen Cyborski

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

10:00am Memorial Mass—
Georgene Spoonhour

12:00pm Memorial Mass—
Joan Furlong

5:15pm Mary Lou Bryan
Tom Hayes

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

8:00am Irene Bauer
Donald Berger

10:30am Joseph Bandera
George W. Kuzma



Baptism
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JAYDEN ANTHONY GRAVES

MASS CELEBRANTS

Saturday, June 12, 2021

5:15 PM Fr. Jarosewic

Sunday, June 13, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Kyfes

10:30 AM Fr. Jarosewic

HOMEWOOD ACCEPTANCE AA MEETINGS

For more information, please call
Chuck F. 708-774-2507

Around the Parish

SIGN-UPS FOR CHURCH

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WEEKDAYS

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FATHER KYFES' RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

12PM MASS

Saint Joseph Church, Homewood, IL

Fr. Bob will celebrate his final Mass on Sunday, **June 27th, 2021 at 12 Noon** with a reception following this Mass.

Please [click here](#) to sign up or call the rectory office during the business hours, 708-798-0622.

Fellow Parishioners,

The date for the Celebration of Fr. Bob's Retirement is quickly approaching. The spots seem to be filling quickly and the planning committee would like to inform everyone of a special request of his that has been fulfilled for this event.

The strains of Irish lilt and laughter have not been heard within the walls of our church for almost two years. The committee is proud to announce that by special request, we will be able to listen to the beautiful music of Gavin Coyle just after the 12:00 PM Mass of Celebration of Father Bob. The Marian Council Knights of Columbus have procured Gavin's services for a short concert immediately following the liturgical service. This will not be a full concert, but possibly a selection of Fr. Bob's favorite music as performed by Gavin.

You must be registered to attend the mass to be in the audience for this concert, so reserve your spot today and join in the celebration of the Mass, this wonderful music, and also wishing Fr. Bob goodwill as he moves into the next phase of his life's journey.



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PADS**

GIVE A FAMILY A PATHWAY



A CALL TO ACTION – COLLECTION DRIVE FOR HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES FOR GIVE A FAMILY A PATHWAY HOME INITIATIVE

In March, 2020, when PADS sites in the south suburbs were closed because of the pandemic, many PADS guests were moved to hotels where they have been provided shelter for the past 15 months. Various PADS teams, including our team from St. Joseph, have continued to provide meals for these guests. Now PADS has begun an initiative to provide apartment housing for those who are ready to transition to independent living. Apartment units have been identified. We are asking for your help in providing many of the *basic* items needed to set up housekeeping.

The PADS Team from St. Joseph’s Parish will be coordinating a collection drive for kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and cleaning supplies on:

**Saturday, 19 June 2021
between
9:00am - 11:30am**

St. Joseph Catholic Church ,17951 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL
North Parking Lot – Enter North Driveway - Non-Contact Drop-off

PLEASE NOTE: NEW ITEMS ONLY (FURNITURE IS NOT BEING COLLECTED AT THIS TIME)

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For further information, please contact:

Jim Bova at jamesbova@sbcglobal.net or 708.625.2188

Erin Roeper at erinrpr7@gmail.com or 708.828.5391

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PARISH FOOD DRIVE

*for Catholic Charities'
South Suburban Pantry*

Saturday, June 26, 2021

9:00am – 11:30am

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 17951 Dixie Highway, Homewood, IL

North Parking Lot – Enter North Driveway
Non-Contact Drop-off

***Place donations in bags or boxes in your trunk, drive in,
pop trunk...we'll unload the food.***

It is time for the Quarterly Food Drive for Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Do you know there are people living near you who are food insecure? They do not know where their next meal will come from or how long until their next meal. They may be seniors, children, working adults. Your generosity helps stop the hunger of many people in the south suburbs, **your neighbors**. The Pantry is located at St. Irenaeus Parish and distributes hundreds of bags of food each month.

The collection will be on **Saturday, June 26th, 9am – 11:30am**. Pull into the north parking lot, pop the trunk, and our volunteers will unload the food. All nonperishable foods are needed. If you would prefer to make a donation of cash or check (payable to Catholic Charities), give it to the volunteer collecting the food. It will be put to good use at the pantry. Thanks for your continued kindness and assistance.

Readings

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 6, 2021

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

The covenant is established between God and the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:12-13,15-16,17-18

God brings salvation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

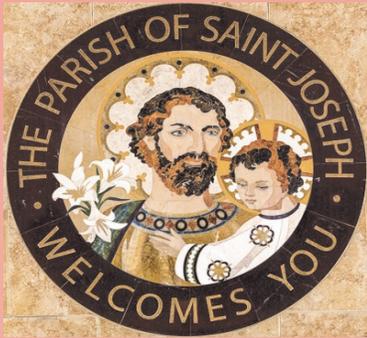
In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates. The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

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Body and Blood of Christ • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Body & Soul

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In Loving Memory

From Death to Eternal Life. Please Pray for

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May the choir of angels lead her into
Paradise.

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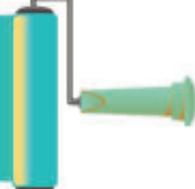
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