



ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity



JULY 26, 2020



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

"El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo. El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder y, lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto tiene y compra aquel campo". - Mt 13, 44

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From the Pastor's Desk

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New guidelines have been released by the Archdiocese regarding Religious Education, check the bulletin and Kathleen Driscoll's page for registration and FAQ's. While we will retain the scheduled time for RE on Sunday's after the 9:00 am Mass, individual grade/classes will not attend on site every week but more like once a month. We are adapting the schedule and with the help of the Archdiocese, developing more remote learning possibilities for RE.

Every three weeks the bulletin will have a newsletter page that includes Frequently Asked Questions posed and answered by the different subcommittee members of the Unification Committee. We will begin planning training for all liturgical ministers from all three merging parishes, with input from the deacons, so everyone that is interested gets the same formation and training and can be scheduled. If you have any interest in being an usher, lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, minister of care, etc... please let Jim Madura know. Fr. McCarthy will still train altar servers in the spring if the Covid guidelines allow for it.

Today, in our first reading God was pleased with Solomon's prayer for wisdom and so gave it to him. We might wonder why our prayers are not always answered...it's a big question.

St. James gives us perhaps the most common reason why our prayers are not answered immediately as we would like, he says ***"you ask but do not receive because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions....whoever wants to be a lover of the world makes himself an enemy of God."*** God specifically told Solomon that since he didn't ask for ***"long life for yourself, nor for riches or defeat of enemies but for understanding...I do as you requested."*** Sometimes God doesn't answer our prayers because we're not asking for something good or we're asking for a good thing for the wrong reasons. If our desire for power, pleasure, wealth, or honor is not motivated by a desire for holiness and heaven, then our Heavenly Father won't give it to us because it isn't good for us.

Another reason, we might think that if the Lord fixed everyone and everything in the world, then we would be at peace. St. Paul says: ***"Have no anxiety at all, but...by prayer and petition, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*** There are enemies and problems without, but the Lord wants to heal us from within. We can be like people who say ***"so and so made me angry."*** The reality is, we allow ourselves to get upset and angry. Do we want God to change the world and other people because we think we'll find peace that way? Even if the Lord doesn't fix all the problems if we entrust them to Him, Jesus promises us the peace that the world cannot give.

One last reason why the Lord might seem slow in answering our prayers is that He wants to build up our desire for the good He wants to give us. Food always tastes better when we are hungry. We savor and appreciate it more. To use a sports image, consider how long Cubs fans persevered waiting for them to win the World Series and when that day came the city was filled with parties, parades and celebrations. God wants us to hunger for Him and His blessings so that we really appreciate what He is giving us. St. John Vianney would say ***"My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God."***

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Mike



MASS SCHEDULE THROUGH AUGUST

We will observe the following weekend Mass schedule during the month of July and August at St. Tarcissus Church, which is part of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.

- the weekends of July 25/26 and August 1/2, 8/9 and 15/16 - Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. On August 22/23 and 29/30 we will have the same schedule with the addition of an 11:00 a.m. Mass and a 1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

All current protocols, such as the wearing of face masks and the need to pre-register, will remain in effect.

You may register online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA8A923A0F58-weekend>

If you do not have a computer you can call the rectory at 773 763-8228 to register.

• **Weekday Masses are Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. Your name and phone number will be taken at the door.**

• Confessions at the St. Tarcissus location are on Saturday afternoon between 3:30 and 4:30.

• The church is also open for private prayer on Tuesday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Masses are still being offered at St. Cornelius, 5430 West Foster through August 16 on Sundays at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in English and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish. You can make reservations for these through the St. Cornelius website.

The final Masses at St. Thecla will be on August 15 at 4:00 p.m. and August 16 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Would you like to receive this bulletin electronically?

Visit here to subscribe: <https://www.parishesonline.com/find/st-elizabeth-of-the-trinity-parish-60646>



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Year-to-date budget	\$445,000
Year-to-date-actual	\$397,258
YTD difference	\$47,742
Year-to-date prior year actual	\$444,254
Decrease from prior year	\$46,996



In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we were able to provide dinner and dessert to 100 needy families, assist 1 family by providing monetary assistance for utility and rent bills, etc., and assist the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels. Thank You!

