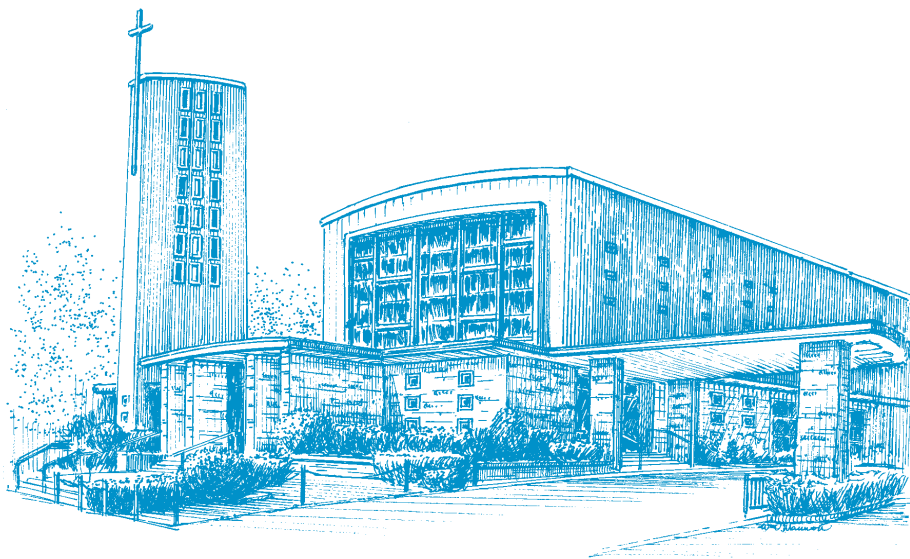


st. priscilla church



Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Vadakumcherry, Associate Pastor
Rev. Grzegorz Warmuz, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Linda Noonan, School Principal
Paul (Pawel) Taweck, Music Director
Mrs. Judy Banasiak, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Anna Adamowski, Parish Secretary

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
Fax: 773-545-8919
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

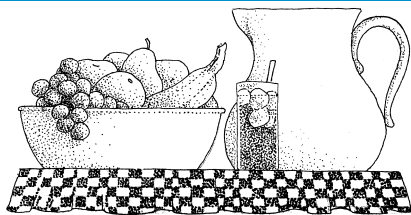
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2009

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31

Spiritual Reflection

Many of us have had the experience of being diagnosed with cancer, or learning of the cancer diagnosis of a friend. We quickly become aware of how quickly everything changes. Things that used to be very important don't seem important at all. We are embraced by family members and friends. The medical community goes to work and tries to help us find the best treatment.

Surrounded by much love and caring we turn our lives over to the care of those who know more. We seek the healing and comfort God provides. We learn that we are not alone.

The experience of being diagnosed with leprosy was not filled with such support and comfort. There was not much that could be done for the disease. Because it was contagious a certain caution seemed necessary. People were not willing to take chances that they might catch it. Lepers were ostracized from the community and lived in deserted places with other lepers. Whenever there was the remote possibility that someone was coming near, they were to yell out, "Unclean, unclean!" There was no help from experts. There were no embraces from family members. They were very much on their own.

The Leper in today's Gospel did not forget about the love and power of God. We can marvel at the courage he mustered in approaching Jesus. He realizes how powerful Jesus is. He simply states, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Although the Gospel doesn't paint the scene, we can imagine it took place in an out-of-the-way place where Jesus was staying. Jesus was captured by the man's faith and honesty. The Gospel tells us he was "moved with pity," stretched out His hand and cured the man. Jesus then asked him not to tell anybody what happened, but to present himself to the priest and offer for his cleansing what Moses had prescribed.

We know that the man did not keep quiet. As others heard of the miracle, they too began to have hope. They came in large numbers from all directions. They were coming to believe in the healing love that was available to them. They came to see that God's love was not limited even by their own laws and customs. God cares!

This week, we can feel the plight of those who are excluded. We can pray for an openness to see these situations through God's eyes. Opportunities to reach across barriers will present themselves this week. Let's be ready.

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Pastor's Notes**JEZUS LECZYŁ WSZELKIE CHOROBY WŚRÓD LUDU**

Dzisiejsza Ewangelia opisuje spotkanie Jezusa z trędowatym. Wykluczony ze społeczności trędowaty z wielką wiarą, na kolanach prosi Jezusa o zdrowie: „Jeżeli chcesz, możesz mnie oczyścić” (Mk. 1, 40). Chrystus obficie wynagrodził jego wielką wiarę i żarliwą modlitwę: „Chcę, bądź oczyszczony.” W tej samej chwili trąd zniknął. Jezus posyła uzdrowionego do kapłana, który ma go oficjanie uznać za wyleczonego.

