



# The Dome

ASCENSION CHURCH OF OAK PARK

*A Stewardship Parish, Sharing Our God-Given Gifts in Service  
August 7, 2011, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *The Presence of God*

*Take time this week to reflect and pray over today's Reading's: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33*

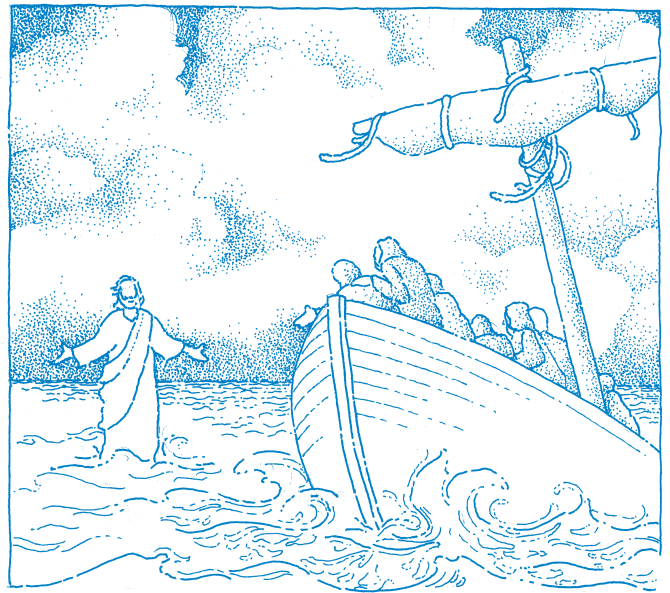
After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily



in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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*To help prepare for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28*



**It is I; do not be afraid.**

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## *Welcome to Ascension Church*

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Our church is open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. Parish Registration forms are at all church entrances or you can also download a form at [www.ascensionchurch.com](http://www.ascensionchurch.com) (Administration/Forms/Join the Parish).

We are so glad you're here and hope you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

## ASCENSION CHURCH

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during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the  
Cry Room of the Church.

## *From the Pastor*

### DEAR FAMILY OF ASCENSION,

Summer Greetings!

A fond and loving welcome home to our returning ASP Teens and Adult Volunteers from your Service Trip to Kentucky. Thank you for your compassion and thoughtfulness and your sacrifice of taking a week from your summer vacation to help the needy. Thank you for proclaiming the Gospel by your corporal works of mercy, especially in this hot and humid summer of 2011. I do hope you get some rest this coming week. I hope also that you can get your hands on last week's DOME concerning your good parents, as well as Dan Lawler. I am glad that you are home safe and sound. Thank you so very much, and may God bless you for your good work.

I thank you, our Family of Ascension, for your prayerful support of our teens' service trips. Thank you for praying for these wonderful group of young women and men. I also want to thank you for all your financial support in the different fund-raisers: stock sales, car washes, the lamb cakes, flower sales, and the bake sales. Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity. And because of it, homes are made safer, warmer and drier.

This Wednesday, August 10, our parishioner Joe Barabe will present the last of our *2011 Back Yard Theology* sessions starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Pine Room. Joe's presentation is entitled: *The Shroud of Turin: Relic or Icon? And Does It Matter?* It sounds like a very interesting topic. Joe will be approaching his topic as both a scientist and a person of deep faith. I do not know much about the Shroud of Turin, but I do know that Joe is one of the most compassionate and thoughtful guys I know. He certainly is walking his talk. I hope you can us for this very interesting topic.

At all Masses next weekend, Tom Brooker, on behalf of the Finance Committee, will present a financial summary of this past fiscal year. Thanks to your generosity and sacrifice, Tom will be sharing some very good news with us. At any time, please feel free to call Tom or any member of our Finance Committee or myself with any concerns or questions you may have. Their names are printed in our DOME and their home phone numbers can be found in our Parish Directory, or you can leave a message for them at the Parish Center, 848-2703.

Monday, August 15, is the Feast of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. Because it is a Monday, the United States Bishops have removed the Mass obligation on this day. However, this is still a very holy day

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since we celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven in full body, mind and spirit. This Marian Feast acknowledges Mary's major role in God's plan of salvation for all. The prayer of the day is our own prayer, that where Mary has gone we hope to follow some day. So I hope you can join us for Mass at 8:15 a.m. for this celebration of Mary, the perfect disciple. And if possible, with this being a Marian feast day, if you could join the rosary group in praying the rosary beginning at 7:45 a.m., that would be wonderful as well.

