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August 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.



150th
Anniversary
AS THE Cathedral
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Holy Name Cathedral

A CORNERSTONE TO 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*; Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am* & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am*, 12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation: 8:00am to 11:00am

*livestreamed Mass

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

August is upon us! Summer is flying much too quickly! What does kindness look like? How can our lives reflect the face of God? Please read and pass it on ...

She stood there in a thin hospital gown, her wrists trembling in handcuffs.

Ninety-one years old. Arrested for felony theft. Judge Marcus stared at her, speechless. This was not what justice was supposed to look like.

Her name was Helen Miller. For 65 years, she had been married to George, her best friend, her constant companion. George was 88, frail, and fighting for every heartbeat. Twelve pills a day kept him alive. Twelve small miracles that held their world together.

They had always lived modestly, counting pennies, clipping coupons, making do. But last week, everything fell apart. Their insurance lapsed after a missed payment they could not afford.

When Helen went to pick up George's medicine, the pharmacist gave her the total: \$940. She froze. That was more than they had for groceries and bills combined. She went home empty-handed.

For three days, she watched the man she loved slip away. His breathing turned ragged. His eyes clouded with confusion. She begged him to hold on, praying for a miracle that never came. Then she did something she never thought she would.

Helen walked back to the pharmacy. Her hands shook as she looked at the shelves. The pharmacist turned away for a moment. And in that instant, desperation took over. She swept the boxes of medicine into her purse and walked toward the door.

The alarm went off. The manager stopped her before she reached the parking lot.

When the police came, she didn't fight. She didn't even speak. At the station, her blood pressure spiked so high they thought she might be having a stroke. They called an ambulance and took her straight to the hospital.

The next morning, she was wheeled into the court, still wearing her hospital gown.

"I never thought I'd see a day like this, your honor," she whispered, her voice trembling.

Judge Marcus looked down at the frail woman before him, then at the file marked "felony theft." His jaw tightened.

"Bailiff," he said softly, "take those chains off her." He turned to the prosecutor. "Felony theft? For this woman?" Helen

began to cry. "He couldn't breathe," she said. "I didn't know what to do. He's all I have. I just needed his medicine." The courtroom was silent.

Judge Marcus set down his pen and spoke quietly, but every word carried weight. "This is not a criminal," he said. "This is a failure of our system." He dismissed the charges on the spot. Then, without hesitation, he called the hospital's social work department.

"I want a social worker at her home today," he ordered. "Her husband will get his medicine. And neither of them will be billed." Helen broke down in tears

That day, justice didn't come from punishment. It came from compassion.

And for a brief moment, in one small courtroom, humanity won. *(Thanks to Weird World for this story.)*

And I conclude with...

The Smallest Gesture

After my son's school play, all the parents pitched in \$50 each to set up a sweet table for the kids. Once everything was ready, we started inviting the kids to come over and enjoy.

That's when I noticed one little girl putting on her coat, getting ready to leave with her older brother who had brought her. I asked, "Hey, where are you going?"

She looked down and softly said, "We didn't pay. Mom is looking for a job right now, so we're saving money."

My heart sank. Without a second thought, I brought them both to the table and sat them down. If you could've seen how they ate that cake and drank the juice. Like it was the best thing they've ever had. They didn't leave a crumb behind.

Later, I found their mom. After talking to her, I offered her a job at my café. She's been working so hard ever since, and I truly hope things turn around for their family.

Sometimes, the smallest gestures can mean the world. Let's be kind to one another — you never know what someone might be going through. *(Thanks to Weird World.)*

How can each of us put on Christ and make a difference for one person today? Try it!

Continued summer blessings,
Fr. Greg



Sign up for our newsletter!

