

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH



*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.*

— Sirach 35:17–18a

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**30TH Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2019**

We welcome you to Christ Our Savior Catholic Parish.
We trust that the message today will uplift you
and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know that our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

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Monday 8:30 AM
 Tuesday 8:30 AM 9:00 AM Holy Hour
 Wednesday 8:30 AM
 Thursday 8:30 AM Prayer Service
 Friday 8:30 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 8:30 AM
 10:30 AM



Holy Days Watch bulletin for schedule

Rosary Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM

Baptisms & Weddings Please contact the rectory office

MASS INTENTIONS

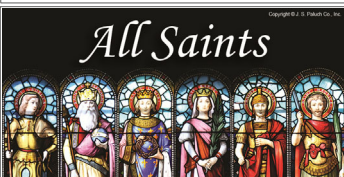
Sat., Oct. 26	4:00 PM	Margaret Faller by Joan Elliott
Sun., Oct. 27	8:30 AM	Mary Torres by Noel & Linda Morgridge
	10:30 AM	Elzbieta Sikora by Family John Krolo (2nd Anniversary) by Family Pat Rybarczyk (1st Anniversary) by Klein Family
Mon., Oct. 28	8:30 AM	George Samaan by Wife
Tues., Oct. 29	8:30 AM	Oluwatobiloba Awomolo (Birthday) by Wife
Wed., Oct. 30	8:30 AM	Romeo Lanuza by Family
Thur., Oct. 31	8:30 AM 7:00 PM	PRAYER SERVICE People Of Our Faith Community
Fri., Nov. 1	8:30 AM	Romeo Lanuza by Family
Sat., Nov. 2	4:00 PM	August D. Tufo (Birthday Remembrance) by Tufo Family Matthew Parks by Tufo Family
Sun., Nov. 3	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	M/M Sikorski & Family by Dan & Kathy Ward James Gilbert & Paul Taylor by Margaret Chavers

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

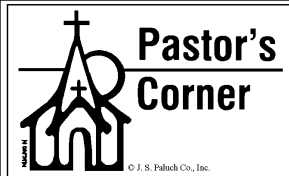
Mass	Minister of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
November 2 4:00 PM	Ruby Anderson	Zenovia Evans, Irene Sikorski	Volunteer Needed
November 3 8:30 AM	Donna Lamoureux	Roy & Veronica Pradelski Emmanuela Ntamere, Roseanne Clayton	Osarumen & Osamagbe Ogbodu
November 3 10:30 AM	Sue Bordenaro	Catherine Byrd, Audrey Mitchell Mary Ann & Lorenzo Zamora	Nancy Onuchukwu Tennile Williams



If you have a name on the list for the Mass of Remembrance, please join us on **Saturday, November 2, 2019** at the 4:00 PM Mass to honor your loved one. We are combining the (SMQA) tradition of placing a momento (picture, mass card, or something that reminds you of any loved ones who have died in the past)) on a special Remembrance Table at the back of church. The table will be up by Hallow's Eve to celebrate the Day of the Dead and All Soul's Day. It will remain up so feel free to bring a momento anytime during the month of November. Please pick up your item at the end of the month. Thank you for praying for all the faithful departed, especially during the month of November.



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
 Mass will be celebrated on
Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM and
Friday, November 1, 2019 at 8:30 AM.



O God, be merciful to me a sinner

My friends, a story is told that one day Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, visited a prison and talked with each of the inmates. There were endless tales of innocence, of misunderstood motives, and of exploitation. Finally the king stopped at the cell of a convict who remained silent. "Well," remarked Frederick, "I suppose you are an innocent victim too?" "No, sir, I'm not," replied the man. "I'm guilty and deserve my punishment." Turning to the warden the king said, "Here, release this rascal before he corrupts all these fine, innocent people in here!" The biblical saying proves true, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

This Sunday's Gospel is one to which every believer needs to pay close attention. It is the story of two believers, a Pharisee and a tax collector. It is important to underline the facts that both men were believers in the same God, both belonged to the same religion and both worshipped in the same temple. Both men were active believers who participated in temple worship and said their daily prayers. But what do we see? At the end of the worship one of them went home at peace with God but the other did not. We all, believers in God, need to pay attention to this story not only to learn the secret of offering a worship acceptable to God but also of leading a life of faith that leads to justification and not disappointment at the end of the day.

