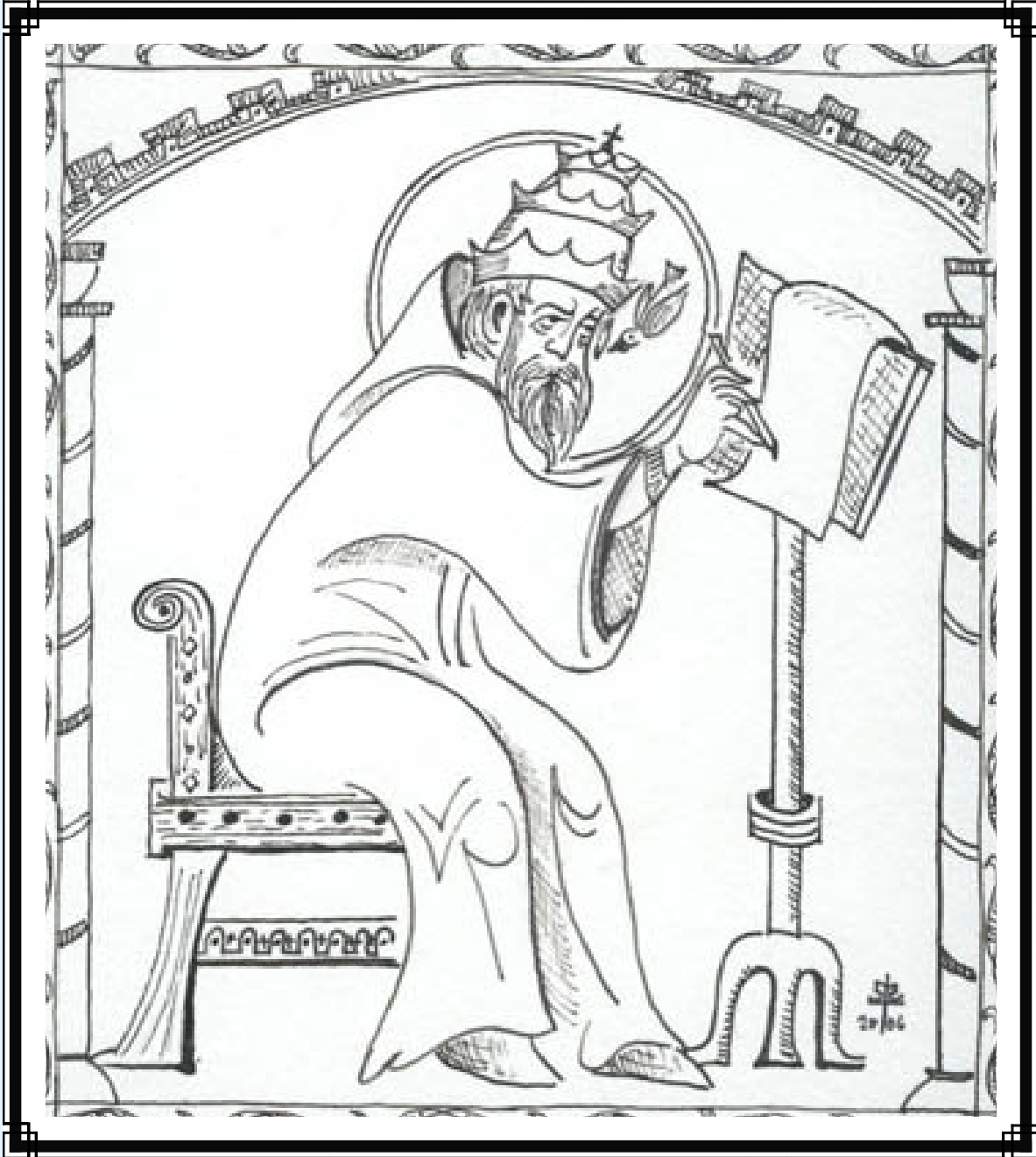


The Gregorian



October 29, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE – COMMUNIO

What follows is the list of action items that our Parish Transformation Team developed related to the Parish Transformation building block of Communio.

Communio: 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.

Objective: Create an environment in our parish that welcomes everyone and builds a community that is warm and hospitable.

