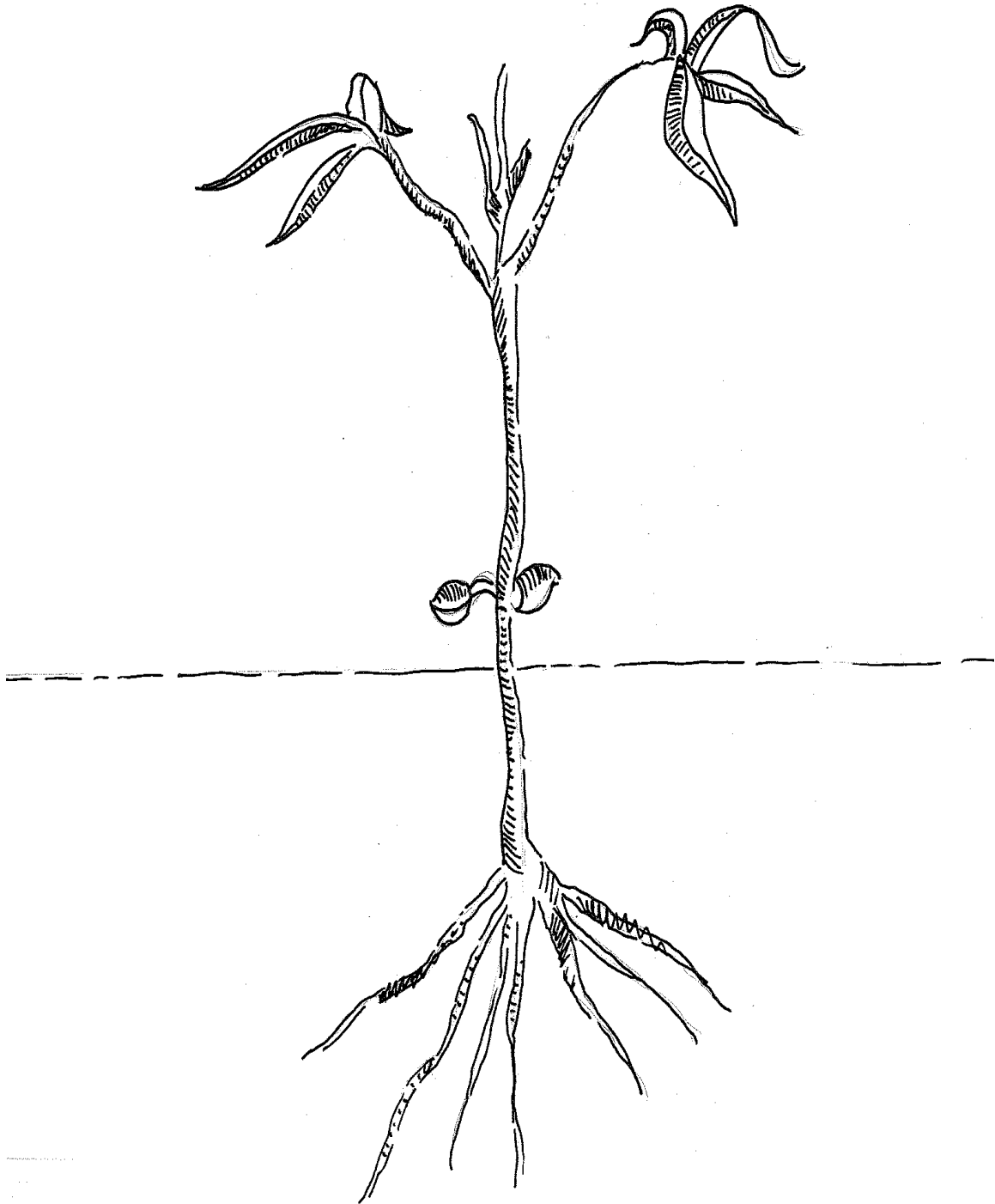


THE GREGORIAN

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat.”



MARCH 18, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

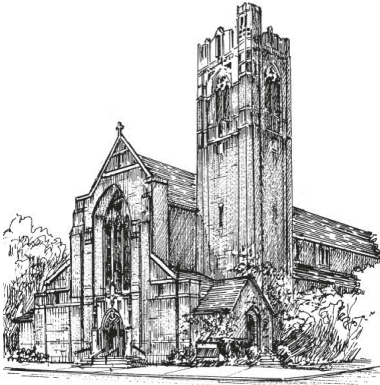
OUR PARISH MISSION



St. Gregory the Great

Mission Statement

St. Gregory the Great is a Catholic Church made up of people of many different ages, talents, and cultural backgrounds. We are an urban faith community with a small town feel of welcome and hospitality. Motivated by our baptismal calling, we accept our duty to embody the presence of Jesus Christ in the world and to take up the mission he entrusted to us by our word and example. We glorify God through support and service of our time, talent, and treasure to our church and to the larger community in which we live.



