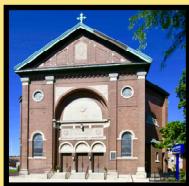
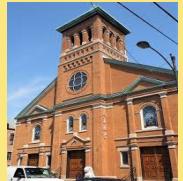


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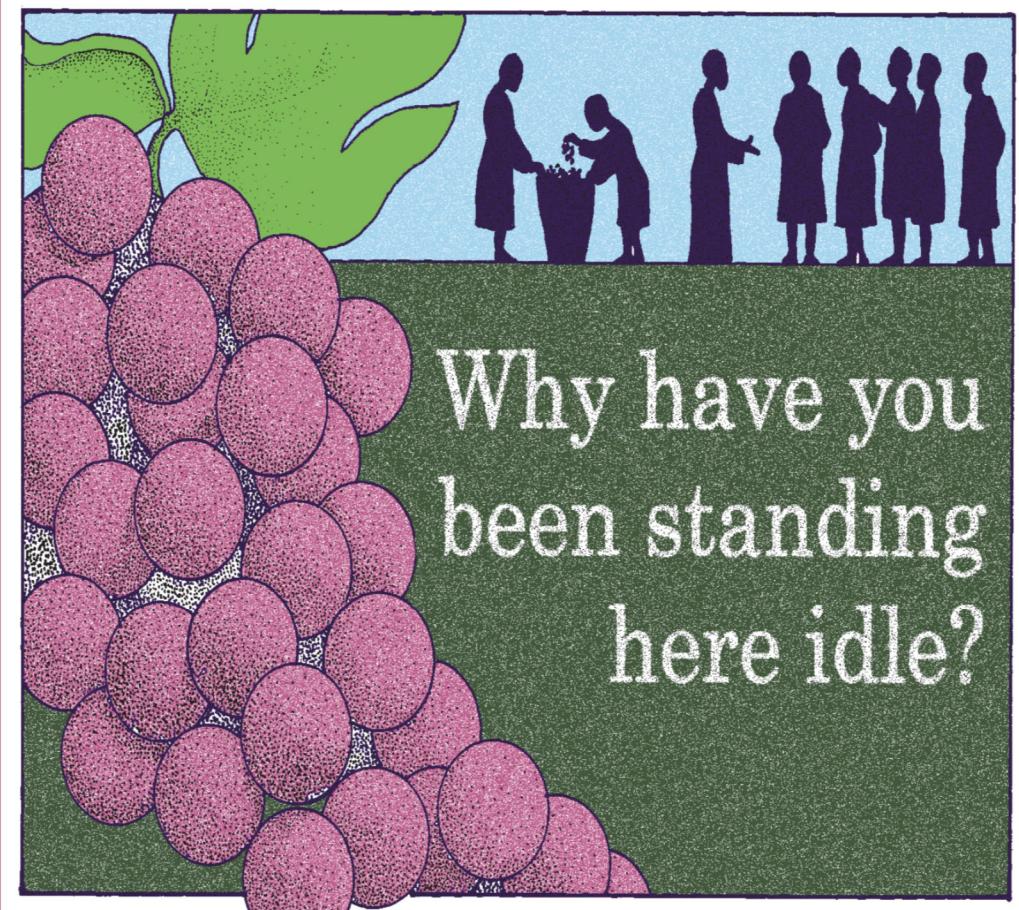


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**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sept.  
20,  
2020**



**Turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous  
in forgiving.**

**— Isaiah 55:7b**

## Save The Date

**What?** Online Alpha

**When?** September 22nd, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Who?** Anyone who has a heart for Jesus

**How?** Email [thoward@sttheresechicago.org](mailto:thoward@sttheresechicago.org) to enroll

## Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

The Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus is on Oct. 1st, but our faith community will celebrate it on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at the 10:30 am mass in English at St. Therese Worship Site. Novena to St. Therese begins on Friday, Sept. 25th. The monthly Cantonese mass is rescheduled to Sunday, Oct. 11th, at the 10:30 am mass.

