



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

"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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Mrs. Gail Kunce

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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 11AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

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

Saturday 9AM-7PM Sunday 9AM-7PM

Adoration: Thursday until 6AM - 6PM

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

I have been a priest for 43 years—and I have watched as about every ten years someone in the American Church comes up with a program that they claim will change all our lives as Catholics. Maybe they should have just stuck with Jesus and the teachings of the Church.

But no. That was never enough.

In my time as a priest there was a program called Genesis and then there was Genesis II. At some point they were pushing a parish program called Renew and then we were presented with Christ Renews His Parish.

Each one of these religious programs were going to make us better Catholics. They promised us—if our parishes got involved and did all we were supposed to do and if we bought all the books and study guides, and had all the meetings we were supposed to have and all the small group discussions why then we would all finally begin to live the dream of Vatican II, and our people would soar in faith and favor and activities and vitality.

They would always hold up to us a comparison with this or that parish that had bought and implemented the program—and we would read all the testimonials—about how their faith as parishioners finally came alive and the parish was renewed and revitalized and reformed—and oh were they successful now as a parish. SO if we wanted to be like them—if we wanted to be a cool parish—we needed to buy and implement the program.

We did this dance about every ten years and we are still doing it.

There is a new program out there now- it comes from a priest in Nova Scotia—who has studied every facet and every angle and every fandangle of all the mega churches—and he has come to the conclusion that if we did what the mega churches do—if we were to become more like them with their jumbotrons and praise bands—with perky homilies—I'm Ok You're OK—if we started to sing catchy hymns and treacly hospitality—why we couldn't help but become a huge vital and lively—uplifting and loving parish.

Jesus? Well He is actually not enough—you need a strategy. You need a gimmick. And we have just the thing.

There is even—incorporated into this program—a catechism series called Alpha—sort of Christianity Lite—that omits the HARD Catholic stuff like transubstantiation—the Virgin Mary and purgatory—seven sacraments and ten commandments. That's too much for moderns.

But that's ok for these people, because you don't need more than that. You have the program! You have the course—you have the study sessions—the small group gatherings. And we have been doing this kind of silliness since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s.

It reminds me of one of the enduring lessons I learned when I was 13 years old and a freshman in the high school seminary. (Yes in those days there was enough faith among regular old catholic families that many young men—1000's in fact—went every year to the seminary to test their vocations even as young as high school.)

Well at the beginning of freshman year, we were encouraged by one of the priests—an excellent priest in fact—to come to a series of recorded sessions—self-help sessions given by a motivational speaker named Earl Nightingale.

We were told if we went to these sessions our lives would change—we would gain clues and hints and ideas as to how to live our 13 year old lives better—now and into the future. We would be given ways to help us have better friends and get more out of life and put more into it.

We were even promised that if we listened to this guy's records—we would even start to spring out of bed in the morning and run down the street to get to daily Mass. (Yes daily Mass—on our own—was expected of all seminarians in those days.)

Well I thought “this'll be great! Who would have ever thought that there was some sort of secret technique that will give me more energy and a better attitude—especially about getting out of the house at 6:15 in the morning and trudging to Mass every cold dark morning.”

And I was learning that some mornings were colder and darker than other mornings. But these recorded lectures—I was promised—would make it easy.

And so the fateful day of the first session came—and there I sat with about 30 other high school boys—all just as hopeful as I was—of learning the secret of life—learning the magic strategy that would make my studies and friendships and my religious and social life just as easy as pie. Boy was I ready!

So Father George put on the record, and Earl Nightingale began: “The first thing you should remember is always to greet the people you meet with a happy, cheerful “Good Morning.”

“Good Morning”! That's it? This is the secret of life? This is the path forward to success and happiness? Greet everybody with a cheerful good morning? I sat there for the rest of the lecture hoping against hope that he might give me the secrets I wanted.

Nope. It never got better. And I never came back.

But I learned a great lesson that day—that has stayed with me a long time. There are no programs—there are no strategies that will give us long lives and wealth and health and happiness in this world. We are given our lives and the circumstances of our lives and God gives us the grace to do with those lives what He wants of us—so that we will be granted salvation in the next life. But more than that here? No.