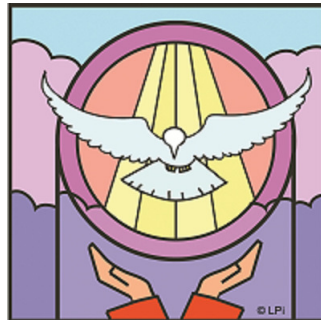
CONFIRMATION



SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

**THE FOLLOWING ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SATURDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION STUDENTS
WILL BE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH**

*Thomas Budziszewski
Josile Delgado
Brenda Garmendia
Ana Hernandez
Diego Hernandez
Jonah Micor
Amy O'Brien*



*Arhys Ocupé
Ariana Ortuno
Juliana Ortuno
Jocelyn Perete
Gabriella Scholtes
Ian Sheridan*



PARISH MISSION

Exciting news!! Starting Sunday evening, April 22 and ending Wednesday night, April 25 we are having a Parish Mission led by Catholic Lay Evangelist, Bill Wegner, of Good News International. The thrust of the mission is to bring us into a closer walk with our Lord Jesus. Plan to be there...and bring a friend!



This Lent, St. Gregory will be offering opportunities for prayer, almsgiving, spiritual growth and socialization. Please consider joining us for one or more of these events.

WEEKDAY MASS

Consider coming to our 8:30a.m. weekday Mass whenever you can as a way to help you enter more prayerfully into the Season of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be offered after the 8:30a.m. Mass in the Church. The Stations of the Cross will also be offered on Good Friday, Mar. 30 at 3p.m.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC BEST LENT EVER REFLECTIONS

Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic Institute have prepared a series of daily reflections for Lent. Go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lent and sign up to receive a daily reflection during Lent.

TAIZE PRAYER

On Sunday, March 18, we will be hosting a Lenten Taizé Prayer service beginning at 4p.m. in Church. Taizé prayer involves simple meditative chanting, a reading from scripture, silent time to venerate an icon and intercessory prayer. We will pray before an icon of St. Joseph.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RENEWAL DAY

The Charismatic Prayer Community of St. Gregory the Great Parish will be sponsoring a Life in the Spirit Renewal Day on Saturday, March 24 from 9:00a.m. until 3:30p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. There will be special speakers, a complimentary lunch and a closing Mass.

HOLY THURSDAY POT LUCK SUPPER

On Holy Thursday, March 29, we will be hosting a pot luck supper at 5:30p.m. in the High School Cafeteria before our Holy Thursday evening liturgy. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to pass or a dessert for this meal. We will provide beverages.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross will be offered on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 in downtown Chicago. It will begin at 8:45a.m. at the Daley Plaza (Dearborn/Washington) and will travel through downtown Chicago ending at Holy Name Cathedral at noon. For more information, go to www.wayofthecrosschicago.org. or call 312-725-2320.



Holy Week Schedule—2018



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion—March 25, 2018

Masses: 4:30p.m. Anticipated Mass (Saturday)

8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m.

Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Holy Thursday—March 29, 2018

5:30p.m. Traditional Pot Luck Supper

(High School Cafeteria)

7:00p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Church remains open until midnight

Good Friday—March 30, 2018

3:00p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—March 31, 2018

8:00p.m. Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday—April 1, 2018

Masses: 8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY (NCA)



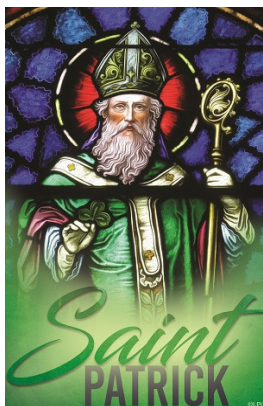
Lessons in Civic Leadership and Citizenship

At Northside Catholic Academy, we believe educational experiences outside of the classroom offer valuable learning opportunities for students. In February, NCA teachers scheduled special field trips to City Hall and the Federal Courthouse that not only enhanced our curriculum, but also provided students with valuable lessons on civic leadership and citizenship.

NCA third graders visited City Hall, where they met with Ald. Harry Osterman, took a photo with the Mayor, toured City Hall and observed a portion of the City Council meeting. Prior to the field trip, students wrote persuasive essays to Ald. Osterman asking him to change, add or fix certain aspects of the Edgewater community. We are so grateful to Ald. Osterman and his staff for hosting our students again this year.

