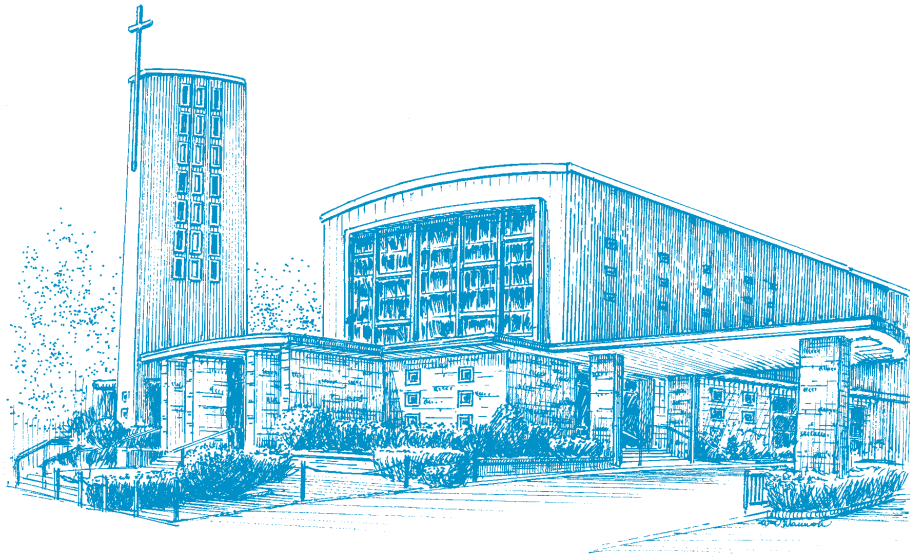


st. priscilla church



Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Vadakumcherry, Associate Pastor
Paul (Pawel) Taweck, Music Director
Mrs. Judy Banasiak, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Anna Adamowski, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Anna Knap, Business Manager

RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confession) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession held at 7:00 to 7:15 AM.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.
Regular Office hours 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling Rectory.

Rectory: 6949 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60634 773-545-8840

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

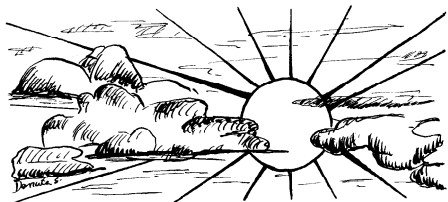
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 6:30—8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2009

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

— Psalm 126:3

Spiritual Reflection

“Don’t bother me. I’m busy!” Sometimes we actually say those words. Other times we give only cursory attention to those who interrupt us, then send them on their way so we can do what we’d rather be doing. We can usually tell if our interruption is welcomed. If not, we try not to “bother” that person unless it is really necessary.

In today’s Gospel, a blind man is calling out to Jesus. People who are in the crowd can see how busy Jesus is. They try to keep the blind man away. After all, if Jesus spends time with the blind man, he won’t have as much time for them. At any rate, Jesus calls that blind man over and asks him what he wants Jesus to do. The blind man says, “Master, I want to see!” His sight is restored and he follows Jesus up the road.

Jesus always seems to have time for those on the margins of society. In this weekend’s first reading from the book of Prophet Jeremiah, we hear how God delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Those of great importance were too busy to pay much attention to God. Many times that attention consisted of applying God’s standards to others and passing judgment on those around them.

As the Lord says, “I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble.” The Lord will make time for them and give them all they need. Their lives too will be transformed as they follow the Lord up the road. They’ll pass on God’s love and care to their children and grandchildren. They too will take the time to reach out to the little ones.

In our lives, we’ll have plenty of chances to do the same. We can be like the important ones, avoiding those who need help, or even using God’s standards to judge others. On the other hand, we can follow the call of Jesus by following in Jesus’ footsteps. We can notice the little ones around us and reach out to deliver them and lift them up.

