

Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park,

June 28, 2009



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All are welcome. An entrance ramp and push-bar automatic door is located at the eastern entrance of the church.
Personal hearing devices are also available from the ushers/greeters.

Staff Notes

The Daughter of Jairus and the Woman with the Hemorrhage Mark 5: 21-43

Today's Gospel presents two distinct yet related stories about Jesus and "a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years" (5: 25-34) and the raising of a "little girl," the daughter of Jairus, that "arose immediately and walked around" (5: 21-24). The latter's appeal to restore health and life is interrupted by the suffering of the former. The narrative and dialogue of both accounts are beautiful and deeply rich passages. Both women seek healing from their physical ailments and both hope for salvation. In the final analysis, the text calls us to "not be afraid." More specifically, the Markan text points to faith, to "just have faith" (5:36): the faith of the woman is praised (5:34) and Jairus is encouraged to have faith.

In the early Church, many texts portrayed the hemorrhaging woman as a model of faith. Origin, the early Christian scholar, for example, celebrated the woman's faith in Jesus and compared it to the lack of faith demonstrated by Saint Peter (cf. Matthew 14: 28-33). John Chrysostom pointed out that the positive faith of the suffering woman was the basis to correct the well intentioned, yet misguided dogmatic theologians at the synagogue. The great 4th century poet saint of the Syriac Church, Ephrem the Syrian, cites her as a model of faith for *all* Christians. This is the kind of faith that saved the two women, especially the bleeding woman (5:35), and that, ultimately, has the power to save us.

What these two narratives portray is that we are to have faith *in* Jesus the Christ and not, in fact, *that* he exists or *that* he is even God. Our faith must be predicated on the person of Jesus, not dogmatic propositional statements *about* Christ but personal and existential faith in Jesus: not faith *about* or faith *that* but a faith *in*. The noted biblical scholars John Donahue and Daniel Harrington point out that, "The Jesus who emerges from these stories is one who is compassionate in the face of human suffering and who makes the needs of these sufferers the norm for his action, to the disregard of social taboos and

conventions. Faith...involves not simply an intellectual conviction but...a bold trust that crosses barriers (symbolized both by the social constraints and the mass of people blocking access to Jesus)."

The importance of the preposition, *in*, is not a phenomena found only in the Sacred Scriptures. Consider the liturgy. The Creed at Mass, for example, employs the same language: *Credo in unum Deum...* (I believe *in* one God...). At the words of Institution, Jesus invites us to "Do this," take this bread and drink from this cup, *in* memory of me." During the elevation of the Body and Blood of Christ, the priest intones "Through him, with him, in him..." - our faith cannot get anymore personal and existential than that! The Communion Hymn we sing today invites us to this kind of living faith: "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come follow me, I will bring you home: I love you and you are mine."

The same must hold true for our faith in God. If we believe that God exists or that Christ is God's son, or that Jesus died on the cross, than we do not really believe. When we gaze at the cross, we must remember the compassionate person that emerges from stories like the two suffering woman from today's Gospel; the compassionate person that emerges from the suffering experiences of the poor, oppressed, and marginalized of today; the compassionate person that emerges from the suffering experiences of our own lives. It must recall the person who we love, Jesus the Christ, and secondly a doctrinal proposition to which we consent.

As one of my philosophy mentors posits, "Faith is not an idea to which the believer lends arid assent. Faith is a person named Jesus Christ, to be met and loved". Jesus is not a formula I believe to be true. Jesus is a person I love and desire to become so I may be saved and have life (5:23). "Be not afraid, just have faith (5:36).

Anthony Suarez-Abraham
Director of Liturgy

Summer Mass Schedule

Sunday: 5:30pm (Saturday) 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15pm (located in west end of north transept)

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office. A Minister of Care is also available to bring Holy Communion to our parish sick and homebound.

Sacrament of Marriage

In order to schedule a wedding, you or your parents must be registered, participating parish members for at least one year prior to setting the date.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents are asked to call the Parish Office at least six weeks in advance to schedule preparation sessions and baptismal date.

Elegant Evening

Merci Beaucoup! \$138,067.00

Thank you for helping make our 2009 annual parish fundraiser,
an *Elegant Evening in Paris*, a success!



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We also wish to recognize two generous alumni who sponsored our pledge match during our live auction.

