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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.
(Church &
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DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m.
(Rectory &
On-line)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go,
make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure
the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without
cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

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ON THE WAY.....

May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

If you follow the news you know that the Attorney General for Illinois published a report on clergy sex abuse in the six diocese that make up the state. The report goes back 90 years and names 451 individuals who abused more than 2000 children. The numbers and scale are staggering. Cardinal Cupich issued a response to the report that was included in the bulletin two weeks ago. (If you did not see it and would like a copy let me know.) The Cardinal reminded us that the first concern of the Church has to be the victims. He spoke of all the Archdiocese has done to provide some support and healing. He then reported on all the Archdiocese is currently doing to ensure that abuse does not happen again. He ended his response with a call to take the experience of the Church to society at large so that no child is ever abused anywhere in the future. A noble hope.

Catholics in Chicago have been dealing with this reality since Cardinal Bernardin. I would like to let you know my reaction to the report and the Cardinal's response. I do so as someone with some experience in dealing the clergy sex abuse. When I was in leadership in my own religious community we became accredited by Praesidium, an outside, secular agency that has protecting children as their mission. In addition, I was on the United States Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People – a group primarily of lay professionals who advise the bishops on their policies and procedures about protecting children. And, of course, I have had many conversations with victims and with perpetrators because of these roles. Here are my takeaways: The harm of abusing a child cannot be overstated. I remember having a conversation with an 80-year-old man whose brother was abused more than 60 years previously. He completely broke down crying, the wound was still that raw. Time does not heal that wound all by itself.

What does heal the wound is acknowledging it, confronting it, dealing with it. The Archdiocese has a robust Victim Assistance program that is a model for any institution that wishes to help those who have been abused to find a way to peace. Every resource should be utilized to help bring some serenity to those who have been hurt.

The perpetrators are not monsters but the flawed human beings. The clear policy in the United States is that no priest who offended can function or even present himself as a priest. Even though some who offended are not what could be clinically called pedophiles science does not yet have the competence to sort out those who might offend again. The mistakes the bishops and religious leaders made in the early stages of the crisis was imagining that they could. Protecting children is the overarching concern and the current policy is the only way we know to ensure that.

The Attorney General's report was not entirely fair or accurate. However, it is a vivid reminder that constant vigilance is needed in Church and society to make sure that children are kept safe. The Church, the Cardinal and this parish will all strive to the best of our ability to make it so.

**In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T**

Sun 06/18	11th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>Michael Hughes by Herb and Barb Hrebic</i>
Mon 06/19	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) Ivan Stankowicz by Bob Grebb
Tues 06/20	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Wed 06/21	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Thurs 06/22	7:30 a.m. †	Mass (Chapel & On-line) <i>for the intentions of Luke and Ivan Stankowicz, Jr. by Bob Grebb</i>
Fri 06/23	7:30 a.m.	Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Sun 06/25	12th Sunday In Ordinary Time	
	9:30 a.m.	Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line) https://zoom.us/j/622647147 Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957) † <i>for the people of St. James</i>



St. James is looking for 1-2 people maximum for a joint domestic violence ministry in collaboration with Our Lady of Africa. Fr. Gales and LaDell Johnson, chair of OLA's ministry, is looking forward to joining forces with St. James and believes this program is very much needed in the region. Each church's ministry leaders (1-2 people) will meet to form the "governing" body and start planning activities and events for the upcoming year. For more information, please contact Father John who will be able to provide you with additional contact information.

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.



Are you searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Do you want a better understanding of your faith or beliefs? Do you want to learn what it means to be Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic, seeking to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation?

...Join us on our next journey together. A new session will begin in the fall.

Please contact the coordinator of Faith Formation at faithformation@stjameswabash.org

or call 312-842-1919 Ext. 207 for more information.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Without cost we have received, without cost we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one another with the same reckless love and mercy that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the world could change if we did.

Observances for the week of June 18, 2023

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
Monday: St. Romuald, Abbot
Tuesday: World Refugee Day
Wednesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Thursday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Saturday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer

Almighty and Eternal Father, we thank You for the inspiration You gave to Your daughter, Mother M. Angeline Teresa, to establish the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, and to provide loving care for countless elderly men and women with compassion and a respect for their dignity and a regard for life in all its stages. In particular, moved by her example of prayerful trust in Your mercy, we ask You through her intercession for this special intention (pause to add your petitions for healing, etc.) If it be Your gracious will, grant that the virtues of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa may be recognized and provide a lasting example for Your people.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://motherangeline.org/prayer-to-mother-angeline/>)



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Judy Archer
Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall
Dina Williams

Our Sick:

Victoria Allen
Aayliah Cooper

Joe Cunningham
Patsy Cunningham
Marvelean Doss
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