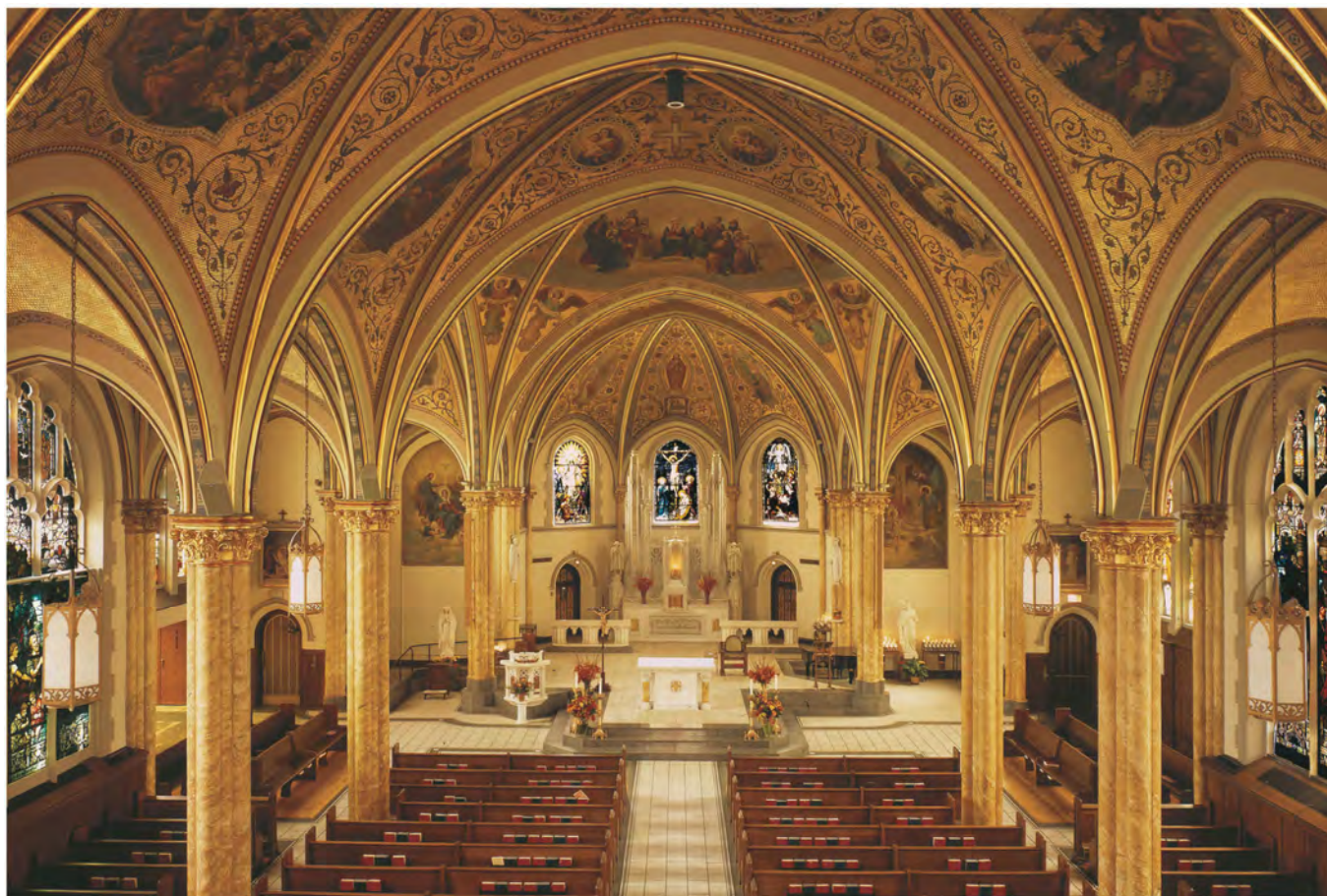


# Saint Edmund Parish *Echoes*

*Reaching out from the heart of Oak Park*

**May 13, 2018**




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All are welcome. An entrance ramp and push-bar automatic door is located at the eastern entrance of the church.

## When Time Stands Still

The theory of relativity tells us that space and time are not what they appear to be. They're relative, meaning that they don't always function in the same way and they aren't always experienced in the same way. Time can stand still.

Or can it? This side of eternity, it would seem not. Every since the universe started with a mammoth explosion some 13.8 billion years ago, the clock has been running non-stop, like a merciless meter, moving relentlessly forwards.

However, our faith suggests that time will be different in eternity, so different in fact that we cannot now even imagine how it will be in heaven. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians: *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.* How will time be experienced in heaven? As we've just affirmed, that cannot be imagined now.