Weekly Rector's Update
(delivered to your inbox every Friday)

Upcoming Events



Sunday, August 2

15-minute Cathedral Tour	9:30 & 11:30 AM
Ambassadors of Mary Luncheon at Misericordia	11:00 AM
Full Cathedral Tour - 1 hour	1:30 PM
Young Adult Event	6:15 PM

Tuesday, August 4

Classical Music Chicago Rush Hour Concert	5:15 PM
Young Adults Rosary Making	6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 5

Eucharistic Adoration	12:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM

Thursday, August 6

Thursday Morning Scripture Study Ministry	10:00 AM
Adult Evangelization Session	6:00 PM

Friday, August 7

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration – Chapel	8:30 AM
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Saturday, August 8

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 AM
Young Adult - Summer Frassati Groups	9:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday, August 9

15-minute Cathedral Tour	9:30 & 11:30 AM
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Mass Intentions

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the priest's vestment color

● Monday, August 3 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

7 AM	Joey Kinsley
8 AM	+ Ephraim Reyes
12 PM	+ Michael Bolin

○ Tuesday, August 4 (Saint John Vianney, Priest)

7 AM	+ Richard & Arlene Small
8 AM	+ Wilfred Ladd
12 PM	Chris & Gilda Small 36th Wedding Anniversary

○ Wednesday, August 5 (The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major)

7AM	+ Isabel Fraga
8AM	+ Karen Diloroto
12 PM	+ John Jakala Jr.
	+ Wonja Yoo & Yongsik Shin, + John Puthumana
	+ Krystyna Pienkowska, + David Devlin
	+ Frank G. Bauer, + Richard & Arlene Small
	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory, Frank Pisani
	Edward Michael & Alexander William Martinez
5:15PM	+ Carole Benson & Ken Stewart

○ Thursday, August 6 (Transfiguration of The Lord)

7AM	+ Julie Lovejoy
8AM	+ Ruby Amoroso Serritella & James Serritella
12 PM	+ The George Inden Family

● Friday, August 7 (Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest)

7 AM	+ Clara Kubik
8 AM	+ Richard & Arlene Small, + Robert Sheridan
	+ Michelle Chaido, + Joseph P. Mercieri
	+ James Robert Lawson, + Joseph P. Hannon
	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory, Cerelina De Leon
	Patrick Benson & Family, Andrew Koval
12 PM	+ Rita H. Kasmirs

○ Saturday, August 8 (Saint Dominic, Priest)

8 AM	Domingo Inlong
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Wedding Banns



- I Joshua Christensen & Lauren Adduci
Timothy Miley & Alexandria Coursol
Connor Riddell & Indre Vysniauskaite
Luke Vest & Tara Tabibi
Conor Williams & Julia Weigand
- II Matt Klein & Ryan DePasquale
Tim Cullen & Samantha Holden
Matt Pontikis & Emily Saban
Nicholas Hruskoci & Allison Macauley
- III Reiner Vetter & Pierina De Sousa
Brendan Zdunek & Natalia Kasprzyk
Eduardo Esparza & Kimberly Graciano
Keenan Sanchez & Rachel Bentivenga

On the Cover

A quiet moment and unique view of the sanctuary as Sr. Manuela Rodriguez of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest lights a candle to prepare for a weekday Mass. The Oblate Sisters, who have lived and ministered at Holy Name since 2001, help in the Rectory and pray for priests and seminarians and for an increase in vocations.



Campaign goal:
\$12 Million

Raised:
\$10,637,821
(89%)

Left to be raised:
\$1,362,179

Capital Campaign Update: Aug. 2

Visitor Envelopes in Pews – Be Part of Something Lasting

We're glad you're here! If you're visiting today, you'll find **green visitor envelopes** in the pews to make it easy to take part in our Cathedral Cornerstone Campaign. Every gift — large or small — will help preserve our Cathedral's beauty and mission for years to come.

Envelopes can be dropped in the Collection baskets or any of the five wooden collection boxes in the Cathedral. We're grateful for your presence and generosity! Learn more at tinyurl.com/hncornerstone.



