

Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord



Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven

MATTHEW 16:19



ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

Rectory:

8148 N Karlov Ave.
 Skokie, IL 60076
 Phone:
 (847) 673-5090

**Sunday Masses:**

(5 pm Sat)
 8am, 10am, 12pm

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30 pm

Pastor: Rev. Richard Simon

Rev. Know-it-all:

reverendknow-itall.blogspot.com

Deacon: Mr. Chick O'Leary

Music Director:

Mr. Steven Folkers

Office Staff:

Debbie Morales-Garcia
 debbie.stlambert@aol.com.

Religious Education:

Gina Roxas
 youthchurchred@gmail.com

 St. Lambert Parish - Skokie, IL

Website: www.StLambert.org

E-mail: saintlambert@aol.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

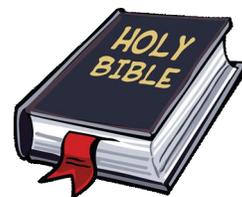
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**Sunday Offertory Collection****August 15-21, 2020**

Envelopes: \$5,691.00

Loose: 251.00

GiveCentral: 918.00

Total: \$6,860.00

Assumption: \$866.00



Thank you for your continued support!

Your donation can come **directly** to the parish in two ways....

1. Online, using our GiveCentral home page at:
givecentral.org/location/204
 (There is a small fee for each transaction to the parish)
2. Or donations can be made by using your bank account as a bill payment.

It can be scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis or as an individual one time donation. There is no charge to the parish or to you to utilize this service.

If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.

**Give to Change Lives**

Our neighbors across Chicagoland who live in poverty have been especially burdened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since it has started, Catholic Charities has been there for them answering the most urgent requests.

Please give to the Catholic Charities on August 30, 2020 to feed, comfort, shelter, and care for the most vulnerable among us and to connect them to Catholic Charities' network of services that will guide them as they work through extraordinary challenges. There will be a box located in the back of the church.

Learn more or make a gift at www.catholiccharities.net.

Maximizing our assets part 3....

So our product is threefold: Evangelism, Catechesis and Worship. In English that's meeting Christ learning about Him and His Bride (the Church), And loving Him, what then are our assets?



Our first asset is the parish. The church doesn't physically exist outside the parish or some similar institution. What then is a parish? Around 1300 AD the word meant, "a district with its own church; members of such a church." the word derives from an eleventh century French word "paroche", from Late Latin parochia, an alteration of Late Greek "para" = near + "oikos" = house. An oikos in Greek could mean a building but more properly meant household.

From it's earliest days the church was something local. It was an immediate and tangible community, not a world wide organization. Certainly the church was and is a universal organization, but its manifestation is very local and very small. There's a lot to a rosebush, but you grow it for the roses. There's a lot to the church, but it flowers in visible communities. It's meant to be a house hold of faith, a family of believers.

When I was a boy, very, very long ago, 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. If a bishop decided to remove a removable pastor, that pastor could appeal to Rome, and that was such a long and convoluted process, well, why bother? A pastor could really only be removed for insanity, heresy or immorality proven by a canonical trial. It was expected that a pastor would die in his rectory. He may be a pain in the neck, but he was our pain in the neck, just like a real family. Papa might be nuts, but he was papa! You didn't fire him, that is until divorce became so popular. The parish was home. The nuns were mothers the priests were expected to be fathers.

The church building was the anchor of the neighborhood (in Greek another meaning of "parokia"). All this ended in 1972. I remember it well. The Priests' Senate of the Archdiocese of Chicago petitioned Cardinal Cody for an indult; permission to disregard canon law and to limit the terms of lifetime pastors to two terms of six years each.

They were anxious to get rid of the old pastors so that they could bring in the changes that have swept away much of the Catholic church in our times. Cardinal Cody said "If that is what you want, my sons, I will ask the Holy Father." He left the hall smiling because he realized that without tenure for pastors, there would be no control over the bishops. In the old days, the pastors would get together usually on Thursday, the traditional priests' day off. They might be complaining about some decision of the bishop and they would quite literally go on strike. They would not send down their expected contribution of 5% of the weekly collection and they could not be removed for that. Thus the bishop had to pay attention to his priests and to know them well. That ended in 1972. From that time on priests had a limited term of office and a mandatory retirement at 70.