*The City of Chicago has denied cycling companies licenses to operate their 16 seaters within the limits of the city. These companies are now suing the city. It is time for City Hall lobbyists to put the metal to the pedal in getting this erroneous decision reversed.*

As our Parish's Marriage Mentors continue to do their wonderful and laudable ministry in preparing engaged couples for marriage, it has been suggested that perhaps programs for sustaining good and growing marriages should also be emphasized. For years now, *Marriage Encounter* has been highly recommended. I am still hearing positive feedback about them. Recently, however, I have heard numerous times about how good and positive the *Retrouvaille* Weekend is for married couples. This weekend, held at a local hotel or a retreat facility, covers eleven or so topics presented by three married couples and a priest. For further information on the *Retrouvaille* Weekend please turn to page 7 of today's DOME.

On a personal note, those who read the *Wednesday Journal* may like to know that I am going to have coffee with Joe Wemhoff. He called me this week wanting to get together so that he can answer my question, which stems from his viewpoint in the Journal on July 6 entitled, *Seeking Fewer Dissident Catholics*. My question to Joe is, What do you mean by a *contrived, artificial priest shortage*? From my point of view, the priest shortage is real and one of the biggest challenges of our Church today. There are more one-priest parishes than ever before. And also, we have become a "Mission Church" ourselves, with hundreds of foreign priests serving within our Archdiocese and country. So I will be happy to

share highlights of our discussion with you after our meeting.

Elsewhere in our DOME is last week's Offertory collection summary. I thank you for your generosity. I thank you for ALL that you do for our Family of Ascension.

I pray for you every day.

*Jay Cutler, who has thrown 40+ interceptions in just a two-year period, is known for his flings of the football downfield, which leads to this high number of interceptions. Now Jay has called off his marriage just after the engagement was announced. Perhaps Jay was thinking all along that this relationship was just another fling.*

Have a good week and take good care with this extreme heat and humidity continuing.

GOD'S BLESSINGS!



## Finance Committee Members

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## ***PADS Overnight Shelters Reopening in September***

Our Ascension volunteers cover the Friday night shifts at St. John's Lutheran School in Forest Park.

This year, several of our long standing volunteers have died or are retiring. We will need quite a few new people to honor our commitment to PADS.



Volunteers are asked to work one shift on a regularly scheduled Friday night until early Saturday morning:

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.  
10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
2 to 5 a.m. or  
5 to 8 a.m.

One urgent need is for the 2-5 a.m. shift on the 4th Friday of each month.

We always need volunteers for the dinner shift which works well for families if they would like to volunteer together.

Please consider participating in this important ministry. For more information, please call Kathie Walsh, 708-366-0884.

## ***SPRED (Special Religious Development)***

SPRED is a formal Archdiocesan program that sets the goal of having all persons with developmental disabilities (called "friends") prepare for full belonging in our parish faith community. SPRED is a place of welcome and good spirit for all.

SPRED communities gather persons according to chronological age. Here at Ascension, we have a SPRED group for children from 6-10 years old. Programs typically host 6 friends and eight staff members. Each center has a core team of a parish chairperson, an activities catechist and a leader catechist, while each child has a one-on-one volunteer catechist.

SPRED uses a Montessori teaching method and tries to draw on hope, joy and celebration. Our SPRED group meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:45-7:45 p.m. This year we will have openings for 2-4 more children.

If you would like more information about Ascension SPRED, please call Kathie Walsh at 708-366-0884.

## ***Bereavement Support Group***

The Bereavement Support Group meets Monday, August 15, at Rush Oak Park Hospital (Room B), 520 S. Maple Ave, Oak Park, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The group is lead by our own Mrs. Charlotte Sugg, RN, LCSW (retired).

Mrs. Sugg leads a support group every 3rd Monday of the month for people who have been bereaved. No pre-registration is required. Free parking across from the hospital is available on Maple. Please enter through the front lobby.

## ***Be an Angel! We Need Your Help!***

The Dominican Literacy Center (1503 Rice St., Melrose Park) is in great need of women volunteers for the 2011-12 session.

Four consecutive and informative training sessions will be held on the evenings of August 23, 25, 29, and 31. These will be held at the Dominican Literacy Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Participants need to attend **ALL** four sessions.