Jesus told this parable against the Pharisees because they "trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with disrespect" (verse 9). The tax collector, on the other hand, trusted not in himself or in anything he had done but only in God's mercy. Standing far off, he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner!" This is the man who went home at peace with God and not the self-righteous Pharisee.

Like the Pharisee and the tax collector we too whenever we come to God's house to offer worship and prayers, like them we too hope to go home at the end of Mass reconciled and at peace with God and with one another. The tax collector in the Gospel who honestly faced his complete dependence on God asked for divine mercy and received it. The Pharisee who mistakenly believed his accomplishments were due to his efforts alone asked God for nothing and received nothing. Jesus teaches us that prayer needs to be rooted in humility, which means accepting the truth of who we are before God. May the Lord bless us with humility, may He give us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change in life, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. May we always rely on His merciful love and compassion.

In the Lord,

Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

My friends, in our readings for Mass today, we are reminded of prayer and asked to pray often.

Dear Heavenly Father, As I resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Fill me with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace. Help me develop discipline and generosity and come closer to you through prayer this day. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

My Jesus, my friend, walk with me today. Hand in hand, guide me to learn and to know what is good. Arm in arm, help me to grow in my faith and in love for others. Side by side, stay by me to protect me and show me Your ways. Heart to heart, help me to pray... and be all that You want me to be. Thank you Jesus, for the special love You have for me. Amen.

Deacon Jerry

Fridays Solemnity of All Saints and Saturdays Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico, where November 2 is the Day of the Dead. Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the pan de muerto, or bread of the dead. A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith. --James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading -- The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalm -- The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading -- The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel -- All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40

Sunday: Wis 11:22 -- 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;

2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends who are ill and recovering.

Kathleen Bauer	Delores Jerome	Pinkie Scarborough
Matty Beuke	Tommy Johnson	Eleanor Sheeran
Joey Centrachio	Marian Kelliher	Tom Sheeran
Dolores Cox	Robert Kelliher	Ana Smith
Ruben Davilla	Mike Kelly	Martrell Smith
Gerald Dewitt	Earline Mebane	Marty Smith
Ann Dobias	Richard Mebane	Teresa Spruiell
Mary Faulkner	Daniel Mendez	Anna Szuts
Sarah Halaburt	Joan Metzger	Duane Taylor
Beth Handy	Karen Murdaugh	Dolores Vanco
Ruby Ingram	Linda Powell	Debra Worthly
	Barbara Ryan	Vicente Zamora

Forms are available in the back of the church. Please notify the rectory office when the name can be removed.

October 27, 2019 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today's readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. The Lord will not delay, he says. Knowing that God's help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today's Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ's. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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Christ Our Savior Catholic School

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
2019/20 SCHOOL YEAR

**ANGELS
AMONG US**



As mentioned in an early August column, the theme of the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools for the 2019-2020 school year is "Angels Among Us." We certainly have been blessed with many angels among us in terms of the parishioners of St. Jude the Apostle, Holy Ghost and St. Mary Queen of Apostles Parishes. Several times during the week, our "angels" call us or drop by with donations and items that we can use in one way or another. You have been angels with your benevolent words of support and prayers for our students. Just recently Deacon Tim Springer gathered some helpers to paint the front windows of the school and the overhang of the main entrance to the foyer. We are so grateful to all of our angels and we THANK YOU for your constant KINDNESS to Christ Our Savior School. God bless you!

