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September 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'



Holy Name Cathedral

Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am & 12noon (livestream)
Wednesday evenings at 5:15 PM

Saturday

8:00am (livestream) & 5:15 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),
12:30 PM, 5:15 PM

Saturday Reconciliation

8:00am to 11:00am

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

Many years ago, St. Ignatius profoundly exclaimed:

*“Act as if everything depended on you;
Trust as if everything depended
on God.”*

Why do we sometimes find it so challenging to trust — to surrender — to let go? Why do many of us have an insatiable need to be in control? Or the need to be perfect? A life rooted in prayer allows us to stay in touch with God, who deeply loves us. We can trust God! However, life is complicated, and we may find it difficult to trust God or anyone else. Why? Life can be hurtful — and who wants to hurt?

I share with you a story someone shared with me ... pass it on ...

Pennies from Heaven

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house. The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live.

The husband's employer was quite generous as a host and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again and was enjoying herself immensely. As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down at the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it into his pocket as if he had found a great treasure.

How absurd! What need did this man have for a single

penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value. A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this? “Look at it,” he said. “Read what it says.” She read the words United States of America. “No, not that; read further.” “One cent?” “No, keep reading.” “In God We Trust?” “Yes.”

“And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single U.S. coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me, telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray. I stop to see if my trust is in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God, that I do trust in him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!”

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words In God We Trust and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message! It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And God is patient.

On the journey with you,
Fr. Greg

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Update (every Friday)**

**Young Adults >>>
Newsletter (monthly)**



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 28

Annual Parish Toiletries Drive	ALL MASSES
15-minute Cathedral Tours	9:30 & 11:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:00 AM
Faith & Fitness – Your Sacred Heart	1:30 PM
Christifideles Award Ceremony	2:30 PM
Migration Week Mass	5:15 PM

Monday, September 29

Remembering the Venerable Cardinal Mindszenty	5:00 PM
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Tuesday, September 30

Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting	6:00 PM
Men's & Women's Young Adult Bible Study	7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 1

Worship Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Presentation on Alzheimer's Disease	6:30 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study – in the Rector's	6:30 PM

Thursday, October 2

Thursday Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM
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Saturday, October 4

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 AM
Fall Frassati groups 1 & 2	9:30 AM
Fall Frassati groups 3 & 4	11:00 AM
Pet Mass in Courtyard	11:00 AM

Sunday, October 5

Children's Faith Formation	9:15 AM
ANNUAL PARISH MINISTRY FAIR	9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
15-minute Docent Express Tours	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:00 AM
Full Cathedral Tour - 1 hour	1:30 PM



Thank You for Attending the Living Rosary! You're Invited to our Ministry Fair

Thank you to the hundreds who attended our International Living Rosary last weekend. It was a beautiful and inspiring evening. The Rosary was prayed in 12 different languages by dozens of volunteers who lit their lights as the Rosary prayers were offered. Afterward, attendees attended a reception in the Courtyard with delicious food from various cultures.

Next up: HNC Ministry Fair

We will close our 175th year celebration at our annual parish Ministry Fair. We will highlight and celebrate the various events throughout the anniversary year. We invite you to stop by before or after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5, between 9:30am and 2:00pm in the Courtyard for the Ministry Fair. There are opportunities for all parishioners to actively participate in the life of the parish community through our many busy ministries — whether in Worship, Service, Stewardship, Young Adults or Evangelization. Join us for refreshments and to celebrate the work of our Faith Community.

On the Cover

In honor of our anniversary, each week we will spotlight photos from our past 175 years on the bulletin cover. They'll offer a peek into the past of our Faith Community.

Photo by Sun-Times photo archive. Lectors Gary Ropski and Barbara Schleck process out of the Cathedral during Easter Mass in 1983, the first Easter for Cardinal Bernardin in Chicago. Now, 42 years later, Ropski and Schleck remain active in our Lector Ministry. If you'd like to get involved as a Lector or any other Cathedral Ministry, please attend our Ministry Fair next week!



Golden Anniversary Mass

Cardinal Blase Cupich was the main celebrant as hundreds of married couples attended the Archdiocese of Chicago's annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14 at Holy Name Cathedral. Congratulations on 50 years!

Photos by Karen Callaway / Chicago Catholic



The St. Padre Pio Flame Award

Congratulations to Fr. Joe Tito (second from left) and Sr. Katie Mitchell (fourth from left) for receiving The St. Padre Pio Flame Award during the annual St. Padre Pio feast day Mass on Sept. 20 in the Chapel of Holy Name Cathedral. They were honored for their work with the migrant community through the Cabrini Ministries at Holy Name and their outreach to the poor, marginalized and those in this need. They are pictured with C. Victoria Almeida, of the St. Padre Pio Prayer Group and past winners Fr. Lou Cameli (center) and Fr. Greg Sakowicz (right).



