

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

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Archdiocese of Chicago
Asian Catholic Initiative (ACI)
2nd Asian Community Mass



In honor of "Mary, Mother of Cultures"

His Eminence
Cardinal Blase Cupich
Main Celebrant

Sept. 30, 2018
(Sunday)

The Rosary
3:30 to 4:15 PM
Mass – 4:30 PM



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Entertainment
Potluck reception follows immediately after Mass
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Mass Intentions

September 23, 2018 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M.

10:30 A.M. For Friends and Parishioners of St. Therese

12:00 P.M. **Mandarin Mass**

MON. Sept. 24th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M

TUE. Sept. 25th *Weekday*

8:00 A.M. + Sister Rosalind Santos by Sister Caritas

WED. Sept. 26th *Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

8:00 A.M. + Fred Barbara, Jr. by Tony and Mary Nudo

THU. Sept. 27th *Saint Vincent De Paul, Priest*

8:00 A.M. + Rose Marie & Howard Thome by Briglio Family

FRI. Sept. 28th *Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz, Companions*

8:00 A.M. + Forsaken & Unknown Souls in Purgatory by Dominic Barbaro

SAT. Sept. 29th *Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. + Jimmy Annoreno by Family

+ Johnny Bowers by Karen Zewe



From the Desk of Fr. Francis

Greetings of Christ's Peace and Joy! Hope you all had a blessed week.

Parish Financial and Ministerial Report for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/2018

First of all, I would like to thank all of our Finance Council members: Nick Andriacchi, George Lee, Lily May, Paul Lau, and Wendy Sin, for their expertise and commitment. We meet bi-monthly to review and plan our parish financial matters. Our accountant from the Archdiocese comes by-weekly to keep our books clean and orderly. We do our best to follow the best practices of the Archdiocese in terms of accountability and transparency.

Included in this bulletin are some highlights of the Church and school financial and ministerial report for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2018.

Highlights of 12-Month financial result:

- **Church: \$14,120 Net Operating Deficit for this period, vs. \$19,332 a year ago.**
- **Collection of \$50,272 for works of charity.**
- **School: \$141,885 Net Operating Deficit for this period vs. \$17,406 Surplus a year ago.**

Highlights of this period's ministerial work:

- We welcomed 12 new families into our parish and had 8 children and 11 adults baptized during this period.
- Increasing emphasis was placed on Evangelization work:
 - RCIA program welcomed 11 candidates to learn Catholic faith.
 - Outreach and Community Service programs provided volunteer service at St. James Food Pantry, Sister House and Warren Barr Senior Home.
 - Caring for the sick was emphasized – e.g. Anointing of the Sick was celebrated at Mass on October 29, 2017.
 - Young Adult Ministry organized a Clothes Drive during Advent and delivered the needed goods to Franciscans of the Holy Family Custody.
- Educational and spiritual formation programs were offered:
 - Formation sessions for parents.
 - Catholicism 201 sessions
 - Parish Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Des Plaines, IL. on October 14, 2017.
 - Liturgical Ministers Gathering & Renewal led by Fr. Li on November 12, 2017.
 - Advent Retreat, a day of reflection and sharing, led by Br. Armand Alcazar, FSC, on December 2, 2017.
 - Lenten Retreat on March 10 2018.

Your financial sacrifice and support helped our parish become financially more viable. Your dedication and commitment enabled our parish to continue its work in evangelization. I truly appreciate all you do for our parish.

Looking forward, we will continue to intentionally work on Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship. With your active participation, together, we can make our parish a truly welcoming and nourishing community of faith.

Thank YOU! May God bless you abundantly.

~Fr. Francis Li



CHURCH ORDINARY OPERATING REVENUE:	12-Month Result ending 6/30/2018	12-Month Result ending 6/30/2017
Total Sunday, Holy Day, Christmas, Easter & Other Collections	\$159,833	\$163,173
FUND RASING NET INCOME	\$45,140	\$33,956
AUXILARY GROUPS (St. Rocco, SMI, Mandarin & Indonesian)	\$16,091	\$18,298
MISC INCOME	\$16,734	\$23,054
TOTAL ORDINARY OPERATING REVENUE	\$237,798	\$238,481
ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSE:		
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$121,662	\$119,474
Total Utilities	\$16,390	\$15,764
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$10,534	\$11,479
Total Archdiocesan Assessments	\$21,984	\$22,604
Administrative & Other Expenses	\$81,348	\$88,492
TOTAL ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSES	\$251,918	\$257,813
CHURCH NET OPERATING (DEFICIT)	(\$14,120)	(\$19,332)

