St. Lambert Parish

Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord

July 3, 2016

Rectory:
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St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

Website: www.StLambert.org

Sunday Masses: (5 pm Sat) 8am, 10am, 12pm

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am (Mon-Fri) 8am on Saturday

Pastor: Rev. Richard Simon

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Confessions: Saturday at 8:30am

Baptisms: Third Sundays of the month at 1:30 pm. Please call the rectory for guidelines and more information.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance.

To Register as a Parishioner:
Call the rectory or email us.

Bulletin Guidelines: Submissions should be received 10 days preceding the date of bulletin publication. If possible submissions should be in electronic format. Send to debbie.stlambert@aol.com.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2016
May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. — *Galatians 6:14*

Masses for the Week

Saturday, July 2
5:00 † Elias & Jeanette Sahyouni

Sunday, July 3
8:00 People of St. Lambert
10:00 In Thanksgiving, Vanessa's Birthday
12:00 † Donna Mohrlein

Monday, July 4 - NO 7:15 am Mass
8:30 Rosary for Peace
9:00 Freedom Mass
† Enrique Asidao

Tuesday, July 5
7:15 † Desmond & Sarath Gunawardana

Wednesday, July 6
7:15 Lina Devedjiev Birthday

Thursday, July 7
7:15 † Barbara Lux

Friday, July 8
7:15 † Joseph Kepes

Saturday, July 9
8:00 † Donna Mohrelin
5:00 † Frank Niewiadomski

Sunday, July 10
8:00 People of St. Lambert
10:00 † John & Mureen Cederborg
12:00 † Frederico Ravelo

Sunday Offertory Collection
June 18/19, 2016
Envelopes: $ 6,140.00
Loose: 2,724.75
Total: $ 8,864.75

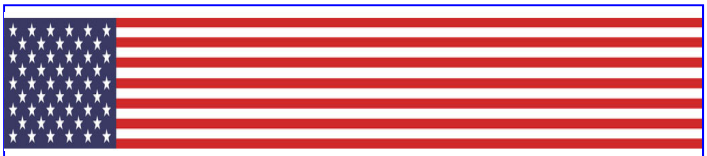
Retired Priest Fund: $335.00

For Online Giving: www.givecentral.org

Thank you for your continued support!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; *or* Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37



FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves. —Abraham Lincoln

The Coffee hour will be hosted next week by the FFOS and the contact person is Lu Alog. Her contact number is 847-674-3995. Come join us.

In today's Gospel Jesus sends the 72 out to tell the people the good news. We are each called by Christ to go out to all the world and tell the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we reflect the love of Christ in our relationships, especially our marriage relationship? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016 or December 9-11, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through http://wwme-chicagoland.org .

BRATFEST

Saturday, August 6, 2016
2 pm - 10 pm

Come One, Come All
and share in the
Family Fun!
Food, Drinks and a
Raffle with a Grand
Prize of $5,000!

Kids Games and... Live Music!

Where? St. Lambert Parking Lot
8148 Karlov Ave., Skokie, IL 60076

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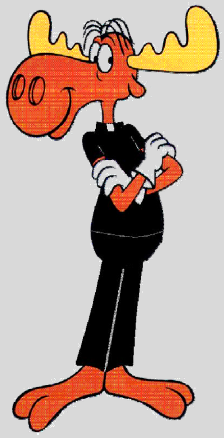
3-4pm
Jazz, Folk & Soul

Urban Rhythm 4-5 pm
Reggae, Caribbean & Soul

The Pawnshop Band 6-8pm Dance, Pop & Soul

The Reverend Know-it-all

"What I don't know…
I can always make up!"



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Back in the good old hippie days we used to sing, "It's a hard rain's a-gonna fall." I think it was written by Bob Dylan. He was right. There is a hard rain a-gonna fall but, it isn't the rain we were expecting. No one expected the Soviet Union to break up. No one expected that we would all carry around little television screens in our pockets by means of which we could instantly communicate with someone on the other side of the world. No one seriously suspected that robotic life might one day be able to surpass human life.

When I was in college, the university had a computer. It was the size of a large room. People holding punch cards stood in line for the chance to use it. Now computers are small enough to fit in our pockets and everyone has a few of them. No one thought that the world would be torn apart over looming religious wars. And above all, no one thought that the world population might one day collapse. Who could have anticipated that places like Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, Germany, China, Russia, and Japan as well as Iran and other Islamic countries would become retirement homes full of an increasing number of dependent old people? Those are some of the countries where there are simply not enough children. I will be dead and gone by the time it happens, but people under the age of twenty may well face a frightening poverty stricken old age. There is a strong probability that around 2050AD the population of spaceship earth will begin to shrink. Certainly Europe, Asia and the Americas will. Africa may continue to value children for a while yet, but who knows?

No one expected this. You might think fewer people on earth might be a good thing. What we are facing is not fewer people but fewer young people. No one to do the heavy lifting. No one to buy that stuff that makes an economy happen. No one to buy the cars, the computers, the fast food, the machine made clothing or the machines for that matter. No one to buy the houses. Things have gotten surreal in places like Italy, Spain and Japan. There are whole villages for sale, cheap! Italy is fascinating. Think about it.

After three generations of no families you have the situation in which there are four people, each of whom inherited one house. Those four people marry and each couple has one child. Now you have two people with four houses. Those two marry and produce a third generation consisting of one child. That one child inherits the four houses of his great grandparents which are now worth almost nothing.

