All are welcome. An entrance ramp with a push-bar automatic door is located at the eastern entrance of the church. Personal hearing devices are also available from the ushers/greeters.
“IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!” How many times have we said those words and made that simple gesture?

On this Sunday the universal Church celebrates the feast of the most holy Trinity. Our scripture readings and our liturgy turn our focus to this beyond-our-comprehension reality. Over the centuries many efforts have been made to talk about the Trinity. Various artists have used triangles, circles along with endless other symbols in an attempt to help us understand this most basic doctrine. St. Patrick is supposed to have held up a shamrock when he taught his followers about the One God known as the Trinity.

There is a well known story told about St. Augustine, that great thinker of the 4th century, who wrote profoundly about God. One day while walking along the seashore pondering the mystery of the Trinity he paused to observe a small child busily engaged in trips to the ocean bringing back each time a pail of water and pouring it into the sand. When he asked the child what he was doing, the child answered, “I’m going to empty the ocean.” The great saint answered, “But you can’t put the ocean into that little pail!” The child responded, “Yes, and neither can you put the Trinity into your little mind!” The story goes on to say that the child then disappeared and Augustine came to believe that he could never exhaust mystery. Mystery in the religious sense always means that there is more and more to comprehend, to understand.

Definitions and explanations and theological discussions don’t usually touch us where we live!! This mystery, however, reminds us that the God we worship is a living dynamic community of persons…Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each and every one of us was baptized in the name of each person of the Holy Trinity. Trinity is the way we express our most fundamental relationships with God. **What could be more important?** We are able to think of the Trinity as the God to whom we relate as parent, as son, as daughter, brother and sister, and as an abiding Spirit. I have found it helpful at times to ask myself the question, “Which person of the Trinity do I most often turn to…Father, Son or Holy Spirit?” As a young child, I know I prayed to God the Father most often. Probably around First Communion time, and for a long time after that, my prayers were directed to Jesus except of course, when I had to take a test and then my attention went to the Holy Spirit! Now I am much more aware of the Spirit speaking to me in prayer. Perhaps we might deepen our prayer life, our relationship to God as we reflect upon how we experience each person of the Trinity.

Baptism introduced us into Trinitarian life…how might we deepen that life **in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?**

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**Staff Notes**

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**Treasures from our Tradition**

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people,” While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian.” He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God’s kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek word ἐπίσκοπος, would become simply “overseer;” priest, from the Greek presbyter, would become “elder” and deacon, from the Greek diakonos, would become “servant”. Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves, to hunger and thirst for the coming of God’s kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

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**Summer Mass Schedule**
Sat.: 5:30pm Sun., 8, 9:30 & 11:30am, Mon.-Sat. 8am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Saturday: 4:15-5pm (located in west end of north transept)

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**
Call the Parish Office. A Minister of Care is also available to bring Holy Communion to our parish sick and homebound.

**New Parishioners**
Please stop in the Parish Office during business hours to register.

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**Sacrament of Marriage**
The engaged couple or one of their parents must be registered, participating parishioners for one year prior to setting the date.

**Sacrament of Baptism for Infants**
Please call the Parish Office six weeks in advance to schedule preparation sessions and baptismal date.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**
Adults seeking to complete initiation or inquiring about becoming a Catholic may call the office for more information.

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St. Edmund Parish is 100 Years Old!
Thursday, June 7, 2007

On June 7, 1907, the Most Reverend James Quigley, Archbishop of Chicago appointed the young Father John J. Code to be the founding pastor of Oak Park’s first Catholic parish, St. Edmund.

Fr. Code had the daunting task of gathering a flock of fifty Catholic families and building a Catholic Church in a mainly non-Catholic community. Father Code wanted to purchase land on Lake Street (church row) but the property had restrictive clauses that would not allow a Catholic Church or School to be built there. Fr. Code was able to buy two lots with homes on them on the Northeast corner of Oak Park Avenue and Pleasant Street through three-party buying. Alice and Thomas Roberts sold the property to August Wicklund on July 6, 1907 and it was deeded over to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago on July 18, 1907. The corner house became the first rectory.

The first mass in St. Edmund parish was said on July 14, 1907 in the stable of the Scoville Estate (now Scoville Park) because no one was willing to rent a suitable place to Catholics.

Soon the enterprising young pastor called on the leading citizen and banker John Farson to allow the young parish to have a lawn party and fundraiser on the lawn of his estate, “The Pleasant Home” (now Mills Park).

