

ST. BRIDE

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Our Parish Staff

Reverend Robert J. Roll, Pastor

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Liturgy Schedule

Sunday at 10 AM

Monday thru Friday as scheduled

8 AM in the House Chapel

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass and anytime by appointment!

The Sacrament of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Parish House to have the Sacraments brought to the sick and homebound.

The Anointing of the Sick should take place early in any

illness and as often as necessary.

Please note: Hospitals are not allowed, by law, to contact the parish.

Please have someone contact the Parish House for a hospital visit.

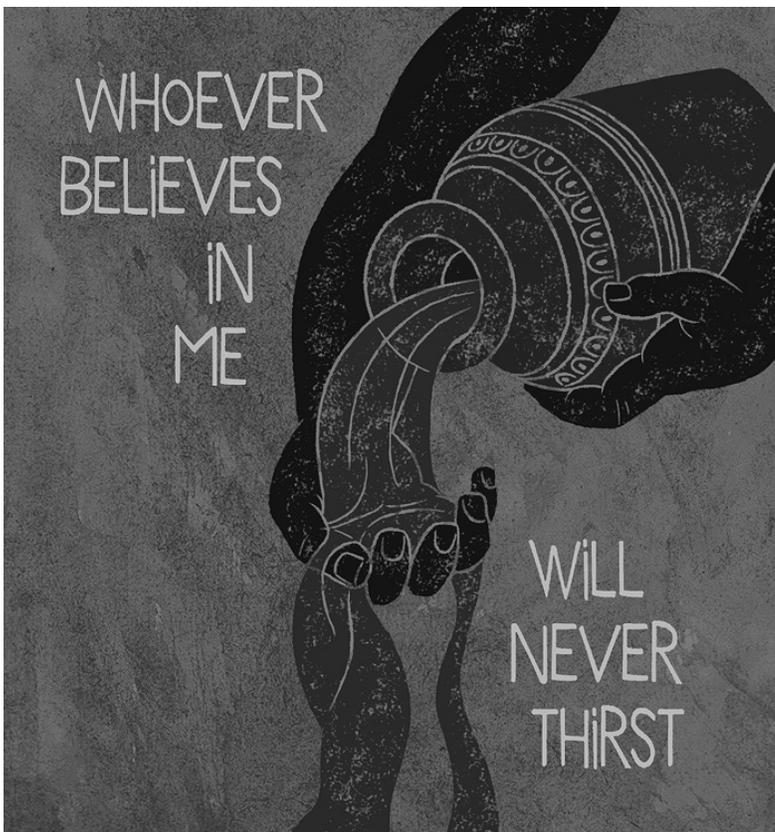
New Parishioners

Please consider registering after Mass at the Activity Table in the Church or call the Parish House at your convenience!

Welcome Visitors to St. Bride

We are honored to have you with us!

Please be sure to sign our guest book.



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The Eighteenth Sunday of the Church Year

August 2, 2015



MASSES THIS WEEK

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 AM
In the Parish House Chapel as scheduled

The Eighteenth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Carolyn Anzalone
For the Intention of Helen Wilczak
For the Intention of Isabelle Rice

Monday: Weekday

Tuesday: St. John Vianney

Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day

Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan

Saturday: St. Dominic

The Nineteenth Sunday of the Church Year:

For the Intention of Anna Dedio
For the Intention of Chuck Heavlin
For the Intention of Chester Wilk
For the Intention of
Fritz and Laverne Baumgartner
For the Intention of Jackie Jackson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17;
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-
35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21;
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30
— 5:2; Jn 6:41-51



Electronic Giving for Weekly Offerings

Since we have started *Give Central*, more than \$6550.00 has been contributed through this electronic means of giving! It is an excellent way of scheduling your offerings to St. Bride, as well as a way of marking special events. Click on the "Donate Now" button on our web site.

Support Our Food Pantry

The St. Bride Food Pantry will be closed from now until after Labor Day. We will welcome your donations of *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to stock our shelves and prepare bags for those who utilize our outreach program when you bring them to Church each week, September to June! **PLEASE: NO CLOTHING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!** Humidity and other factors make it difficult to store clothing for over 2 months in the basement! Food can be brought on Sundays to the Church!



Upcoming Dates and Events 2015/2016

September 13th – Parish Picnic

October 18th – Oktoberfest

November 21st – Thanksgiving Outreach Luncheon to the Community

November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

December 6th – Breakfast with Santa

December 8th – The Immaculate Conception – Mass at 8 AM in the Church

December 24th – Christmas Eve:
Family Mass at 4 PM

December 25th – Christmas Day:
Mass at 10 AM

January 1, 2016 – New Years Day

February 7th – Mardi Gras Party:
After Mass in the Church Hall

February 9th – St. Bride Revival Night:
Dinner at 5:30 PM; Mass and Revival Talk at 7 PM

February 10th – Ash Wednesday:
Mass at 8 AM and Noon

March 13th – St. Patrick and St. Joseph
Dinner following Mass

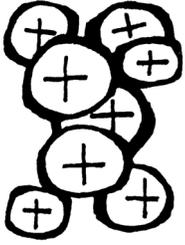
March 20th – Palm Sunday:
Mass and Procession at 10 AM

March 27th – Easter Sunday:
Mass at 10 AM

May 15th – Annual Spring Luncheon

- *All tickets and ads must be completed and paid for by May 9, 2016. Add \$10 per ticket, if available, after May 9, 2016*

GOD'S WORK



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We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Don't Look Back

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We would never sin if there wasn't something attractive about it. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on. Notice that the Israelites look back to their time in Egypt, while the people of Jesus' time look back to the manna in the desert, yet none of them ever had manna!

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your children will get it right." No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at Jesus' birth, his miracles, and his death on the cross, but if we don't let him be born again in us, if we don't trust him to do wonders today, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.



GOVERNING OUR PASSIONS

Whoever governs their passions is master of the world. We must either command them, or be commanded by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.

– St. Dominic

To the left St. Dominic by Monsignor Anthony La Femina