If you have not already done so, please consider a donation or five-year pledge to help preserve the Cathedral for another 150 years. Visit tinyurl.com/HNcornerstone or scan the QR code.

Honor A Loved One with a Mother Cabrini or a Courtyard Paver

Next Order Deadline: Sept. 11

The Mother Cabrini Garden and Holy Name Cathedral's Courtyard offers pavers for engraving. Memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, or commemorate a significant event through the purchase of a paver.

Forms can be found on our website: holynamecathedral.org/special-intentions

If you would like to order an engraved paver, the next deadline for ordering is Sept. 11. For more information contact Regina Zielinski at 312-573-4432 or rzielinski@holynamecathedral.org.

Upcoming Service Opportunity!

Volunteer and Donate to Our School Supplies Drive

Before and after all Masses on Aug. 15 and 16

Our Annual School Supplies drive takes place at all Masses the weekend of Aug. 15-16. We are collecting the following new school supplies at our donation station in the Cathedral vestibule during all Masses: notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue, Clorox spray and wipes, tissue boxes, and backpacks.

This year, our drive will benefit the children of The Academy of St Benedict the African (6020 S Laflin Ave), preschool -8th grade students in West Englewood. Teachers work hard to create a warm and inviting environment to their students. Let's help give our underprivileged children better opportunities to be a vibrant force of love and hope in the community!

How our school supplies drive has impacted the school:

The majority of the monetary donation went towards funding student scholarships and financial aid. This is one of our greatest needs. It allows us to keep families who have been attending St. Benedict for years, finish out the elementary schooling with us and their friends, rather than transfer. We provide the safe, loving, and quality alternative that the families are seeking and deserve. — Cassandra Thornton, Principal

Volunteers Sign Up Here!

If you are interested in assisting with the drive, we can use your help! You can donate your time and passion 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. We also need volunteers to sort the donated supplies and pack them up. Further details will be provided. Please scan the QR code to sign up!



➡ To volunteer

Donate here!

If you're unable to attend one of the Masses on the weekend of Aug. 16, or if you'd rather make a monetary donation, you can give onsite or through this QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



➡ To donate

Feast of Transfiguration Lets Us Reflect on Our Own Baptism

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Some of the feasts of our faith are recorded in Scripture and are pivotal moments in the life of the Church. A few examples are the Nativity of the Lord and the Resurrection, which are anchors of our tradition and are always celebrated with high solemnity. Other feasts that are recorded in Scripture, such as the Nativity of John the Baptist, celebrated on June 24, and the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, celebrated on Feb. 2, are set on a specific day each year that moves with the calendar.

This week, on Thursday, Aug. 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which is recorded in the three synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. The event of the transfiguration occurs, though not specific in Scripture, but based on Tradition, on Mount Tabor. It is here that Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and is transfigured before them, where his clothing becomes dazzling white, and his face shines like the sun.

Since we do not know exactly when this event took place during Jesus' public ministry, the tradition of the Church set the feast formally on Aug. 6 by Pope Calixtus III in 1456, when news came that the Kingdom of Hungary defeated the invasion by the Ottoman Empire in the Balkans by ending the siege of Belgrade. The Pope saw the significance of this event as worthy of celebration by the universal Church. Of course, before 1456, the feast was celebrated throughout the Church, just not as a formal feast as we know it today. Like other celebrations and beliefs, there is a history to the celebration before the formal approval by the Church, typically through the approval of the Holy Father.



In 2002, when Pope St. John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries to the devotion of the rosary, he named the Transfiguration as the fourth mystery, focusing on the desire for the fruit of holiness.

