

The Gregorian



October 8, 2017

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

PARISH TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

Over the past year, St. Gregory the Great has participated in an initiative of the Archdiocese of Chicago called Parish Transformation. Parish Transformation is a program that seeks to help a parish look at how it might be more effective in responding to the needs that the parish is facing not only today but 5 to 10 years in the future as the demographics of the parish change. As the world around us changes and as we change as people, it is healthy to step back and evaluate how we are living out the mission of Christ through our parish.

The Archdiocese of Chicago provided us with a trained facilitator who walked us through the process. We also had a team of 32 parishioners who represented all the different groups that make up our parish.

We have now completed our Parish Transformation process. Our reflections and discussions affirmed who we are and much of what we are doing as a parish. However, we were also able to highlight certain areas of need that challenge us to try new ideas and approaches in a way that we hope will make our parish even more vibrant and effective in carrying out the spirit of Jesus' mission and ministry not only in the present but also in the future.

As the end of the process we focused on two of the Parish Transformation building blocks – Communio and Evangelization.

Communio refers to efforts we make to be hospitable and inclusive, getting to know people by name, socializing with fellow parishioners, attending to the needs of others. We developed five action items that we as a parish want to pursue as part of Communio.

Evangelization refers to how we have to be creative about how we can show the relevancy of the Gospel to contemporary society, using language, new methods and communication systems that speak to today's modern culture. Employing our imagination to show a new face for our parish may be the open door that leads others to rediscover Christ alive in his Church. We developed three action items that we as a parish want to pursue as part of Evangelization.

In next week's bulletin, I will share the vision statement that we developed which grounds our action items. Then the following week, I will share the five action items under Communio. And in the following week's bulletin, I will share the three action items under Evangelization.

At the end of the process, representatives of our Parish Transformation team met with Bishop Frank Kane and presented our plan to him. He was very positive and affirming of the work that we have done. He was also very positive and affirming of St. Gregory the Great Parish as a whole.

I want to thank in a special way members of our Parish Transformation team for all the time, talent and effort that they dedicated to this process. Please offer a prayer of gratitude to God for them, and pray for the success of our Parish Transformation action items. – Fr. Paul

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. *Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.*

(re)ENCOUNTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Join together with thousands of fellow young adults at UIC Pavilion for an event that will remind you that you are not alone in your faith! Discover how you can live your dream and have an active faith life. Invite your friends, Catholics and non-Catholics, for a night filled with live music, laughter, and meaningful conversations. Connect with friends and make new ones. Let our thought-provoking speakers inspire you. And prayerfully worship our God with the community gathered. During the evening's programming, Cardinal Cupich and Mark Wahlberg will discuss the importance of repentance and rebirth, how Mr. Wahlberg discovered truth through his own reconciliation in the Catholic faith, and the role the Bible and Jesus Christ play in his everyday life as a father, husband, actor and businessman.

WHEN: Friday, October 20, 2017. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: UIC Pavilion, 525 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL

REGISTRATION: \$15 per person

"Interested in helping plan future St. Greg's Young Adults events? Join us for our upcoming planning meetings this fall:

Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 8 @ 6:30pm

We will meet at Jerry's Sandwiches in Andersonville: 5419 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60640. Please contact vashti.emigh@gmail.com with any questions."

SAINT GREGORY SINGERS

"Do you like to sing? Are you between the ages of 5 and 17 years old? Join the Saint Gregory Singers!! The Saint Gregory Singers is a group of young voices who come together to bring music to the Saint Gregory parish and to our Andersonville community. This choir meets each Sunday from 11:45am-1pm in the choir loft. Young singers work together on basic music theory, exploring new music from different cultures, singing for Saint Gregory masses and caroling in the community. For more information, contact Jennifer Sherrill at jsherrill1979@yahoo.com or by phone at 630.935.5366. Also, check out our website! <http://saintgregorysingers.blogspot.com/> We look forward to hearing your lovely voice."

ORDERS OF SERVICE THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Joanne and Terry Prorok who generously sponsored the cost of the *Orders of Service* and our annual printing of the *Lessons, Lights and Carols booklets*. —Patrick Godon, *Director of Music & Liturgy*

MASS SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES

On Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m., St. Gertrude Church, 1400 West Granville Avenue, will be hosting a Mass supporting people with mental illnesses, family members, friends and mental healthcare providers. There will be refreshments and conversation following the Mass. People of all faiths are welcome. For more information contact: Deacon Dan Welter 312.534.8283 |

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

October 11—12:00pm—Regular meeting—Menu: Bratwurst & German potato salad

October 25—Horseshoe Casino, Bus leaves at 10:40am—Cost \$5

November 8—12:00pm—Regular meeting—Menu: Pasta bar and salad

December 13—Christmas Party—La Villa Banquets—Cost \$35

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.

