



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

" *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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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

Prayer

For forty some years I have been preaching about a million things—the Catholic faith in general—the Catholic faith in particular. We have discussed the sacraments—the Mass—the commandments. Sometimes we talk about the readings—sometimes we refer to feast days—but I think in all those sermons and talks have I actually talked about prayer—only a couple of times—but really the reason for it all—the foundation of it all—the context of it all—is prayer which is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God—and is that not what all our existence is about—communicating with God—now and in the next life?

And I know that in my own life I need to be more constant and consistent and fervent in my prayers—and actually increase the quantity and quality of those prayers.

But this goes for every Catholic. If we do not pray—and pray every day—and as we grow older—pray more each day—we leave too much of an opening for silly things—and harmful things—and evil things to get in.

When our hearts are not filled with grace and prayer there is too much space left—an emptiness—a hole in our hearts—and there is one person who is ready to fill up that hole. And that is the demon.

Ok. What is prayer? Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God. But—you will notice—the definition of prayer does not include words. That is because you don't need words to pray.

Words are good for starters. They kick start our minds and hearts—to put us in the direction of God. The Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory be. That is why we memorize prayers—so that when we are about to pray—those very familiar words put us in the presence of God. They actually take our minds and hearts to God. Prayer is not about saying prayers—we use prayers to lift us up in prayer—to God.

That's the point of the rosary—you will notice that we do not dwell overlong on each Hail Mary—as if Hail...Mary.....full.....of.....grace..... Nor do we rattle on like the pagans thinking that by sheer dint of our repetitions God will listen to us.

No. All those Hail Marys—repeated in succession—in a sort of rhythm—are a spiritual conduit that carry our minds and hearts to God at the exact same moment we are saying the words. The words create the context—the envelope—the method of getting us into spiritual contact with God.

That's why we meditate on the mysteries of Our Lords Life during all those Hail Marys. Those words help blot out distractions and help us think about godly things

Please do not worry about the particular language we use in any prayer. If you go to the Rosary devotions in October—and please come—you might hear alternate decades in English and Spanish—and the Benediction songs will be in Latin and the Divine Praises will be a combination of English and Spanish.

That's ok. One of the most disastrous consequences of the changes in the Mass—when we went from Latin to English—is that we lost the ability to see deeper than the words we were using. It all became about the language. And we got so bound up in praying in our own language—that we have gotten to the point where we panic when we hear a Hail Mary in another language.

“Oh my goodness!—I don't know Spanish—I don't know English. I can't pray!” So what if it is in another language! You know God—you know what's going on—you know the prayer—just do it all interiorly.

It would be sad if you were to miss out on the chance to lift up your minds and hearts to God—just because the language is different?

That was the key to the Latin Mass. It was as if the Church was saying—don't worry about the Latin—don't worry about the language—don't worry about the words—each one—individually.

Just understand that you are in front of God—you are at the Foot of the Cross—you are catching drops of His Blood in your very hand, and your tears are washing your face—what language is that? How much we miss when we get caught up in everything except Jesus. We miss Jesus—and miss God because we were worried about the translations.

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(We should never have changed the Mass. There I have said it!)

Parents please teach your children their prayers—begin as soon as you take them home from the hospital—so that they will grow into prayer as they grow into their family.

They will realize that prayer is not something you do only when you go to Church—but prayer is a part of their very lives.

Pray with them every day—in any part of the day. Make them understand as Saint Patrick understood

**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,**

And what else did he mean than that he knew that God was with him—all the time—every moment. And that came from prayer. And if you need a rosary in your pocket to remind you that God is with you—put that rosary in your pocket. So teach your children and your grandchildren their prayers—and pray with them. Teach them the signs of the cross—the genuflection—the kisses and head bows. Pray every day with them—bless them when they get up—bless them when they go to bed. Don't worry that it seems overly pious to you.

Lady Gaga will be happy to take your place and teach them other things.

Make a rule that everyone in your family has to be home for supper every night—otherwise your family stands in danger of becoming an accidental family—no plan no purpose—no unity—you are where you are by accident—and you are who you are by accident—and that is not good.

And say a prayer—grace—before meals. And maybe a few Hail Marys after grace for special intentions for your family.