## Annual Parish Leadership Gathering

Please save the date for the annual Parish Leadership Gathering on Sat., Oct. 17th, from 9am to 12 noon followed by lunch. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the event will be both an in-person and online event. It is open to parishioners at large and registration is required. All CDC and Archdiocese covid guidelines will be observed. The total number of people for in-person gathering is limited to 50. Location and more details will come soon.

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA classes will begin in October. If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, this class is for you! There is an information sheet on the table at the entrance to Church. Please fill out the sheet and give it to an usher or, if you need additional information, call the rectory.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

### **MARK M. PIRELLI**

Husband of Beverly (nee Kaput)  
and Father of Megan and Kaitlyn

and

### **MATHILDA A. WIERSCHEM**

Godmother of Jim Bertucci

Please keep the Pirelli, Kaput and Bertucci Families in your prayers.



## **“CARRY ON THE MISSION APPEAL”**

Our “Carry On The Mission Appeal” is ongoing. Our goal for this appeal is \$100,000. If we can raise \$50,000 by World Mission Sunday, October 18th, a generous donor has volunteered to match this amount. This appeal will help with continuing to run all ministries, opening our doors for Sacraments in a safe manner, and spreading the Good News to those who cannot come to church during the pandemic

The suggested amount per family is \$125; however, please donate whatever you can to help us meet our goal.

To date, the following donations have been received:

### **\$150 and Above**

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sierzega - \$300  
Mr. Bernard Krygowski - \$250  
Mr. Ronald Kash - \$200

### **\$125**

Ms. JoAnn Balasa  
Mr. & Mrs. James Bertucci  
Ms. Yolanda Bobadilla  
Mr. & Mrs. Minh Do  
Mrs. Bernadette Glabicki  
Ms. Christine Krupa  
Ms. Eleanor Pollock  
Ms. Maria Rolon  
Mr. Stanley Rzasa  
Mrs. Adeline Skokal  
Ms. Marisol Torres  
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Whitehouse

### **Under \$125**

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hurkes - \$75  
Mrs. Wladyslawa Lazowski - \$50  
Ms. Mary Kay McCann - \$50  
Mr. Sylvester Maryas - \$25  
Mrs. Barbara Ziembra - \$25  
Mr. & Mrs. Hector Feliciano - \$20  
Mr. Joe Boniewicz - \$10  
Anonymous - \$10

Thank you for your support. We will continue to update our totals weekly.



### **III. Maria Szczecz and Juan Jimenez**



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THANKS

Thanks to all, especially SMI officers, for a beautiful annual SMI celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many who came shared their joy of worshipping together during this global pandemic. This crisis helps us to appreciate more about our community and each other and our faith.



### Gossip ‘a Plague More Awful than Covid-19’

The readings for the last two weekends speak about fraternal correction, mercy and forgiveness. Today’s readings talk about justice and generosity. All these readings are beautiful in helping us to become our better self, better community and world.

Pope Francis made a passionate plea at his Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Angelus about the danger of gossip. The Pope reminds us that gossip hurts not only oneself, but our brothers and sisters and community. It is worse than the current pandemic and we must make an effort to stop gossip. I think that Pope Francis’ wise and courageous words can help us to do self-examination and take actions to help each other to be an inclusive, just and loving community. And I quote the following from Pope Francis for your prayers and reflection.

When we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in that brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about telling bad things about others because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church, to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. **Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Chatter is a plague more awful than Covid! Let us make an effort: no gossip.** It is the love of Jesus, who had embraced the tax collectors and Gentiles, scandalizing the conformists of the time. However it is not a sentence without an appeal, but a recognition that at times our human attempts may fail, and that only being before God can bring the brother to face his own conscience and responsibility for his actions. If this matter does not work, then silence and prayer for the brother or sister who has made a mistake, but never gossip. <https://zenit.org/2020/09/06/pope-francis-sunday-angelus-address-full-text/>

Let’s strive to live our Christian lives as the Gospel calls us to do so with mercy, forgiveness, and generosity.