These programs always purport to give us salvation—they will create a paradise on earth for us.

But there is no salvation in this world.

Paradise? That's the next world.

And no program, no strategy—no course—and no policy—will bring heaven to us—or us to heaven. Only Jesus—through the true teachings of His True Church.

These programs are gimmicks and gimmicks are tricks that wont save anybody- they wont save the Church—they wont save Catholics. No program will do that. Only Jesus.

What do you think has been cause of all this pedophile garbage we have been swamped with the last 60 or 70 years—the abuse and filth and evil of bishops and cardinals and priests. They lost their faith in God and in Jesus Christ and in the Mass.

They no longer believed in grace and in the reality of the supernatural. They didn't believe in Jesus or Mary or the sacraments.

For these evil men, it was all about living well and being well thought of by the cool people—the rich people—the powerful people- and without grace and without Jesus they could not help but surrender to their terrible temptations and they corrupted everything and everyone they touched—including the Church.

And sometimes they hid their faithlessness in programs—an easy substitution for Jesus. You can pretend you love Our Lord as long as you are going to meetings. Not all meetings and prayers are useless. Of course not. It is just that they are no substitute for Jesus and the teachings of the church.

What I want to offer today is not a gimmick—not a strategy—not a program. I just want to offer a chance to talk about our faith once again—even as old as we may be—that we may be encouraged and animated and delighted once again with what we believe as Catholics.

You may know every year that I teach a high school and young adult catechism class—every Monday during the school year at 6:30 in the evening. Right here in the church. Up and down these aisles with my portable mike and bad hips and southside accent. And I go through everything that Catholics believe. I pull no punches. I sugar coat nothing—as I told Bishop Manz once when I had to answer for something I put in “Ramblings”—“I am too old to play patty-cake anymore. So I don’t.”

I have taught this kind of class since I was first ordained—to individual converts—to small groups of adults in my office—to high school kids.

It’s the same class—it’s the same faith. Oh when I first started out—it was much longer—I had many more stories and diversions and distractions—it took a little longer—but over the years I have edited it and tweaked it and made it more pertinent here or there—expanded this or that—all the while keeping a watch for what is going on out there—so that we can make a connection with what we believe in here.

Anyway—I am opening up this class—this year—to all the adults of the parish. We do have about 40 high school and young adults who are taking this course that they may receive their sacraments. But there is nothing that says that no one else is allowed. So everyone is welcome. Persons with this status are called auditors. They are coming to listen—but everyone can ask questions—and I hope to have satisfactory answers. It will cost nothing. There will be no attendance taken for the auditors.

We do have a catechism that we produced right here—and if anyone wants to purchase it—10 dollars.

But these Monday night sessions are the catechism—everyone has a right to it—and priests have an obligation to teach it—pure and unalloyed and centering around the Son of God and Our Blessed Saviour, Jesus.

Next week is orientation and I will only be there for a little bit—but the classes begin in earnest Monday Sept 14—6:30—one hour—one class—one faith—one Lord.

Adult Catechism

Fr. Brankin’s Adult Catechism will be open to all adults in the parish, all are welcome. It is held most Monday (sometimes Tuesdays) from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

It’s just the catechism.

Catecismo Adulto

La clase de Catecismo para Adultos del Padre Brankin estará abierto a todos los adultos en la parroquia, todos son bienvenidos. Se llevara a cabo la mayoría de los lunes (en algún momento el martes) de 6:30pm a 7:30pm.

Es solo el catecismo.

Notice for Weddings and Quinceañeras

If you are planning a wedding or quinceañera please check the church for availability before you rent the hall. Because Fr. Brankin has no associate priest to help. We are restricting our times for weddings and quinceañeras to Saturdays only 12 Noon or 2PM.

Only 2PM will be available after July for quinceañeras and weddings.

Aviso para Bodas y Quinceañeras

Si usted está planeando una boda o quinceañera por favor verifique la disponibilidad de la Iglesia antes de rentar el salón para su fiesta. Porque el Padre Brankin no tiene ningún sacerdote asociado para ayudar. Estamos limitando nuestro tiempo para bodas y quinceañeras a sábados sólo a las 12 del mediodía o a las 2pm.