Make sure that there is a crucifix of Jesus on your walls and a large picture of the Virgin Mary somewhere obvious in your home.

That picture—that image or statue should be very visible to everyone who comes into your home. They will know who protects your home. They will know how they should speak and how they should behave in your home—because they will be aware that Jesus and Mary live there too.

Those pictures and images—are a silent prayer that surrounds your whole family—and pervades every inch of your home. Those pictures let your home be a prayer.

Put a holy water font by your front door—why not? Your house is supposed to be a little church—your family is supposed to be the congregation of that church.

The holy water reminds you of your Baptism and it also protects you from the snares and wiles of the devil. Holy water turns aside the assault of evil spirits and every attack of the unclean serpent. Please have a bottle of holy water in your home—and sprinkle that water yourself—you don't have to wait for the priest.

When something frightens you—a storm or a noise or a sight—sprinkle that Holy Water all around. It is your watery protection—a physical help that you can actually see and touch—that brings the power of God whom you cannot see.

Yes even water can be a prayer.

I encourage everyone to have a Bible at home. You really should. It is our most important Holy Book—it is the word of God and helps lift us up in prayer every time we read it.

Use the Bible as part of your devotions every day. I have a very easy suggestion: read the psalms every day—and only one a day or a half a one a day.

There are 150 Psalms and most were written—according to tradition—by King David the Ancestor of Jesus. But the psalms are marvelous. Some of them are written in our voice—as if we were pleading with God—“please be with me, Lord—I am so sad and I am suffering so deeply. Please help me—pick me up—don't let me fall—save me.”

Other psalms are the voice of God—calm and assuring as if God were telling us “Be still and know that I am your God—and I will take care of you.” Oh the psalms are a great daily prayer—they are helpful to us because they reflect so much of what is happening in our lives. We can say—“God knows what I am going through. He is with me. And I can do it.”

Can I fail to mention the New Testament? The Gospels? Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? Start with the Gospel of Matthew. Read a chapter a day—just a chapter a day.

Of course, it is all about Jesus and the Apostles and Mary and the Disciples—but there you will be introduced to Our Blessed Lord all over again. You will meet Jesus as you haven't in a long time. And you will see that if your faith had been flagging during these last few years—these terrible times—in the world and in the Church—then your minds and hearts will be lifted up before God—by the very Word of God. That's how He does it.

And when we pray—in all of these ways—with words and actions and images—with holy wells and holy bells and Body and Blood and beads—we will be in contact with Almighty God and with Our Blessed Lord and the Holy Spirit.

We will find that as much as we think that we are lifting up our minds and hearts to God—we will discover that actually—He is bringing Himself down to us—to our minds and hearts. He wants to talk with us—and that's why it works.

**Today's Good Mood
is sponsored by
Coffee in the Pine Room.**

**After 11am Mass
coffee and bakery items
will be available for
your enjoyment in the
Rectory Pine Room.**

**Coffee and Friends
make the perfect blend.**



St. Odilo welcomes



Hayden Charles
Diocese of Wichita

Seminarian Appeal 2017

Seminarian Education Fund Forming Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each Archdiocesan seminarian as he proceeds through the various stages of formation before he is ordained a priest.

Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Our guest speaker, Seminarian Hayden Charles, will talk at all Masses next weekend. There will be a second collection. Envelopes are available at all church exists.

Nuestro invitado, Seminarista Hayden Charles, hablara en todas las misas este fin de semana. Habrá una segunda colecta. Habrá sobres disponibles en todas las salidas.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our second collection. By offering our financial support we provide these young men with the critical education and training they need to shepherd our parishes and administer the sacraments. Last year, more than \$978,000 was collected and I am thankful for your past and present support.

Pope Francis reminds us that, *"The Church and the world need mature and balanced priests, intrepid and generous Pastors, capable of closeness, of listening and mercy."* There are currently 54 seminarians preparing for a life of service as your future parish priests. Our seminarians' motivation and enthusiasm in their pursuit to answer God's call is inspiring. They are the future guides for the spiritual and intellectual formation of our Catholic communities and are well deserving of our prayers and financial support.

Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees (\$1,672), room and board (\$638), and health insurance (\$171) for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. You may utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish or should you find it more convenient, feel free to contribute online through our website at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

For your generous support in the past and for your consideration of support again this year, I thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Estimados Hermanas y Hermanos en Cristo,

Este fin de semana celebramos a los seminaristas de la Arquidiócesis de Chicago a través de nuestra segunda colecta. Al ofrecer nuestro apoyo financiero proveemos a estos hombres jóvenes con la educación y capacitación crucial que necesitan para pastorear nuestras parroquias y administrar los sacramentos. El año pasado, se recaudaron más de \$978,000 y estoy agradecido por su apoyo pasado y presente.

El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que, *"la iglesia y el mundo necesitan sacerdotes maduros y equilibrados, pastores intrépidos y generosos, capaces de cercanía, de escucha y de misericordia"*. Actualmente hay 54 seminaristas preparándose para una vida de servicio como sus futuros sacerdotes de parroquia. La motivación y el entusiasmo de nuestros seminaristas en su búsqueda por responder al llamado de Dios son inspiradores. Ellos son los futuros guías para la formación espiritual e intelectual de nuestras comunidades católicas y son muy merecedores de nuestras oraciones y apoyo financiero.

Las contribuciones hechas a esta colecta asisten con los gastos mensuales como matrícula y tarifas (\$1,672), alojamiento y comida (\$638), y seguro de salud (\$171) de cada seminarista y serán usadas solamente para la formación de nuevos sacerdotes para la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Ustedes pueden usar los sobres de remesas proporcionados a su parroquia o si les parece más conveniente, siéntanse libres de contribuir en línea a través de nuestro sitio web www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

Les doy las gracias por su generoso apoyo en el pasado y por su consideración de apoyar otra vez este año. Que Dios continúe bendiciéndolos abundantemente. Por favor sepan que los mantengo en mis oraciones e intenciones diarias, y les pido las suyas en retorno.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
Cardenal Blase J. Cupich
Arzobispo de Chicago

St. Padre Pio relics visit Chicago Sept. 25-26

Join St. Francis Borgia and St. Ita Parishes in welcoming official relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina — commonly known as Padre Pio — Sept. 25-26.

On Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. the relics, which include a lock of his hair, blood from his wounds, a glove used to cover his stigmatized hands and part of his religious habit, will be on display at St. Francis Borgia Church, 8033 W. Addison St. A multilingual Mass with Bishop John Manz will take place at 7 p.m.

On Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. relics will be available for veneration at St. Ita Church, 1220 W. Catalpa Ave. Bishop Joseph Perry will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m.

These relics are part of a national tour marking the 130th anniversary of Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. It is being sponsored by the Saint Pio Foundation, which works to promote awareness of the saintly priest and continue his work.

For more, visit www.padrepiochicago.com.

Apostles for Life

The Apostles for Life pro-life teen group will be in the back of church after Mass to raise money for the Women's Center, which provides assistance to pregnant mothers. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls this weekend. Proceeds will benefit Chicagoland programs who care for intellectually disabled children and seniors.

Big or small donations will make a big difference.



Saint Odilo Homeschool Co-op

Who are we?

A Christ-centered, hands-on, play-based, Catholic meet-up for homeschooling families

What do we do?

Together with other homeschooling parents, we provide activities that might be complicated to arrange at home. We DO NOT teach a full academic curriculum, but rather focus on supplementary subjects including sports, art, music, and Spanish.

Our Goals

To build a fun and supportive Catholic homeschooling community based around St. Odilo Parish.

Age Range

0-5 years

Cost

Our co-op is a volunteer effort. Each child must attend with a parent who participates in leading our activities. Hands-on parent involvement keeps costs at a minimum. There is a \$10 fee each 6-week session per participating child to cover craft supplies. Younger siblings are welcome to join us free of charge.

Dates and Times

We meet Wednesdays from 9 AM to noon at St. Odilo in the church basement.



SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Sr. Johanna Trisoliere, Ramon Marentes, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, Eddie Shishkoff, Baby Carmody, Milly Kosinar, Danny Gale, Patricia Stalzer, Rahman Ayi, Roger Kowalski, Vincent Wallis, Pat Grady, Irene Smith, Lewis Johnson, Peg Kocar, Terry Raso, Georgina Alejos, Belen Salgado, Enrique Gonzalez, Joanne Carlson, Diane Kuntz, Maria Banda, Frank Rossi, Senorina Castillo, Brian Hess, Maria Sanchez, Zianny E. Leyva, Alice Zimmerman, John Mozis, Louise Kuzin, Mary Dedowicz, George Fuoco, Betty Sereno, Joseph Coleman, Phillip Brankin, Peter Rybak, Timmy O'Connell, Paula Tammen

REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family John Shonder.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

September 10, 2017	\$10,783.45
Last Year	\$8,940.85
Hurricane Harvey	\$4,347.94
Odilo Palooza	\$8,796.87
	Thank you! Fr. Brankin

WEDDING BANNS

III-Benito Peralta & Deana Woodell
III-Emanuel Cortez & Samantha Rosales
II-Jose Rivera & Miriam Gonzalez
II-Simon Diaz & Veronica Escalera

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...
 4PM-CCD (SCH)
 6:30PM-CCD (SCH)
 6:30PM-CCD Adult (CH)
 6:30PM-Legion of Mary (PR)
 7PM-Folkloric Dance (CB)

TUESDAY...
 6:30PM-Spred (PrR)

WEDNESDAY...
 9AM-Homeschool Coop (CB)
 6PM-ESL(PH)
 6:30PM-Arts & Crafts (SR)
 7PM-Spanish Choir (PR)

THURSDAY..
 6:45PM-Armory of Christ (CB)
 7PM-Bible Study (PR)

FRIDAY...
 No School
 6:30PM-Pequeño Rebaño (CB)
 7PM-Faith Formation (PR)
 7:30PM-Folkloric Dance (CB)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Bernadette Valladao (Children)
 8:10AM-Keith & Joe Stockhausen (Family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR

6:30AM-Elizabeth Pustowski (Anna Siuty)
 8:10AM-Intentions of Danny & Lois Nelson
 (Maria Montanez)
 -Al Strazzante (Family & Friends)
 -Blessings for Adriana Perilla (Mama)
 -Flor Cubil (Family)
 -Birthday Blessings for Angels Arrazon (Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

6:30AM-Barbara Mance (Florence Hlava)
 8:10AM-Anton & Mary Bergant (Carol Ann Bergant)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

6:30AM-Blessings on Loretta Hudik
 (Ron & Roberta Lorenz)
 8:10AM-Matteo Trotta (Al Trotta)
 -Agnes Trotta (Al Trotta)
 -Rose Citro (Maria Zorjan)
 -Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (Louise Sommese)
 -All Souls

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Perczella Polhamer (Family)
 8:10AM-Florence M. Holt
 12PM-Wedding of Emanuel Cortez & Samantha Rosales

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

8AM-Susan Szpisjak (Friends & Family)
 12PM-Wedding of Benito Peralta & Deanna Wodell
 2PM-Quinceanera-Jessica Saavedra
 4PM-Augustine & Raymond Stalmasek (Friends)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24-TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Intentions for Hermelinda Mandujano
 (Danny & Lois Nelson)
 8AM-Dr. Michael White (Friend)
 9:30AM-Carol Cody Newcomb (St. Sabina 1st Friday Club)
 1AM-Mae A. Broucek & Frank J. Broucek (Family)
 12:30PM-Miguel Monsivais (Mosivais Family)

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

September 23 & 24	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	E. Hron, J. Stockhausen	K. Gleeson	M. Herrera, S. Herrera, N. Blitts
7AM (Esp.)	T. Luna, E. Mendoza A. Salgado, O. Pereda	O. Pereda	V. Hernandez, C. Hernandez
8AM	D. Kaminski B. Ouska	L. Thill	V. Arechar, S. Ruiz Gemma Gleeson
9:30AM			W. Estrella, L. Estrella R. Mondragon, D. Roa
11AM	R. Lorenz, D. Oborski D. Wodarczyk	L. Bonadonna	R. Johnson S. Rau, J. Rau
12:30PM (Esp.)	M. Salgado, V. Chavez M. Garcia, E. Coronado	L. Centeno E. Lopez	S. Garcia, H. Garcia G. Rodriguez