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August 23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven."



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,

How quickly August is coming to a close! I hope you had an opportunity this summer to relax, “stay cool,” and create wonderful memories with family and friends. Yet, some people did not have the chance to travel or to spend much time with friends or for relaxation. Many individuals live without hope and joy in

their lives.

The Lord Jesus is our rock, strength, peace, and joy in our journey. It is important to root our lives in faith — and the Lord will always hold our hand. At the same time, never lose sight of your dreams. Keep reading...

Dream Dreams

Dreams come and go in our lives.

Far more die than come to reality.

What is it in us that allows us to let go of visions

That could create new and beautiful worlds?

Why do we so easily give in to barriers?

Why do we let ourselves conform & be satisfied with what is?

Reaching out to a dream can be risky.

It can involve hardships that our imaginations never knew.

Our comfort can easily be disturbed.

But what beauty can be experienced as we accept

The challenge of a dream!

What a precious feeling to be supported,

To have others say you can do it.

We can do it together.

Nothing is beyond our reach,

If we reach out together,

If we reach out with all the confidence we have,

If we are willing to persevere even in difficult times,

And if we rejoice in every small step forward.

If we dream beautiful dreams that will transform our lives,
our world.

Nothing is impossible

If we put aside our careful ways.

If we build our dreams with faith

Faith in ourselves

Faith in our brothers and sisters,

And above all,

Faith in our Lord God

With whom all things are possible.

— Author Unknown

As the Family of God, we need to love, support, challenge, and forgive one another. As the Body of Christ, nothing is impossible with the help of God. We need to trust in the Lord — and marvelous things can happen! May we dream big dreams, pray and work together, and trust our lives into the hands of the Lord.

At the same time, children are a marvelous gift, and they do grow much too quickly! Children do say the darnedest things, and as we begin a new school year, enjoy these “Pearls of Wisdom” from some rather “insightful” young ones and pass them on...

Smart Kids

How do you decide who to marry?

Alan, age 10 - You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

Kristen, age 10 - No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it always before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

Is it better to be single or married?

Anita, age 9 - Girls should be single, but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

How would you make a marriage work?

Ricky, age 10 - Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck.

We need to keep life in perspective, learn to trust in God, and laugh more often. At times, we become our worst enemy. Life is a mystery to be lived and not a problem to be solved. Live each day in and with God — and always for others...

Walking with you,
Fr. Greg

A Request & Note of Thanks from Fr. Greg

I am grateful for the support our faith community has shown for the Cornerstone Campaign. We have now reached 92% of our goal, and I thank all who have made a commitment. With one month left, this is a critical time for our campaign. If you have not yet participated, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge. Nothing would bring me greater joy than to see every member of our faith community take part. While each gift may differ, every commitment is a sign of faith, gratitude, and love for our Cathedral. I have made a sacrificial gift because I truly believe in this vision, and I hope you will be moved to prayerfully consider your own commitment. Together, we can ensure a strong future for generations to come.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, August 23

Mass Honoring the Oblate Sisters 8:30 AM
Reception for the Oblate Sisters (Courtyard) 9:30 AM
15-minute Docent tour 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Monday, August 24

Knitting and Crocheting Group 1:30 PM
Finance Council 6:00 PM
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 25

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

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

Saturday, August 29

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral 8:00 PM

Sunday, August 30

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

Wedding Banns



- I Daniel Storts & Elizabeth Wojtowicz
Sean Powers & Ionela Cojocar
Daniel Zires & Kristen Duran
John Mulach & Michaela Ciulla
- II Nicolas Gomez & Daniela Maldondo
Andrew Roote & Carolina Whitaker
Michael Nguyen & Jessica Platko
Eric Wojciechowski & Melanie McCutcheon
- III Lukas Mickevicius & Marzena Sypos
Jose Villanueva & Nelissa Carrillo
Grant Snow & Emily Birakdar

On the Cover

This Sunday, we honor the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest, shown here processing in for a 2024 Mass commemorating the 100th anniversary of their order. This year, the Oblate Sisters have served at Holy Name Cathedral for 25 years and we mark that milestone at our 8:30am Mass and Reception that follows. Please see page 7 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Colored dots represent
the priest's vestment color

● Monday, August 24 (Saint Bartholomew, Apostle)