HOLY FIRE CHICAGO EVENT

Christ Our Savior School 8th Grade students attended Holy Fire Chicago on Friday, October 18. The Archdiocese of Chicago hosted the Holy Fire event for teen students from Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs together with their teachers, catechists and youth ministers. As community youth came together, they were challenged to participate in activities that centered around prayer, music, and the joy that perpetuated the concept of becoming missionary disciples who are not afraid to witness faith in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, Holy Fire helped young people to see themselves as witnesses of Christ and members of a young Church. Holy Fire Chicago was held for two days - Friday, October 18 and Saturday, October 19, at the Credit Union 1 Arena (formerly UIC Pavilion) at the University of Illinois Chicago.

COS GALA NEWS

We are making plans for our annual Scholarship Gala which is tentatively being set for March, 2020. We are accepting any items that you may have that we can use for gift basket donations. Received a gift or gift card that you might not use? We would be extremely happy to place it in one of our many raffle baskets. Just drop it off at the school office. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SEEKING - CRAFTERS AND VENDORS for the annual Christ Our Savior Catholic School Craft Fair and Vendor Show. The show will be held on Saturday, November 9, in the school gym from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Brodzik at 708.333.8173 ext. 24 or at Iteachkb@aol.com. An application will be sent to you.

In Christ's Love,
Karen Brodzik
Principal

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Thank you for your financial support of our parish. You may continue to use your previous parish envelopes. Checks should be made payable to your previous parish name.



The Holy Name Society is asking for your help with the Annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive. Food collected during October and November will be used to make a special holiday meal for needy families in our area.

If your last name starts with the letter:

A - H please bring **Starches** such as stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni, rice

I - M please bring **Accompaniments** such as gravy, cranberry sauce, cornbread mix, pie crust & pie filling

N - Z please bring **Vegetables** such as peas, corn, yams, green beans

Any additional non-perishable items that would contribute to the meal would be appreciated. Thank you in advance.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MINISTER OF CARE?

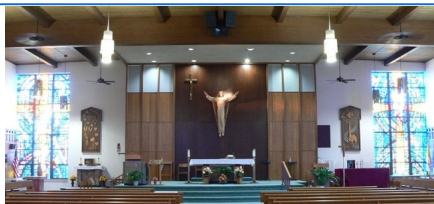
It is truly a joy to gather at Mass to hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist. Unfortunately, there are times when illness or disability confines us to our homes or health care facilities and prevents us from attending Mass. It is during these times that we most need the healing power of Christ and the loving presence and support of our parish family.

Ministers of Care are parishioners who visit the homebound to bring them the Word of God and the Eucharist.

If you interested in becoming a Minister of Care and would like more information regarding this ministry, please call the rectory office at 333-3550.



Remember Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 2nd.



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The wine used at Mass for the Eucharist for OCTOBER is in memory of Kosmala & Pearson Families. We are grateful for the donation.



Please pray for the soul of Fay Boguslawski and Maurice Byrd. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



We are pleased to welcome Antoinette Castner-Hood, L.C. Elcan and William & Weda Wheatley to our parish family.

"At Home With The Lord"

Join the weekly bible study as they reflect and discuss the upcoming weekend scripture readings. They will meet in the Rectory on Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All are invited.

PRAYER SERVICE

Join us on the 1st Fridays of every month in the Church at 7:00 PM for prayer and worship hosted by the Nigerian Community. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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BABY BOTTLE PROJECT**

Please return your baby bottle with your spare change next weekend Nov. 2nd & 3rd in the back of the church. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Deacon Jim Renwick will preside at the Cemetery Sunday Rosary and Prayer service at Holy Cross Cemetery on November 3 at 2:00 PM. Our loved ones who have been interred at Holy Cross Cemetery this past year will be remembered at the Service.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Teens (Grades 8 - 12) of our parish community will meet on **Sunday, Oct. 27th at noon** in Room 101. Join us as we make friends and explore our Catholic Social Teaching.



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