

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2015

" *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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Rev. Anthony Brankin

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Rev. Msgr. Richard Saudis

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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 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

October Appeal

Every October—on one of the Sundays, I ask our parishioners to increase their Sunday offering. In a phrase—to give a little more money in their Sunday envelope.

This year, the Archdiocese has asked if we could do this for three Sundays in a row. So today I will lay out a spiritual foundation for why we give.

And then next Sunday, Al Canaveral, the Chairman of our Parish Finance Council, will give some indications about giving, from a parishioners viewpoint.

The third Sunday I will return to talk about some of our particular needs. Please be patient.

Anyway—one night a few years ago I was riding home in the car, and I was flipping around the radio dial looking for something interesting, and I heard a very pleasant voice on a Protestant Radio station who talked about his show on “*God’s Financial Principles*”.

Whoa! I had never heard of “*God’s Financial Principles*” before. I did not even know there was such a thing.

So I listened for awhile and I learned that someone had gone over the Bible with a fine tooth comb, and they found every passage where money and wealth and finances were discussed and decided that Sacred Scripture contains a whole system and theology about money that tells us that if we give extravagantly to the church—we can ensure wealth for ourselves.

When you get right down to it, “*God’s Financial Principles*” boils down to—if you give God money—meaning the Church—then God will give you money.

And why will God make you wealthy? Because He is showing you how much He loves you—and you show Him how much you love Him by giving Him your money. It’s kind of a win win—God makes money—you make money. But it is difficult to accept that it all revolves around Money.

This is called the Gospel of Wealth—and it really is not Catholic. In fact it is right out of John Calvin, John Knox and the Reformation. This Gospel of Wealth leads people to believe that having money—being wealthy—is a sign that God loves you and that is why He is taking care of you. It implies, as well, that if you don’t have money, if you are poor or sick or suffering—you have only yourself to blame for you condition. You obviously don’t love God enough—because you don’t give enough money to God.

But really is this what it is all about? Faith and religion? Is this why God gave us the Bible? To teach us how we can make our businesses successful and our bank accounts large? We go to heaven by climbing up a pile of money?

Of course not.

The Bible was written to tell us how we lost heaven through the sin of Adam and Eve—and how the Gates of Heaven were re-opened through the Cross of Christ.

It is actually that simple.

God really does not care if we are rich or poor. God does not care if our businesses and finances are successful or not. He really doesn't.

Of course, He doesn't want us to be poor or suffering, and He does work miracles—to heal us and help us—and we must pray and pray always for everything we need—but most often he does allow us to suffer.

You know it and I know it—God allows us to suffer—He allows us to be poor—But in doing so He gives us the opportunity to understand that there is more to this life than riches and success—or even health.

What God most often—and most profitably does for us is spiritual and supernatural. He strengthens our souls—in the midst of our difficulties so that we may see how God brings redemption out of our pain and poverty. And in turn He asks us—fortified by Faith and Grace—to help the poor, comfort the ill, feed the hungry and clothe the naked. God does all this so that after a life of sacrificial virtue—we can go to heaven.

There is no Biblical secret to earthly success and wealth. Gods only Financial Principal is “Thou shalt not steal.”

The Christian life is not about business success—it is about going to heaven—and to get to heaven we have to get down on our hands and knees and we do what we can to help ourselves and help those who are in need.

And yes—that is what we as members of the Church—as Disciples of Christ—as Apostles of Jesus do—and that takes money. That's why we have collections—and even second collections. That's why we ask for money—and sometimes ask for more money.

If our brothers and sisters are sick or wounded, we care for them. That's what we do—and most importantly we give them Jesus—by word and example. We teach them and tell them that Jesus loves them—even if they are poor and despised and sick and lonely and hungry—and that God will save them if they just love Him and come to Him. That's all.

We don't give money to take care of ourselves—but to take care of each other—by taking care of that which God has given us—our faith—our churches our people—our poor ones. And we don't worry about it. We use what money we have—and then we ask for more and we do what we have to do. This is called Stewardship.

We take care—we take care of our buildings in which we worship God and in which we teach Gods children—And we take care of heating bills and electric bills and pay salaries to staff members who have families .

We don't use faith and good deeds—or even the Sunday collection—as a means to get money—but we use money—even the Sunday Collection—as a means to spread the Faith and perform holy deeds.

Some of our parishioners are poor and some are rich—but that doesn't mean anything to God.

If we are rich we carry the poor—and if we are poor—we carry those who are even poorer.