Thank you to Frank and Eileen Condon, our Oak Park Country Club sponsors, all of our parishioners and friends who gave their time, talent and treasure to make this year's fundraiser a huge success! Thanks to chairperson Mrs. Maria Allori and the entire 2009 an Elegant Evening Committee, we are most grateful.

Parish Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

If you had your photograph taken by Olan Mills, there is a parish pictorial directory available for you! Directories may be picked up in the parish office after the weekend masses.

Anniversary Sunday Next Weekend

St. Edmund Parish wishes to support our married couples. To that end, every first weekend of each month, we remember all couples married in that given month. If you were married in the month of July, please stand at the end of mass next weekend when we invite you to do so. A special anniversary blessing will be offered. This is a simple but important way for your marriages to be recognized and for your community to support your vocation of marriage. Please join us.



Church Sports Terms

Quarterback Sneak

Church members quietly leaving before mass has ended. (Severe penalty given.)

Draw Play

What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Backfield-in-Motion

Making a trip to the back (the restroom or to get a drink of water during the service).

Staying in the Pocket

What happens to a lot of money that could be given to the Lord's work. (Ahem.)

Instant Replay

The priest loses his train of thought and falls back on last week's homily. (Never happens here, right?)

Sudden Death

What happens to the attention span of the assembly when the priest goes into overtime. (Don't yawn, please!)

Trap

You're called on during the homily and you were half asleep. (Start coughing!)

End Run

Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any one. (Similar to quarterback sneak with different player).

Blitz

The rush for George's Restaurant following the blessing.

Of course, we're only joking here, but if we do happen to find ourselves, priests and parishioner alike, in one of these maneuvers, maybe we'll think twice before needing to make a self-imposed penalty!

Parishioner Al Licup

Opens Optometry Practice in Oak Park!

If you've been a part of St. Edmund Parish any time in the past thirty years, then you are likely to know Dr. Albert Licup. Al is a life-long parishioner, having attended St. Edmund School. He has been involved since his first ministry as a student Altar



Server. Currently, Al serves us as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, SEYA leader (St. Edmund Young Adults) and the developing school Alumni Association.

After graduating from Fenwick H.S. Al entered the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp and attended Northwestern University, graduating with a B.S. in Education. Following his university studies in 1997, Al was commissioned, stationed to the Naval Base in San Diego, CA and made two six-month deployments to the Middle East on U.S. Navy warships.

In 2002, Dr. Al received a Navy Health Professions Scholarship and began his doctoral studies at the Illinois College of Optometry. In 2005, he was elected as president of the 5,300 member American Optometric Student Association.

Dr. Al had continued his service to the U.S. Navy, remaining stationed there up until this month of June. During that time, he was awarded the "Navy Young Optometrist of the Year" award, along with additional exemplary honors.

Beginning this July, Al takes on a new venture as he opens up Compass Eye Care, a full-service eye care practice with cutting-edge equipment. He will perform comprehensive eye exams, specialty contact lens fittings and eye surgery co-management. Dr. Al will serve patients of all ages, ranging from infants to seniors. School children enrolling for the first time into a school can have their comprehensive eye exams performed as required by Illinois Law. In fact, he is also an InfantSEE® provider who provides a one-time no cost comprehensive assessment for infants between 6 and 12 months. A diverse and exciting selection of eyewear will also be available.

Compass Eye Care opens July 6th and is open Monday-Saturday with varying but generous hours of operation. Congratulations, Dr. Al! We're proud of you!

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Young Adults: We Want You!

If you are a young adult in your twenties or thirties, we would like to inform you about a special speaker and discussion series for young adults in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The series is called *Theology on Tap* and will be hosted here at St. Edmund parish by our young adult group. Mark your calendars for **7:30pm on Tuesdays:**



- July 14** - *The Call of Christ: Live for Others*, Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC
- July 21** - *The Powerful Gifts of Forgiveness and Reconciliation*, Fr. Pat Brennan
- July 28** - *Spiritual Aerobics: Keeping Your Faith Life Fit*, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero
- August 4** - *The Art of Intimacy: A Good Conversation is Long Overdue*, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson

This series which will take place in Murphy Hall, will focus on the variety of issues related to young adults, their lives of faith, their careers and self-identity. Come to one or all of the talks. Plenty of munchies and beverages will be served! If you'd like to help, please contact Sarah Meyer Hughes at: sarahmeyerhughes@hotmail.com or call the Parish Center office.

