

The Gregorian

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.”



October 22, 2017

Twenty Ninth 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.

ALL SOULS DAY

On November 2nd the Universal Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. It is a day when we pray for our beloved deceased and commend their souls to the mercy of God.

This year, on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00p.m. St. Gregory the Great will be holding a special vesper service to observe this beautiful feast. We will remember especially all of those who have been buried from St. Gregory during this past year. (*If you have lost a loved one during this past year who was not buried from St. Gregory, and you wish to have him/her remembered, please contact the Parish Center and leave his or her name along with your own*). We hope that it will be a meaningful way to remember the loved one you lost to death during the past year, and it will strengthen your hope in Christ's victory over the power of death.

Dear Parishioners,

Stewardship isn't about our gift. It is about our giving. It is believing that the abundance and the gifts that God has given us are not ours to have but ours to share. As a people of faith, we are called to share, to serve others and to be a part of a worshipping community called parish. And when we actively share our gifts with others, we are putting our faith into action.

I am proud of and humbled by the spirit of stewardship that has characterized our parish since its founding in 1904. Over those years many different men and women have stepped forward to share their time, talent and treasure to make St. Gregory the Great a vital and dynamic parish. Today we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith and for all that they did to create and build up our parish. Today I also give thanks to all of you, the current parishioners of St. Gregory for all you do to make sure that our parish thrives.

Jesus gave us the greatest gift he could. He gave himself. As we move into 2018, I ask you to give of yourself through your continued generosity to and support of our parish, its mission and its many ministries. Put your faith into action, and help make this our best year ever.

Please read carefully through the enclosed financial report that you might have a clearer grasp of our current financial situation, and then prayerfully consider increasing your weekly offering to make sure that St. Gregory the Great Parish will remain strong and vibrant. Also please consider enrolling in GiveCentral, a method of electronic giving. Currently we have 106 parishioners enrolled in GiveCentral. This has helped to stabilize our finances. Our goal is to enroll at least 10 new members in GiveCentral in the coming year. There is an insert in the bulletin this week giving more information about how to sign up for GiveCentral.

May God bless and keep you, Fr. Paul

Annual Report of the St. Gregory the Great Finance Council For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

Today we can report to the parish that our financial position is sound. Operating income exceeded actual expenditures by \$63,500 at the end of our fiscal year on June 30. On that same date parish savings stood at \$295,300, up by \$182,000 from one year earlier.

A number of factors contributed to this solid financial position, some good and others not so good. We would like to raise your awareness about several key ones, starting with the positive results:

- Leasing our school and other spaces generated 45% of our net operating income last year.
- Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections combined made up another 35% of the income total.
- The remarkable dedicated volunteers who lead our parish Bingo program, Lenten Fish Fry, dinner dances and other fundraisers netted \$78,600 in additional income.
- Both active and former parishioners bequeathed a total of \$156,700 to St. Gregory last year from their estates.
- Rebates from parishioner contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal and To Teach Who Christ Is capital campaign added \$50,700 to our bottom line.
- Our cost-conscious parish staff brought in salary, administration and liturgical expenses \$15,900 under budget.

One financial reality never changes from year to year. It is increasingly expensive to maintain and operate our aging parish buildings. Consider the following:

- We paid \$141,800 in utility bills last year.
- Maintenance & Repair expenditures amounted to \$192,700.
- Last year we replaced the boiler in the school for \$297,600, and one of the three air conditioning units in the church for \$22,000.
- The gym window replacement project, mandated by City of Chicago inspectors, cost \$51,300.

Expenditures like these consume our savings almost as fast as we make the deposits, and serve as a stark reminder that we are one disaster away from a financial crisis that could cripple our parish. And yet we have no other choice but to spend this money because these facilities provide sacred and meeting space for St. Gregory and generate significant income for our parish.

As we look to St. Gregory's future, all in the parish should commit to preserving and growing income from weekly offerings. Last year we missed our planned budget for Sunday collections by \$8000 – a five-year low.