This week, we can notice the times when we turn others away. We can look for opportunities to help those around us and notice how easy it is to ignore their needs. We can listen to Jesus’ call to reach out and raise up our children and grandchildren, the poor, the broken-hearted, the handicapped and those held back by guilt. We can act as the high priests spoken of in this weekend’s second reading. We can remember our own weaknesses and be slow to judge others, but quick to reach out with a helping hand. Have a good week!

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Pastor’s Notes**PANIE ABYM PRZEJRZAŁ...**

Obok drogi, którą wędrował Jezus, siedział niewidomy. Nie było wówczas w Palestynie ani w cesarstwie Rzymskim spółdzielni Inwalidów. Każdy kaleki człowiek musiał zebrać na swoje utrzymanie i jedynie litościwa ręka decydowała o jego życiu. Kalectwo było wielkim nieszczęściem.

Ślepy Bartymeusz musiał słyszeć o wszystkich cudach Chrystusa. W Nim też dostrzegł jedyną szansę wyzwolenia ze swego nieszczęścia. Jako niewidomy nie mógł udać się do Jezusa. Widocznie nie miał nikogo, kto by go do Niego zaprowadził. Jedno, co mu pozostało—to czekać. Być może dobry Bóg zlituje się i sam przyprowadzi do niego tego Wielkiego Proroka.

Jak długo czekał i żył nadzieją, tego nie wiemy. Faktem jest, że chwila spotkania nadeszła. Św. Marek opisuje je dokładnie, tak, jakby był naocznym świadkiem tego wydarzenia. Pan Jezus przechodził w pobliżu, gdzie był Bartymeusz. Niewidomy, słysząc gwar tłumu dowiadyuje się, że prorok z Nazaretu wraz z rzeszą ludzi przechodzi obok niego. On bardzo pragnie spotkać Jezusa, ale nie znajduje nikogo spośród otaczającego go tłumu, kto by go do Jezusa przyprowadził.

To, co mu tylko pozostaje, to głośne wołanie, krzyk, tak głośny, aby Jezus go usłyszał. Więc zaczyna krzyczeć tak głośno, aby zwrócić na siebie uwagę. Jezus słyszy ten krzyk i każe przyprowadzić niewidomego do Siebie. Przyprowadzają go ci, którzy jeszcze minutę temu uciszali go, by tak głośno nie krzyczał. Teraz prowadząc go do Jezusa dodają mu odwagi: „Bądź dobrej myśli, wstań, woła cię”.

„Rabbuni, żebym przejrzał” - Kościół powtarzając słowa dzisiejszej Ewangelii, ma na względzie Jezusa Chrystusa i nas ludzi, którzy tak często żyjemy, jak niewidomi. Bowiem współczesny człowiek zbyt często błąka się po ciemnych zaułkach tego życia z zamkniętymi i zgasłymi oczyma.

W tych czasach mroku i duchowego zaślepienia pomóż mi Panie widzieć na pierwszym miejscu Ciebie, oraz abym zawsze prawidłowo oceniał siebie.

Czasami my też jesteśmy podobni do tego ślepego człowieka. Przepelnieni melancholią, zrazeni do życia „siedzimy przy drodze”, wyłączamy się z działania. A tu przychodzi do nas Jezus i mówi: „Wstań, pobierz się na nowo i zacznij żyć! Bądź nowonarodzonym człowiekiem! Tylko uwierz we Mnie!”