To volunteer and register for the tutor-training sessions, please call: Sr. Judith or Sr. Marlene at 708-338-0659.

## **Back Yard Theology This Wednesday**

This summer's Back Yard Theology series concludes **Wednesday, August 10**, with ***The Shroud of Turin: Relic or Icon? And Does It Matter?*** The Shroud of Turin is one of the most mysterious and fascinating of Christian artifacts—an ancient sheet of linen with the image of a crucified man. Some say it is the burial shroud of the Lord, miraculously emblazoned with his image; others say it is the work of a human artist. Parishioner Joe Barabe is Senior Research Microscopist and Director of Scientific Imaging at McCrone Associates, a research laboratory that identifies and authenticates documents, works of art, and other artifacts. As a McCrone researcher, Joe has led and participated in the analysis of Christian antiquities, including the Shroud. He approaches the topic of the Shroud with a scientist's eye and respect for all points of view. Plan to join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Pine Room.

## **Men's Spiritual Formation Group Meeting**

Men of the parish are invited to join us in the Pine Room on Saturday, August 20, at 7:30 a.m. We get together to support each other and share our experiences in living a Christian life. We talk, laugh, pray, sing, read Scripture, reflect. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of fellowship and community in which we can discuss with each other the issues involved in developing a spiritual life for men in our contemporary world. New comers are always welcome.

Also mark your calendar for Saturday, September 17, also at 7:30 a.m. when Deacon Joe Walsh will lead us in a discussion on the topic of *"Spirituality and Service."*

## **Football Mania is Back!**

Hooray! There will be an NFL season. More importantly, there will be a Football Mania season!

Here's how Football Mania works:

- Your \$20 purchases a digital entertainment package (selected music and books you can download) and entitles you to a free Football Mania Sweepstakes ticket.
- Your ticket lists the three professional football teams assigned to you for each week of the seventeen week season. The combined score of your three teams is your sweepstakes entry for the week. For example, say that week one your teams are the Vikings, the Cowboys and the Rams and their combined scores is 56 – your sweepstakes entry for the week. If your team has a bye, you use the previous week's score.
- There are 4,960 possible combinations! Six prizes are awarded each week: the four highest score combinations and the two lowest.
- **Tickets are available at the parish office now and will be sold after Masses at the end of August; stubs must be returned to Ascension with payment by Thursday, September 8.** You can check your weekly outcome at [www.charitymania.com](http://www.charitymania.com) but you do not have to do anything if you win – Ascension will mail checks to winning ticket holders.



Football Mania benefits the Teach the Children Fund for tuition assistance. Questions? Call the Advancement Office: 708-434-1541.

## **Ascension Mission Statement**

*Ascension Parish in Oak Park is a Catholic community called to proclaim, to reflect on, and to live the Gospel. Our desire to follow Jesus inspires us to continue the rich traditions of our faith by supporting education for children and adults, celebrating the liturgical life of the community, and serving those in need within our Parish and beyond. Following the example of Jesus, we value the diversity of gifts in all people and all are welcome.*

## ***Music Ministry News*** ***Sing a New Song to the Lord!***

Consider sharing your musical gifts with the music ministry of our parish! All adult choirs are open to singers, high school age and older. We have two adult choirs and one children's choir in the parish. All new potential adult members are asked to contact David Anderson at the Music office, 434-1535, or email him at [danderson@ascensionchurch.com](mailto:danderson@ascensionchurch.com).

The Schola rehearses 2-3 Tuesdays each month and sings at the 9 a.m. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 13, from 7:30-9 p.m.



The 11 a.m. Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening and sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on all but the first Sunday of each month. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

*The 11 a.m. Choir is always in need of extra tenors and basses.*

The Choristers for young people in grades 3-8 begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 14, from 3:15-4 p.m. in church. A snack is served at 3:05 p.m.! Contact Mr. Anderson if you have any questions. Permission slips will be available through both the School and Religious Ed programs. Choristers generally sing on the first Sunday of each month at the 11 a.m. Mass. Starting this year, the Choristers will also sing at the monthly Children's Focus Mass at 9 a.m. on the third Sunday of each month, October through March. There will be no separate Cherub Choir this year.

The String Ensemble plays for the 5 p.m. Mass on the 4th Saturday of each month. Rehearsal is before the Mass. Membership is open to all high school *string* players. Adult string players are welcome to join this group as well. For more information, contact Becky Coffman at 434-1561.