Sólo 2pm estará disponible después de julio 2019 para Quinceañeras y Bodas.

Thank you and Gracias, Fr. Brankin



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES DRIVE**

**SEPTEMBER 15TH AND 16TH
ALL MONIES COLLECTED
MINUS EXPENSES REMAIN
AT ST. ODILO**

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME



**CABALLEROS DE COLÓN
CAMPAÑA DE INCAPACIDADES
INTELLECTUALES**

**EL 15 Y 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE
TODOS LOS FONDOS
RECAUDADOS MENOS
LOS GASTOS, SE
MANTENDRAN EN ST. ODILO**

**VOLUNTARIOS SON
BIENVENIDOS**

Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich on Misleading NBC Chicago Report

An NBC Chicago TV report that aired Monday night was edited in such a way that gave the false impression that Pope Francis and I consider the protection of children to be less important than other issues, such as the environment or immigration. Nothing could be further from the truth.

A review of the unedited footage of that interview shows that I was referring to the recent letter by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, not the terrible crime of clergy sexual abuse. I said that it was not appropriate, or even possible for Pope Francis to respond to the letter's many undocumented allegations, and I endorsed his request that journalists determine their veracity.

I was then asked whether there should be an independent investigation of the Archbishop Theodore McCarrick case, and I endorsed the call of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, for a thorough investigation.

The edited report created the false impression that my comment that the pope should not “go down the rabbit hole” of the allegations in the Viganò letter was about sexual abuse. As the unedited footage shows, it was not.

As I wrote in my letter responding to the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report: “Whatever words we may use to describe the anguish of reading about these heinous acts, they can never capture the reality of suffering endured by victims of sexual abuse, suffering compounded by the woeful responses of bishops who failed to protect the people they were ordained to serve. ... We must resolve to face our failures and hold each other accountable. We must resolve to be clear-eyed about what we have done, what we have failed to do, and what remains to be done. We must resolve to live in the light of humility, of repentance, of honesty — the light of Christ. As your bishop, I pledge to continue holding firm to that resolve. And I ask for you to pray for all victims of abuse.”

Declaración del cardenal Blase J. Cupich sobre reporte erróneo de NBC Chicago

Un reporte de TV de NBC Chicago transmitido el lunes en la noche fue editado de tal manera que dio la falsa impresión de que el papa Francisco y yo consideramos la protección de los niños menos importante que otros asuntos, como el medio ambiente o la inmigración. Nada podría estar más lejos de la verdad.

Una revisión del material sin editar de esa entrevista muestra que me estaba refiriendo a la carta reciente del arzobispo Carlo Maria Viganò, no al terrible crimen del abuso sexual del clero. Yo dije que no era apropiado, o incluso posible para el papa Francisco responder a las muchas alegaciones sin documentar que contiene la carta y que yo apoyaba su solicitud de que los periodistas determinen su veracidad.

Luego se me preguntó si debería haber una investigación independiente del caso del arzobispo Theodore McCarrick, y yo respaldo el llamado del cardenal Daniel DiNardo, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, a una investigación exhaustiva.

El reporte editado creó la falsa impresión de que mi comentario que el papa no debería entrar a la problemática situación (“go down the rabbit hole”) de las alegaciones en la carta de Viganò, era acerca del abuso sexual. Como lo muestra el material sin editar, no lo era.

Como lo escribí en mi carta en respuesta al informe del gran jurado de Pensilvania: “cualquier palabra que podamos usar para describir la angustia de leer sobre estos actos atroces, nunca puede capturar la realidad del sufrimiento padecido por las víctimas de abuso sexual, un sufrimiento agravado por las lamentables respuestas de los obispos que fallaron en proteger a las personas por las cuales fueron ordenados a servir... Debemos resolver enfrentar nuestros fracasos y responsabilizarnos mutuamente. Debemos resolver estar claros sobre lo que hemos hecho, lo que hemos fallado en hacer, y lo que queda por hacer. Debemos resolver vivir a la luz de la humildad, del arrepentimiento, de la honestidad — la luz de Cristo. Como su obispo, prometo seguir manteniendo firme esa resolución. Y pido que oren por todas las víctimas de abuso”.