Action Items:

1. Further develop the Social Care ministry of Sr. Barbara Quinn:
 - a. Develop a listing of all the ministries that Sr. Barbara is currently involved in.
 - b. Recruit a person to work with Sr. Barbara related to each of her current ministries.
 - c. Develop a listing of all the people that Sr. Barbara visits.
 - d. Recruit a team of ministers of care to work with Sr. Barbara in visiting and bringing communion or other assistance to these people.
 - e. Provide training and mentoring for the ministers of care to the sick and homebound.
2. Create a new ministry of greeters.
 - a. Check with other parishes that have greeters to see what wisdom they can share with us on how to do this well.
 - b. Recruit teams of volunteers to be greeters at the weekend Masses.
 - c. Provide training for the greeters.
3. Revise the parish registration form and update the parish data base.
 - a. Develop a new parish registration form with information that we want to know.
 - b. Ask all registered parishioners to update their information.
 - c. Find a way for a new parishioner to register after the weekend Masses.
 - d. Encourage parishioners who attend church but who are not registered to register.
4. Create a parish directory.
 - a. Investigate companies which create parish directories.
 - b. Check with other parishes who have published a parish directory.
 - c. Decide on what we want to include in a parish directory.
 - d. Recruit a team of volunteers to help facilitate the creation of a new parish directory.
5. Look for additional ways to create a sense of Communio.
 - a. Highlight an individual or family in the bulletin, on the web site and/or on the parish app.
 - b. Publicize human interest stories related to the ministries. e.g. a previous write up on the activities of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.
 - c. Provide training for parish staff and receptionists in terms of offering welcome and hospitality to people who call or come to the Parish Center.



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.

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.

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. Please plan on joining us to pray for all "those who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Friday, November 3, 2017 there will be Eucharistic Adoration in Church beginning at 9a.m and will end with Benediction at 7p.m. Please consider spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as a way of entering more deeply into the discipline of prayer. Please enter the Church through the side door by the handicap ramp off the Courtyard parking lot.

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT

Confirmation students from St. Gregory's will participate in a Confirmation Enrollment ceremony on Sunday, Nov 5 at the 10:30am Mass. We ask you to remember these students and their sponsors in your prayers. Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. *This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by providing them with food and help with their utility bills and rent etc. Thank You!*

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT UPDATE

Our parish goal this year for the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal was \$21,452. The amount actually pledged thus far is \$43,468. I want to thank you for your generosity that helped us to exceed our parish goal. What this means is that if all pledges are paid in full, our parish will receive a rebate of \$22,016. As of today, \$41,128 in pledges have been paid which means that thus far we are guaranteed a rebate of \$19,676. Any rebate we receive will go towards replenishing the funds in our Parish Building Maintenance and Repair Fund. Thank you again for your generosity and for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. – Fr. Paul

**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 this weekend 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



DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP SOME GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS !!
(Located in the back of Church) to either purchase for yourself or sell them to family, friends and neighbors. The drawing will be held and winners announced during the Coffee &... on Sunday, December 12, 2017 starting after the 10:30a.m. Mass

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY



NCA Trivia Night, November 11

Get your parish team together and join us for a night of trivia fun for adults 21 and older at St. Margaret Mary Activity Center. New this year, the evening will start with cocktails at 6:30pm, followed by an appetizer/dessert auction at 7:00pm. Teams are still welcome to bring their own food, but you won't be able to resist the delicious options in the appetizer/dessert auction! The first question is at 7:15pm. Trivia Night pits teams of 2-10 players against each other in a battle of know-how. \$20 gets you 9 rounds of trivia covering topics like pop culture, history, Chicago, sports and entertainment. Regardless of your trivia talents, Trivia Night is about having a good time! There will even be a prize for the most creative team name, theme or costumes, but costumes are not required. Create your own team or register as an individual and we'll find a team for you. All proceeds benefit the NCA Parent Organization. Register online today at <https://nca-trivianight-2017.eventbrite.com>.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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 29
8:30am—+Claudia Alforque
10:30am—+Vitalio Ruiz
+Rev. James Dore