Real estate, the most valuable possession most people have becomes worthless; in fact it becomes a liability. Within the next few years we clergy in the US of A will probably see what they are seeing in Europe, lots of ecclesiastical real estate for sale. It is just beginning here. All of a sudden, there are more churches than we need. There are not enough priests to staff them and in ten years, certainly twenty years there will be no one to warm their pews because the dear little old ladies who pay the bills and come to church anytime the doors are unlocked are going to their well-deserved heavenly reward by the busload. I wonder if the people who need to experience this new situation ever really do.

When an important church dignitary comes to a parish for an important event, he sees a full church. I wonder if said dignitary ever drops in on a church on a steamy Sunday morning in July, a church that is a third full of a congregation that has no one in it under the age of forty. We count the house annually to total up the numerical strength of the church. The pastor dutifully signs the report, which is never an underestimate. If father loves his parish he is certainly not going to lowball the figures. We, the clergy, once had job security. It was assumed that father would leave

his rectory feet first. In my youth there were two kinds of pastors, irremovable pastors who could only be removed by the pope and removable pastors who could only be removed by the pope.

In 1972, some young progressives petitioned Rome to implement term limits for pastors. Now a pastor's term of office is six years, renewable for another six. A pastor is allowed to love a congregation for 12 years max unless the bishop decides he can stay longer. Then the priest will have to go love another congregation. Don't ask father what's going on. He doesn't have the job security. He isn't prone to making objective reports on the health of his parish. Bishops see full churches. Pastors see what they need to see in order to keep going. Ask the funeral directors. They can tell you what's going on. They have great job security. As they say about cemeteries, people are just dying to get in. Funeral directors see a lot of parishes and they see very representative congregations.

My small experience indicates that a Caucasian American funeral often has no one in attendance younger than forty. A funeral parlor full of adults may produce 2 or 3 children. As often as not when a priest says "The Lord be with you," at the funeral Mass, much of the congregation looks blankly at him as if to say, "Okay." That is when the next generation bothers with the expense of a Mass. They don't go to church and they plan to scatter Grandma in her vegetable garden. "Father, couldn't you just do a service in the funeral parlor?"

A friend, a devout man who has spent his life serving the needy, was recently at a funeral of a longtime friend. The deceased had left the church over some scandal or other on top of which he had been "assessed" a large sum in a parish fundraising event. In his later years he had come back to the church, but had been away from the faith during the years he was raising his family. My friend got into a discussion with the dead man's son who, though baptized in infancy, had never participated in the church nor received the other sacraments. He asked my friend a simple question about the faith, "Why do I need it?" Good question.

Next week: Why he needs it.

The School of Heroes
a Youth Church AP event

St. Lambert Summer Camp is a week-long "parish mission" that seeks to inspire young people. The Youth Church faculty will engage the youth of the parish through the use of skits, songs, games and inspiring, interactive teaching. No matter the students' skills or interests, there is a way for them to participate, share and contribute to their group. **Registration opens July 3, 2016.** The School of Heroes is currently looking for volunteer assistance and food donations. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Youth Church at:
saintlambertsyouthchurch@gmail.com

Grades 1-6 • JULY 25-29 • Monday-Friday
8:30am –3 pm • Cost $25 per child

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Catholic Charities Mary's Closet Needs Professional Clothing and Designer Clothing Donations

Catholic Charities professional clothing center, Mary's Closet, is in need of career-ready clothing, accessories and shoes for men and women, especially in larger sizes. Mary's Closet is a program that helps Catholic Charities clients who are in need of assistance preparing for job interviews or seeking employment by providing them with work-ready clothes and interview coaching. We are also looking for high end designer clothing donations to support the program's annual spring fundraiser, Encore! Designer clothes are sold at the May resale event with all proceeds benefiting the Catholic Charities Mary's Closet program. All donated items can be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. or on Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or at our other drop-off location: Relevant Radio, 145 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information or for pick-up service please visit, www.catholiccharities.net/maryscloset or email maryscloset@catholiccharities.net

Catholic Charities Translation and Interpretation Network Chicago is Recruiting

The Catholic Charities Translation and Interpretation Network Chicago ("*TIN Chicago*") Social Enterprise is looking for bilingual individuals to work as professional interpreters (as contractors/freelancers) as needed in the Chicagoland area. Interpreters will provide professional interpretation onsite to hospitals, schools, and social services agencies. TIN Chicago is looking for bilingual people who speak Spanish, Polish, Vietnamese, Urdu, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Somali, Burmese, Filipino, Amharic, and Swahili. All other languages not listed here are welcome as well. TIN Chicago will be hosting an informational meeting and language testing at 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m – 1 p.m. To learn more, contact Rafael Picerni at 312-655-7483 or tintranslationchicago@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

The CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for helpful, friendly volunteers to serve as greeters at the hospitality table at 721 N. LaSalle St. in **Chicago**. Volunteers welcome guests and help with the intake of clothing donations. Volunteers serve a 2 or 3 hour shift on a Monday, Thursday, or Friday of their choice between 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more information email: volunteer@catholiccharities.net or call the Volunteer Relations department at 312-655-7322.

Kids Corner

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SEVENTY TWO PAIRS
TOWNS RICH LABOURERS
LAMBS WOLVES PURSE
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Lambs among wolves

Luke 10:1-20

When Jesus sent out 72 disciples to the towns where he will visit soon, he said he would send them like lambs among wolves. The disciples were not allowed to carry backpack, money, even shoes.

They returned with joy, and said that in Jesus' name, even evil sprits obey them. Jesus replied saying that they should be more pleased that their names are written in heaven.

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