



PARISH NOTES

St. Edmund's Episcopal Church

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Church Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 9am-1pm – **Priest Office Hours:** By Appointment

April 3, 2022

YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, and all those you love or care for are welcome, most welcome, to worship God here at St. Edmund's Church. We offer a spoken Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 am, and a Service of Holy Communion with music and choir at 10:30 am. We will continue to make it possible for our 10:30 am Service to be seen via St. Edmund's ZOOM link on your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Once you reach the opening Zoom page, please select JOIN A MEETING (found in the top right-hand corner).
The Meeting ID is 515 723 8420.
The Password is 6105.

If you are connecting with us with your telephone, please dial (312) 626-6799.
The Meeting ID is 515 723 8420
The Password is 6105

You are also welcome to attend the Service by clicking here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5157238420?pwd=N2ZGNjNnZl1CdmJCMkJOm1djSnJKZz09>

VISITORS - - - THANK YOU FOR COMING

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH is always interested in WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!!! Please speak with Father Pruitt, or one of our Churchwardens, or a Member of our Vestry if you are considering becoming a Member of our Parish Family. We look forward to the opportunity to journey in Christ with you. You are welcome, most welcome, to join an existing ministry, to start a new one, or to rest in the Spirit, knowing that whatever your choice, you are home.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Roses that graced the Altar on Rose Sunday were given to the honor and glory of God by Jacqueline Spillman in loving memory of her husband, the late Bernard Spillman. May God's perpetual light shine upon him.

UPDATE TO DR. ROXANNE WHITT'S COVID PRESENTATION

This is the most current press release from the FDA regarding an additional booster.
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-second-booster-dose-two-covid-19-vaccines-older-and>

CHANGE IN EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

From Father Pruitt: "The Eucharistic Prayers with which we have worshipped in recent weeks are taken from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, and have been employed many, many times since then. Sometimes, in making use of one form for so long, the words lose the full impact of their meaning. Mindful of this, we are beginning today to worship with a Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer, fully authorized by The Episcopal Church for Holy Communion that contains the elements necessary for the consecration of the bread and wine, and invites us to consider anew the glory of God's love in the Sacrament.

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS

MEMBERS OF ST. EDMUND'S who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or within the facility that you live, are respectfully requested to have received their COVID vaccination and booster shots. The latest variant of the virus can be transmitted before one experiences symptoms, and so an unvaccinated person can unknowingly transmit the disease before feeling ill. If our priest were to visit the unvaccinated, and contract the virus, he could unknowingly transmit it to others. Father Alonzo has been vaccinated and received the booster shot and will wear a facemask when he brings the Sacrament, as he anticipates that those receiving Communion will. There will soon be a meeting of our Lay Eucharistic Ministers to determine if any in that group will also be able to participate in Home Communions. If you would like a Holy Communion Visit, please contact Father Alonzo or our Sister in Christ and Parish Administrative Assistant, Charmian Moore, so that your name can be added to the developing list. Thank you.

2022 OPERATING BUDGET

OUR TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2022 is \$445,598. We have a goal of \$203,500 in Pledge and Designated Funds, such as Building Maintenance, Utilities, etc. Our budget is based on our receiving \$16,958.00 each month. Pledge totals received for **March 20** and **March 27, 2022**, were \$5,974.58, total designated funds received were \$50.00. The cumulative total for this month is \$15,103.02. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your continued financial and prayerful support of St. Edmund's!

FELLOWSHIP (COFFEE) HOUR HOSTING

As we move toward the eventual end of our pandemic protocols, we are giving thought to resuming a Fellowship Hour, often referred to as Coffee Hour, after our 10:30 am Mass. We would be grateful if our Guilds and Organizations would agree to host Fellowship Hours after church, starting in May 2022, with groups welcome to select the months of May, June, September, October, November, and December 2022.