MONDAY, October 30
8:30am—Peter Schmitz, *Comfort & healing*

TUESDAY, October 31
8:30am—Memorial Fund

WEDNESDAY, November 1
8:30am—Parishioners

THURSDAY, November 2
8:30am—Parishioners

FRIDAY, November 3
8:30am—Parishioners

SATURDAY, November 4
8:30am—+Alan Hernandez
+Jose Hernandez
4:30pm—+Joseph Schlee
+Laura Wallace

SUNDAY, November 5
8:30am—+Antonio Reyes,
Birthday memorium
10:30am—+Norman Schmitt
+Ruben Sintos

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 Rodriguez
Marylyn Ahlfeld
Kelly Sirotkin
Mark Dichosa
Bill Barker
Joan Lycknell
Michael Schlee
Horace Rutledge
Edy Marroquin
Stanley Gnoske
Matthew Nilson
Silvia Muntaner
Maritza Muntaner
Martha Ratliff
Cathy Hall
Charlie Bales

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

Our Armed Forces

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

Anthony DelRosario

Memorial Fund



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 29 (Sunday)
2:00pm—Quest Performance—Social Hall
5:00pm—Charismatic Prayer group—Fr. Baseheart rm.

October 31 (Tuesday)
7:00pm—Bingo—Social Hall

November 1 (Wednesday)
6:30pm—Mass/ All Saints Day

November 2 (Thursday)
5:45pm—Choir rehearsal—Church
7:00pm—All Souls Vespers—Church

November 3 (Friday)
9:00am—Adoration—Church
6:45pm—Women’s scripture study—Parish Center

November 4 (Saturday)
9:30am—SSR classes—Gym bldg.
6:00pm—Thanksgiving Dinner Dance—Social Hall

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

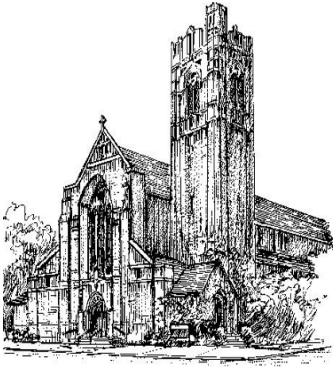
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a,
14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Liturgical Ministries (November 4/November 5)

	Saturday—4:30pm	Sunday—8:30am	Sunday—10:30am
Presider	Fr. Brian Fischer	Fr. Brian Fischer	Fr. Paul Wachdorf
Lectors/Commentators	Chris Garrity Bob Kustusch	Catherine Rondineli Kristine Siapno	Carol Hanson Barb Lea
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Corbett Marty Sullivan Nancy Sullivan	Winnie Bowman Michael Janssens Lauren Siapno Riza Siapno	MariaLuisa Clemente Catherine Gruber Isabel Martinez Lenore Thomalla
Altar Servers	TBD	TBD	TBD
	TBD	TBD	TBD

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.

St. Gregory the Great Parish Calendar November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 All Saints Day</i> 6:30pm-Mass	<i>2 All Souls Day</i> 7:00pm-All Souls Vespers service	3 9:00am-Adoration 6:45pm-Women's Scripture study	4 9:30am-SSR classes 6:00pm-Thanksgiving Dinner Dance
5 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> 11:30am-CCW meeting 1:00pm-Baptism 5:00pm-Charismatic Prayer group	6 7:00pm-Parish Pastoral Council meeting	7 7:00pm-Bingo	8 12:00pm-Friendship Club 6:30pm-Novena	9 7:00pm-Choir rehearsal	10 6:45pm-Women's Scripture study	11 9:30am-SSR classes
12 4:00pm-ICA Concert 5:00pm-Charismatic Prayer group	13	14 7:00pm-Bingo	15 6:30pm-Novena 7:00pm-Choir rehearsal	16	17 6:45pm-Women's Scripture study	18 9:30am-SSR classes
19 4:00pm-Taizé prayer service 5:00pm-Charismatic Prayer group	20 7:00pm-Finance council meeting	21 7:00pm-Bingo	22 6:30pm-Novena 7:00pm-Choir rehearsal	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 10:30am- Mass	24 <i>Parish Center Closed</i>	25
26 5:00pm-Charismatic Prayer group	27	28 7:00pm-Bingo	29 6:30pm-Novena	30 7:00pm-Choir rehearsal		Credit Union hours SUNDAYS 9:30AM—12:00PM WEDNESDAYS 7:00PM—9:00PM