On August 28, 1907, the beautiful grounds of the Farson Estate were open to a crowd of approximately three thousand people. It was a welcome to the Catholic Church in Oak Park and it helped to ease some of the tensions.

We will be celebrating all of these events on Sunday, June 17 starting with a procession from the church at 11:00am up Oak Park Avenue (the street will be closed off for us) to Scoville Park, the site of our first mass at 11:30am. A picnic will follow in Mills Park, the site of the lawn party welcoming the Church to Oak Park.

On Thursday, June 7 the morning mass will be offered for all deceased parishioners. The Church will be open through late afternoon for people to visit and give thanks for the past Pastors, Priests, Deacons and parishioners who have all been a part of this great parish. We are invited to pray that we may continue to meet the challenge of being a church in our time and for the future. You may even here the bells pealing from time to time.

Happy 100th birthday St. Edmund Parish!

Tom Dwyer Ordained a Deacon

On Sunday, May 27, 2007, long-time parishioner Thomas Dwyer was ordained to the order of deacon by Francis Cardinal George.

Ninety-three Dwyer family members and friends gathered at Holy Name Cathedral to support Tom. Along with Anita Dwyer, Tom’s wife and their daughter Kristen, also in attendance was Tom’s mother, Mrs. Thomas Dwyer Sr., his 10 siblings and countless nieces and nephews.

In his role as deacon, Tom will serve at the Eucharistic table and will preach homilies. He is now able to baptize and may also preside at wedding ceremonies (as opposed to wedding masses). Tom and Anita will (continue to) be visible witness in their parish and community outreach to those who are poor and in need.

While it was Tom who was ordained, his ministry is a collaborative ministry and Anita Dwyer is also expected to remain very involved in the ministerial life of the parish.

Please join us today at the 11:30am liturgy where Tom will serve as deacon for the first time at St. Edmund Parish. A congratulatory reception will follow in Murphy Hall for all parishioners.

Bundle Weekend takes place June 9/10

Is your closet too crowded? Are you ready to discard those items you’ll never fit into again (because they’re too big, of course)! Please save your gently-used items for the St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Drive taking place June 9/10. Your help is needed. Call Sr. Kathleen for details.

Offertory for Weekend of May 26/27
Weekend Collection…………………………$10,724.00
Yearly Deficit to-date………………………-19,065.86
As always, thank you for your continued financial support.
St. Edmund Parish School: The Building Blocks of Progress

Please join Fr. John McGivern, pastor of St. Edmund Parish and School along with other school leaders for an important and informative presentation about the current state of our parish school and its exciting plans for the upcoming academic year. Everyone is welcome.

Date: Monday, June 4, 2007
Time: 7-8:30pm
Place: St. Edmund Church

Agenda
I. Welcome and Prayer
II. Introductions
III. Overview of School History
IV. Present Status of School
   A. Who are we today: diversity in unity?
   B. Faith Formation
   C. Academic Development
   D. Extracurricular Activities & Athletics
V. Planners and Partners
   A. School Board
   B. Dominican University
VI. Personnel Changes
   A. Special Farewell & Thank you
   B. Principal and Faculty Updates
VII. Bright Future for SE School

♦ We will be accepting registrations at the meeting.
♦ MANNA gift certificates available for purchase.
♦ Volunteer Opportunities will be made available.

The little school that could...and did!

Child care will be available in Murphy Hall.
Parish School News

Classes will be held on Monday, June 4 in the morning. Lunch will be provided on the parish lawn (weather permitting), with games to follow.

Kindergarten Graduation and Pre-Kindergarten fly-up will be held on Tuesday, June 5 at 10:00am in the parish school gymnasium.

Market-Day pick-up is Wednesday, June 6 from 6-7pm in Murphy Hall.

Classes will not be in session on Thursday, June 7. This date is scheduled as a Teacher’s Institute Day.

An end-of-the-year school liturgy will be held on Friday, June 8 at 8:30am. An Awards Assembly will follow in the parish school gymnasium. Students will be dismissed for Summer vacation at 11:30am.

School of Religious Education News

Re-Registration

Re-registration for the Sunday School of Religious Education can be accepted by mail or in person. The Religious Education office is open Tuesday through Thursday, from 10am - 6pm. Call 708-848-7220 for more information.