EACH GUILD OR ORGANIZATION WILL DECIDE WHETHER THEIR OFFERING IS COFFEE, PUNCH AND COOKIES OR SOMETHING MORE ELABORATE. BOTH ARE RIGHT AND WELCOME. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO BRING A CERAMIC OR OTHER CUP FROM HOME, TO LEAVE AT CHURCH OR TAKE HOME WITH YOU, SO THAT WE DO NOT USE ENVIRONMENT POLLUTING STYROFOAM CUPS OR SPEND MONEY ON PAPER CUPS. WE WILL MAKE USE OF INDIVIDUAL CUP COFFEE MAKERS SO AS TO NOT BE WASTEFUL.

WEEKDAY HOLY COMMUNION

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH will again offer a weekday Service of Holy Communion this Friday, March 25, 2022. at 12 noon. March 25th is the day that the Church celebrates the Angel Gabriel sharing with St. Mary that she would be the Mother of Christ, and is a Major Feast known as The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to The Blessed Virgin Mary.

LENT IS HERE AND.....

St. Edmund's will offer a **Zoom Bible Study and Christian Education and Formation class on Tuesdays from 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm** (the Vestry meets the fourth Tuesday). While this ministry began in Lent, it will continue them through the week before Holy Week, and then resume them after the Second Sunday of Easter. The Church's Zoom coordinates will empower all interested persons to participate.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. EDMUND'S are most welcome and invited to attend our Holy Week Services. We will share in **the Blessing of the Palms and the Passion of Christ on Sunday, April 10, 2022**, at both 8:00 am and 10:30 am. The 10:30 am Mass will be live streamed over Zoom.

WE WILL ALSO LIVE STREAM OVER ZOOM our **6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service on April 14, 2022**, and our **Good Friday Service at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 15, 2022**. We will of course live stream over Zoom our **10:30 am celebration of The Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day, Sunday, April 17, 2022**. We will offer an 8:00 am Mass on Easter but it will not be live streamed.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU, OR BE SEEN BY YOU, HOLY WEEK!

ST. EDMUND'S PRAYER LIST

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. EDMUND'S are welcome and invited to call or email the Church Office with the names of those you would like remembered in the prayers of our parish. We also appreciate your sharing with us any news you may have regarding the illness or hospitalization of one of our Members. Thank you for the opportunity to remember those who are important to you to the God who loves us all.

ST. EDMUND'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for Aiden Barnes, Essie Blaylock, Christine Browne, Nicholas Carl, Patricia Castro, Bishop Elect Paula Clark, Margaret Davis, Norman Futrell, Glenda Gwynn, Elizabeth Haig, Douglas Hargray, Lawrence Head, Gloria & Malcolm Hemphill, Mamie Kimbrough, Dorothy Knox, Berrenda Lewis, Loretta Mann, Clarita Holmes-Martin, Jean Martin, Lynda Middleton, Sandra Miranda, Johnnie Newton, Dorothy Nisbeth, Garth Ogilvie, Roslyn Pitts, Marlene & Stuart Rankin, Melvin Ryan, Juanita Scott, Clara Thorne, Elmer Tolmaire, Kevin Williams, and Yvonne Young.

PARISH PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Priest, Churchwardens, and Vestry of St. Edmund's have empowered our Sister in Christ and Vestry Member Eve Earles to form a Parish Program Committee for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Church those realities that will better inform our lives and witnesses to Christ. In the past, and perhaps in the future, this has to do with reflections on "Where are we with COVID now?", or voter registration, education, or other topics that you may suggest whether a Member of the Committee or not. **The Program Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming presentation: On Sunday, April 24, Marcea Lewis will discuss health and nutrition immediately following both services.** More information to follow. If you are interested in being part of the newly formed Program Committee, please contact Eve Earles: eve.earles1@gmail.com. Please know how grateful our leadership is that Eve and others help chart a future for the love of God and work of Christ that is St. Edmund's.

THANK YOU

Father Pruitt, the Churchwardens and Vestry, and Parish Program Committee Chair Eve Earles all wish to thank our dear Sister in Christ, Dr. Roxanne Smith Whitt for her excellent Public Health Address last Sunday.