7 AM + Richard & Arlene Small
8 AM + John S. Livaditis
12 PM + Harold Dobbie

○ Tuesday, August 25 (Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest)

7 AM + Maria Luisa Dudek De Miro Quesada
8 AM + Pat & Jean McMahon
12 PM + Michael Bolin

● Wednesday, August 26 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

7AM + Amparo Valero
8AM + Cecelia Hayda
12 PM + John Jakala Sr., + Patricia Heavens
+ Richard & Arlene Small, + Maria Purita Abanes
+ Marcia Browning, + Joseph P. Mercieri
+ Poor Souls In Purgatory, Whitney Axelson
Evangeline Fran-Abanes, Anita Gaanan
5:15PM + Maria Teresa & Jose Mijares, & Yahya Shafai

○ Thursday, August 27 (Saint Monica)

7AM Nicholas & Cassady Radoszewski
8AM + Anna Henriksen
12 PM + Edward Rychlec

○ Friday, August 28 (Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

7 AM + Dr. Cyriac Pullapilly
8 AM + Charles Wiegand, + Richard & Arlene Small
+ Alex Kenstowicz, + Carmen Silva Laffey
+ Benedicta Bayang, + Silvina Chang
+ Souls In Purgatory, Sr. Ann Marguerite, LSP
Araceli Cooper, Sebastian Gutierrez
12 PM + Ruby Amoroso Serritella & James Serritella

● Saturday, August 29 (The Passion of Saint John the Baptist)

8 AM + Jon Mark Stanford

Cathedral Parking Garage Validation System returns Aug. 31

For those utilizing our parking garage at 14. W. Superior St., please note that our validation system will go back online on Monday, Aug. 31. To use the lot during Masses or Cathedral events, you will need to pull a paper ticket and validate your ticket inside the Cathedral.



Campaign goal:
\$12 Million

Raised:
\$11,054,262
(92%)

Left to be raised:
\$945,738

Capital Campaign
Update: Aug. 23



Thank you, Cornerstone Campaign Volunteers

To every volunteer who gave time, prayer and dedication to the Cornerstone Campaign, THANK YOU! Because of your dedication, we are reinforcing our Cathedral, envisioning new ministries and supporting the wider Church through Generation to Generation. May God bless you for answering the call.

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 or on the tables as you exit the Cathedral. 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.



Gift Cards Needed for Families in Need

Cabrini Ministries is collecting Aldi gift cards and CTA bus passes (Ventra) to assist migrant families with children who are experiencing food insecurity and need help with transportation. Please bring cards to "Holy Name Cathedral Rectory Office, Attention: Sister Katie Mitchell."

Thank you for your generosity and compassion. Your kindness is making a meaningful difference in the lives of families as they work to build a new life with hope and dignity. May God bless you for your generosity!

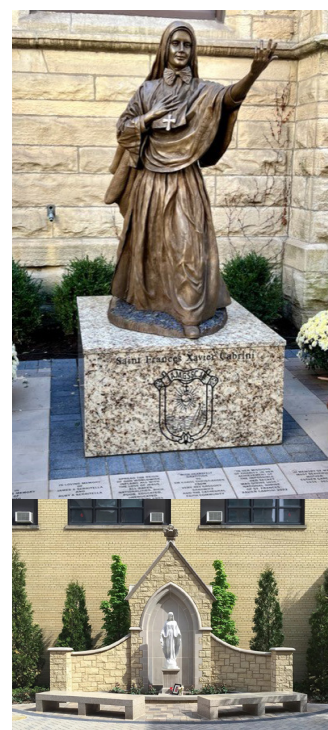
Honor A Loved One with a Mother Cabrini or a Courtyard Paver

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.



Catholic Illuminations

Your Help is Needed! Become a Minister of Holy Communion

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Occasionally after Mass, someone will come up to me and say, “Father, I wasn’t able to receive the precious blood at Mass.” This can happen because the cup ran out, the Precious Blood was not offered at that Mass, or the person sat in a section of the Cathedral where the communion procession does not offer it. The simple answer is that we need more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.



The Cathedral and the Catholic Church overall have seen an increase in Mass attendance in the last 18 months. Catholics are returning to the Sacraments, and others are seeking to deepen their relationship with the Lord through the Sacraments the Church offers. With more people in the pews, we are also in need of more ministers to serve the Lord and others.