Other Instrumentalists of the parish are also welcome to offer their talents at various parish Masses. We currently have several parishioners who play once a month at different weekend Masses. If you are fairly proficient at a particular musical instrument and would like to offer your talents, then give David Anderson a call or send an email as noted above. Music is provided!

***Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven. . . Psalm 85:12***

## ***Religious Education Registration***

All families who were registered in the Ascension Religious Education program last year, or new families who requested registration forms, should have received a registration packet in the mail. Please return the registration form as soon as possible. Mail or drop off the completed forms to the Parish Center.

You may also register in person after all Masses during Registration Weekend, August 27 and 28. All families are encouraged to send in their registration by Thursday, September 1, to avoid a \$25 late fee.

Please note: the deadline for current Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students is Monday, August 22. On Tuesday, August 23, any openings in these sessions will be made available to accommodate new students.

If you have any questions, or would like to request a registration packet, please call the Religious Education Office at 708-848-3099.

## **An Opportunity for Married Couples**

Are you drifting apart as a couple? Are life's many distractions getting in the way of you having a strong, caring and loving relationship? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille Weekend is an opportunity for you and your spouse to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into your relationship. The program is presented by three couples and a priest, with a focus on listening, forgiveness, and communication.

Upcoming programs are in Rockford, the weekend of August 12, in Joliet the weekend of September 30 and in Chicago the weekend of December 2. The registration fee for a couple is \$200. To register or for more information about the program, go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

## **Ascension Gardeners, Share Your Harvest**

If you wish to donate a portion of your garden surplus, volunteers from the Ascension Community Gardener group will at the Parish Center parking lot / Community Garden Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM for the rest of the summer accepting donations for St. Martin's food pantry.



For more information, please call John Owens at 708 846-1827, Julie Patterson at 708 386-1945 or Ceal Bacom at 708-386-0577.

## **CROP Walk Success!**

The CROP Walk money has been collected and Ascension's total toward the grand total of \$61,339.44 was a whopping \$10,564. That means Ascension brought in 1/6th of the grand total!

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Walkers and Sponsors of this year's CROP Walk. It shows you care about the hungry, and even in these hard economic times, you really came through for them.

## **Blood Drive Update**

Thanks to the 37 parishioners who came out to donate blood last Sunday, 27 pints were collected.

Heartland Blood Center was very pleased by the turnout in spite of the heat and summer vacations because these 27 pints translate to 81 people being given a chance on life.



The nicest part of the day was hearing from those who donated blood for the first time saying that they would definitely do it again.

Thank you and God bless you for sharing your good health with a gift of life for someone else.

## **Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform**

**"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME..."**  
**(MATTHEW 25:35)**

"Each year undocumented immigrants contribute up to \$1.5 billion to Medicare and \$7 billion to Social Security, even though they will never be able to collect benefits upon retirement."

*Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education  
3525 S. Lake Elena Segura (312) 534-5333,  
[esegura@archchicago.org](mailto:esegura@archchicago.org) Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653*

## **P.O.L.O (Parents of Little Ones)**

Please join us with your little ones, preschool age and younger, for good friends, good conversation, and good fun.

We will be meeting at Randolph Tot Lot (corner of Randolph and Grove) on Wednesday, August 17, from 8 to 10 a.m. In case of rain, we will email an alternate location prior to the day's event.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to be added to our email list, please call or email Juliette Dols at 773-220-7939 or [juliettedols@gmail.com](mailto:juliettedols@gmail.com).

## *Feast of Faith*

### **SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS: SONG OF HEAVEN**

The words of the Sanctus are rooted in the scriptures. They recall the song of the seraphim in the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in majesty: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!' they cried one to the other. 'All the earth is filled with his glory!' " (Isaiah 6:2-3). They recall the Gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). Yet the liturgy adds something new to these ancient texts. The seraphim sang, "the earth is filled with his glory." But the liturgy proclaims, "heaven and earth are full of your glory." In the Eucharist, earth and heaven meet. For a moment in time, we join in the song that the angels sing for all time. The Sanctus raises us to heaven, but does not remove us from the earth. It is the song of the King who took on our human flesh so that we might share in his divine life.

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## *Catechists Needed*

The Religious Education program at Ascension continues to grow. As children enter our program, we are always in need of generous people who are willing to volunteer their time as catechists. We are especially looking for a sixth and seventh grade teacher on Sunday morning and other possible openings depending on returning catechists.