Czy jesteśmy jeszcze zdolni do takiego zrywu? Zaufajmy w pełni Jezusowi i napewno odmieni się karta naszego życia. To jest twoja kolejna szansa. - ks. Idzi -

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (25)

- 7:30 — +Mary O'Grady 4th Death Anniv. (Husband Peter)
+Geraldine Guzik (Anna Hauser)
- 9:00 — +Mary & James Pusateri
+Florence Lesperance (Eileen & Joe LoPiccolo)
+Martin Igoe (Haughey Family)
+Walter Zyszczyński 25th Death Anniv. (Family)
- 10:30 — Daniel Majcher 6-ta rocznica urodzin (Rodzice)
- O radość w wieczności:**
+Ks. Józef Grembla 5-ta rocz. śmierci
(Proboszcz i Parafianie)
+Kazimiera Karbarz (Córki z rodzinami)
+Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)
+Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Rodzina)
+Grażyna Grot (A.W. Adamowski)
+Franciszek Skarżyński 37-ma rocz. śmierci
+Apolonia Skarżyńska 7-ma rocz. śmierci
- 12:15 — +Deceased Members of Borkowski Family (Harriett)
+Mabel Carroll (K. Chrusciel Family)
- 6:00 — +Tadeusz Pańszczyk 1 miesiąc po śmierci (Przyjaciele)

MONDAY (26) Weekday

- 6:30 — Pat Ackermann (Niece)
8:00 — +Cristina Belluomini Birthday Rem. (Joy)

TUESDAY (27) Weekday

- 6:30 — Ernest Krist (Friend)
8:00 — +Richard Sajnaj (Ann Gleeson)

WEDNESDAY (28) Simon & Jude, apostles

- 6:30 — +Otto Ackermann (Daughter)
8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory (Barcebal Family)
8:30 — +Rev. Joseph P. Grembla 5th Death Anniversary
(Pastor & Parishioners)

THURSDAY (29) Weekday

- 6:30 — John & Dolores Meyer (Cousin)
8:00 — Health & Blessings for Cheryl DuPlantis on her
birthday (Denise DuPlantis)

FRIDAY (30) Weekday

- 6:30 — +Walter Pietrusiak (Friend)
8:00 — +Michael M. Motto Birthday Remembrance
(Daniel G. Manczak Family)

SATURDAY (31) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Karl Miketta Birthday Rem. (Jim Miketta)
8:30 — +Za Dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące: #50
4:00 — +Margaret D. Izzo Birthday Remembrance
(Daniel G. Manczak Family)
+Ferdinand & Katharina Weiterschan
(Voelker & Weiterschan Families)
+Ed & Helen Kotkowski (Barbara Corollo)
+Jack Ferrier (Wife)
+James Stevens (Mother)
+Edward & Amy Skworch (Family)

ALL SAINTS (1)

- 7:30 — +Deceased Members of St. Priscilla Parish
- 9:00 — Salvatore & Erminia DeSimone (Michael)
In Thanksgiving (Marian Henaghan)
+Deceased Members of the Grossmayer & Heiberger
Families (Nick Grossmayer Family)
+Wiktoria Koziara 38th Death Anniv. (Family)
+Pasquale & Antonietta Neri (Family)
All Souls in Purgatory
+Jozef & Maria Rosenbaum (F. Mizera Family)
+Deceased Members of Aquino Family
+Jose W. Calderon 15th Death Anniversary (Eva)
+Jose V. Calderon 15th Death Anniversary (Eva)
+Chuck Wach & Marge Boonstra (Cromley Family)
- 10:00 — Wypominki
- 10:30 — Za Wszystkich Zmarłych i Polecanych
w Wypominkach
- 12:15 — Giuseppe & Rosa Difronzo 25th Wedding Anniv.
+Stanisław Grzymajło 2nd Death Anniv. (Wife)
+Ryszard Grzymajło 17th Death Anniv. (Mother)
+Eufrosina Rojas (Maranian Family)
+Eugene Stalmach 2nd Death Anniv.
+Gorgonia, Consejo, Lionel Buenavista
+Vicente, Sr., Josefina Rodriguez
+Jane Dudash
- 5:00 — Różaniec + Wypominki
- 6:00 — +Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Rodzina)
+Maria i Wawrzyniec Rębacz (Córka)
+Stanisław Pokrzywa (Żona)
+Janina i Zdzisław Łukasik w kolejne rocz. śmierci
+Irena Bugaj



Gabriela Weglarz
Kamila Kinga Bogacz

Our
Weekly Offering 

October 4, 2009

Currency	\$ 3,908.00
Checks	\$ 2,875.00
Loose Coin	\$ 21.58
Total	\$ 6,804.58
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Year to Date	\$140,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$ 96,940.28
Under Budget	\$ <43,059.72 >

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

**St. Priscilla Parish
Financial Report for
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009**

The fiscal year 2009 ended with the closure of St. Priscilla School.