I will never say that if you are generous with the Church that God will bless you. If you give God money He will give you money. That is dishonest, I will never say that.

Nor will you ever hear me talk about “*God's Financial Principals*”. There is only one Principal for God—that we love—first God and Jesus and the Virgin Mary, and then we love each other. And God in return promises us—not health and wealth and success, but salvation.



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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Estos son días llenos de emoción para la Iglesia en América, con el Papa Francisco inspirando a católicos y no católicos durante su visita a los Estados Unidos. Desde el inicio de su pontificado, el Papa Francisco nos ha llamado de manera continua al discipulado misionero.

En su homilía en Filadelfia, nos desafió a todos a explorar nuevas formas para que nuestra Iglesia pueda estar más equipada para llevar a cabo la misión de Cristo: “Uno de los grandes desafíos de la Iglesia en este momento es fomentar en todos los fieles el sentido de la responsabilidad personal en la misión de la Iglesia, y capacitarlos para que puedan cumplir con tal responsabilidad como discípulos misioneros, como fermento del Evangelio en nuestro mundo. Esto requiere creatividad para adaptarse a los cambios de las situaciones, transmitiendo el legado del pasado, no solo a través del mantenimiento de estructuras e instituciones, que son útiles, sino sobre todo abriéndose a las posibilidades que el Espíritu nos descubre y mediante la comunicación de la alegría del Evangelio, todos los días y en todas las etapas de nuestra vida”.

En el año que he pasado en Chicago, me he inspirado en muchos de ustedes y tengo una gran esperanza en nuestro futuro. La alegría del Evangelio está viva en Chicago. También me he estado informando de muchas realidades que nos desafían a evaluar la forma en que estamos trabajando en las parroquias para compartir la alegría del Evangelio en el futuro. El Santo Padre tiene razón, debemos estar atentos a la realidad que tenemos ante nosotros. Sabemos que el panorama de la Iglesia en Chicago ha cambiado de cuando fueron fundadas muchas de nuestras parroquias a la fecha, y que han ocurrido grandes cambios demográficos a través del tiempo. Algunas de nuestras parroquias tienen instalaciones que han envejecido y que tienen un costo de reparación mayor a nuestros recursos. También contamos con un número menor de sacerdotes disponibles para pastorear nuestras parroquias. En ocasiones vivir plenamente nuestra misión se traduce en un desafío, debido a que estamos utilizando pocos recursos para demasiadas necesidades. Francisco nos recuerda que tenemos la creatividad para asumir estos retos con alegría si estamos abiertos a las posibilidades que el Espíritu descubre para nosotros.

A principios de esta semana me reuní con todos los sacerdotes de la Arquidiócesis para comenzar la discusión de cómo hacer frente a estos desafíos en los próximos años. Este es sólo el comienzo de un largo proceso para determinar cómo servir las necesidades pastorales de la Arquidiócesis y fortalecer la vitalidad de la parroquia en un futuro a largo plazo. Ahora que el proceso ha iniciado su marcha, quiero decirles que estoy comprometido a un proceso que involucre disciplina, una amplia consulta y la participación de la comunidad. Queremos asegurarnos de que nuestros planes para el futuro satisfacen de la mejor manera las necesidades del pueblo de Dios, que responden al llamado que hace la Iglesia a la misión, y que ofrecen una sostenibilidad a largo plazo. Es seguro que de vez en cuando ustedes escucharán más sobre este esfuerzo, pero quería contarles acerca del mismo porque necesito y quiero que dediquen sus oraciones por su éxito. Recuerden que ustedes están en las mías.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo:
Reverendísimo Blase J. Cupich
Arzobispo de Chicago



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

These are exciting days for the Church in America with Pope Francis inspiring Catholics and non-Catholics alike during his visit to the United States. From the very beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has continually called us to missionary discipleship.

In his homily in Philadelphia, he challenged all of us to explore new ways so that our Church can be more equipped to carry on the mission of Christ: “One of the great challenges facing the Church in this generation is to foster in all the faithful a sense of personal responsibility for the Church’s mission, and to enable them to fulfill that responsibility as missionary disciples, as a leaven of the Gospel in our world. This will require creativity in adapting to changed situations, carrying forward the legacy of the past not primarily by maintaining our structures and institutions, which have served us well, but above all by being open to the possibilities which the Spirit opens up to us and communicating the joy of the Gospel, daily and in every season of our life.”