It is the privilege and responsibility of the parish to provide religious education for its children. Please join us in living out this commitment at Ascension.

Please call the Religious Education office at 708-848-3099 if you are interested or need more information.

## *Readings for the Week*

Monday	Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

## *Feast Days*

Monday:	St. Dominic
Tuesday:	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Wednesday:	St. Lawrence
Thursday:	St. Clare
Friday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal

## **BAPTISMS**

Welcomed into the Family of God  
and the Ascension Family in July:



### **Joseph Joshua Kibir Apat**

Child of Jed & Joann (Kibir) Apat

### **Ramona Pohini Delaney**

Child of Robert & Malama (Talitau) Delaney

### **Owen Richard Floral**

Child of Bryan & Diana (Detrie) Floral

### **James Owen Grayson**

Child of Andrew & Samantha (Ruffner) Grayson

### **Adan Hernandez**

Child of Jose & Madel (Avila) Hernandez

### **Colin Richard Klara**

Child of Martin & Katherine (Pitlock) Klara

### **Raphael Conrad Leischner**

Child of Matthew & Holly (Wold) Leischner

### **Aidan Brian Swanson**

Child of Adam & Alicia (Burns) Swanson

### **Addison Lou Walkup**

Todd & Christi (Eubanks) Walkup

### **Guadalupe Zagal, Jasmin Zagal & Stephanie Zagal**

Children of Jose Zagal and Jennifer Guillen

## *Mass Attendance*

**Mass Attendance .....986**

## *Financial Update*

**Total Weekly Offering ..... \$17,010.78**  
**Weekly Need ..... \$19,275.00**



YTD Budget..... \$966,375.00  
 YTD Offering ..... \$82,452.35  
 Deficit ..... (\$13,922.65)

Ascension Parish is entirely funded by private donations. Thank you for your kind and generous support of all the ministries of our community.



**CAPITAL DEBT ..... \$172,566.86**

### *Women's Center Needs Help*

The Women's Center is a pro-life ministry devoted to helping women in problem pregnancies. We are funded by private donations and each year our counselors help approximately 5,000 women and their families. In our 26 years we have enabled 34,000 women to give birth to their babies. If you wish to volunteer with us, call Jackie at 773-794-8807.

We desperately need diapers in all sizes. Please prayerfully consider doing a diaper drive for Scouts, a Confirmation project, service hours, etc. For information on how to conduct a drive call Peg at 773-794-3292 (diaper drive questions only). Due to a fire in our Family Room, we need maternity clothes and boy's and girl's clothing in all sizes. We urgently need 10 strollers, 3 double strollers, 6 infant/carrier car seats, crib sheets, 4 high chairs, 6 bassinets, 5 Pack N Plays, 4 bouncers, 4 baby bath tubs, and 3 baby swings. Due to the new law prohibiting drop side baby cribs, we will welcome donations of new fixed side baby cribs. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us.

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## *Meetings and Events*

<b>Today</b>	<b>August 7</b>		
RCIA	209 & 215		9:30 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room		10:00 am
ASP Reunion	Gym		12:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 9</b>		
WSSR Volleyball	Gym		6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 10</b>		
Backyard Theology	Pine Room		7:30 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 13</b>		
Work Ministry	Dining Room		7:30 am
Baptism Prep Class	Dining Room		9:30 am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 14</b>		
RCIA	209 & 215		9:30 am
Extending the Word	Dining Room		10:00 am

### *Ascension Youth Ministry Trip to Great America & Hurricane Harbor*

**Sunday, August 28th  
 8:30 a.m. — 8:00 pm**

***If you have not signed up yet and  
 need more information, go to  
[www.ascensionchurch.com/  
 youth.html](http://www.ascensionchurch.com/youth.html)***

### *Trivia Night: Friday, October 7*

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 7, the date for Ascension's long-awaited, first-time-ever Trivia Night. If you'd like to help plan the event, please join us for a brief meeting on Monday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Office.

Can't make the meeting but want to help? Please call Marybeth Granholm at 708-434-1541.

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Please call 773-794-1313 for donation and drop-off information. All clothing needs to be dropped off unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.

