



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 2016

" *The Shrine* "

St. Odilo Parish

National Shrine of the Poor Souls

St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928, with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.

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Mr. William Donegan

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Music Director:

Mr. Paul Rau

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Mrs. Beth Ritzenthaler

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Mrs. Gail Kunce

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Mrs. Ruby Martinez

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8AM

Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM

Sunday: 7AM (Sp.), 8:00 (Eng.), 9:30 (Latin) & 11AM (Eng.) & 12:30PM (Sp.)

Holy Days: 6:30PM (Eng.) the previous evening; 6:30, 8:10AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:30PM (Sp.)

Church is open: Weekdays from 6AM - 6PM

Confessions: Saturday 11:15AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM

Saturday 9AM-6PM Sunday 9AM-3PM

All Sacraments and ceremonies are available in Italian, Latin, Spanish & of course English.

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 10:30AM & Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are required to register for baptism with a priest. Parents should be registered parishioners. Please call to make an appointment.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a parish priest. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

Visits to the Sick: Please inform the rectory for hospital or homebound visits.

Quinceaneras: Cotillion Masses are available for our girls who have been confirmed-please call.

Ramblings - Fr. Brankin

Catholic Schools

Every year we celebrate Catholic Schools week and while there is a certain emphasis on our school—which is a mission of this parish—we need as well to celebrate all the Catholic education that goes on in our parish.

Particularly, we need to celebrate the Catholic education that goes on at home when mothers and fathers teach their children their prayers and tell them stories about the faith—when parents pass on to their kids the traditions of their families.

You will notice that even things like food traditions—music traditions all seem to revolve around the Catholic faith—and why not—is not the faith and the possibility of going to heaven the very goals around which all our lives revolve.

I do want to mention about Candelaria on February 2nd. It is a beautiful Catholic tradition that celebrates the Presentation of the Baby Jesus in the Temple. His parents offer Him—consecrate Him to the service of God. Of course this is a beautiful custom that perdures even today among many of our people—it is called a Presentacion.

But still on every February 2nd—Catholic children and families gather here in church to say the rosary and we have a cradle for the Baby Jesus and children rock Him and then we bless all the Ninos from home—and end the Christmas season officially. Of course we have chocolate milk and candies and cookies in the vestibule—what would a Catholic celebration be without food?

But do you know why February 2nd is the day? Because 40 days after Baby Jesus' Birth (which took place on December 25th) is exactly halfway between the First day of Winter and the First Day of Spring—the sun is coming back—the light is increasing—and the winter of our lives is coming to an end. In the morning at all the Masses we bless the candles that we shall use for the Masses throughout the year and then in the evening we bless the Baby Jesus. Americans without any religion—without any traditions—celebrate groundhogs. Catholic families celebrate Jesus.

I encourage all our families—to celebrate Candelaria and participate in this beautiful custom. Because it is by such traditions that we pass on—not just the facts of the faith—but the love for the faith—the feeling in our hearts for the faith. This is how it lives on. In the traditions—in the customs—in the foods and the music.

The very next day Feb. 3rd we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blasé—the Bishop and Martyr who worked the miracle of popping the fish bone out of the little boys throat—and Catholics ever since have had their throats blessed on his day.

And then soon after we celebrate Ash Wednesday. If there is ever a day that Catholics can call their own—if there is ever a day that everyone is or wants to be a catholic—it is Ash Wednesday. How many poor souls whose lives have grown so far from Jesus will be here on Ash Wednesday. Most of them. This is what I mean when I say that our faith is first taught in traditions in the home.

In a supplementary way—the Faith is taught here—in school and in CCD—the catechism classes. May I say what a monumental effort is made by our teachers and catechists to pass on the faith. And even though Sisters Nirmala and Saly have as their sole responsibility the teaching of religion—I want to encourage all our teachers to remember that they also have a responsibility to pass on the

faith—sometimes implicitly sometimes explicitly. No teacher should ever feel that the Sisters are the only ones who teach religion. No—all the faculty passes on the faith—by what you say—and how you say it. Even little stories that you may want to mention about your own experiences as a Catholic are important.

Your whole day—and all of the things you teach from reading to arithmetic—from gym to computers—are related to Our Lord and give glory to GOD. How is God related to math? How are computers related to Jesus? The subjects our children learn—in a Catholic school—are about God's universe—His order—His mechanics—His power. That's how it all comes together—and a Catholic teacher in a Catholic school cannot just be a good teacher who happens to be Catholic—but a good Catholic—who happens to be a teacher. In this way he or she will be an Apostle and a missionary—and they will understand that even spelling is a way to bring children to Jesus.

I want our teachers never to hesitate to mention the faith or the things that we believe to the children. I beseech our teachers to begin their classes with a prayer—and end—at least with the Sign of the Cross. Do not think you are being corny—or being overbearing when you ask the children to repeat the sign of the cross properly or to genuflect properly. These are the things they will remember with fondness as adults—and when the world overwhelms them with issues of money and pleasure and acquisition—they will remember little things like the sign of the cross and genuflection and they will remember Jesus to whom all those things are directed and they will be grateful to have learned that there is more to this life than this world can give them.