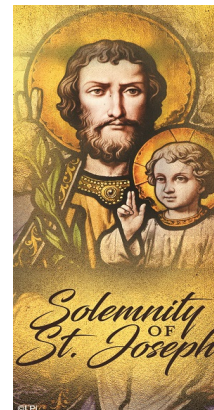
Thank you to Judge Sarah Ellis for hosting NCA at the Federal Courthouse! Students had the rare opportunity to observe many of her court hearings, and gain first-hand knowledge of how the government works at the judicial level. Students also had the privilege of observing an Immigration Naturalization Ceremony. This was an incredibly moving ceremony that NCA students participated in by congratulating and welcoming the new U.S. citizens! The students made posters and personal welcome cards for them as they were sworn in.

ST. GREGORY PARISH EVENTS



COFFEE &...

On Sunday, March 18 there will be a Coffee & in the High School Cafeteria after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. This Coffee & will be hosted by St. Gregory's Social Care, and we will celebrate both St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. Join us for a celebration of these two men who have had a great impact on our Church and our world.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

April 11, 2018—12:00pm—Almond Crusted Chicken & Fettuccini Alfredo

May 9, 2018—12:00pm—Regular meeting—Spaghetti & Meatballs

May 23, 2018—Horseshoe Casino—Bus leaves promptly at 10:45am—Cost \$5

DON'T FORGET! BRING YOUR FAVORITE BIRTHDAY DESSERT TO SHARE DURING THE MONTH OF YOUR BIRTHDAY.



BINGO

Bingo at St. Gregory is "Smoke Free"

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO
AT ST. GREGORY

Games begin at 7:00 PM in the
Gym Basement—Social Hall (1609 West Gregory St.)

\$2,250 in prizes (includes 2— \$500 games)

In case of bad weather, please call the Parish Center at 773-561-3546, after 2:00p.m. for possible cancellation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



AMAZON SMILE

We are excited to tell you about a new AmazonSmile promotion that will launch soon. Amazon is **tripling the donation amount** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. This is a great opportunity to increase St Gregory Church's AmazonSmile donations by shopping at smile.amazon.com. *Our user name is St Gregory Church.*

FISH FRY THANK YOU

On Friday, March 9, we had our annual Fish Fry in the High School Cafeteria. There was a great turnout. Once again this year, the food was good, and everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves. I want to thank in a particular way Sue Wallace and Mary Schlee who organized and facilitated the event. I want to thank Eunice Daniels who put together the gift baskets for the raffle. I want to thank Gerry Malone who provided much of the food and beverages. I want to thank all bakers who provided delicious sweet treats. I want to thank those who cooked the food and the many other volunteers who gave of their time to make this an enjoyable and successful parish event. I especially want to thank Tom Sullivan and Mike O'Connell who picked up, assembled, tested and donated two new fish fryers so that the food this year would be ready in a more timely manner. Thanks again to all who worked on and to all who attended our annual Fish Fry. - Fr. Paul

OUR PRAYERS



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, March 18

8:30am—+Miriam Mayol
10:30am—+Norman Schmitt
+Ramon Sintos

MONDAY, March 19

8:30am—+Joseph Thomalla

TUESDAY, March 20

8:30am—Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:30am—Parishioners

THURSDAY, March 22

8:30am—Parishioners

FRIDAY, March 23

8:30am—Parishioners

SATURDAY, March 24

8:30am—Parishioners
4:30pm—+Tony Ardizzone

22nd anniversary of death

SUNDAY, March 25

8:30am—Parishioners
10:30am—+Justina Wachdorf
+Socoro Arendondo

Memorial Fund

Special Intentions:

Robert Helgeth
God's healing blessings
Catherine Rondinelli
Robert Helgeth
God's healing graces
Debra Melbye



Eloise Coughlin	Tom Ahlfeld	Charlie Bales
Colleen Dwyer	Mary Bredemeier	Alice Weinstein
Ida Scott	Cassandra C. Morales	Cathy Hall
James Butler	Jesus Manuel Rosario	Martha Ratcliff
Peter Saldanha	Eileen Casey	Mary Ardizzone
Virginia Rodriquez	Ida Christensen	Arlene Blake
Marylyn Ahlfeld	Marilyn Gillis Lading	Joel Rivera
Mark Dichosa	Rosa Maria Santos	John Sharonbrock
Bill Barker	Tania Rojas	Barbara Goldsmith
Michael Schlee	Rodolfo Nabong	Silvia Muntaner
Horace Rutledge	Stanley Gnoske	Maritza Muntaner
Edy Marroquin	Matthew Nilson	Gema Barrio
Josephina Ortega	Terri Barker	Martha Schaffrath
Zeebee	Colin Kiely	

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Our Armed Forces Please pray for

