

St. Tarcissus Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020



*The “Last Weekend of Masses”
as St. Tarcissus Parish.
Thanks to all of our
parishioners -
past, present - and the future
parishioners of St. Elizabeth of
the Trinity Parish.*



From the Desk of the Pastor

Last weekend we had our first public Masses again and overall, it went well. We will work out some Communion flow issues but praise God we can gather again together for Mass. In July, the weekend Mass times will be 5pm Saturday and 9am on Sunday (which will also be live streamed). We are making an exception for the 4th of July weekend, please note that there will not be confessions or an evening Mass on the 4th of July, rather, there will be a 9am and 11am on July 5th. The other July weekends are as stated previously. You must register ahead of time online or through the office.

We were able to have a graduation Mass for the PFGA North Campus here (South Campus is scheduled for July 10th) and I presume it went well, it hasn't occurred yet as of the writing of this. The families and graduates are all grateful to have a final Mass to both honor and pray for the graduating 8th graders. They are rightfully proud of their accomplishments over their years here. Before the drive by graduation parade I asked each 8th grader which pin they wore meant the most to them. Most of the students mentioned their gold cord or honor roll pin as the symbol that they had worked the hardest for. The gold chord meant the student worked out to maintain straight A's all year, although one student mentioned their religion pin was what they were most proud of! This Mass is a good gift to them as they prepare for their futures.

We also were blessed to be able to safely have our First Communion Mass this past Saturday. Like our graduates, the first communicants had to patiently wait for the big day and I'm sure it might have been nicer to have even more family and friends to celebrate with, but such are the times we're in. I know the children have been so much looking forward to receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist, many of you can sympathize with them because you haven't been able to come to Mass in so long yourselves.

It is good that we had these two special Masses when we did because as you know, this is the last official weekend for the canonical existence of St. Tarcissus Parish. The RMC merger begins July 1st and we will officially be called St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish. Some physical changes have already taken place to the campus with the painting of the Auditorium, the diagonal parking on Moody being completed (except for the striping), the choir loft floor was installed and the preparations for the convent demolition are nearly completed. The whole campus in time will get fixed up a bit for the better, but of course, the real improvement is that we will be stronger by being united with the good people of St. Thecla and St. Cornelius! The people are the parish before the buildings!

This last weekend though can be a time to remember the long history of St. Tarcissus Parish over its 94 years. Some of you have families that were here before the current church was built! You rejoiced at family weddings, wept at funeral Masses and possibly sporting events. St. Tarcissus has meant so much as parish and school that it's hard to put into words its significance to the community. It is a time for you to share your stories with your family and to have a good laugh and a good cry over the good times and the grief of loss.

This has been your home for spiritual, emotional, and often social needs and it still will be in the future albeit by a different name and with a larger family.

God bless,
Fr. Mike Grisolano



In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by assisting one family, providing donations to the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Pope Frances Center, continue to help with the Louie G Food Pantry and volunteer for the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, and continue to purchase items for the Backpack Fall Project for the Homeless.

During these difficult times is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St Tarcissus Rectory and leave a message for the St Vincent de Paul Society so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

JULY MASS SCHEDULE

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

- NO 5:00 Mass or Confessions on Saturday, July 4
- Sunday, July 5 - Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 A.M.
- the weekends of July 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26 - Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

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

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(1-877-435-7277) or mail:

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 1, 2019 - June 11, 2020

Year-to-date budget	\$421,514
Year-to-date-actual	\$380,860
YTD difference	\$40,653
Year-to-date prior year actual	\$423,051
Decrease from prior year	\$42,191

Welcome to our Parish Family



Alexander James, child of
Aaron & Mary Beth (Stehl) Heidebrink



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Prayer to Heal Racial Division

We thank You, O Lord, for in Your loving wisdom You created one human family with a diversity that enriches our communities.

We pray to You, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in Your image and beloved by You, with worth and dignity.

We pray to You, O Lord, that we may envision a way forward to heal the racial divisions that deny human dignity and the bonds between all human beings.

We pray to You, O Lord, that we may affirm each person's dignity through fair access for all to economic opportunity, housing, education, and employment.

We pray to You, O Lord, that we may have eyes to see what is possible when we reach out beyond fear, beyond anger, to hold the hand of our sisters, our brothers.