The school is the mission of the parish—and that is why parents as well as people in the pews—make such financial sacrifices to send the children here—or get them to catechism.

The most important subject that our children will ever learn about is their Catholic Faith—and that Catholic Faith exactly as it comes to us directly from Christ—and has been preserved for 2000 years.

This is our children's key to this life and to the next. Simply put, our children will not learn of this key from the government schools. They cannot, because the government schools—for all their money—for all their resources, for all their hype and baloney cannot give our children what they really need and that is God.

We all know that government schools totally avoid religious issues. The government has made the mention of God, or spiritual things in public schools illegal. To mention God in public—to mention catholic morals and beliefs in public is now considered un-American—and if you do it in a public school you will be dismissed.

My mother (God rest her soul) was a public school teacher—a reading specialist. My sister, Mary (God rest her soul) taught High School English at Gage Park High School.

And I cannot tell you how many times their various faculties were warned by various administrators that they were not allowed to even say that something was true or false or good or bad because they were not to impose their beliefs, their values their morals on their students. They were made to understand in no uncertain terms that to say that something might be true or false, good or bad—comes perilously close to advocating a belief and therefore advocating a god.

But make no mistake about it—beliefs and values and morals are taught in the public schools—but they are not our belief and values and morals. You are kidding yourself if you think that government school only teach reading and writing and arithmetic. They are teaching—even if by not mentioning God or the supernatural—that God and the supernatural are not important. But what your health teacher tells you in health class? Well those are words to live by!

That is why parish schools like St. Odilo and Catholic catechism programs and the catholic life within the home are refuges—places of shelter and formation and safety.

Outside of Catholic school—and catechism and Catholic family—in this modern society—you are considered an extremist if you still believe that marriage is a life-long contract between a man and a woman for the purpose of having children.

You are on the fringes of society if you resist abortion and mercy-killing and you are called unpatriotic if you question the morality of things like preventive war and torture.

Being Catholic in America is no longer a benign thing. It is actually dangerous to be Catholic and it grows more dangerous with each passing day with each passing law. If we remain faithful to the One true Church in all of its teachings and practices—we will be called upon to answer for those beliefs and may have to pay a price—at least in this world.

Like the Mexican Cristeros from the 1920's all of us—priests, teachers, parents and children will be forced to abandon our beliefs or die holding on to them.

Why do you think that there is such an emphasis in this school and CCD program—about good religion textbooks—about going to Church all the time—prayers everyday—blessings, and rosaries, holy water—pictures and statues of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Some people have asked; Why do the kids have to go to Mass everyday? Are we trying to make them priests?

No Only God will call them to the priesthood—but what we are doing is forging armour for our children that they will be able to protect themselves in this tremendous battle going on in the world—between good and evil—between God and Satan—and the battle first takes place in those class rooms where Satan struggles with Our Lord for the souls of our children.

The battle begins there—but it will continue later in their lives in the marketplace—in the streets—in the voting booths. And you, our teachers and catechists and parents, are commissioned to do everything possible to help our children win that battle—

You will teach them not just to read—but to read good things—beautiful things, holy things—

You will teach them not just to do figures—but to figure things out—to know the difference between good and bad.

What you do as our St. Odilo missionaries is to provide an alternate education for our children—so that when the battle is brought to their homes and hearths and lives and the world wants to corrupt them and their children they will be equipped to defend themselves, their families and the traditions with all the spiritual strength and weaponry you provided them with right here at St. Odilo.

For that we give you thanks.



Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Friday, February 12th
2:20PM & 6:30PM (Bilingual)





Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ashes will be distributed at:

6:30am Mass-English

8:10am Mass-English

12Noon Mass-Latin

4:15-Prayer service
(with the CCD children)

7pm Mass-bilingual

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Abstinencia: Todos los católicos mayores de 14 años, deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. El ayuno debe ser observado el Miércoles de Ceniza por todos los católicos que han cumplido los dieciocho (18) años pero no han llegado a los cincuenta y nueve (59). Estas personas sólo pueden hacer una comida completa, y dos comidas pequeñas si son necesarias para mantener las fuerzas, de acuerdo a las necesidades individuales, pero no se permite alimento sólido entre las comidas. El ayuno así como la abstinencia Pascual especial obliga el Viernes Santo y es recomendada en el Sábado Santo también.



Thank You

Thank you to all the Christmas decorating crew. Our church was beautiful.

A special thank you to everyone, big and small, young and old, for the many hours they spent on decorating.

All of your help and efforts were sincerely appreciated.
The church and grounds were so beautiful this year.

Fr. Brankin



TODAY IN THE PARISH HALL
Everyone Welcome

**WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE
COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT**

University of Illinois Health celebrates heart month by educating and advocating
for heart disease prevention

Sunday, February 7th, 2016

Blood pressure screening: 10-2 pm
CPR updates and Demo: 10-2 pm
Presentations: After the 11am English Mass
and After the 12:30pm Spanish Mass
at

St. Odilo Church
23rd St. & East Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402
School Basement Hall
Everyone is Welcome!