The good news in this poor result is that giving through Give Central, the parish's online automatic payment service, exceeded the plan by \$19,000. Give Central ensures the parish receives your offering each month even if you are not able to attend one or more Sunday Masses. Experiences at other parishes indicate that contributions made through Give Central, no matter how small, have a strong, positive impact on meeting budget goals. St. Gregory's enrollment in Give Central now stands at 106, and so we are setting a goal in the coming months to add at least ten more parish households in this program.

We also ask you to remember St. Gregory in your will. A gift from your estate to the parish is a meaningful way to ensure that our faith community can continue to serve future generations.

Parish stewardship is made up of voluntary gifts of time, talent and treasure. It is clear from these fiscal year results that we're practicing strong financial stewardship. Please take time over the coming week to reflect on these fiscal year results and give thought to whether you can make an additional financial sacrifice however great or small to help secure the future of our St. Gregory.

The members of the parish Finance Council

(Financial results on the next page)

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH FINANCIAL RESULTS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

	2016-2017 Actual	2016-2017 Budget	2016-2017 Over (Under) Budget
Operating Income			
Sunday Collections	\$306,941	\$315,000	-\$8,059
Christmas Collection	\$26,546	\$24,000	\$2,546
Easter Collection	\$14,573	\$14,000	\$573
Other Collections	\$18,927	\$17,000	\$1,927
Tuition Fees from CCD	\$4,115	\$4,825	-\$710
Lease and Rental Income	\$451,640	\$433,095	\$18,545
Fund Raising Income (Bingo, Dinner Dance, Grand Raffle, etc)	\$106,395	\$45,000	\$61,395
Interest & Investment Income	\$3,002	\$2,300	\$702
Miscellaneous Parish Income (Donations, Mass stipends, Votive candles, School reimbursements, etc.)	\$74,350	\$87,748	-\$13,398
Total Income	\$1,006,489	\$942,968	\$63,521
Operating Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	\$332,518	\$344,253	-\$11,735
Utilities	\$141,840	\$144,500	-\$2,660
Maintenance & Repairs	\$192,729	\$156,800	\$35,929
Administration	\$25,194	\$22,720	\$2,474
Insurance	\$68,252	\$68,253	-\$1
Liturgical Expense	\$15,079	\$21,600	-\$6,521
Fund Raising Expenses	\$27,791	\$26,000	\$1,791
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$85,360	\$85,354	\$6
Subsidy to Northside Catholic Academy and other Parish Expenses	\$54,188	\$70,086	-\$15,898
Total Expenses	\$942,951	\$939,566	\$3,385
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$63,538		



**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT'S
9TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER DANCE**

Saturday, November 4, 2017 starting at 6:00pm in the Social Hall of the gym building.
Location: 1609 W. Gregory St., Chicago, IL 60640. *Tickets will be sold after all the Masses on the weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29.* Tickets also available at the Parish Center.

Ticket Cost: \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12.

CASH BAR: 6:00p.m. —**DINNER:** 7:00p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT—FOOD CATERED BY RANALLI'S—RAFFLES—LINE DANCING

MASS AT ST. GREGORY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

On Monday night, October 30, 2017 at 7p.m., St. Gregory the Great Church will host a special Mass for parents who have lost a child for any reason before or after birth. The Mass hopes to provide prayerful remembrance and support to parents who have lost a child as well as an opportunity to visit our recently dedicated Chapel of Consolation. The initial icons in the Chapel of Consolation were sponsored by a family that lost a child. Additional icons have been added in memory of parents who have also lost a child. Cards will be available at the back of church on which parents can write down the name of the child they have lost. These cards will be brought up in the Offertory Procession and placed on the altar. Light refreshments will be served in the back of church after the Mass, and there will be an opportunity to visit the Chapel of Consolation. Please let family members, neighbors or friends who have lost a child know about this Mass and invite them to attend no matter what their religious affiliation.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Your ongoing support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the missionaries serving in dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. The World Mission Sunday celebration highlights the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe. Your prayers and generous support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith this weekend on World Mission Sunday directly benefit the mission church and help deepen your relationship with Jesus by helping so many missionaries around the world. Please be a generous as your means allow in supporting the special collection that will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend in support of World Mission Sunday. For more information, go to www.IAmAMissionary.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due. *Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.*

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

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.