In my year in Chicago, I have been inspired by many of you and have great hope for our future. The joy of the Gospel is alive in Chicago. I have also been learning of many realities that challenge us to evaluate how we work as parishes to share the joy of the Gospel into the future. The Holy Father is right, we should be attentive to the reality before us. We know that the landscape of the Church in Chicago has changed since many of our parishes were founded, with demographics shifting greatly over time. Some of our parishes have aging facilities that cost more to repair than we have. We also have fewer priests available to pastor our parishes. We are sometimes challenged to fully live out the mission because we are spreading resources too thin. Pope Francis reminds us that we have the creativity to take on these challenges with joy if we are open to the possibilities the Spirit opens up to us.

Earlier this week I met with all priests in the Archdiocese to begin the discussion of how to address these challenges in the coming years. This is just the beginning of a long process to determine how to serve the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese and strengthen parish vitality for the long-term future. As the process moves forward, I am committed to a process that involves discipline, wide consultation and community involvement. We want to ensure that our plans for the future best meet the needs of the people of God, respond to the Church’s call to mission, and offer long-term sustainability. From time to time you will be hearing more about this effort, but I wanted to let you know of this development, because I need and want your prayers for its success. You are in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

ST. ODILO PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

There are special envelopes in the vestibule of the church for enrolling your deceased relatives and friends in the St. Odilo Purgatorial Society. The names will be printed in a book remembering our beloved dead which is placed by the Poor Souls Shrine. A special novena is offered at St. Odilo for those enrolled. You may drop the envelopes in the collection or at the rectory. When filling out the envelope please **PRINT** all names **clearly** or they can not be printed in the book.

MEET MONTINI October 15, 2015

On Thursday October 15th at 8:30 am, Montini Catholic High School will be hosting the first "Meet Montini" of the 2015-2016 school year. "Meet Montini" is an informal information session for parents with our Administration and Admissions Team. The session begins in De La Salle Hall at 8:30 am and includes a tour of the school while classes are in session. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours.

Below is a list of additional meeting dates if you cannot make the October 15th session.

November 19th, 2015

December 1st, 2015 at 7:00 pm – Evening Event

January 5th, 2016

February 18th, 2016

March 17th, 2016

April 21st, 2016

Please RSVP to Kim Richmond, Admissions Coordinator at krichmond@montini.org or call at 630-627-6930 ext 182.

Montini Catholic High School is located at 19W070 16th Street in Lombard.

Coming Home Veterans Retreat

For Adult Family Members
of Military Veterans, Active Duty or Reserves

Having a loved one wear a military uniform can put tremendous stress on the family. It also creates a common bond among families that is never forgotten.

Join us! for a single day retreat, an opportunity to gather with other military families who "get it."



October 25, 2015

8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Call 847-381-1261 or Email a Vet to learn more

Dave Harman: daveharman110@gmail.com

Em Bataille: em.carol@comcast.net

ComingHomeRetreats.org



Bellarmino
Jesuit Retreat House

Coping With the Holidays

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7pm Rev. James Heneghan - Seminar Facilitator 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn Il

We all have lost someone we loved, someone who played an important part in our family's holiday celebrations. How can we acknowledge our grief and also honor the person who died this holiday season?

Rev. Heneghan will discuss ways to survive the season, and offer suggestions to help us use the holidays as a step in healing our grief. Please RSVP by Nov. 6, 2015 708-425-0500

HOLY SACRAMENT CHAPEL
Jesus, the Bread of Life is here.

ALL ARE WELCOME
The Adoration Chapel is open daily.
Monday-Friday 6am-6pm
Saturday 7am-5pm
Sunday 6am-3pm

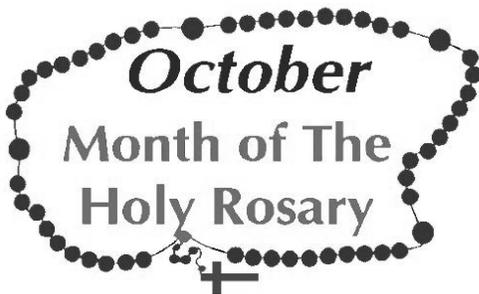
When you visit the chapel please sign
up in the book.



CAPILLA DEL SANTISIMO
“Jesús el Pan de vida está aquí.”

TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
La Capilla de Adoración esta abierta.
Lunes-Viernes 6am - 6pm
Sábado 7am-5pm
Domingo 6am-3pm

Por favor ponga su nombre cuando visite
la capilla.