As Chicago went, so went the nation in those days and so went much of the Catholic World. The people who did this are really quite proud of their achievement. There is a book about the great ordination class of 1969. *"Catholic Watershed: The Chicago Ordination Class of 1969 and How They Helped Change the Church"* by Michael Cahill. I knew that class quite well. My brother was in the leadership of the class and served as a priest for 10 years. For better or worse the church changed and the pastor ceased to be a

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

father, the parish ceased being a stable home. I remember how many in that era resented being called "Father". "Just call me Bob." they would say. They refused the title. What they didn't understand was that they were also refusing the relationship.

The first asset to maximize is the parish. Stability has to be returned to the local parish community and to the local pastor. It is a proven fact that where a pastor has long tenure, a parish produces new priests and nuns. If you want young men and women to serve, communities of faith have to be stabilized, A stable parish is one of the essential financial and vocational assets of the church, and certainly one of the essential spiritual assets. Stable parishes sustain faith communities and are the only reliable source of a bishop's MONEY, Yes let's use the M Word. By the way, the money sent to the diocese used to be about 5% of a parish's regular income. Now it is around 20% and never seems to be enough for some reason.

Next week, pastors and parishes used to be more stable. A thousand years ago so were bishops and dioceses.



Ann Scheidler of Pro-Life Action League is offering a short Zoom training session for any of you that would like more insight on interacting with people that approach you during a Pro-Life protest or prayer vigil. In particular, she will give us the best practices for a conversation with someone potentially seeking an abortion or someone who works for an abortin clinic.

If you have any interest, please send your email address, so Ann can include you on the invite, to: ddandrin@gmail.com.

Or, you can also send your request to be invited directly to Ann at: ann@prolifeaction.org

The Zoom session is planned for Tuesday evening, September 22.

Please join the Thursday morning Pro-Life prayer vigil outside the Carafem abortion clinic (4711 Golf Road, Skokie) every week, 9-10am.



Golf & Tennis Sale

St. Peter Catholic Church
Saturday, September 5th
9 am—12 noon
8116 Niles Center Rd., Skokie

Tennis Racquets, Hoppers, Golf clubs,
Bags, Carts, Footballs, Basketballs etc.

Masks are required

Cash or Checks made out to St. Peter CatholicChurch



SAINT MONICA (332-387)

August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose.

For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved,

Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

© Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

In your mercy, Lord, You received the tears of St. Monica as she wept for her son. At the intercession of both mother and son, give us grace to weep for sin and to obtain Your forgiveness.

ST. MONICA :: AUGUST 27

O Lord, Who taught Monica to persevere for the good of her family, help me to be a better parent to my children. Help me to have patience with them when they misbehave and give me the strength to guide them gently to the right path. Permit me always to forgive their misdeeds and keep me from speaking harshly or punishing unwisely. Please help me to be a beacon of goodness for them as they grow to adulthood and to be a good example to them in all that I say and do. Amen.



TRUST

Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established.



Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Faith Is the Key

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10



L F Q S P T A M A Z E D T A G
 R L G W N Y S W B C W A H U M
 D S B R F W I R Q W E I Y T H
 I H O X U N C W I R X H D H N
 E B W L Y E K H G Y T Y B O K
 Q V H B D W V U O R P H M R H
 J J C N S I Q A O D I T B I I
 C R X E E W E W O U D K B T J
 R S H D N C G R E K A B E Y I
 H T E P E T P I J G C R O W D
 L E F R J S U F R I E N D S S
 W T A A V L E R S H O U S E K
 R E J L I A M R I X O H N G E
 S T P L E T N E V O V B D B J
 G K X D C D H T P E N J Y P U

AMAZED
 DESERVE
 AUTHORITY

CENTURION
 HEALED
 DIE

SOLDIER
 SERVANT
 GREAT

CROWD
 SICK
 FRIENDS

WORTHY
 FAITH
 HOUSE