For more St. Edmund Young Adult information, go to www.stedmund.org and click on the Young Adult link.

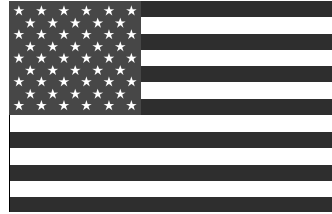
*“Human life is sacred...
from its very inception
it reveals the creating hand of God.”*

- Pope John Paul II, 11/21/92

Parish School News

Used ink cartridges, Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels may be dropped off at the school this Summer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-12pm noon.

Independence Day Mass Saturday, July 4 at 10:00am



Saturday, July 4 is Independence Day. Please consider beginning this important day with the celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00am.

For Catholic Americans, the Eucharist remains at the heart of all that we are and all that we do. Let us gather and give thanks to God for his many blessings to us and to this great land. Let us also remember to pray for those who do not have the great blessing of living in a land with political and religious freedom.

*Please note: There is no 8:30am mass on this day.
The evening mass will be at 5:30pm this day.*

Week at a Glance

Sunday	June 28	
8:00am	Masses	Church
9:30am, 11:30am		
1pm	Baptisms	Church
Wednesday	July 1	
7:00pm	Bridge	Murphy Hall
Saturday	July 4	Independence Day
10:00am	Mass	Church
5:30pm	Mass	Church
Sunday	July 5	
8:00am	Masses	Church
9:30am, 11:30am		

School of Religious Education News

Registration for the Sunday School of Religious Education is being accepted for the school year 2009-2010. Please register before space is filled up. The Religious Education department will also be offering sessions for Pre-Kindergarten Four Year Olds and Kindergarten. These sessions will acquaint younger children with God's Love and the wonderful Creation God has given us. You may call 708-848-7220 for more information.

Offertory for Weekend of June 20/21

Budgeted.....	\$14,000.00
Weekend Collection.....	9, 110.79
Yearly deficit to-date.....	-80,860.20*

** Fr. John McGivern will address this in next week's bulletin.*

During the summer, it is important that you keep up with your weekly support.

Peter's Pence Collection June 27-28

Each year, we support the work of our Holy Father, with the annual Peter's Pence Collection. This appeal enables Pope Benedict XVI to provide emergency relief to those who suffer from war, disease and natural disaster. Extra envelopes are in the pews.

Treasures From Our Tradition

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate". In 1985, Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services (AMS), USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

In 1824, a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty-seven years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit Priests to serve in the army as chaplains.

At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of Sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Please pray for fathers and mothers who are serving in our country's armed forces; especially those who are far from their children.

Centering Prayer Welcomes Newcomers

Would you like to make time for peace, quiet, prayer and reflection? Mother Theresa explained that "we need silence to be alone with God, to speak to Him, to ponder His words deep in our hearts."

We need to be alone with God in silence to be renewed and transformed. Silence offers us new perspective. It fills us with the energy of God which make us do all things with joy.

Please join the Centering Prayer group on Saturday mornings at 9:15 am in the church. All are welcome.

Parish Camping Trip July 24-26

If you plan to stay closer to home this Summer, there is still time to register for the Parish Camping Trip! Consider joining fellow parishioners on the fifth annual Parish Camping Trip to Crazy Horse Campground the weekend of July 24-26. Crazy Horse is located in Brodhead, Wisconsin, west of Beloit and approximately a two hour drive from Chicago.



Activities: A great time is guaranteed for all ages! At the request of one of our campers, we will be celebrating, *Christmas in July* so please bring some appropriate decorations for your campsite. Tubing down the Sugar River, kayaking canoeing, swimming (nice pool), driving range, miniature golf, hay rides, bouncing pillow and skate park are just some of the many activities that are available.

Food: We will have a pot-luck supper on Saturday. Bring what you have to share - we have pots, utensils, and more for cooking. Food and meals are also available at the Camp Store.

Lodging: Don't have a tent or any gear? Cabins are available and are air-conditioned. Site 72 is the official headquarters for the St. Edmund group. Check out the camp's web-site at www.crazyhorseWI.com for more details.