Izraelici uważali, że trąd jest karą za grzeszne życie i że każdy trędowaty jest wielkim grzesznikiem. Jezus uczył, że tak nie jest. Często najniewinniejszy musi cierpieć, a nawet najbardziej czysty może być trędowatym. W Kościele trąd był zawsze symbolem i obrazem grzechu. Grzech jest trądem, a grzesznik trędowatym. Grzech jest rzeczywiście zaraźliwym trądem duszy, niszczącym i rozkładającym nasz duchowy organizm, nasze życie religijne i moralne, a często także nerwy, zdrowie, życie fizyczne, oraz spokój i porządek społeczny.

Nie ma dzisiaj wśród nas trądu i trędowatych, ale w pewnym znaczeniu wszyscy jesteśmy trędowaci, gdyż wszyscy jesteśmy grzeszni. Dzisiejsza liturgia podkreśla właśnie tę symbolikę trądu.

Wielu dzisiejszych chrześcijan zaciera granice pomiędzy dobrem i złem a nawet domaga się by im pozwolić grzeszyć.

Musimy wypracować w sobie odporność na grzech, wypaczenia i zdrożności naszych czasów przez żywą wiarę i czyste życie. Podobnie jak trędowaty z dzisiejszej Ewangelii potrzebujemy tylko powiedzieć te pięć słów: „Jeżeli chcesz, możesz mnie oczyścić.” Pan Jezus zaś zawsze tego chce i prośbie takiej nigdy nie odmawia.

-ks. Idzi-

Mass Intentions  **for the week**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (15)

- 7:30 — St. Priscilla Parishioners
 9:00 — The Kokot Family—Health & Well-being
 +Jan Drzymala (Wife & Sons)
 +In Memory of Helena Kozub 4th Death Anniversary (Family)
 +Mass for the Dead from the Family of Vicente Rodriguez & Josefa dela Cruz
 10:30— O Boże bł. i wiele łask z racji urodzin dla Jolanty Ryczek (Polska Grupa)
 O dary Ducha Świętego, bł. i miłosierdzie Boże oraz opiekę Matki Najśw. dla Marii
 +O radość wieczną dla Zofii Młynarskiej (Rodzina)
 +Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Rodzina)
 O dary Ducha Świętego i Boże bł. dla Patryka (Tata)
 +Bożena Podworna (Córka z rodziną)
 +O radość w wieczności dla Victora Burzyńskiego (Rodzice)
 12:15— +Anna Mederas (Bonita Revolt)
 For God's Blessings for Agata and Stephan
 6:00 PM — +Michał Winiarski 11-ta rocz. śmierci (Córka)

MONDAY (16) Weekday

- 6:30 — In Thanksgiving (Marge)
 8:00 — +Stella Radycki (Monday's Ladies)

TUESDAY (17) Weekday

- 6:30 — For Healing & God's Blessing for Fr. Len
 8:00 — +Miles Druffel (Wife)

WEDNESDAY (18) Weekday

- 6:30 — For God's blessing and protection upon youth and children so they will recognize and follow God's will
 8:00 — +Eugene Costabile (Wife)
 8:30 — Msza w języku polskim—Mass in Polish

THURSDAY (19) Weekday

- 6:30 — For Healing and God's blessing for Fr. Len
 8:00 — +Helena Olszewska

FRIDAY (20) Weekday

- 6:30 — For God's blessing and protection upon youth and children so they will recognize and follow God's will
 8:00 — +Giuseppe Mico (Barcebal Family)

Rest in Peace 

Mary Ruzicka

SATURDAY (21) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Frank J. Csar, Sr. 18th Death Anniversary (Daniel G. Manczak Family)
 8:30 — Msza w języku polskim—Mass in Polish
 4:00 — +Bernice Hujar (Family)
 +Wally Kane 7th Death Anniversary (Kane Family)
 +C.C. Kraft (Lorrie Kraft)
 +Frances Majchszak (Sal & Sophie)
 +Joseph Greco (Maria Greco)
 +Marietta Greco (Maria Greco)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (22)