It should be noted that the Catholic Church teaches the Doctrine of Concomitance, which holds that, since Christ is indivisible, he cannot be divided. Because of that, the substance of the Eucharist cannot be divided either. In other words, when a communicant receives the consecrated host, they receive Christ in his fullness. Likewise, when one receives from the cup, they receive Christ in his fullness as well. One does not receive “more” grace or “more” of Jesus if they take Holy Communion under both species. The same is true if one only receives Holy Communion under one species, whether it be only the sacred host or only the Precious Blood. But the main reality is that we need more ministers to share

Christ’s body and blood with the congregation at Mass. We will offer two training sessions in the coming weeks, and you are invited to attend. Only one training session is required, with an additional shadowing opportunity during Mass before you begin serving on the regular schedule. Please take this step and join us in this ministry.

And you may be thinking, Father, this is all well and good, but this is for someone else, and I don’t have time to commit to serving every Sunday, and I don’t go to the same Mass time every week. Well, the good news is you essentially set your own schedule with how often you are scheduled and which Mass(es) you would like to serve at. So please consider serving with the schedule that works for you.

I am very proud of our liturgical ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Docents, Musicians, and Sacristans. They work so hard to ensure we worship the Lord in sincerity and truth every time we gather as God’s family. But if you are waiting for someone to ask you to be involved, if you think you can’t do this, or if you think someone else will do it for you, I ask that you reconsider and accept my invitation to join our ministry today.

If you have any questions or are ready to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please email me at amatijevic@holynamcathedral.org. The requirements are simple: a fully initiated Catholic in good standing and a registered parishioner. Please take up this invitation to serve, respond, and attend one of the training sessions. May the Lord instill the desire to serve in the hearts of our parishioners, so that as we share his Precious Body and Blood, more and more may see what they believe in and become what they receive.

New Audio Assistance at Holy Name Cathedral

We are pleased to introduce our new Audio Listening System, ListenWIFI, that you can use with your smartphone. Here’s how to connect to the wireless Assisted Listening System with your Smart Phone. We have an updated QR code for you to use.

Step 1:

On your smartphone (iPhone or Android), open your camera app and scan this QR code at right to connect to the church Wi-Fi network:



Step 2

Scan the QR Code at right to download the free Listen Wi-Fi App — if you already have the app, there is no need to download it again — skip to step 3:



Step 3

Open the app on your phone and hit the play button when it appears! (once the app is downloaded, you need only turn it on and hit the play button on your screen)



Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

Six-week Support Group Starts Wed., Sept. 23

You do not have to walk the journey of grief alone. Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry invites those grieving the loss of a loved one to join our six-week support group, held Wednesdays from Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, 6:30–8:00pm 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. There is no cost to participate. Each participant will receive a journal to accompany them throughout this journey. Scan the QR code at left to register.



Registration is Open for Children's Faith Formation!

This year, Holy Name Cathedral is thrilled to introduce our Preschool Faith Formation Program for 4-year-olds! 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. 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 10:30am Mass together.

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. We need catechists, who will share their faith and accompany children as they discover God's love. Also we need teen classroom aides. High school students can earn service hours while helping younger children grow in their faith.



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.

Lift Your Voice! Join our Cathedral Music Ministry

Auditions on Sept 20 or Sept. 22

We are looking for new members to lift their voices in song to join our Cathedral Music Ministry! The new season will begin on Sept. 27, and we want you to be a part of our worship.



There are several different choral options: The Cathedral Singers, who participate in 10:30 a.m. Masses; the Women's Schola and the Cathedral Filipino Singers, who participate in various 5:15 p.m. Masses on Saturday; the Young Adult Music Ministry, who participate in the 5:15 p.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

We are holding two open meetings: one on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. and one on Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Choose which date works for you and drop by the Music Office (small brick building in the Courtyard) to meet the Music staff, sing a little and be advised which ensemble will work best for your time and talents. Any questions? Please contact Liz Vasiljevic, Associate Director of Music, at music@holynamecathedral.org.

Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

**Monday, Aug. 31, 7:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview**

All are invited as the Catholic and Greek Orthodox communities of the Chicago area join together for an ecumenical service to give thanks for God's gift of creation and to recognize the conservation efforts of His disciples.