Peace

Fr. Francis

## Catechetical Sunday 2020---A Catechist's Prayer



**Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive. Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### GRATITUDE By Sister Caritas

Relationships are a very important part of our lives. Sometimes, it is not knowing there is a lack of understanding of what is being said. Relationships take daily work. When we listen to another person, we often make assumptions. Relationships require that we know the meanings and values of the other person.

The parable in the Gospel today is an interesting story. The owner promises all the workers he hires the same pay with no difference in the amount of time worked. He promised all workers the same pay. The longest working people thought, assumed, they would get more because they worked longer. That was not true. The owner gave all the same pay and the longer working people complained. They were given what they agreed to as salary for the day. They assumed, because the one hour workers were receiving the same, they would receive more. They were not grateful for what they were given.

We look around in our lives, in our world. We may see people with more talents, with more money, more opportunity, more beauty, more friends. We look around as nations and we see countries with more resources, more land, more power. God has given us so much. We have life every day. We have food, homes, families. All gifts of God. We may have sufferings and difficulties, but that is not the only thing in our lives. We have faith, God in our lives and a faith community of very caring people. We have so much to be grateful for each moment of each day. Thank God. Live with gratitude, not assumptions. We have today. We have sunshine

**Our Parish's Live-Streamed 10:30 am Sunday Mass:** Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30 am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and Youtube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o\\_fB3QSYO2VQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85o_fB3QSYO2VQ))

Remember to "like" our new SMTT Facebook page to receive the latest news about the parish: <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/>

**Reminder:** If you are considered as part of the "vulnerable population;" if you have pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of super abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.

## Faith Story #8: The Backstory of Johannus Opus 370

Perhaps you had the opportunity to witness someone enter our worship site for the first time. From the stained glass windows to the tabernacle, every church artifact in our sacred space has a remarkable backstory. Where did it come from? Who was the artist that created it? Which individuals served as its benefactors? This week's faith narrative answers some of these questions related to the newly-installed organ, the Johannus Opus 370.

"Our first opportunity to secure an organ fell through because the mice had eaten through the organ that was to be donated," commented Eva Mrgan, Organ Project Director for SMTCP. "I was elated after Fr. Francis asked me to lead the effort to secure an organ for the STWS. After my initial 'free' effort fell through, I called my longtime friend Rick Rupel and his associate Matt Bechteler from Pickle Piano and Lily May. Thanks for the love that this company has for installing organs in places of worship, SMTCP got an extraordinary deal on one of the finest organs in the market. Our new organ was one of the last ever made in the Netherlands."

The Johannus Opus 370, in fact, has 48 stops. In other words, our new organ can fill our Church with 48 different orchestrated sounds. "Organ music works so well in Church because it helps people to pray. A single note can, as the colors of a rainbow, draw people into the mystery of Christ. Organ music helps the faithful integrate mass prayers, Gospel readings, or even the words from a homily. The massiveness of organ sound recreates God's majesty. For me, this is awesome!"



Eva's organ project is not finished yet. "Hopefully, once the virus settles down, we can invite the Bishop to dedicate the organ. Wouldn't it also be wonderful to have an organ concert? Michael and I are ready to play some of our favorite hymns."

Michael and Eva's faith witnesses provided me with a couple of key takeaways. First, music, like God's word, serves as a bridge between humanity and divinity. Getting 'lost' in a beautiful piece of music is like having one foot on earth and one in heaven. God gave us the gift of music to draw us into His majesty, beauty, and love.