Friday, October 16th
Rosary & Benediction
At 2:30PM & 6:30PM

Instituto de Liderazgo Cristóforo
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ULTIMA OPORTUNIDAD DE ESTE
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Lugar: Ntra. Sra. De Lourdes
4641 N. Ashland Ave.
Chicago, IL 60641

Octubre 23, 24, 25 del 2015
Viernes de 6:00pm a 10:00pm
Sábado de 8:30am a 8:00pm
Domingo de 9:00am a 5:00pm (Graduación)

Costo \$145.00 (Por adelantado \$130.00)
Incluye, material, comidas y diploma.

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Question? Call Beth Ritzenthaler at the rectory,
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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, Carolyn Johnson, 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, Prisca Gonzalez.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

October 4, 2015	\$11,157.29
Last Year	\$10,291.68

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

6:30-Legion of Mary (PR)
6:30-Sacrament Class (CH)

TUESDAY...

3PM-Jr. High Choir (SCH)
6:30-Little Flowers (PH)

WEDNESDAY...

3PM-Handbells (CH)
4PM-CCD Mass
6PM-ESL Beginners (PH)
7PM-Choir Practice (PR)
7:30-ESL Intermediate (PH)

THURSDAY...

3PM-Children's Choir (SCH)
6:30-Arts & Crafts (SR)
7PM-Confirmation Meeting English-(PH)-Spanish (CH)
7PM-Armory of Christ (CB)
7PM-Bible Study (PR)

FRIDAY...

6PM-Mexican Folkloric Dance Instruction (PH)
6PM-Pequeno Rebanos (CB)
7PM-Spanish Faith Formation (PR)
7PM-special Events Committee (SR)

SATURDAY...

10AM-Mexican Folkloric Dance Instruction (PH)

Group Contact Information
Armory of Christ-708-681-6879
Guadalupanos-708-484-2161 **Legion of Mary** -708-623-9280
Knights of Columbus-708-204-3761
Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima -708-484-1204
Little Flowers-469-487-9806 or limpauline6@gmail.com
Market Day-708-484-0755 **ES L**-708-287-7347
Spre-708-287-7347 **Ushers**-708-788-8136

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Ed, Janice & Lillian Burda
8:10AM-Virginia Florek (Barbara Mance)
6:30-Sacrament Class (CH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13-WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Lorraine White (Ed & Linda White)
8:10AM-Josephine Xydakis (Family)
-Mercedes T. Rojo (Family)
-Souls in Purgatory (Family)
-Guidance & Protection (Peralta Family)
-Cicenas Family (Diana Cicenas)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14-SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR

6:30AM-Intentions of Ray & Barbara Thill (Thill Family)
8:10AM-Mary B. Rybak (Family)
3PM-Divine Mercy (CH)
4PM-CCD Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15-SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30AM-Joseph & Irene Kubik (Brother)
8:10AM-Eduardo Vergara (Family)
-Peter, Ivan, Stefanie Falajlo (Daughters)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16-SAINT HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS; SAINT MARGARET MARY ALA COQUE, VIRGIN

6:30AM-Intentions of Sister Catherine Palmisano
8:10AM-Clarice Wells (Family)
2:30 & 6:30-Rosary
4PM-Quinceanera-Vanessa Donato

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17-SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR

8AM-Edward & Emily Olewinski (Mary, Frank & Kay D'Agostino)
4PM-Edward Hlava (Wife)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18-TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7AM-Alicia Martinez-Alvarez (Medina-Gonzalez Family)
8AM-Keith & Joe Stockhausen (Family)
9:30-Molly Liptak (Friend)
11AM-John Jordan (Phil & Irene Smith)
12:30-Aurelio Ayala (Faviola Ayala)

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

October 17 & 18	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	J. Garcia B. Ouska J. Stockhausen	H. Odum	B. Banda S. Rollins
7AM (Esp.)	M. Marin O. Pereda T. Luna	A. Cruz	A. Cruz R. Navarette
8AM	D. Kaminski N. Kmet S. Sandoval	V. Cannella	A. Rivera A. Gamboa
9:30AM			S. Carroll E. Gonzalez
11AM	D. Oborski A. Perez P. Tammen	B. Donegan	V. Hernandez C. Hernandez
12:30PM (Esp.)	L. Gonzalez V. Chavez N. Mantala E. Marquez	L. Reyes M. Villareal	J. Diaz J. Diaz A. Mendoza

Servers for week of October 12-17: B. Banda, N. Rodriguez