Catholic Illuminations

Take Time to Reflect Upon the Role of Angels in our Faith

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

We are entering the week of angels. One of the first prayers I learned growing up was the Guardian Angel prayer. Oct. 2 in the General Liturgical Calendar is the Feast of the Guardian Angels, and Monday, Sept. 29, is the feast of the Archangels — Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel. The Archangels, by definition, are God's messengers. Michael cast out Satan from Heaven, Gabriel announced God's plan of Salvation to Mary, and Raphael helped Tobiah regain his sight in the book of Tobit. These feasts remind us that angels play a role in salvation history in general, and personally as our own unique guardian angel.

Angels are different than humans. When a human dies, they do not become an angel when they enter heaven. "Angles are spiritual creatures who glorify God without ceasing and who serve his saving plans for other creatures" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 350). Humans die, angels do not. Angels serve others by promoting the divine plan of salvation, and humans learn what it means to serve God through their life of discipleship. So, it is not accurate to say when someone dies, "heaven gained an angel" or "they earned their wings."

Throughout Sacred Scriptures, angels play a role in salvation history. From saving Lot from the destruction in Sodom and Gomorrah (cf. Genesis 28-29), to guiding Moses and the Israelites from slavery to freedom (cf. Exodus 32), to helping Tobiah, who suffered from cataracts as shown through the Book of Tobit, and even aiding the Prophet Daniel, whom the Prophet sees in the end times. In the New Testament, it is an angel who delivers the message to Mary of the desire of God to become man, where she proclaims she is the handmaiden of the Lord (Luke 1:38), proclaiming the joyful news of the Resurrection to the women who came to the tomb early in the morning (Matthew 28:5).

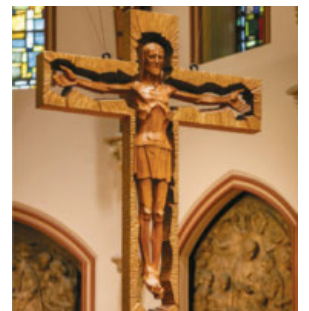


Angels are spiritual creatures who are created by God, as immortal beings, to journey with us in life, and also to announce the plan of salvation. There are three levels of angels: seraphim, cherubim, and thrones; dominions, virtues, and powers; principalities, archangels, and angels. And we trace the belief of guardian angels back to the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus says, "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." (Matthew 18:10). Everyone has a guardian angel, a personal intercessor to God in heaven. What a beautiful thing to reflect on, we have a personal angel praying to God on our behalf!

As we continue to live and move and have our being in the ultimate design and wisdom of God, let us take the time to reflect on our Guardian Angel and the role of the Archangels in our faith, particularly this week as we honor their feast day. The angel that God entrusted to us since our conception, who is with us in every step of life, guiding us, protecting us, and praying for us. Let us never take for granted the good and bad moments of life, because even if we are alone, our angel is there, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide.

Tours After 8:30, 10:30 Masses

Learn more about the 175-year history of Holy Name Cathedral through one of our weekly tours. It's perfect for parishioners or for visitors. Our Cathedral Docents are excited to share with you the art, architecture and history of the Cathedral.



Each week, our Docents lead a short, 15-minute tour following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Those who are interested in this free tour are invited to sit in the front rows along the center aisle after Mass.

Faithful Until Death: Remembering the Dedication of Venerable Cardinal Mindszenty, 50 Years On

Monday
Sept. 29, 2025
5:00 PM

Holy Name Cathedral

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Fr. Skerl Alphonse

retired Hungarian priest,
witness to the Cardinal's work

Márk Érszegi

Religious Advisor to the State
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Christians at the Hungarian
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Trade

This event is part of an English lecture series in the Midwest on the life and legacy of Hungarian Cardinal József Mindszenty.

A cooperation between the Archdiocese of Chicago, St. Stephen King of Hungary Roman Catholic Church, the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians, the Consulate General of Hungary.

Join our Young Adults' Frassati Small Group; Starts in October

Inspired by St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, this fellowship of young adults seeks to live lives of holiness in today's world, following the example of Jesus Christ. Together, we create space to grow spiritually through intentional conversation, disciplined living, and authentic friendship.