Anthony DelRosario

Liturgical MINISTRIES MARCH 24/ MARCH 25



	Saturday—4:30pm	Sunday—8:30am	Sunday—10:30am
Presider	Fr. Paul Wachdorf	Fr. Paul Wachdorf	Fr. Brian Fischer
Lectors/Commentators	Jon Hageman Millie Slane	Sr. Regina De Vitto Leila Janssens	Winston Buenvenida Judy Nocek
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Corbett Gerry Malone Kathy Moore	Letty Baltazar Kelly Chester Carmen DelRosario Joanne Prorok	Mickey Chigas Eunice Daniels Butch Odulio Ines Odulio
Altar Servers	Spencer O'Brien Joseph Bucio-Rebollar MC-Dianne Daleiden	Arhys Ocupé Virly Ocupé Lance Ocupé MC-Nino Ocupé	Nico Hussey Ian Sheridan Chris Santoni MC-Molly Sheridan

Parish & School INFORMATION & SERVICES



PARISH CENTER

5545 N. Paulina St., Chicago, IL 60640
 773-561-3546
 773-728-3827 (fax)—www.stgregory.net

Hours:

Monday-Thursday- 9:00am - 7:00 pm
 Friday- 9:00am - 4:30pm
 Saturday-9:00am - 4:30pm
 Sunday-9:00am - Noon

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Paul Wachdorf, *Pastor*
 Rev. Brian Fischer, *Associate Pastor*
 Sr. Barbara Quinn, *Pastoral Associate*
 Sr. Regina De Vitto, *Pastoral Associate*
 Mr. John Miaso, *Business Manager*
 Mr. Patrick Godon, *Director of Music & Liturgy*
 Ms. Bernadette Daniels, *Administrative Asst.*
 Mr. Dan Creed, *Sacristan*

Mr. Joseph Malham, *Artist-in-Residence*
 Quest Theatre Ensemble, *Artists-in-Residence*
www.questensemble.org (Reservations: 312-458-0895)
 International Chamber Artists, *Artists-in-Residence*
www.ICAmusic.org

SCHOOLS

Northside Catholic Academy (NCA) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Admissions Office: 773-743-6277

ST. GREGORY CREDIT UNION

1609 W. Gregory St., Chicago, IL 60640
 773-561-5493
 Sunday 9:30am-12:00pm & Wednesday 7:00pm-9:00pm

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT APP

Can be found at St. Gregory the Great, Chicago IL
 iPhone Users-Text : great1 to 555888
 Android Users-Text : great2 to 555888

MASSES

Sunday: Saturday Evening—4:30pm, Sunday—8:30am and 10:30am.

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday—8:30am

Holy Days of Obligation: Please check the Sunday bulletin for Holy Day Schedules.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: First Sunday of the Month—1:00pm (except during Lent)

Weddings: Arrange with a pastoral staff member at least six months in advance. Participation in marriage preparation is essential.

Reconciliation

Saturday— 3:30pm - 4:15pm

SERVICES

Prayer Requests: If you or a family member or relative is ill and would like to be included on the list of prayer requests, please call the Parish Center.

Mass Intentions: You may request a Mass intention for someone who is living or deceased or special occasions such as birthdays, special anniversary, get well wishes. Please call or stop by the Parish Center.

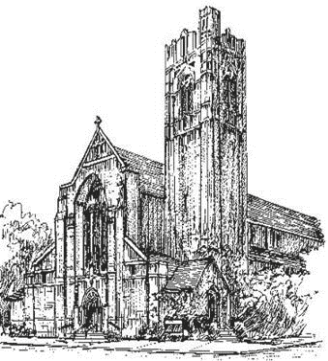
DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Friday of each month, 9:00am-7:00pm, except when funerals are scheduled.

Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30pm

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

The Taizé Prayer Service will focus on seasonal icons. Taizé Prayer Service will be held in Church on Sundays at 4:00pm. Please check the bulletin or our website at www.stgregory.net (under the "About Us" tab) for the next scheduled prayer service.

Sunday and Holy Day Collection Totals For Fiscal Year July 1—June 30 February	Date	Envelopes	Cash/Loose	Electronic Giving	Total
		February 4	\$1,131	\$ 731	
	February 11	\$1,769	\$1,218		\$2987
	February 18	\$1,592	\$ 923	\$12,467	\$14,982
	February 25	\$1,414	\$1,680		\$3,094
	Holy Days		\$ 40		\$ 40
	Total	\$5,906	\$4,592	\$12,467	\$22,965
Over/(Under) Monthly Budget—Year-to-Date				(\$2,240)	
Year-to-Date Collected as of February 28, 2018				\$203,866	
Planned Annual Budget for Sunday & Holy Day Collections				\$315,000	
YTD Collected as a percentage of Planned Annual Budget				65%	