We see the significance of this Feast in history and in prayer, but there is also a deeper meaning. In the context of Scripture, the Transfiguration shows us more. It occurs in all three Gospels after Jesus predicts his passion, death, and resurrection. In these accounts, the three apostles are told not to tell anyone this occurred until the Son of Man rises from the dead (cf. Matthew 17:9). The Transfiguration points us, who are here on earth, to the glory that is to come. That we are not meant to stay the same in our body after death, after suffering, but to be transformed, transfigured, into the realized glory God created us for. Ultimately, that our life in Christ should change us to radiate God's glory, goodness and love, to those around us.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed annually on Aug. 6, and each year the Gospel account of this event is also proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent, according to the Gospel cycle. The proclamation of the Transfiguration in Lent then is underscoring the deep correlation between baptism and the resurrection. Lent leads to Easter. The cross leads the glory. Death leads to life.

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, the Church gives us this wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the reality of our Baptism. How we will be transfigured in the Resurrection, our clothing becoming dazzling white and our face as brilliant as the sun. That there is hope and glory in the face of suffering and death. The transfiguration reminds us, then, that even in this life, when we listen to the beloved Son of God, our lives can radiate the glory of the Risen One in our words and deeds.

Pray with the Pope

Launched through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the "Pray with the Pope" campaign will foster a deeper spiritual communion through digital connection and shared, contemplative prayer.



AUGUST: For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Encounter Jesus Through the Eyes of Those Who Knew Him

Watch 'The Chosen' with Us! Summer Faith Experience Starts Aug. 6; All Are Welcome!

What would it have been like to walk with Jesus, hear His voice, witness His miracles, and experience His compassion firsthand?

The Chosen is a groundbreaking series that brings the Gospel stories to life through the experiences of those who encountered Christ. Through engaging storytelling, viewers are invited to see Jesus not only as a historical figure, but as the living Son of God who continues to call, heal, teach, and transform lives today.

We'll be watching *The Chosen* on Thursdays starting Aug. 6 to Sept. 24 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Club Room. This **parish-wide** series offers an opportunity for adults of all ages to gather in community, reflect on Scripture, and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Each evening includes selected scenes from *The Chosen*, reflection on the Gospel message, small-group conversation, and practical connections to everyday Christian living.

Come and experience the Gospel in a fresh and inspiring way. Whether you attend one evening or the entire series,

you are invited to encounter Jesus Christ, grow in faith, and connect with others on the journey of discipleship.

Registration required. Light refreshments will be served. Invite a friend and join us!



Registration is Open for Children's Faith Formation! Now Welcoming 4-Year-Olds!

This year, Holy Name Cathedral is thrilled to introduce our NEW Preschool Faith Formation Program for 4-year-olds! Through stories, songs, prayer, crafts, and joyful experiences, our youngest disciples will begin discovering just how deeply God loves them.

Whether your child is 4 years old or in Grade 8 and all grades in between, we invite your family to become part of a vibrant community where faith comes alive!

At Holy Name Cathedral, we believe faith is more than something we learn — it is a relationship with Jesus Christ that grows throughout our lives. As the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Chicago, we are honored to partner with parents — the first and most important teachers of the faith — to help children grow as joyful disciples of Christ.

Join our Sunday Faith Formation experience on Sundays from 9:15–10:15 AM. We have available Preschool Faith Formation for age 4 and kindergarten through Grade 8 Faith Formation as well.

Our program includes: Family Faith Formation, prayer & scripture experiences, sacramental preparation, service opportunities and community building. Families are encouraged to continue each formation day by celebrating the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass together.

Seeking Catechists & Teen Classroom Aides

Become Part of the Mission! As our Children's Faith Formation Ministry continues to grow, we invite you to help shape the faith of the next generation.

✦ **Catechists:** Share your faith and accompany children as they discover God's love. No teaching experience is necessary — we provide: a complete curriculum and lesson plans, training and ongoing support and more. Your "yes" can help change a child's life forever.

✦ **Teen Classroom Aides:** High school students are invited to earn service hours while helping younger children grow in their faith. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills, build friendships, and make a meaningful difference in our parish community.