- 7:30 — +Rafaela Perez (Georgia Garcia)
 9:00 — +For the Soul of Helen Jean Labus and blessings for her family for their generosity
 +Helen & James Podkasik (Evelyn Gale & Family)
 +Michael Adam (Pat DeMars)
 10:30— O Bożą opiekę i potrzebne łaski dla Marii
 +Krystyna Marcinkiewicz (Rodzina)
 O Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Patryka (Tata)
 +Bożena Podworna (Córka z rodziną)
 O dary Ducha św., zdrowie i Boże bł w dniu urodzin dla Lucjana Wilczewskiej
 +Helenę, Lucjana, Piotra, Amelię, Reginę i Lucjana Cachowskich
 +Hilary, Edward, Wiera, Krystyna Wilczewski
 +Kamilę i Józefa Kozłowskich
 +O radość wieczną dla Victora Burzyńskiego (Rodzice)
 +Stanisław Wróbel
 +Dariusz Lewandowski
 12:15— +George Dynako (Sister Helen & Family)
 For God's blessing upon Peter and his family
 +For Poor Souls in purgatory and lost souls
 6:00 PM — +O wieczne szczęście dla Zofii Młynarskiej (Rodzina)

Our 
 Weekly Offering

February 1, 2009

Currency	\$ 4,855.00
Checks	\$ 4,371.00
Loose Coin	\$ 3.75
Total	\$ 9,229.75
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Year to Date	\$300,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$245,532.78
Under Budget	\$<54,467.22>

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND CURRENT UPDATE

Every year, we have been publishing the Parish Financial Report to keep our parishioners informed about our financial situation.

The last statement published in our church bulletin compared the fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008 based on budget, not on actual numbers. In this bulletin, we compiled the actual report for fiscal year (FY) 2008.

As you can see, the 2008 FY ended again with a school deficit of \$318,658. Over the last 5 years, the church subsidized the school in the amount of \$1,374,345 and exhausted all its savings to keep the school open.

The financial situation was critical last year because we not only ended with a deficit, but also with 2 loans for unpaid Archdiocesan bills, one for the school in the amount of \$148,000 and one for the church in the amount of \$35,000. We received a grant of \$240,550, but only \$53,262 can be used for expenses. The grant pays for health, life, salary insurance, property and casualty insurance, fringe benefits, and OCE assessment.

Last year, with the full cooperation of our Pastor, Principal and Core Committee, the Cardinal gave us a last chance to keep the school open. The conditions, however, were: increase enrollment to 160 by FY 2009-2010 and reach the fundraising goal of \$155,250 set by the Core Committee

Francis Cardinal George in his letter dated January 27, 2008, said, "Progress toward meeting these goals will be reviewed in January 2009. It will be necessary to be on schedule to meeting these goals if St. Priscilla is to remain open."

Neither of these conditions were met, and, at the meeting in January 2009, His Eminence Francis Cardinal George regretfully announced His decision to close the school. It was a painful moment for all of us because we all deeply care for Catholic Education but we cannot sacrifice the Parish and its needs to keep the school open. The church postponed many improvements to have money available for the school. The chances for increased enrollment are low due to demographics and ethnic changes in our neighborhood.

The changes in tuition and enrollment are better illustrated with the following summary:

ST. PRISCILLA ENROLLMENT COMPARISON REPORT FISCAL YEARS ENDING 2004 THROUGH 2008

	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09
Enrollment K-8	295	240	191	154	127	100
Lost Students		55	49	37	27	27

Also, very difficult financial situations of many families limit their abilities to participate in fundraising events.

We hope our wonderful children and devoted Faculty and Staff find their new positions and will continue to be successful testimonies to Catholic Education. You are always welcome in our Parish and we know you will remember the years spent in our Parish with pride and joy.

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

REVENUES:**Church Operations:**

1. Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$540,080
2. Other Collections for Parish	80,368
3. Fundraising (net)	62,761
4. Religious Education	8,805
5. Miscellaneous (stipend, stole, candles)	86,792
Total Church Operations:	\$778,806

Educational Operations:

1. Tuition and Fees	\$584,168
2. Fundraising	72,972
Total Educational Operations:	\$657,140

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,435,946

EXPENSES:**Church Operations:**

1. Salaries & Benefits	\$335,504
2. Utilities, Repairs & Insurance	198,206
3. Archdiocese Assessment	71,064
4. Office, Printing & Postage	46,717
5. Miscellaneous	26,964
Total Church Operations:	\$678,455

Educational Operations:

1. Salaries & Benefits	\$824,185
2. Utilities, Repairs & Insurance	98,275
3. Instructional Materials	28,655
4. Miscellaneous	24,683
Total Educational Operations:	\$975,798

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,654,253

Church Revenue:	\$778,806
Church Expenses:	<u>- 678,455</u>

Church Total: EXCESS of \$100,351

School Revenue:	\$657,140
School Expenses:	<u>- 975,798</u>

School Total: DEFICIT of \$318,658

TOTAL OPERATION OF CHURCH AND SCHOOL:

Revenue:	\$1,435,946
Expenses:	<u>- 1,654,253</u>

Total: DEFICIT of \$218,307