Reservations are needed and a waiver of liability form for the parish is required. Please contact Kathy Halfpenny at 708-386-1832 or email her at iktuppence@comcast.net. through the parish web-site if you are interested in this

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians Convention, July 6-10

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) 2009 National Convention "Sing to the Lord!" will be held at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL July 6-10. Anyone who loves liturgy and its music won't want to miss this exciting event! If you are interested in volunteering or more information, please contact Anna Belle O'Shea at the Archdiocese of Chicago office at Divine Worship via email at aboshea@odw.org or by phone at 312-534-8011.

Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

We Pray for our Sick

Kerry Hall Bear	Stephen Flanagan
Jane Bender	Geri Graham
Duane Becker, Sr.	Viola Hampton
Don Carter	Baby Marlena Kendra
Bill Cassin	Kathleen O'Bryan Kurlee
Virginia Cassin	Connie Liss
Lee Douglas	Carol Maranto
	Joe Sbarboro

Weddings this Weekend

Loryn King and Dave Kromrey

One in Prayer

with our Loved Ones in the Military

Ian Adams, US Navy
 Sgt. Ramiro D. Banda, US Marine Corps
 Gunnery Sergeant Boatman, US Marine Corps
 Kurt Bonus, US Army
 Specialist Brown, US Army
 Captain Jason Caboot
 Daniel J. Dockter, US Airforce
 Sergeant Thomas J. Dutton, 10th Mountain Division
 William Edwards, US Army Reservist
 Rev. Matthew Foley, US Army Chaplain
 Sergeant Patrick Joseph Gibbs, US Army
 First Sergeant, Daniel S. Greider US Army
 Sergeant Michael Hoover, Army Reserve Afghanistan
 Dylan Huck, US Navy
 Lieutenant Colonel Matt Mangan, US Air Force
 Officer Paul Matuszak, US Army
 Jonathan McLean, US Marine Corps
 Kristen Meyer, US Navy
 Lance Corporal Robert Miller, US Marine Corps
 Captain Steven Nelson
 Lieutenant Colonel Edward Nevera, US Air Force
 Private First Class Anthony J. Nichols
 Lieutenant Colonel Ted Ruane, US Marine Corps
 Aaron Rutter, US Navy Corpsman
 Kimyatta Wellington, US Navy



Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

victims of uprising in Iran
 victims of Washington D.C. train crash
John Calloway
Farrah Fawcett
Ed McMahon

Daily Eucharist

Monday June 29 (Peter and Paul)
 8:30am † Carol Lambesis
 † Robert McAllister

Tuesday June 30 (First Holy Martyrs)
 8:30am † Samuel & Margaret Maranto
 † Jessie Laadt

Wednesday July 1 (Blessed Junipero Serra)
 8:30am † Deceased parishioners

Thursday July 2
 8:30am † Michael Bracco

Friday July 3 (Thomas)
 8:30am † Reverend William J. Dugal, III

Saturday July 4 (Elizabeth of Portugal, B.V.M.)
10:00am Miles and Barbara Wilson (50th wdg anniv.)
 5:30pm † Fr. Malachy Dooley, OP

Sunday July 5 (Fourteenth Sunday in Ord. Time)
 8:00am † Robert Kowalski
 9:30am † Reverend William J. Dugal, III
 11:30am People of St. Edmund

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 12: 1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-18, Mt 16: 13-19
Tuesday: Gn 19: 15-29; Mt 8: 23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21: 5, 8-20a; Mt 8: 28-34
Thursday: Gn 22: 1b-19; Mt 9: 1-8
Friday: Eph 2: 19-22; Jn 20: 24-29
Saturday: Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29; Mt 9: 14-17
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk6:1-6a

Liturgical Schedule for the Weekend of July 4/5

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantor	Extraordinary Ministers
(Saturday) 5:30pm	M. Stapleton C. Wheeler	D. Kane M. Kane	T. Mackey	P. Pruitt	M. Jannusch, Mike Bielawa, Maggie Bielawa, S. Guerin, M. S. Egan, D. Parker, D. Taylor
8:00am	M. Wheeler	T. Littrell	S. Jordan	N. De Correvont	M. Marks, D. Marks, P. Mims, M. Tabe
9:30am	G. Loughran C. Loughran	P. Leddy L. Christensen	J. Biek	D. Gregoire	D. Dubowski, M. Fitzgerald, K. Conroy-Lovaas, K. Jacob, L. Jans
11:30am	M. Davis N. Bahadursingh	G. Graham B. Mix	R. Allori	M. Foster	Mark Semp, Mary Semp, N. Wemhoff, J. Camarillo, M. Allori