Scan the QR code to register your child. If you would like to volunteer, contact Peggy O'Brien, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation pobrien@holynamecathedral.org.



Fellowship / Music

A Little Humor from the Rector



“Why do they lock gas station washrooms? Are they afraid someone will break in and clean them?”

Summer Rush Hour Concerts

Weekly Concerts on Tuesdays at 5:45pm at HNC

Make summer nights classic with concerts featuring Chicago's best classical musicians and ensembles. Rush Hour Concerts are the perfect way to relax after a workday and soak up some beautiful music in a short but lovely format.



THIS WEEK: (Aug. 4) of Summer's Rush Hour Concert Series we present Folk Songs and Dances from the Oak Trio.

- ✠ Gabriela Lena Frank - Folk Songs for Piano Trio
- ✠ Antonín Dvořák - Piano Trio No. 4 in E minor, Op. 90 "Dumky"

Performers: Joshua Brown, violin; Leland Ko, cello; Evren Ozel, piano

Doors open at 5:00pm, followed by a pre-concert talk at 5:15pm. Concerts take place from 5:45pm–6:30pm. All are invited. Free parking; no advance registration is required.



Opening of Cathedral Concert Series — Pianist Raul Sunico

Concert on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 7:00pm

Holy Name Cathedral welcomes Raul Sunico as the opening of the 2026-27 Cathedral Concert Series. This series provides world-class performers in a full-length concert format multiple times each season and mini concerts about five times a season featuring local artists who are connected to the Cathedral Music Ministry, all at no charge.

Raul Sunico, international pianist, arranger, educator, administrator, and recording artist is the only pianist to perform all four Rachmaninoff concertos in a single evening on two separate occasions, and three Tchaikovsky piano concertos in a single setting.

Experience the beauty of Holy Name Cathedral illuminated in a candlelight concert with pianist Raul Sunico on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 7:00pm.

Registration is required; sponsorships and free-will donations are welcome. Sponsorship levels begin at \$250 and include reserved seating, among other benefits. Scan the QR code at right for more information about the concert, to register or sponsorship details. Special thanks to the Cathedral Filipino Network for organizing this concert.



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Ministers of Care Available to Visit You with Communion

Our Ministers of Care have been trained to visit with, pray with, and bring communion to those in our parish who are sick and unable to attend mass; those who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. Email Ken Henriksen at khenriksen@holynamecathedral.org or call us at (312) 787-8040 and one of our Ministers of Care will be in touch.

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.



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 me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the Divine
 gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me
 and you, who are in all instances of my life with me, I, in this
 short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm
 once more that I never want to be separated from you, no
 matter how great the material desires might be. I want to be
 with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that
 end and submitting to God's
 Holy will, I ask from you... (Mention your Request)
 Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my
heart to succor me into my necessity. (Make request)
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Prelude

Grave from Voluntary in C Major

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Entrance Hymn

All Who Hunger

#951

Penitential Rite

Spoken

Gloria

Carillon Mass

Richard Proulx

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

*The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

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Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Offertory Hymn

The Thirsty Cry for Water, Lord

#795

Holy, Holy

Mass for the People of God

#290

Memorial Acclamation

Mass for the People of God

#291

Amen

Mass for the People of God

#294

Lamb of God

Mass for the People of God

#295

Communion Antiphon

**You gave us bread from Heaven, O Lord,
having in it all that is sweet.**

Communion Hymn

Bread of Life from Heaven

#948

Recessional Hymn

Father, We Thank You, Who Have Planted

#631

Postlude

Moderato from Voluntary in C Major

William Boyce

Cathedral 150th Anniversary Prayer

God of abundant goodness,
compassion and mercy,
we give you thanks for the 150 years
of Holy Name Cathedral.

May this church be seen as a
welcoming Faith Community
open to all people, a place of praise,
petition, and thanksgiving,
a place of comfort,
healing, and inspiration
for the young and old
to live the Gospel
and together love this world back into life.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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