We thank You, O Lord, for Your call and challenge to us that we may reveal Your teachings and Your love through our actions to end racism and to proclaim that we are all Your children, heirs to Your sacred creation. Amen.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.com)

Religious Education

Thank You St. Tarcissus Parish

I was not sure what I wanted to write for my article in the final St. Tarcissus Bulletin. So I will start by saying thank you, and God bless you. For me, this has been an interesting and rewarding eight years. St. Tarcissus was my first opportunity to get paid working in a parish. I did spend five years on the parish staff (unpaid) at St. Mary Parish in DeKalb before coming here. Eight years ago, the company I worked for eliminated the entire department where I worked. As I was trying to decide what I wanted to do, a friend said: "Why don't you try to get paid for your volunteer work; it seems to give you so much energy?" So I started to apply for a few jobs at different Catholic parishes and organizations; I was looking for anything to get my foot in the door. Somehow that brought me here to St. Tarcissus.

The Future

I had originally thought that this would be my last bulletin article as I told Fr. Mike that I would not be applying for the new position with the new parish; however Fr. Mike has asked me to stay at least for a short while as he looks for the next Director of Children's Faith Formation. It is not that the new position doesn't interest me; I think the new job has great potential. The time commitment is my reason for not applying for the position in the new parish. I believe that with the right person in the new position (Director of Children's Faith Formation) great things can and will happen. So, I will be here at least for a short time longer.

The Children

Eight years ago, when I came to St. Tarcissus, I knew I was in a challenge. I had never actually taught children. Much of my adult life, I worked in the training and management of adults in the corporate realm. At St. Mary's in DeKalb, we did have a children's version of RCIA that was part of my responsibility; however, I had a coordinator who handled 99% of the program. My first year as the DRE here was rough. I had to learn the job quickly while doing it. Then there are the changes to the religious education program; many people don't take change well. But both the parish and I made it to the next year. It is great to see young children start to understand what it means to follow Christ. Seeing second graders excited about their First Communion is an inspiration each year, or when a young 7th or 8th grader picks a little-known Saint for Confirmation because that Saint's life has brought meaning to their life. Did you know we had a young man take the name Tarcissus as his Confirmation this year? I have found joy in sharing the Catholic Faith with children.

The Volunteers and Parish Members

As I had mentioned, my first year here was rough. One of the problems was that we didn't have enough volunteers that were willing to teach religious education classes. That was a problem for the first two years, but eventually, that began to change. For the last few years, we have become the envy of neighboring parishes as we have had almost two adults in every RE classroom. We also have three parishioners that help keep the RE office running. We have some great volunteers, but we can always use more help. Besides the volunteers, I've come to know many of the other members of the parish, some of whom I now call friends.

The Staff and Priests

Any final article about my time at St. Tarcissus must remember Mrs. Kathy Mullins. Kathy was the face of this parish for many years, and she became a great friend (for me). I continue that friendship today with her daughters and their husbands. God bless you, Kathy! I need to mention Jim Madura, who has held more jobs here at St. Tars and has been here longer than anyone else. We have had some fine people on the staff who made service to God's people their mission. Many people think of the parish priests when they think of the church; I want to thank them. It would be impossible if they were not here to manage the parish and to lead us Sacramentally. Thanks and prayers to Fr. Mike Grisolano, Fr. Mike Solazzo (who just retired last Saturday), Fr. Dan McCarthy, Fr. John Griffiths, and Fr. Mike Leonard. May God continue to send the Church committed spiritual leaders in the future.

- Peace! Larry Cubalchini, Director of Faith Formation



Congratulations & Thanks...

...to our graduating St Tars Altar Servers. When our Servers begin their training toward the end of 5th grade, they are asked to make a 3-year commitment to serving at God's Altar. When they graduate 8th grade, their commitment ends.

They're then invited to continue serving in High School. I'm very proud to say that we have 25 High School Altar Servers currently, including one graduating High School Senior:

George Hemesath

has now completed 7 years as a St Tars Altar Server. Thanks to George and his supportive family for reaching this milestone in service to God & God's people. George will attend Southern Illinois University in the fall. George, we wish you well & assure you of our prayers during your college years. Thanks for your service & congratulations on completing your 7-year Server Commitment.