Welcome
OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Baptism

Charles Arthur child of
Thomas & Alain (Fulara) Levar



Congratulations and Welcome to those who celebrated the sacraments this weekend!

We usually welcome our candidates to membership in the church at the Easter Vigil. David Walters and Carly Bennet, after preparing over the fall and winter, celebrated the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral on March 1.

God had other plans. They have been waiting all these months of lockdown and quarantine to come to full membership in the church. We are delighted to welcome them this weekend, with the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Thanks, as well, to the RCIA team members—Andrew Castiglioni and Mary Wudtke—who walked with them through this process.

The ***RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA*** - is the process through which people investigate and join the Catholic church.

Who is it for?

- Those who are not baptized
- Those who are members of other Christian churches
- Catholics who never received the other sacraments

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the Catholic church, **contact Cathy Crino at ccrino@aol.com**. We can set up a time to talk about the way the process unfolds and how you can take part.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST CORNELIUS ON JULY 18



CONFIRMATION

Jake Christopher Aimone
Isabella Guadalupe Alfaro
Eileen Agnes Arteaga
Mateo Matthew Avila
Salvador Tarcissus Espinoza
Diana Kateri Tekakwitha Ferrer
Alondra Victorinus Garcia
Litzy Teresa Garcia
Brianna Guadalupe Luna



Alyza Abigail Maestre
Anthony Anthony Quirino
Jake Ezekiel Rivera
Sara Maria Ruiz
Nayima Elizabeth Saavedra
Adriana Jude Samayoa
Dennis Joseph Stowell
Calvin Kateri Tekakwitha Surnit
Andy Andres Zagal





ST. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY PARISH 2020-21 RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Dear Religious Ed Families,

The saying, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans," has come to mind often over the past several months. As someone who likes to plan and organize, this gentle reminder helps to keep me focused on what God wants and His timing, not my own.

As I mentioned in my letter of introduction last week, we are planning the upcoming religious ed year in accordance with the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Chicago. These guidelines are being finalized by the Archdiocese and will be sent to parishes in the coming days. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is intending to hold in person instruction for religious ed. The in person classes will meet on Sunday mornings from 10 am-11:15 am, with our first in person class on September 20th. The religious ed program calendar will be provided in August.

I encourage you to register as soon as possible and take advantage of the early bird discount that runs through August 31st. The registration form can be found on the parish website.

Your patience and flexibility is greatly appreciated as we navigate the times in which we find ourselves.

I very much look forward to meeting all of you in the coming weeks and months.

Let's pray for each other—and for the children of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity!

Faithfully yours,

Kathleen Driscoll
Director of Children's Faith Formation

2020-2021 Tuition and Fees

Tuition

1st Child=\$200

Early Bird Tuition Discount for 1st child: \$175 if registered by August 31st.

Addition Siblings=\$75 per child

Sacrament Preparation Fees

First Holy Communion=\$75

Confirmation=\$100

RELIGIOUS ED FAQs

Q. When will classes be held?

A. Religious education classes for students in 1st-8th grades will meet on Sundays from 10:00am-11:15am in the school building. Students and their families are encouraged to attend the 9am Mass prior to class.

Q. When do religious ed classes begin?

A. Classes will begin Sunday, September 20th.

Q. When will registration begin?

A. Registration forms can also be found on the parish website or at the parish office. Registration forms will be sent to families who were in religious ed last year at St. Cornelius, St. Tarcissus and St. Thecla. Class assignments and the religious ed program calendar will be provided in August.

Q. With the current pandemic, will religious education classes meet face-to face?

A. Yes, students and teachers will be gathering for in person instruction beginning September 20th. In consultation with medical experts, the Archdiocese of Chicago has set forth a comprehensive reopening plan that follows the guidance of federal and state authorities. All students and catechists will be required to wear masks.