This community outreach event is hosted by UI Health's departments of Cardiology, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing with collaboration of Women Heart, the national coalition for women with heart disease, celebrating American Heart Month.

Our mission is to provide information, education, support and encouragement to survivors and people at risk.

For additional information please contact (312)330-7980

2015 Contribution Statement

If you would like to receive your contribution statement for 2015 please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket and your statement will be mailed to you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Envelope number _____

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Michael Termini, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, George Kasper, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Marge Shatas, Sr. Johanna Trisolieri, Ramon Marentes, Frank Stepnowski, Jody Stepnowski, Diane Reilly, Richard Wenc, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Patricia Mars, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, George Fuoco, Eddie Shishkoff, Mark Hruska, Baby Carmody, Frances Rapacz, Maurice Ford, Lucille Chlapecka, Milly Kosinar, Patricia Stalzer, Marty Oborski, Jerry Kolman, Shirley Klein, Anita Sanchez, Karen Halter, L. R. Hammond, Frank Munoz, Joanne Wilson, Fr. Fred Tomcik, Deacon Marvin & Peggy Kocar, Nathan Kucera, Steve & Kathy Birkenmeyer, Jack Burdsall, Sophia Hanson, Norma Kmet, Phil, Gussie Allen, Marin Salvino, Patricia Niwa, Barbara Mance, Deborah Ferguson, Francisco Solis, John Gardelka, Mary White, Jeanette Sprovieri, Richard Rychlicki, Hubert Ruiz, Mike Reato, Joseph Cannella Jr., Robert Bujnowski, Patricia Dewk, Sandra Scatchell, Danny Gale.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family, Agnes Engerman & Miguel Colon.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

January 31, 2016	\$11,997.45
Last Year	\$ 6,881.70

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

Group Contact Information
Armory of Christ-708-681-6879
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ESL-708-287-7347 **Spred**-708-287-7347
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

4PM-CCD
 6:30-Legion of Mary (PrR)
 7PM-Deanary Meeting (PR)

TUESDAY...

3PM-Jr. High Choir (SCH)
 6:30-Little Flowers (PH)
 7PM-To Teach Who Christ Is (PR)

WEDNESDAY...

4PM-CCD
 6PM-ESL Beginners (PH)
 7:30-ESL Intermediate (PH)

THURSDAY...

3PM-Children's Choir (SCH)
 6PM-Mexican Folklorico Dance (PH)
 6PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)
 7PM-Armory of Christ (CB)
 7PM-Bible Study (PH)

FRIDAY...

6PM-Mexican Folklorico Dance (PH)
 6:30-Pequeno Rebanos (CB)
 7PM-Faith Formation (PR)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8-SAINT JEROME EMILIANI; SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN

6:30AM-Rebecca Sue Overholt (Mr. James Wilfinger)
 8:10AM-Orlando Loza (Friend)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Intentions of Larry Thill (Thill Family)
 8:10AM-Jeffrey Miller (Ted Priban)
 -Tommy Feehan (Holmen Family)
 -Agnes Engerman (Family)

3PM-Divine Mercy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10-ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30AM-8:10AM-12 Noon-7PM-The People of St.Odilo
 4:15-Prayer Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11-OUR LADY OF LOURDES

6:30AM-Jorge Luis Villasenor (Laura Nelson)
 8:10AM-Healing of Sr. Mary Martin Kilianski (Santos Family)
 -Joseph George (Mother)
 -Elzbieta Czubek (Anna Siuty)
 -Caren & Carol Cody (S. Sabina 1953 1st Friday Club)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12-FRIDAY AFTER ASH

WEDNESDAY

6:30AM-Caren & Carol Cody (S. Sabina 1953 1st Friday Club)
 8:10AM-Julia Mozis (Jack & Roz Mozis)
 2:20 & 6:30PM-Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13-SATURDAY AFTER ASH

WEDNESDAY

8AM-John Swicionis (Wife, Judi)
 4PM-Stephen Kutz (Mary Helen)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7AM-Erika Aguirre (Family)
 8AM-Intentions of Virginia Uphues
 9:30-Jerome Krajewski (Rios Family)
 11AM-Mykola Khymynets (1 yr. Anniversary)
 12:30-Victor Hugo Gonzalez (Lilia Gonzalez)



SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

February 13-14	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	N. Banda A. Kowalski	R. Faron	B. Banda S. Rollins
7AM (Esp.)	R. Cruz M. Marin E. Mendoza	O. Pereda	A. Rivera R. Navarette A. Gamboa
8AM	F. Miller B. Ouska	L. Thill	H. Garcia S. Garcia
9:30AM			M. Morrall W. Morrall S. Morrall
11AM	A. Canaveral P. Tammen D. Wodarczyk	F. Miller	V. Hernandez C. Hernandez V. Bermudez P. Morales J. Resendez
12:30PM (Esp.)	E. Coronado V. Chavez E. Marquez G. Ortega	Not Available	J. Diaz, J. Diaz N. Rodriguez A. Mendoza

Servers for February 8-13: A. Canaveral, A. Espinosa, Gemma Gleeson