Congratulations & Thanks also...

...to our graduating 8th grade Altar Servers. They have now filled their 3-year commitment of service to God & God's people. These 12 excellent & highly reliable Servers are young people we can all be proud of. Those marked with * in front of their names have also committed to continue Altar Serving in High School while attending St Pats, Notre Dame, Resurrection, St Viator & Northridge. Congratulations & Thanks to:

*Ryan Birt	Tim Bridges	Johnny Crawford	Alanna Hyland
*A J Kwit *	Clare McDonough	*Mary Moroko	*Mackenzie Nickeas
Sarah Scheiber	*Maggie Shewchuk	Joe Stachula	*Leah Thiel

SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784) - July 1

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan padre who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Saint Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.





TARCISSUS

Since this is the last weekend of St. Tarcissus as a parish, I thought it might be a good idea to write about him, since I'm sure there are several of you who have no ideas who Tarcissus was or why he is a saint.

The first thing to know is that "Tarcissus" is an Americanized spelling of the original Latin "Tarcisius."

Tarcissus lived in third century Rome at a time when Christians were being persecuted for their belief in God. Because he lived so long ago there is very little actual knowledge known about this person. Over the years many legends have developed around this real person. It is thought that Tarcissus was a young man, perhaps a young teenager or even younger.

Even though there was a persecution in effect the Christians still wanted to practice their religion. They still wanted to attend Mass. They still wanted to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. And because of the persecution they had to do all of this in secret. But even then, they were sometimes caught. They were then arrested and thrown in jail.

This is where Tarcissus comes into play. The Christians that were imprisoned still wanted to receive Holy Communion. It was too dangerous for priests to take it since they, too, would be arrested. So this young, pious boy, Tarcissus, volunteered for the job. He would deliver the Blessed Sacrament to those imprisoned Catholics. It was determined that this was a good plan because surely no one would suspect a mere youth to smuggle the Body of Christ. The Hosts were placed in a leather pouch (called a pyx) and it was hung around his neck.

The delivery did not go as planned. While he was on his journey, Tarcissus was confronted by a group of thugs or ruffians. They harassed him. They wanted to know where he was going and they especially wanted to know what he was clutching in the pouch he had hanging around his neck. Tarcissus was very protective of his precious cargo. He held it close to his heart. He refused the demand of the gang to hand over the pyx and its contents. Because of his steadfastness the mob stoned him to the point of death. Yet the whole while Tarcissus protected the Blessed Sacrament.

The next day his body was found by some Christians with the sack still around his neck with the Blessed Sacrament still within it. They took his body and had him buried in the catacombs.

Because of his martyrdom, Tarcissus is the Patron Saint of First Communicants. Because of his young age and devotion he is also the patron saint of altar servers. And because of how and why he died he is also known as a "Defender of the Eucharist." His feast day is observed on August 15, but because the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on that day - it takes precedence - so the feast of St. Tarcissus never gets to be observed.

Above Tarcissus' tomb Pope Damasus had the following inscription placed:

*"St. Tarcissus went away bearing the sacrament of Christ,
while criminals tried to profane them.
He, for his part, preferred to allow himself to be murdered
rather than deliver the Body of Christ to mad dogs."*

You can find a statue of St. Tarcissus above the center outside door going into church. Another one can be seen in the vestibule of the church. There is also a St. Tarcissus stained glass window. It can be seen as the first one from the rear of the church on the left (west) side. You will notice he is holding a palm branch. This indicated his martyrdom. The fish and the bread at his feet represent the Blessed Sacrament. The fish is an ancient symbol representing Christ. You can also see the pyx around his neck.

As parishioners of St. Tarcissus Parish, may our devotion to the Eucharist be ever strong. May we receive Holy Communion often and try to model our lives with the same devotion that young Tarcissus had. May we become what we receive!