All throughout the year, the Pastor, Principal, and Business Manager were meeting regularly to assess the current financial situation and use the available resources to save the school and later minimize the deficit.

As we all know, the school was in serious financial distress last year, but the Cardinal gave it a one-year extension with conditions to raise the enrollment to 160 students and reach the amount of \$155,250 in fundraising. None of the conditions was met and the decision was made by the Cardinal in January to close the institution.

The months which followed were very difficult. We had many meetings, rallies and even a candle vigil. These outpourings of emotion were not always conducted in a respectful way. There was a lot of blaming, finger-pointing and hostility, but, with time, people realized that the decision was irreversible and enrolled their children in other Catholic and public schools.

The building was rented out to the Chicago Board of Education by the Real Estate Department of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Over 6 years of the lease, they will invest over \$2,011,201.50 in capital improvements so desperately needed, like roof work, plumbing, tuck pointing, with the parish contributing \$82,468.51. Rent, which the public school pays, will help to reduce the balance on remaining loans from last year in the amount of \$165,027.98 and current loans in the amount of \$110,681.40. The new loan was a result of unpaid Archdiocesan bills for FY 2009. The parish was unable to pay the bills because it had to help the school with the payment of its current bills. Once the closure was announced, the tuition collection decreased and the parish financially assisted the school. The total parish contribution was \$121,000. We received a generous donation from the Archdiocese for the final pay-out of teacher and staff salaries and severance fees for the staff.

In our current FY 2010, we are still liable for teachers' medical insurance for three months, which totals approximately \$20,000 and in November, we will pay the bill for unemployment for teachers and staff who did not yet find a job (approximately \$10,000 for each unemployed staff member / teacher).

We hope that with the income from the rent, we will be able to substantially reduce the loans by the end of this fiscal year. Considering the outstanding loans and payments of school obligations, we would like to continue our school deficit collection through the end of FY 2010.

We are really very appreciative of our parishioners' generosity and understanding of our financial situation.

**ST. PRISCILLA PARISH
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR FROM 07/01/08 ENDING 06/30/09**

REVENUES:**Church Operations:**

1. Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$486,696
2. Other Collections for Parish	117,355
3. Fundraising (net)	22,342
4. Religious Education	9,820
5. Miscellaneous (stipend, stole, candles)	74,471
Total Church Operations:	\$710,684

Educational Operations:

1. Tuition and Fees	\$440,024
2. Fundraising	63,332
Total Educational Operations:	\$503,356

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,214,040

EXPENSES:**Church Operations:**

1. Salaries & Benefits	\$349,782
2. Utilities, Repairs & Insurance	117,410
3. Archdiocese Assessment	77,147
4. Office, Printing & Postage	24,639
5. Miscellaneous	35,614
6. Altar & Liturgical Supplies	37,965
Total Church Operations:	\$642,557

Educational Operations:

1. Salaries & Benefits	\$784,530
2. Utilities, Repairs & Insurance	48,137
3. Instructional Materials	22,415
4. Miscellaneous	16,359
Total Educational Operations:	\$871,441

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,513,998

Church Revenue:	\$710,684
Church Expenses:	- 642,557

Church Total: EXCESS of \$68,127

School Revenue:	\$503,356
School Expenses:	- 871,441

School Total: DEFICIT of \$368,085

TOTAL OPERATION OF CHURCH AND SCHOOL:

Revenue:	\$1,214,040
Expenses:	- 1,513,998

Total: DEFICIT of \$299,958