Join us on this 60-day journey commitment that begins Oct. 4 and finishes Dec. 3. Our format consists of groups of 8–10 young adults with weekly meetings at the Rectory. (Option 1) Saturdays at: 9:30am–11:00am or (Option 2); 11:00am–12:30pm; or (Option 3). Wednesdays 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.

Then monthly gatherings with all groups on the second Wednesday of the Month with adoration, prayer, dinner and fellowship. To register, scan the QR code.



Annual Pre-Marathon Mass

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:15pm

Running in the Marathon? Pre-Marathon Mass on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:15pm. As is our Cathedral tradition, all runners are invited to receive a special pre-race blessing at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 5:15pm. As in the past, all marathon cheering squads and friends are encouraged to join in this special Mass.

All are Invited to Our Next Masses in Spanish

You are invited to our next Masses in Spanish at the Cathedral on Sundays, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9 at 3:30 P.M. After Mass there will be a gathering with snacks in the FXW school cafeteria, as well as free clothing and other household items for families in need. We hope you can join us.



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Promoting Brain Health with Alzheimer's Association

Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30pm in the Club Room

Join us for an engaging and informative session on “Managing Alzheimer’s Disease in Our Communities and How to Promote Brain Health,” designed for anyone who is navigating Alzheimer’s or dementia within their family or social circle — or for those simply interested in protecting their brain health. We will meet Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30pm in the Club Room.

We’ll explore the latest breakthroughs in Alzheimer’s and dementia research, early detection, and risk reduction strategies, as well as impactful public health initiatives that are transforming communities across the state. Please register in advance by scanning the QR code.



Join our Annual Pet Blessing

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9am in Courtyard

Join us for Mass, and blessing and a lesson on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 9:00am for our annual celebration of St. Francis in the Courtyard.

All animals are welcome, and we encourage them to be on a leash, in a cage or in a bowl.

After Mass, all pets will be blessed, and are invited to stay for a free lesson provided by *Markthedogtrainer.com*, a professional dog trainer with 15 years experience and a who is involved at the Cathedral. Join us as we give thanks to God for our pets and celebrate their patron, St. Francis of Assisi.



Annual Parish Service Day

Saturday, Oct. 11, Starting at Special 9am Mass

This year, our Annual Day of Service will be held at Lawson House, 803 N. Dearborn, just a block from the Cathedral. The Lawson House is the new home for over 400 residents who previously faced homelessness. As they settle into their new homes, we will have a variety of projects to support their successful transition.

Consider joining in this rewarding day of helping to beautify the property and engage with residents. More details to come! Scan the QR code to register:



Fall Service Opportunity!

Volunteer and Donate to Our Annual Toiletries Drive

In preparation for the upcoming Day of Service to help the new residents at Lawson House, we are collecting donations to create by donating before and after all Masses during the weekend of Sept. 27 and 28. Here are two ways you can help!

1. Make a Monetary Donation

The monetary donations will go towards much needed toiletries kits for the new residents at the Lawson House. In the upcoming weeks leading up to the drive, all financial donations are welcome. Please scan the QR code to contribute:



2. Volunteer!

If you are interested in assisting with the Sept. 27 and 28 drive, we can use your help! You can donate your time by volunteering to help collect donations before and after Mass. Your participation is an invaluable part of the success of the drive. We are looking for volunteers to donate their time during our six Masses. You will need to arrive 15 minutes before Mass starts and stay 15 minutes after Mass ends. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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We hope to see
you at this exciting
beginning of the

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Honoring Our Loved Ones

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

Starts Wednesday, Oct. 8

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to join our six-week support group, held Wednesdays from Oct. 8 through Nov. 12, 6:00–8:00pm in the Rectory. Rooted in our Catholic tradition, the program offers God's consolation



through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and the sharing of faith within a supportive community. Come and find comfort, hope, and healing in Christ. Scan the QR code to register.

Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our



honor to have one of our resident priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the request form.

Wedding Banns



- I Natalie Gandy & Xavier Medina
Rosemarie Fortune & Connor Purk
Maira Gonzalez & Fidel Castaneda
Lauren Konopka & Cameron Hillocks
- II Matthew Wapinski & Amber Lanz
Julian Espinoza & Natalie Espinoza
Anthony Vivero & Chloe Cavida
- III Robert Rigali & Anne Antonsen