SCHOOL ORDINARY OPERATING REVENUE:	12-Month Result ending 6/30/2018	12-Month Result ending 6/30/2017
Total Tuition and Fees	\$1,746,045	\$1,789,325
FUND RASING NET INCOME	\$174,983	\$203,278
Outside Funding sources	\$139,834	\$156,486
Food Services, Bus Transportation, etc.	\$75,347	\$85,473
MISC INCOME	\$111,232	\$32,552
TOTAL ORDINARY OPERATING REVENUE	\$2,247,441	\$2,267,114
ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSE:		
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$1,804,120	\$1,718,813
Books & Supplies	\$96,294	\$62,668
Maintenance & Building Repairs	\$108,370	\$96,052
Furnishings & Equipment	\$41,676	\$23,916
Administrative, Insurance & Other Expenses	\$147,843	\$141,801
Total Utilities	\$41,087	\$40,790
Food Services, Bus Transportation, etc.	\$69,744	\$68,982
MISC Expenses	\$80,192	\$96,686
TOTAL ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,389,326	\$2,249,708
NET OPERATING INCOME (DEFICIT) - SCHOOL	(\$141,885)	\$17,406

Today's Liturgy - Sept. 23, 2018

Readings: GATHER 1165- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B

PROCESSIONAL: #850 – All Are Welcome

OFFERTORY: # 764 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

COMMUNION: #806 - The Harvest of Justice

RECESSIONAL: #807 – We Are Called

News and Events

Hospitality Schedule for Sept. 30, 2018:

GREETERS: Teresa, Flo
RECEPTION: Ellen, Emily, Kim

Feast of St. Therese

In order to prepare ourselves to better celebrate the Feast of the Patron of our Church and School, whose official feast day is on Monday Oct. 1st, we will begin to pray the Novena on Sat. Sept. 22. Prayers can be found on the Church entrance table. Also, as a community, **we will celebrate this Feast on Sunday Sept. 30th at the 10:30am Mass.**

Catholicism 201 continues on Sunday Sept. 30th after the 10:30am mass. The topic is **Sharing Stories of Love** led by Tom McGuire.

Annual Second Collection for Seminarian Education Fund is today

"How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus... in generous service to our neighbors."
---Pope Francis



Please pray for the following Mercy Hospital Patients: Katie, Julie, Mark, Willa, Irene, Auria, Diana, Fidencio, Mikall, Darlene, Frances, Betty Teresa

First Friday Holy Hour - October 5th
at 7pm in the church. All are invited.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Saturday, Sept. 29th

St. Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of animals. His feast is celebrated on October 4th. One of the ways to celebrate this special day is to have your animals blessed at the **Blessing Ceremony at 9am in our Mary Garden.** This is now a tradition held at St. Therese. We hope you and your pets will join us! Following the blessing of animals bring your pets on our **Annual Parish Walk-a-thon** event by walking down by our city's beautiful lakefront! It's a day of fun & fellowship. If you cannot join in, please consider sponsoring a walker with a donation.



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9/29/18 SAT 10AM

**9AM BLESSING
OF PETS AT CHURCH GARDEN**

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TODAY**



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Parish Ministry Series - RCIA

'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations' (Matt 28:19).

With great joy and humility we follow what Jesus commands us to do before His ascension. Heaven rejoices when one comes into union with the Church. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) helps in such evangelization.

RCIA here at St. Therese is very unique. The program offers in 3 languages: English, Mandarin and Cantonese. It is a process undergone by those who are interested in entering the Catholic Faith:

1. *Those who have not been baptized.*
2. *Those who were baptized but not yet confirmed.*
3. *Those who were baptized in other Christian Faith but desire to be in full communion with the Catholic Faith.*

During the process, the candidate learns about aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. It is also a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation.

Class begins in the fall (late September or early October) and on every Sunday thereafter except on some holidays. It lasts about 6 to 7 months. Candidates will enter the Catholic Faith on Easter Vigil.

There is no charge for the class. Donation to cover instructional materials is voluntary.

As followers of Jesus, we can help spread the good news to others. Why not start with our relatives and friends by inviting them to enroll in this year's RCIA?

Our Mandarin RCIA coordinator--Joyce says, *"As a coordinator of Mandarin RCIA program, I have experienced continuous growing of my own faith through caring, praying and sharing of spiritual journeys. I sincerely invite Mandarin speaking parishioners at St. Therese to get involved in this ministry. With your open heart to these catechumens & candidates, it will make them feel welcomed, accepted, and gradually building a sense of belonging to the community of St. Therese.*

There is NO long term commitment from you. Just one Sunday of your time will do the work. Thank you so much!"