Second, SMTCP is blessed with passionate, dedicated, and extremely talented musicians. Our musicians put their whole heart, soul, strength, and mind into every aspect of their ministry, from the selection of songs, various rehearsals, and performing at mass. Finally, I am excited to announce that our new website will have a dynamic and interactive MUSIC MINISTRY page to explore. If you are interested in this ministry, please



### What is Alpha and how does it work?

Alpha is an Archdiocesan approved course built for seekers, those who are beginning to explore more about faith, meaning, and life. In other words, Alpha is designed for those not yet ready to formally join the church, the precatechumens. Worldwide, over 35 million people have completed the Alpha course. Thanks to God, many have joined a church because of Alpha. Alpha is non-denominational.

Each Alpha session includes hospitality, a short film, and a discussion. Here at SMTCP our Evangelization committee is launching Alpha on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please contact [thoward@sttheresechicago.org](mailto:thoward@sttheresechicago.org)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, September 19 - Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Casimir Pienta (Bette Pienta)  
+ Ted and Ann Glowacki (Family)  
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, September 20 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Theresa Oleszkiewicz  
(6 am Mass Attendees)  
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
9:30 a.m. + Florence Jandrisitz (B. Glabicki)  
+ Virginia Pienta (Sandy & Glenn Baytala)  
+ Edward J. Schmit, Jr. (Arlene & Cliff  
Whitehouse)  
+ Teresita Villefuerte Holcomb (Angelica,  
Emmanuel & Jeremy King)  
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)

### Monday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Tuesday, September 22 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Spalla Family  
(Spalla Family)

### Wednesday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Thursday, September 24 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)

### Friday, September 25 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

### Saturday, September 26 - Weekday; Sts. Cosmas and Damian

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Remembrance

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Maria Szczech & Juan Jimenez

### Saturday, September 26 - Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Linda Duddleston (Bette Pienta)  
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

### Sunday, September 27 - The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Gary Bronder (Christine Krupa)  
+ Birth, Rem.: Geri Gibbs (Christine & Jim  
Bertucci)

9:30 a.m. + Lucille Helma (B. Glabicki)  
+ Joan Bartkowski (B. Glabicki)  
+ Barbara Czerniak (B. Glabicki)  
+ Virginia Pienta (Ken Ricci & Eva Mrgan)  
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb (Angelica,  
Emmanuel & Jeremy King)  
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)  
+ Ann.: Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)

### **ATTEND MASS ONLINE**

The Archdiocese of Chicago broadcasts Masses from Holy Name Cathedral every Sunday in English, Spanish and Polish. The Masses are available on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/catholic Chicago.

### Collection - Week of September 12th - 13th

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 727.25
Sunday Loose:	<u>\$ 158.00</u>
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 885.25</b>
Utility Bill Fund Collection:	\$ 124.00
Give Central Donations in August	\$ 2,240.00
Weekly Budget:	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>
July 1st to Present (Actual):	\$ 16,754.00
July 1st to Present (Budgeted):	\$ 24,200.00

Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://GiveCentral.org) is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara's home WEB page and follow the prompts.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

#### 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski  
Lector: B. Curry

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

#### 6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford  
Eucharistic Minister: George Vanderford  
Lector: J. Bertucci

#### 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: H. Alonzo or A. Alonzo  
Lector: P. Saletta

**For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or  
for those who do not have access to the internet,  
please be sure to watch the Mass on television:**

**Until January 1, 2021**

**Cardinal Cupich Mass from  
Holy Name Cathedral  
ABC-TV Channel 7 - Chicago  
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am**

**Year-Round**

**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass at 9:30 am  
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm. At the present time, the office is closed  
on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Baptisms:** Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

**Communion Calls:** Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

**Ministry of Care:** Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

**Weddings:** Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:  
Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marcuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucc, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Maria Saludo, Edward John Schmit, Jr., Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEKEND LITURGIES**

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30am  
St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am  
St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

#### **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR:** St. Therese - 7:00 pm

**FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS:** St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

#### **CONFESION**

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm or by appointment  
St. Therese: By appointment

#### **THE ROSARY**

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.