Q: What happens if there is a COVID-19 surge in greater Chicago and the state imposes more restrictions on schools?

A: If a COVID-19 surge occurs, we will work closely with state officials to determine whether we can continue face-to-face instruction (even on an alternate schedule). If necessary, we will return to at-home virtual instruction.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Prayer

O God,
Trinity whom we adore,
may we be emptied of self-seeking.
Fill us with your love.

Guide us with Your wisdom
so that we might learn from You:
to be humble,
to be patient,
to be forgiving,
to be understanding,
to work towards peace,
and to speak the truth in love.

Help us,
Holy Trinity,
to embrace Your will gratefully.
May a deep faith in You be enkindled in our hearts,
so that we can be Your light to the world.

We ask this in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

This letter is from our local Sharing Parish.

(We also have an international Sharing relationship in Rwanada - St. Maria Gorretti Parish and the "Station School.")



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1 July 2020

Rev. Michael C Grisolano
St. Tarcissus Church
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Dear Rev. Grisolano:

I can't tell you how delighted I was to receive the generous Sharing check from St. Tarcissus. Old buildings and a poor community make for a challenging parish. What is not perplexing is the deep Faith of the Mexican community which never ceases to feed me hope.

Please know that we hold you and your parish in our prayers for the benefactors who ease the strains on ministry. Please include some version of the short article of thanks in the parish bulletin.

I will be praying that the new parish, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, will produce great blessings for you and the parish community after all the efforts you and the parish have made.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Cima

Rev. Thomas E. Cima,

Pastor

Gardens Grow The good people of St. Tars have shared their garden harvest with us for the last year. Please know we are quite grateful. Please know that you and your loved ones will be kept in prayer by our folks. Rev. Thomas E. Cima & St. Michael the Archangel.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
Masses every weekday live on You Tube
at 8:30 a.m. - look for Fr. Mike
Grisolano Broadcasts - or watch at any
time on parish website

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020

5:00 PM— Dennis Gates, Gilski & Ryjewski
families, Richard Zahn, Fred Keto

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

9:00 AM—(also livestreamed)
Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Tom
McManus, Sarah & Joseph McGurk, Rosalie
Abbinanti, Louis Gonzales, Harry & Sophie
O'Leary (73rd wedding anniversary)

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

8:30 AM— for those suffering from Covid 19

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

8:30 AM— for our parishioners

11:00 - 2:00 PM—church open for private prayer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

8:30 AM— Bernard Berndt

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

8:30 AM— Joseph, Sr., Rose, Joseph Jr., Paul, Mary &
Laura Vasile, Christine Carbone, Rose & Carl
Carlson

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

8:30 AM— for those on our memorial trees

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

8:30 AM— (livestreamed only)
Pryst & Kepros families, Keith D. Walker

3:30 - 4:30—CONFESSION

5:00 PM— Genevieve A. Skorek, Jason Van Dyke

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

9:00 AM—(also livestreamed)
Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Wayne Filar

Presider Schedule - August 2 & 3

5:00 pm — Fr. Grisolano
9:00 am — Fr. Lukas

DISPENSATION

Cardinal Cupich has continued the
dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday
Mass until further notice.

WEDDING BANNS

Gino Scardina & Nicole Preston—I & II



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Martha
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf.
18a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-
9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-
42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
[5a]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt
13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,
33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
[cf.16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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coming soon!

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SERVICES:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm & **Sunday:** 9:00 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday : 8:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Private Prayer

Tuesdays: 11:00 am to 2 pm

Rectory Hours—Monday - Friday: 9:00—5:00

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg to make arrangements. gbzdon@sttars.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public School Students: Contact Kathleen Driscoll for more information. st.tars_rep@yahoo.com

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring communions to those in need, contact Dorothy Weidman through the rectory, or one of the priests to make arrangements.

High School Youth Group: Contact Mr. Mike Wuich HEELSFINL4@AOL.COM

Bulletin Deadline: 12 Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*

Lighting Candles in Church

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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