Or can it? In a wonderful new book on the Resurrection and Eternal Life, *Is This All There Is*, the renowned, German scripture scholar, Gerhard Lohfink, suggests that we can and sometimes do have an experience of time as it will be experienced in eternity. For Lohfink, we experience this whenever we're in *adoration*.

For him, the highest form of prayer is adoration. But what does it mean to "adore" God and why is that the highest form of prayer? Lohfink answers: "In adoration we ask nothing more of God. When I *lament* before God it is usually my own suffering that is the starting point. Even when I *petition* God, the occasion is often my own problem. I need something from God. And even when I *thank* God, unfortunately I am usually thankful for something I have received. But when I *adore* I let go of myself and look only to God."

Admittedly, lament, petition, and thanksgiving are high forms of prayer. An old, classical, and very good, definition of prayer defines prayer as "lifting mind and heart to God", and what's in our hearts virtually at all times is some form of lament, petition, or thanksgiving. Moreover, Jesus invites us to ask God for whatever is in our heart at a given moment: "Ask and you will receive." Lament, petition, and thanksgiving are good forms of prayer; but, in praying them, we're still focused in some manner on ourselves, on our needs and joys.

However in adoration we look to God or at some attribute of God (beauty, goodness, truth, or oneness) so strongly that everything else drops away. We stand in pure wonder, pure admiration, ecstatic awe, entirely stripped of our

own heartaches, headaches, and idiosyncratic focus. God's person, beauty, goodness, and truth overwhelm us so as to take our minds off of ourselves and leave us standing outside of ourselves.

And being free of our own selves is the very definition of ecstasy (from the Greek, EK STASIS, to stand outside oneself). Thus, to be in adoration is to be in ecstasy - though, admittedly, that's generally now how we imagine ecstasy today. For us, ecstasy is commonly imagined as an earthshaking standing *inside* of ourselves, idiosyncrasy in its peak expression. But true ecstasy is the opposite. It's adoration.

Moreover, for Lohfink, not only is adoration the only true form of ecstasy, it's also a way of being in heaven already right now and of experiencing time as it will be in heaven. Here's how he puts it: "In the miracle of adoration we are already with God, entirely with God, and the boundary between time and eternity is removed. It is true that we cannot now comprehend that adoring God will be endless bliss. We always want to be doing something. We want to criticize, intervene, change, improve, shape. And rightly so! That is our duty. But in death, when we come to God, that all ceases. Then our existence will be pure astonishment, pure looking, pure praise, pure adoration - and unimaginable happiness. That is why there is also a form of adoration that uses no words. In it I hold out my own life to God, in silence, and with it the whole world knowing God as Creator, as Lord, as the one to whom belongs all honor and praise. Adoration is the oblation of one's life to God. Adoration is surrender. Adoration means entrusting oneself entirely to God. As we dwell in adoration, eternity begins - an eternity that does not withdraw from the world but opens to it utterly."

Time can stand still! And it stands still when we're in pure admiration, in awe, in wonder, in adoration. In those moments we stand outside of ourselves, in the purest form of love that exists. At that moment too we are in heaven, not having a foretaste of heaven, but actually being in heaven. Eternity will be like that, one moment like a thousand years and a thousand years like one moment.

When we adore, time stands still - and we're in heaven!

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

### Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day

Thank you for giving to Catholic Charities today to help the mothers, children and seniors from our community who are struggling.

You can also contribute online at:

[www.catholiccharities.net/donate](http://www.catholiccharities.net/donate) or mail your check directly to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60454.

*"I encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in the cycle of poverty.*

*They too need to be given hope." - Pope Francis*

## The Ascension of the Lord

The most important person on earth is:

### A MOTHER

She cannot claim the honor of  
having built Notre Dame Cathedral.

She need not. She has built something more  
magnificent than any cathedral:

A dwelling for an immortal soul  
the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed  
with such a grace.

They cannot share in God's creative miracle to  
bring new souls to heaven  
only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator  
than any other creature.

God joins forces with mothers  
in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is  
more glorious than this:

TO BE A MOTHER.



- Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

### St. Cecilia Scholarship Awarded

Director of Music, Kathy Halfpenny, presented Jessica with a \$500 St. Cecilia scholarship to be used toward her music education. Jessica will be using the money for a Summer music camp. If you are interested in supporting the annual music scholarship award, please note "St. Cecilia Scholarship Fund" in a check payable to St. Edmund. Thank you!



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### Children Plant in the Peace Garden Sunday, May 20 at 10:00am

All St. Edmund Parish children and their parents are invited to plant vegetables and flowers in the Peace Garden next Sunday, May 20 between 10:00am - 10:45 a.m. The Peace Garden is located by the east entrance to Murphy Hall.