Week at a Glance

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Centennial Anniversary Mass/Mills Park Picnic Schedule for June 17

As stated on page 2 of this issue of the Echoes, a commemorative anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, June 17 at an 11:30am mass at Scoville Park, followed by a parish picnic in Mills Park.

Listed below is a tentative schedule for the day:

10:30am - those who wish to participate in the procession to Scoville Park will gather in church. Please meet in the church promptly at 10:30am.

11:00am - procession from St. Edmund to Scoville Park

Please note: a trolley will be provided for those who are unable to walk with us.

Trolley Pick Up for Transportation to Scoville Park

10:30am - Holley Court
10:40am - Oak Park Arms and Mills Tower
11:30am - Mass in Scoville Park
1:00pm - Free Picnic in Mills Park. Walk or take the trolley to Mills Park after mass.

Please note: the schedule listed above may change due to circumstances beyond our control the day of the event.
Religious Education Students Give to Those in Need
The children in the Sunday School of Religious Education were extremely generous in their Lenten alms for those in need. Three-hundred and twenty dollars were given this spring to the Holy Childhood Association Association (a major international Catholic mission organization) and locally to the Fraternite Notre Dame, which serves the poor in numerous ways in the Austin neighborhood.

Thank you to all the students for reaching out to others!

New Liturgical Ministers Needed
It is a privilege to serve the parish community as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister. Please consider coming to an informational meeting which will be held in late June. Call Sr. Kathleen at the Parish Center office, 708-848-4417, extension 202 for more information.

Final Dates for Parish Pictorial Photographs
All parishioners are encouraged to get your FREE photographs taken for the St. Edmund Parish Centennial Directory. Don’t miss out on the last round of dates scheduled next Friday, June 8 from 2:00pm - 8pm and Saturday, June 9 from 10:00am - 5pm in Murphy Hall.

Lovely Local Setting for Upcoming Silver Circle Luncheon
All senior women in the parish are welcome to join our Silver Circle gatherings. Please join us at our noon luncheon on Thursday, June 21 in the beautiful setting of Under the Gingko Tree B & B, located at 300 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park.

Come and enjoy pleasant conversation on the lovely front porch or in the charming indoor gathering and dining areas of this beautiful home. We will share a delicious lunch which includes dessert and coffee.

A $9.50 fee will help to defray the cost of the lunch. Reservations are requested by Monday, June 11. Please call Joan Hickey at 708-771-4080 or Sr. Kathleen at 708-848-4417, x202. Join us!

Calling All Golfers
The St. Edmund Parish Centennial Committee is considering holding a Golf Outing in August. For planning purposes we need to know if there is enough interest to pursue scheduling such an event.

Please complete the short survey below and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Center office:

Name__________________________________________ Address____________________________________
Telephone Number________________________ Email Address____________________________________

Prefer a Saturday Sunday Best dates in August________________________
Age level Junior Adult Senior
Nine Holes Eighteen Holes
Will carry golfclubs Will rent a hand-cart Will rent a motorized cart
Would like to help plan the event

Further details such as the date, greens fees and location will be published in an upcoming issue of the Echoes once interest has been determined.

Fore!
We Pray for our Sick

Bill Alberts
Harold Bonus
Rosemary Bularzik
Betty Hargrove
Baby Owen Huffman
Infant Kathleen Lois Hurley
Christine Labbe
Anita Lease
Carol Maranto
Caroline McGivern
Chuck McGregor
Kate Neumann
Carol Hennessey-Porter
Jane Stapleton

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord
Please contact the Parish Center office if you have a loved one who has recently died, so we may pray for them and for you.

Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

Monday June 4
8:00am † Joanne Dorr

Tuesday June 5 (Boniface)
8:00am † Ann Ficker

Wednesday June 6 (Norbert)
8:00am A living intention

Thursday June 7 (100th Anniversary of Parish Founding)
8:00am † Deceased Parishioners

Friday June 8
8:30am † Duffy Darder

Saturday June 9 (Ephrem, B.V.M.)
8:00am † Msgr. Code, Msgr. Carroll, Msgr. Murphy, Fr. Festle
5:30pm † Mariano Averia
People of St. Edmund

Sunday June 10
8:00am † Harley McShane
9:30am † Baldomera Garcia
† Marcelle Condon
11:30am † Deceased members of the Bianchi, Gerardi, and Rizzo families

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 12-13a; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of June 9/10

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