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Sr. Johanna Trisolieri, Ramon Marentes, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Rahman Ayi, George Fuoco, Peter Rybak, Timmy O'Connell, Paula Tammen, Carlos Zorrilla, Jeanette Sprovieri, Linda Lancaster, Theresa Risco, Antoinette Delterra, Al Trotta, Diana Ferrel, Geraldine Stack, Julie Kopacz, Kathy O'Toole, Maria Pena, Aurora S. De Asis, Bobby Harol, Don Looney, Dolly Kaminski, Patricia Stalzer, Sam Martyn, Leticia Held, Bozenka Karkowski, Max Moreno.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family: Baby Juan Luis Abarca

WEDDING BANNS

II-Jesus Alonzo & Cupertino Flores

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

September 22, 018	\$9,330.15
Last Year	\$8,883.17

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

5PM-Folkloric Dance (CB)
4PM-CCD (SCH)
6:30PM-CCD (SCH)
6:30PM-Adult CCD (CH)
6:30PM-Legion of Mary (PR)
7PM-Domestic Violence Group (PH)

TUESDAY...

6:30pm-Spred (PrR)

WEDNESDAY...

5:00PM-Folkloric Dance (CB)
6:00PM-ESL (CB)
6:30PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)
7PM-Parent Awareness Night (PH)
7PM-Spanish Choir (PR)

THURSDAY...

6:30PM-PM-Bible Study (PR)
6:45PM-Armory of Christ (CB)

FRIDAY...

9:00AM-Home School (CB)
6:00PM-Pequiño Rebaño (CB)
7:00PM-Faith Formation (PR)

SATURDAY...

10AM-Guitar and Madolin Lessons (CB)
3:30PM-Bible Study Sign Up (CH)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Anthony Esposito (Theresa Termine)
8:10AM-Daniel Joseph Noriega (Mother)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Esleta Family & De Torres Family
8:10AM-Helen Alekno, Stephanie Rudokas (Family)
-William Havlicek (Family)
-18th Birthday Blessing for Julie Prohaska (Family)
-Jenny Shutay (Family)
-Intentions of Fr. Gary Graf (Rosey)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

6:30AM-Birthday Blessings for Daniel Perilla (Mom)
8:10AM-59th Wedding Anniversary for
Ron & Roberta Lorenz

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13-SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30AM-Boyd Family (Edward Boyd)
8:10AM-Florence Hlava (Family)
-Shirley Klein (Klein Family)
-Raymond Mathews
-Joseph & Georgiana Kasper (Kasper Family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6:30AM-Anton & Helen Priban (Ted Priban)
8:10AM-Deceased Members of Fosco & Vaccaro Families
(Peter Vaccaro)

2PM-60th Wedding Anniversary Casimiro & Julia Diaz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-OUR LADY OF SORROWS

8AM-Matthew Lemiszewski (Petrauskas Family)
12PM-Quinceanera - Jazmin Garduno
4PM-Gerald & Rev. James F. Nallen (Marian Lafin)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Intentions of Perez Garnica
8AM-Bettie O' Donnell & Burt McKimson (Megan M.)
9:30AM-Meyering Family
11AM-Carl J. Kasper (Kunce Family)
12:30PM-Antonia Campos (Del Carmen Family)



Have a nice day!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

September 15 & 16	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	E. Hron A. Kowalski B. Ouska	H. Odum	G. Rodriguez, J. Arreguin
7AM (Esp.)	A. Cruz, E. Mendoza A. Sambolin	J. Soto	A. Mendoza, A. Cruz A. Becerra, A. Arredondo
8AM	N. Kmet	J. Jansen	V. Hernandez, C. Hernandez
9:30AM			W. Morrall, S. Morrall M. Gonzalez, E. Gonzalez
11AM	A. Canaveral P. Tammen, D. Wodarczyk	G. Pater	G. Rodriguez, R. Flores
12:30PM (Esp.)	E. Marquez, A. Hernandez E. Coronado, M. Reyes	L. Centeno M. Miranda	J. Diaz, J. Diaz A. Duarte, D. Roa, E. Ramos