Mass Intentions

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Week of Sept 29 to Oct. 4

- **Monday, September 29 (Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels)**
 - 7 AM + Cyriac Pullapilly
 - 8 AM + Jerry Turry
 - 12 PM + Michael S. Morse
- **Tuesday, September 30 (Saint Jerome)**
 - 7 AM + Lenny Markey
 - 8 AM Ramesh & Nieva Mehta 58th Wedding Anniv.
 - 12 PM Pamela Para
- **Wednesday, October 1 (St. Therese of the Child Jesus)**
 - 7 AM Jonathan Montella
 - 8 AM + Frank Polak
 - 12 PM + Frank Oelerich, + Richard T. Godfrey
+ Joseph Edward Styczuca
+ Gloria Anne Kemper George
+ Srinivasan Kallam, + Delfin Masangcay
+ James Tammi, John Citek, The Walko Family
+ Ciriaco & Violeta Reconquista
 - 5.15 PM + Michael S. Morse
- **Thursday, October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)**
 - 7AM + Barbara Daro Kosiek & Deborah Tuggle Daro
 - 8AM + Helen Puskarits
 - 12PM + Brian Bongat, Mariano Bongat & Simeon Santos
- **Friday, October 3 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)**
 - 7 AM Grady & Mulroy Families
 - 8 AM + Ruby Amoroso Serritella & James Serritella
+ John Reidelbach, + Bob Locke, + Paul Joseph
+ Lucia Armando, + Ronald Rolland
+ Ricardo Joseph, + Cecilia Uychat
+ Denise Rue, Francisco Randin
Immanuel Fernando
 - 12 PM + Kristin Hughes
- **Saturday, October 4 (Saint Francis of Assisi)**
 - 9 AM + Michael S. Morse

A Little Humor from the Rector



“My mom named our dog Five Miles so mom can tell everyone she walks 5 miles every day!”

Sunday Offertory Giving

Although Holy Name Cathedral receives funding from appeals and fundraisers, our major source of income is the Sunday Offertory Collection. If you are a parishioner who does not donate to the Sunday Offertory Collection, we ask that you consider becoming an active contributor.

To sign up for recurring Sunday giving or to increase your current giving, please go to tinyurl.com/HNCgiving or scan the QR code below. We also have yellow envelopes which can be found in the back of the Cathedral. You can fill out,

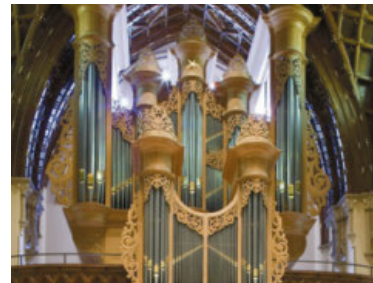


enclose your desired donation and leave with an usher as you exit the Cathedral, or take home to complete and mail back to us at your convenience. Thank you for your generosity.

Opening of 2025/26 Cathedral Concert Series

Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:00pm

Join us for the opening concert of the Cathedral Concert Series' 2025-2026 season on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7:00pm when we feature Dr. Thomas Fielding, Director of Music, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. A graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Dr. Fielding has taken first prize at the national Arthur Poister performance competitions and played recitals throughout England and the Netherlands, including two appearances at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.



Dr. Thomas Fielding



We invite you to a special field trip to Mundelein Seminary, considered one of the most beautiful and spiritually rich seminaries in the nation!

Slots are still available, but act fast. First come, first serve! Scan the QR code for more information or to register for this exciting event!



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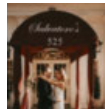


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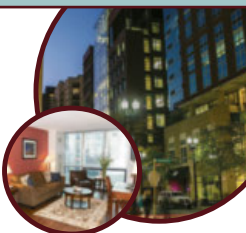
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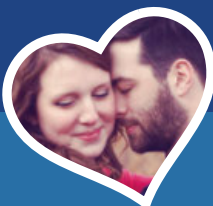
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Order of Worship

Prelude (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

Pastorale from Symphony No. 1, Op. 14

Louis Vierne

Entrance Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age #785

Gloria

Mass of St. Ann (Sat. 5:15pm; 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.)

Ed Bolduc

Congregational Mass (all other Masses) #324

First Reading

Worship Hymnal

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

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Offertory Hymn

Here I Am, Lord #783

Holy, Holy

Mass of Creation #365

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Creation #366

Amen

Mass of Creation #367

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation Marty Haugen

Communion Antiphon

Be mindful of your word, O Lord; this has been my comfort.

Communion Hymn

In the Breaking of the Bread #944

Communion Motet

Ave Verum Corpus Edward Elgar

(Sat. 5:15pm; 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.)

Hail, hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary: having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind. From whose side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste in the hour of death.

Recessional Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #707

Postlude (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois



HNC 175th Anniversary Prayer

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We thank you for the faith, friendship, and generosity that has flowed so freely through this parish and remember with gratitude the generations who have come before us in this sacred space.

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