Jim Madura



Mass Intentions for the Week

Watch St. Tarcissus Masses every day live on You Tube at 9:00 a.m. - look for Fr. Mike Grisolano Broadcasts - or watch at any time on the parish website

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

5:00 PM— **PUBLIC MASS**

Pat & Katie Beirne, Bill Klosinski (in remembrance), Kieth Ryjewski, Gilski & Ryjewski families

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

9:00 AM— **PUBLIC MASS** (also livestreamed)

Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Tom McManus, John Cunnie

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

9:00 AM— Suzanne M. O'Brien, Joe McGurk (anniversary of death), Sarah McGurk

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

9:00 AM— Michele Silk

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

9:00 AM— Dick Hefferan

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

9:00 AM—

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

9:00 AM— living & Deceased members of the Czapla & Rzendzian families

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020

9:00 AM— Pryst & Kepros families

3:30 —4:30— **NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**

5:00 PM— **NO MASS TODAY**

Genevieve Skorek, Pat & Katie Beirne, Nicewarmer, Gilski & Ryjewski families

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

9:00AM— **PUBLIC MASS** (also livestreamed)

Eileen & Jack Owen, Don Quinn, Graham Hyland (1st anniversary), Harry Sikora

11:00 AM— **PUBLIC MASS**

Presider Schedule - July 5

9:00 am — Fr. McCarthy

11:00 am — Fr. Grisolano

DISPENSATION

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

Rest in Peace

Geraldine Carone

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wednesday: St. Junipero Serra; Canada Day

Friday: St. Thomas; First Friday

Saturday: Independence Day; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Saint Thomas Aquinas defined “spiritual communion” as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him. Saint Teresa of Avila wrote: “When you cannot receive Communion and cannot attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.”

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



FREEDOM

Those who deny freedom to others
deserve it not for themselves
and under a just God cannot long retain it.

—Abraham Lincoln



Donald Stepanek-Cecila Slawik- Evelyn Muench-Joan Lewis-Edward & Mary Ann Burek-Edward Van-Richard & Marlene Grenier-Preston Kay- Norb Florek-Eugene Chmielowski-Christy Staunton-Margaret O'Flaherty-Lucia Rivera Suqi-Donna Pascolla-Larry Garcia-Teresa Ortiz-Julia Keeney-Agnes Love-Scott Ronstadt- Jeanette DeMartino-Eve Kobylanski-Marta Bruno-Mary Parker-Madilyn Fon-Joe Fallon-Jolie Kneit-Michael Maughan-Louise Rogers-Frances Meyer-Martha O'Grady-Stella Karpinski-Bill Oberwise-Santiago Toledo-Deacon Greg-Jane Woznicka-Kevin O'Grady-Frank Fon-John Makowski-Sue Bowman-Virginia Barski-Jane Berg-Jamie Maughan-Madge Morrison-Kathy Harry-Jim Kuhr-Marie Ruboyianes-Jacyln Soler-Linda Wojak-Clara DeGryse-Michele Schmidt-Robert Incavo-Jan Kalinowski-Jim Mendyk-Maddi Curran-Michael Wojciechowski-Richard Lange-Joan Kozlowski-Brian Collins-Betty Konieczny-Michael Simunovic-Wanda Romanas-Nikki Kobylinski-Jackie Fortier-Mark Muensch-Mike Shea-Emily Bobmic-Peggy Zahn Powers-Richard Zahn-Charles Giroux-Jackie Lange-Robert Markey-Alice Kern-Seamus Fergus-Marge Gonsiewski- Dan Collins

Pray for all our military service personnel:

Andy Smeltze-Sean Coyne-Kyle Reynan-Eleanor Blankenship-
Joseph --Joe Fallon-Peter Eck-Patricia Cheever US Marines-
Tom Zahn-US Marines-Rachel Vega, US Navy



PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS LIST OF NAMES WILL BE DISCONTINUED
AS OF TODAY. NEW NAMES CAN BE ADDED TO A NEW LIST
BEGINNING NEXT WEEK FOR THE NEW PARISH -
ONLY BY REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR THE FAMILY.**

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SERVICES:

Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

Confession: Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Private Prayer

Tuesdays: 11:00 am to 3 pm

Baptism:

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (except during Lent). Please contact Deacon Greg to make arrangements.

gbzdon@ststars.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 Larry Cubalchini 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)

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, please call the rectory to notify us.

Due to "privacy laws" we are not notified by the hospitals.

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REMEMBER

ST. TARCISSUS PARISH IN YOUR WILL

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20).

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