The 12th annual event will take place on Monday, Aug. 31 at 7:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church in Glenview (1401 Wagner Road).

The Vespers will be followed by a reception and a lecture by James F. Puglisi, SA on "Creation and Ecumenism: Toward a Shared Christian Witness in an Ecological Age."

A Little Humor from the Rector



“I didn’t realize how bad my driving was until my GPS said: ‘In 400 feet, take a right, stop, and let me out!’”

In Your 20s or 30s? Join our Young Adults Ministry

For young adults in their 20s and 30s - whether you have been with us for years or are joining for the first time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 30** — Young Adult Meet-Up after the 5:15pm Mass
- Sept. 1** — Rosary Making, 6:00-8:00pm, Room 201
- Sept 13** — “From Chapel to Cubicle: Carrying faith to the real world” after the 5:15pm Mass
- Sept 15** — Men's & Women's Bible Study, 6:45pm
- Sept 16** — Adoration, 6:00-7:00pm

SERVE WITH US

- ✠ **Catholic Charities Dinner Ministry** — Thursdays and Fridays (721 N. LaSalle). Arrive 3:30 pm; dinner served at 5:00 pm.
- ✠ **Young Adult Choir** — Sing at the First Sunday 5:15 pm Mass; rehearsal at 4:30 pm. All voices welcome.



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Honoring 25 Years of Devotion of Our Oblate Sisters

Sunday, Aug. 23 at 8:30am Mass Followed by Reception in the Courtyard

You are warmly invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest at Holy Name Cathedral. Join us for the Eucharistic celebration in gratitude for the Lord's blessings to the Oblate community at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, Aug. 23, during which the Sisters will be recognized and receive a special blessing. Following Mass, join us for a reception in the Courtyard. Take this opportunity to meet and greet with the Sisters, offer your congratulations, and learn more about their religious community and mission.

Save the Date

Opening of Our Cathedral Concert Series

Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00pm

Experience an unforgettable evening of music at the opening presentation of our 2026-27 Cathedral Concert Series on Tuesday, Sept. 22! We are thrilled to welcome Jan Bokszczanin, an acclaimed organist, professor and festival artistic director. He will perform a program including J.S. Bach, Palesco, Surzyński and Sawa.

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. Whether you are a regular at Mass or visiting the Cathedral, this inspiring concert promises to delight all who attend. No advance registration is required. Admission is free for all; free will donations are welcome.

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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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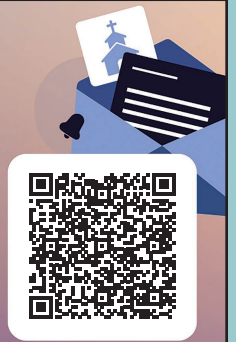
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 gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me
 and you, who are in all instances of my life with me, I, in this
 short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm
 once more that I never want to be separated from you, no
 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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mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, queen of Heaven
and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my
heart to succor me into my necessity. (Make request)
There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary,
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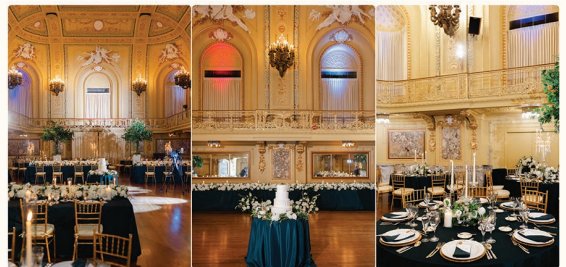
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Order of Worship

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Prelude

Vitrail from Esquisses Byzantines

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Entrance Hymn

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#736

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

First Reading

#1169

Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-2a, 2bc and 3, 6 and 8bc

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.



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Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Offertory Hymn

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#713

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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 bring forth bread from the land,
and wine to gladden our hearts.

Communion Hymn

We Remember

#938

Recessional Hymn

Sing a New Song

#600

Postlude

Tu Es Petra et Portae Inferi Non Praevalebunt Adversus Te from Esquisses Byzantines
Henri Mulet

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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This Sunday, we have two opportunities for tours of Holy Name. **Every Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**, Docents will give quick 15-minute tours.

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