**Mass Intentions
for the week**

SUNDAY, October 22
 8:30am—Parishioners
 10:30am—+William Schaefer
 +Dorothy Becker
MONDAY, October 23
 8:30am—+John De Vitto
TUESDAY, October 24
 8:30am—Memorial Fund
WEDNESDAY, October 25
 8:30am—All souls in purgatory
THURSDAY, October 26
 8:30am—+John Schlessner
FRIDAY, October 27
 8:30am—+Adelaida Uychocho
SATURDAY, October 28
 8:30am—Parishioners
 4:30pm—+Tony Ardizzzone
 +George Melbye
SUNDAY, October 29
 8:30am—+Claudia Alforque
 10:30am—+Vitalio Ruiz
 +Rev. James Dore

Prayer List

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

Eloise Coughlin	Tom Ahlfeld
Colleen Dwyer	Mary Bredemeier
Ida Scott	Cassandra Christina Morales
James Butler	Jesus Manuel Rosario
Peter Saldanha	Eileen Casey
Virginia Rodriguez	Ida Christensen
Marylyn Ahlfeld	Marilyn Gillis Lading
Kelly Sirotkin	Rosa Maria Santos
Mark Dichosa	Tania Rojas
Bill Barker	Rodolfo Nabong
Joan Lycknell	Dolores Pinnello
Michael Schlee	
Horace Rutledge	
Edy Marroquin	
Stanley Gnoske	
Matthew Nilson	
Silvia Muntaner	
Maritza Muntaner	
Martha Ratliff	
Cathy Hall	
Charlie Bales	

Our Armed Forces

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

Anthony DelRosario

Memorial Fund

In Loving Memory:

+Dan Seelman

Carol Hanson

Low Gluten Hosts at St. Gregory the Great

We now have available low gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let me know so that I can make arrangements for you to be able to receive communion at Mass. – Fr. Paul

Weekly Calendar

October 22 (Sunday)
 2:00pm—Quest Performance—Social Hall
 5:00pm—Charismatic Prayer group—Fr. Baseheart rm.
October 24 (Tuesday)
 7:00pm—Bingo—Social Hall
October 25 (Wednesday)
 6:30pm—Novena—Church
 7:00pm—Choir rehearsal—PC/Church
October 27 (Friday)
 11:00am—SVDP meeting—Parish Center
 6:45pm—Women’s scripture study—Parish Center
 8:00pm—Quest Performance—Social Hall
October 28 (Saturday)
 9:30am—SSR classes—Gym bldg.
 8:00pm—Quest Performance —Social Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
 Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
 Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Liturgical Ministries (October 28/October 29)

	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 Delgado Joanne Prorok	Mickey Chigas Eunice Daniels Butch Odulio Ines Odulio
Altar Servers	Spencer O’Brien Eunice Daniels MC-Dianne Daleiden	Lance Ocupé Virly Ocupé Arhys Ocupé MC-Nino Ocupé	Nico Hussey Chris Santoni Ian Sheridan MC-Molly Sheridan

Sunday and Holy Day Collection Totals For Fiscal Year July 1—June 30 September	Envelopes	Cash/Loose	Electronic Giving	Total
	September 3	2,342	\$ 710	\$3,052
	September 10	\$1,130	\$1,150	\$2,280
	September 17	\$1,997	\$1,192	\$12,472
	September 24	\$1,040	\$ 993	\$2,033
	Holy Days	\$ 15	\$ 4	\$ 19
	Total	\$6,524	\$4,049	\$12,472
Over/(Under) Monthly Budget—Year-to-Date				(\$4,827)
Year-to-Date Collected as of September 30, 2017				\$73,478
Planned Annual Budget for Sunday & Holy Day Collections				\$315,000
YTD Collected as a percentage of Planned Annual Budget				23%

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.