Youth Gathering, Blessing of Catechists & Teachers & Back to School Bash



School Happenings



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year! It has been a very busy first few weeks of the school year - it is great to see so many familiar faces and to welcome many new students to St. Therese School as well.

I am extremely excited and honored to be named the new principal of St. Therese! I really appreciate the love and support from our parents and whole school community as I begin this important role at our school. Along with our great teachers and staff, I remain committed to providing the very best educational experience for every child entrusted in our care. I have seen how far we have come in my 21 years at the school, and I am very excited to build on this successful history as we move forward in the years to come.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome Mrs. Jessica Stofko in her new role as 3rd grade homeroom, 3rd and 4th math teacher, 3rd grade science teacher, and Assistant Principal. We are so very excited to work together in this new phase of leadership for St. Therese.

I look forward to our continued educational partnership with all of the St. Therese parents. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to email me at doi@sttheresechicago.org or contact me at the school office at 312.326.2837.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lisa Deborah Oi

Weekly Offering

Collection for September 16, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,280		
GiveCentral	230	July 1-To-Present (Actual):	\$21,851
<u>Sunday Loose</u>	<u>617</u>	July 1-To -Present (Budget):	\$26,400
Total Collection	\$2,133		

Weekly Budget: \$2,200 % of Budget Attained: 82%

Please consider giving one hour of **your weekly salary as your contribution.**

May God bless your generosity! Thank YOU!



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September 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we come together to celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our annual second collection. The men we acknowledge today are the future leaders of our Church. Your past support of this collection has made a significant impact on each seminarian and I ask you to join me again this year in contributing to the Seminarian Education Second Collection.

The critical education and training needed to successfully shepherd parishes, administer the sacraments, and strengthen our Church is made possible by both your prayers and financial support. There are currently 64 seminarians preparing for a life of service as archdiocesan priests, and their enthusiasm to evangelize our faith is inspiring.

Your contributions to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Remittance envelopes have been provided to your parish, or you are welcome to contribute online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



Please remember in your prayers those who are ill, hospitalized, and homebound...

Lois Payton
Helen Moy
Katherine Culen
Amelia Lorraine Schroeder
Karl Schroeder
Phil Maraldi
Nicholas Tobar
Vincent Thome
Barbara McElroy
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James Rak
Lan Ying Yee
Ching Shiu Yau
Henry F. Wong
Matthew Mantia
Phyllis Centofanti
Susan Zibricky
Barbara Metzinger
Victor Roa
Felina Li
Debbie Ammoreno

"First in the Kingdom" by Sister Caritas

There are people in our world who are eager to be noticed, to be the first one, to have power. We can see that in our politics today. This kind of thing happens in offices, schools and often wherever there are groups of people and tasks to be performed. It can also happen in churches. To obtain power or prestige, some people do not care whom they have to hurt or what they destroy in the process of attaining their goal. Sometimes in seeking our own satisfaction or gratification we do not care whom we injure, disrespect or damage for life.

In today's Gospel, we see that the Apostles were arguing on the way. Jesus knew the discussions were about, "Who will be the greatest in the kingdom." He presents two important ideas. Jesus holds up the importance of service. He tells the Apostles, to be great is to be of service. We are called as Catholics to serve rather than making every effort to be first in line. "Good Servants" are so attentive to those they serve that they know what is needed before the one being served makes a request. In serving each other we are serving God.

The second idea Jesus presents is how we treat children. He tells us how we receive children is how we receive Him. Children as infants, are completely helpless. They depend on us for everything. As they grow, they grow in independence and the capability of caring for themselves. It is really important that they learn all the necessary things to be able to sustain a life independent of their parents, including having the economic ability to live on their own. When they are young, parents have many roles: teacher, bath giver, food preparer, driver, formation person, and one who answers all the important questions. How do we treat our children? Do we listen to them and pay attention to their actions and interests, skills and talents? Do we ignore our children never having time to listen to them, help them, teach them, or train them? We need to give them the Catholic faith, prayers, and teachings. Parents are the first evangelizers, teachers, and moral trainers of their children. Jesus tells us how we receive a child; how we treat a child is how we receive Him. *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me: and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."* We ask for this gift.

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9:00 AM DEPARTURE TO SHRINE

10:00 AM TOUR

11:00 AM ROSARY & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:00 PM LUNCH (BYOB)

2:30 PM ENDS

REGISTRATION: \$15 per person

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