In April, the children planted seeds in the garden. Everyone is invited to see what was planted. It's growing!

### Spring Bundle Weekend May 19-20 Household Item and Clothing Collection

Please support our semi-annual Bundle Weekend. Donate clean, gently-used apparel such as: clothing, outerwear, and shoes for adults and children. Household items in good condition are needed including: cooking and serving items, such as dishes, flatware, pots and pans; small, working appliances, such as toasters and coffee-makers; and decorations, such as vases, picture frames and figurines. Pack delicate items safely in a container and mark them fragile.



Drop off items in the parking lot at the St. Vincent de Paul Society trailer before or after the weekend masses May 19-20. Thank you in advance for your support.

### 5:30pm Sunday Mass Begins Summer Hiatus

*Last Mass will be today, Sunday, May 13th*

Parishioners are asked to make note of the fact that the Sunday 5:30pm mass will begin its summer hiatus.

The last mass at 5:30pm on Sunday will take place today, May 13th.

The 5:30pm Sunday evening mass will resume at a date to be announced in September.



### Shrine of Christ's Passion Pilgrimage St. John, Indiana, Thursday, June 14

The Shrine of Christ's Passion sets on 30 beautifully landscaped acres made to look and feel like the Holy Land. As you journey this multimedia, interactive Prayer Trail you will experience the life of Jesus Christ from the Last Supper through his glorious Ascension. People of all faiths are welcome to come and experience this incredible journey.

Come join St. Edmund parishioners, family and friends on Thursday, June 14 for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana. A deluxe air-conditioned bus will leave at 9:00am from the St. Edmund parking lot and depart the Shrine at 2:30pm that same day.

The cost is \$45 per person which includes transportation and a box lunch. If a lot of walking is a challenge for you, a club car is available at the shrine which can transport you to various locations for an additional \$5.00. Please indicate as such when you make your reservation.

Reservations and payment are due to Don Giannetti in the Parish office by Friday, June 1. Reservations forms may be found in the Murphy Hall corridor.



### School of Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education classes for 2018-19 are now being taken. Forms may be obtained on the parish web-site [www.stedmund.org](http://www.stedmund.org), by clicking on the Religious Education link or by contacting the Religious Education office. Please register early and secure a place in the program for your child(ren). Early registration also helps in planning in ordering books and materials for the Fall.



If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 708-848-7220 or email: [jbennickstedmund@gmail.com](mailto:jbennickstedmund@gmail.com).

### Book Club Tuesday, May 15

**Woman in the Window Author: A. J. Finn**

The St. Edmund Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 15. We will be discussing the book, *Woman in the Window* by A. J. Finn.



We plan to meet at *George's Restaurant* at 6:00pm for dinner, followed by the discussion.

### Prayer Opportunities at St. Edmund Attend Daily Mass

*(Part II, Section II, Chapter I, Article 3, Canon 1324)*

Join us every **Monday-Saturday at 8:30am.**

### Centering Prayer every Saturday at 9:30am

All are welcome—beginners too! Come join us.

### Eucharistic Adoration Mondays 2pm - 8pm

Join in this blessed devotion on Mondays unless otherwise announced.

It has been the consistent belief of the Catholic Church from the very beginning that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharistic Christ continues to be present in our midst beyond the Eucharistic liturgy when the consecrated host is either reposed in a tabernacle or exposed on the altar.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays: 4:15pm**  
(located in west end of north transept).

### Purchase MANNA Certificates for Summer Travel

If you are planning on traveling this Summer, consider purchasing MANNA gift card/certificates for your travel expenses. Dining, gas, groceries and retail store certificates are available for purchase.



Contact Deacon Tom at [Tdwyer@stedmund.org](mailto:Tdwyer@stedmund.org) or Denise Walsh at [drwalsh34@gmail.com](mailto:drwalsh34@gmail.com) for ordering information. They will provide you with the more information. Proceeds benefit St. Edmund parish.

### Complimentary Screening of *Pope Francis A Man of His Word* with Cardinal Blasé Cupich

Join us for a complimentary screening of *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word* on Monday, May 14 at 7pm at Regal Cinemas City North 1, 2600 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. This moving film is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, where viewers can experience and learn more about the Pope's ideas, his message, his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. Cardinal Cupich will share his insights on the movie and Pope Francis immediately following.

[pvm.archchicago.org/events](http://pvm.archchicago.org/events)

### Summer Bible Study Begins Friday, June 8

Join us reading and discussing Pope Francis' *Rejoice and Be Glad* exhortation. Pope Francis calls us to "take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves."