**Mass Intentions
for the week**

SUNDAY, October 8

8:30am—+Erderlina Silvano
+Jean Lavelle
10:30am—+Julian Gomez
+Justin Hornsby

MONDAY, October 9

8:30am—Parishioners

TUESDAY, October 10

8:30am—+George Melbye

WEDNESDAY, October 11

8:30am—+Memorial Fund

THURSDAY, October 12

8:30am—Parishioners

FRIDAY, October 13

8:30am—Parishioners

SATURDAY, October 14

8:30am—+Isabella Thomalla
4:30pm—+Martin J. & Alice M. Dungan

SUNDAY, October 15

8:30am—Parishioners
10:30am—+John Ott

Prayer List

*Please pray for the sick and all those
who have asked for our prayers.*

Eloise Coughlin
Colleen Dwyer
Ida Scott
James Butler
Peter Saldanha
Virginia Rodriquez
Marylyn Ahlfeld
Kelly Sirotkin
Mark Dichosa
Bill Barker
Joan Lycknell
Michael Schlee
Horace Rutledge
Edy Marroquin
Stanley Gnoske
Matthew Nilson

Tom Ahlfeld
Mary Bredemeier
Cassandra Christina Morales
Jesus Manuel Rosario
Eileen Casey
Ida Christensen
Marilyn Gillis Lading
Rosa Maria Santos
Tania Rojas
Rodolfo Nabong
Dolores Pinnello

Our Armed Forces

*Please keep in your prayers
all who are in the armed forces.*

Anthony DelRosario

Memorial Fund



Wedding Banns



III. Paul Leon & Grace Cunningham

Weekly Calendar

October 8 (Sunday)

11:30am—Altar Servers Luncheon—Parish Center
2:00pm—Quest Performance—Social Hall
5:00pm—Charismatic Prayer group—Fr. Baseheart rm.

October 10 (Tuesday)

7:00pm—Bingo—Social Hall

October 11 (Wednesday)

12:00pm—Friendship Club—Baseheart room
6:30pm—Novena—Church
7:00pm—CAPS meeting—Social Hall

October 12 (Thursday)

7:00pm—Choir rehearsal—Church

October 13 (Friday)

6:45pm—Women's scripture study—Parish Center
8:00pm—Quest Performance—Social Hall

October 14 (Saturday)

9:30am—SSR classes—Gym bldg.
8:00pm—Quest Performance—Social Hall

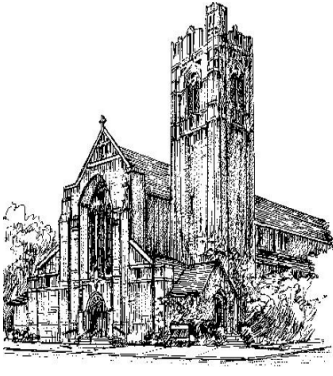


Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;
Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

Liturgical Ministries (October 14/October 15)

	Saturday—4:30pm	Sunday—8:30am	Sunday—10:30am
Presider	Fr. Paul Wachdorf	Fr. Paul Wachdorf	Fr. Brian Fischer
Lectors/Commentators	Kristine DelRosario Amy Alznauer	Dona Hernandez Susan Silvano	Eleanore Eckstrom Kerry Reed
Eucharistic Ministers	Matthew Mullen Maria Pilati Andrew Welling	Sr. Regina De Vitto Isabel Martinez Catherine Rondinelli John Schietinger	Gina Ibardaloza Mandy Ibardaloz Judy Nocek Mary Nocek
Altar Servers	Spencer O'Brien Dianne Daleiden MC-Eunice Daniels	Arhys Ocupé Nino Ocupé Virly Ocupé MC-Lance Ocupé	Chris Santoni Ian Sheridan Nico Hussey MC-Molly Sheridan

Sunday and Holy Day Collection Totals For Fiscal Year July 1—June 30 August	Envelopes	Cash/Loose	Electronic Giving	Total	
	August 6	\$1,669	\$ 709	\$2,378	
	August 13	\$1,061	\$ 726	\$1,787	
	August 20	\$1,229	\$2,058	\$3,267	
	August 27	\$1,408	\$ 762	\$12,577	
	Holy Days	\$ 30	\$ 169	\$ 199	
	Total	\$5,397	\$4,404	\$12,577	\$22,378
	Over/(Under) Monthly Budget—Year-to-Date			(\$3,866)	
	Year-to-Date Collected as of August 31, 2017			\$50,433	
	Planned Annual Budget for Sunday & Holy Day Collections			\$315,000	
YTD Collected as a percentage of Planned Annual Budget			16%		

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH AND SCHOOL INFORMATION AND 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

Taizé 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.