## Banns of Marriage

III Jennifer Ecker & Matt Serio

### Pray for the Sick

Marty Biau, Sarah Bowman, Michael Brady, Kay Bracco, Lorraine Brzozowski, Josephina Carmona, Joe Cassidy, Mary Colombo, Liam Critchfield, Danny Doyle, Rey Dominguez, Jennifer Fischer, Simon Gutierrez, Meri Hale, William Hall, Bruce Hanessian, Patricia Hanley, Sam Harnisch, Ester Hitchner, Heather Kadlac, Pat Koberstine, Thomas P. Kragie, Scott Krusinski, Anne Marie Kuhny, Fay Kutz, Kathleen O'Bryan Kurrle, Annina Lementavich, Gerry & Mary Logan, Jan Lorenzen, Rosita Malmis, Mary Massura, Mary Ruth McGrath, Dellwyn & Nora Meewes, Ken Morten, Frank Murphy, Emilia Ortiz, Estelle Pargulski, Regan Pierce, Philip Rice, Joseph Rigali, Jeanne Riordon, Anne Sandow, Caleb Savino, Fr. Larry Schmuhl, Tom Slott, Steven Sobie, Annette Spillane, Elizabeth Stohl, Mary Strenski, Mikayla Sweeney, Sr. Joan Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jesse & Sonia Vasquez, and David Wojcik.

May our prayers bring them healing and peace



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Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Fr. John E. O'Brien**, brother of Dennis  
**Anthony Ruzevich**, Donna Tallman's dad  
 and for their family and friends.

#### This Week August 6/7

#### Next Week August 13/14

5:00 pm	Fr. Jerry Bleem	Fr. Larry McNally
7:30 am	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Jerry Bleem
9:00 am	Fr. Larry McNally	Fr. Jerry Bleem
11:00 am	Fr. Jerry Bleem	Fr. Larry McNally
5:00 pm	No Mass	No Mass

## Masses for the Week

### SUNDAY – August 7

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 (Sat) Benedict & Mary Wojcik /  
Bryden Richard Hammer

7:30 Eileen Hayward

9:00 Michael Flanagan

11:00 Kevin Anthony Sanders /  
Gus Kostopulos

### MONDAY - August 8

*St. Dominic*

7:45 Rosary (Monday—Friday)

8:15 James & June Schulze

### TUESDAY - August 9

*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

8:15 Charles P. & Grace Kevil / Sulpico Kibir

### WEDNESDAY - August 10

*St. Lawrence*

8:15 David Burns / Kevin Sullivan

### THURSDAY - August 11

*St. Clare, Virgin*

8:15 Florence Schulze & Bridget Declene /  
Jane Bennett

### FRIDAY - August 12

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

8:15 Austin Devitt

4:30 *Nup: Matt Serio & Jennifer Ecker*

### SATURDAY - August 13

*Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 Charles & Grace Kevil / Vernon Noak /  
Mary Trenor

### SUNDAY - August 14

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 John Burns & Corinne Prindiville

9:00 Jerome Rogers / Mary Jo Cooke /  
(*Liv: Annina Lementavich Birthday*)

11:00 Irene & Barney Wise /  
Hayes & Kragie Families

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM.

**Infant Baptism:** Our parish celebration of infant Baptism takes place at 1 p.m., on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. A preparatory session for parents is held on the second Saturday of the month in the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. First-time parents are required to attend. To register for a preparatory session, or to schedule a baptism, please call the parish office.

**Adult Initiation:** Adults interested in information about the Catholic faith or wanting to become Catholic, should contact Vicky Tufano, ext 233.

**Weddings:** Please make an appointment with Fr. Larry to pick up a wedding information packet at the Parish Office at least a year prior to selecting a date or reception hall.

**Sick Calls:** If there is anyone at home who cannot attend Mass or receive the sacraments because of illness or old age, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Ministers of Care Coordinators: Susie Cahill, 383-7238, Linda Dunne, 848-5574, or Cece Masella, 383-3785.

**Registration:** All newcomers are welcome to the Ascension family and are asked to pick up a census/registration envelope at the entrance of the Church or by downloading a form from the parish website. Parishioners who marry, have a baby, or move to a new address should also notify the Parish Office.

**Audio Devices** are available for the hearing impaired. Please see an usher or greeter before Mass.

**Lost & Found Box** is under the table in the church vestibule.

Parish Office: 708-848-2703

**Bulletin deadline: Monday 5 p.m. Please deliver articles to Parish Office or email to [ascensiondome@msn.com](mailto:ascensiondome@msn.com)**