All are welcome. We will meet on Fridays in Murphy Hall at 9am. The last session will be Friday, July 27.

Week at a Glance		
<b>Sunday</b> 12:30pm	<b>May 13</b> Baptisms	Church
<b>Monday</b> 2:00pm 7:00pm	<b>May 14</b> Eucharistic Adoration Peace and Justice	Church Murphy Hall
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00pm 7:30pm	<b>May 15</b> Respect Life Book Club	Murphy Hall Off-site
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:00pm 7:00pm	<b>May 16</b> Bridge Cantors/Choir	Murphy Hall Church
<b>Saturday</b> 9:30am 5:30pm	<b>May 19</b> Centering Prayer Bundle Weekend	N. Transept Parking Lot
<i>Bundle Weekend ~ Parking Lot</i>		
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00am 4:00pm	<b>May 20</b> Bundle Weekend Green Team	Parking Lot Murphy Hall

### Offertory for Weekend of April 28/29

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00  
Weekend collection.....\$ 9,202.94  
Deficit-to-date.....- 106,097.51

### Offertory for Weekend of May 5/6

Budgeted.....\$14,350.00  
Weekend collection.....\$ 10,906.01  
Deficit-to-date.....- 109,541.55

## Spiritual Week at St. Edmund Parish

### We Pray for our Sick

Fr. John Paul Andree	Mary Evans	Mike Scully
Clara Ballard	Donald Hackett	Ethel Thomas
Geraldine Bandera	JoAnn Lewandowski	Sadie Thomson
Susan Becker	Pat Michalski	Miles Wilson
Dolores Benedict	Lynette Moore	
Susan Benedict	George Nedved	
Carol Bonus	Mary Ellen Nedved	
Lauretta Christensen	Lorraine Oliver	
Shawn Cornell	Paul Sassone	
Annyce Dunbar	Rachael Schopp	

### *One in Prayer with Loved Ones in the Military*

Ian Adams, US Navy  
 Staff Sgt. Jason L. Anderson, US Army  
 Capt. John Paul Andree, Pilot US Air Force  
 Sgt. Ramiro D. Banda, US Marine Corps  
 Gunnery Sgt. Boatman, US Marine Corps  
 Specialist Brown, US Army  
 Specialist Christopher Buscher, US Army, SPC  
 Cpt. Jason Caboot  
 Sgt. Thomas J. Dutton, 10th Mountain Division  
 William Edwards, US Army Reservist  
 Private Kristopher Ellis, US Marine Corps  
 First Sgt. Daniel S. Greider US Army  
 Sgt. Michael Hoover, Army Reserve Afghanistan  
 Major Roselita Labbe, US Air Force  
 Col. Matt Mangan, US Air Force  
 Jonathan McLean, US Marine Corps  
 Kristen Meyer, US Navy  
 Lance Cpl. Robert Miller, US Marine Corps  
 Cpt. Steven Nelson  
 Lt. Col. Edward Nevera, US Air Force  
 Lt. Col. Ken Schlorf, Army Reserve Iraq  
 Gian Franco Solari, US Air Force  
 Brian Walsh, First Lieutenant US Army  
 Kimyatta Wellington, US Navy



*God bless and keep all Mothers safe  
 who are serving our country this Mother's Day.*

### Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

David Will, husband of Margaret

### Special Remembrances at Daily Eucharist

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 14 (Matthias)</b>
8:30am	† Loretta Corrado, Alice Anne Spartz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 15 (Isidore)</b>
8:30am	† Nancy Gerich
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
	† Jean Becker
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
8:30am	† Joan Hickey
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 18 (John I)</b>
8:30am	† Marge Serauskas
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
5:30pm	Marie Schaefer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 20 (Pentecost Sunday)</b>
9:00am	† Paul Bowman
11:00am	† Sergio Quiano

### Readings for the Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 1:15-27, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday:</b>	<u>Vigil:</u> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day:</u> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend of May 19/20

Mass Time	Altar Servers	Lectors	Commentator	Cantors	Extraordinary Ministers
<b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b>	J. McCoy R. Porter	T. Mackey W. Carlton	M. Bielawa	P. Pruitt	M. Bielawa, M.E. Creighton, G. Gervais, J. Reese, M.J. Reese, D. Taylor
<b>9:00am</b>	L. McNulty R. McNulty	M. Fedota D. Celeschi	B. McNulty	T. McCoy	
<b>11:00am</b>	B. Maney N. Cosgrove	P. Leddy G. Stepanek	J. Leonard	K. Corcos	A. Koors, D. Walsh
<b>5:30pm</b>	M. Wheeler				H. Tayag