THANK YOU

Clara Thorne wishes to thank Father Pruitt for his home Communion visits, the members of St. Edmund's Church and St. Monica's Guilds, in addition to the Sassy Sisters, for their cards, phone calls, and well wishes received in celebration of her 94th Birthday. "Thank you for remembering me".


OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ALL MEMBERS OF ST. EDMUND'S are respectfully requested to please bring one or two canned goods of food to church on the Third Sunday of each month. We will deliver the food to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (or some other agency that serves those in need, perhaps one suggested by you.)

ST. LEONARD'S MINISTRIES is an agency of our Episcopal Charities of Chicago that provides food, housing, educational opportunities, and various job training experiences for men and women who have been released from incarceration. All Members of St. Edmund's Church are respectfully requested to please prayerfully consider bringing a bar of soap, a container of lotion, shampoo, or conditioner, or a tube of toothpaste or lip balm, to church with you on the Third Sunday of the month so as to assist and care for those who are seeking to rebuild their lives. Thank you.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME AND INVITED to contact our Church Office, or our Brother in Christ and Social Service Guild Chair, Mark Lewis, if you would like to deliver food to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, and or, to volunteer approximately two hours a month at the Food Depository to assist in the ministry of feeding those in need. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS: James Green, Berrenda Lewis, Jewel Kelley, and Jessica Sims

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED TO:	
	Joan Collins 4/1 Viola McKenzie 4/7 Wendell Gates 4/7 Olayimika Adeboje 4/8 Debbie Wright 4/17 Celeste Scott 4/18
	Shirley Alonzo 4/20 Paul Holmes 4/21 Ana Lewis 4/26 Diayimika Adeboje 4/27 Margretta Marchbanks 4/28 Violet Tift 4/29

The Calendar

Sunday	April 3, 2022	St. Monica's Guild Meeting	9:00 am
		St. Veronica's Guild Meeting	12:15 pm
Sunday	April 10, 2022	St. Agatha's Guild Meeting	9:15 am
Tuesdays	April 5, 12, 26, 2022	Zoom Bible Study and Christian Education and Formation class	7:30 pm to 8:15 pm
Sunday	April 10, 2022	Blessing of the Palms and the Passion of Christ	8:00 am & 10:30 am.
Thursday	April 14, 2022	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 pm
Friday	April 15, 2022	Good Friday Service	6:00 pm
Friday	April 15, 2022	Church Office Closed	All Day
Sunday	April 17, 2022	Easter Sunday Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
Monday	April 18, 2022	Church Office Closed	All Day
Sunday	April 24, 2022	Marcea Lewis - Health and Nutrition Social Service Guild Meeting	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:45 am

VESTRY AND WARDENS OF ST. EDMUND'S

The Chairman of the Vestry, Canon Alonzo

The Wardens – Elected Annually

Fred Reid, Senior Warden and Andrea Flynn, Junior Warden

The Clerk of The Vestry, Charlotte Mays (Non-Vestry)

The Church Treasurer, Lisa Finch (Non-Vestry)

The Parish Administrative Assistant, Charmian Moore

Term End January 2023

Joan Collins
Paul Holmes
Jessica Sims
Tina Finch

Term End January 2024 Term End January 2025

Eve Earles
Mark Lewis
Charmian Moore
Cheryl Harris

Valerie Bramwell
Charisse Linder
Kevin Harper
Miriam Walton

THIS WEEK'S MINISTERS

The Priest:

Canon Alonzo Pruitt

The Director of Music and Organist:

Richard Evans

St. Dunstan's Choir

Violin Accompanist

Rachel Becker

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00

Cheryl Harris

10:30

Melissa Smith

The Lector:

8:00

Patricia Harper

10:30

Martha Bell

The Acolytes:

10:30

James Gates

Melissa Smith

CHURCH MINISTRIES

Parish Guilds/Organizations Presidents or Directors

Acolytes: Charmian Moore **St. Agatha's Guild:** Cheryl Harris **St. Dunstan's Choir:** Doris Howell

St Edmund's Guild: Hermine Ware **Episcopal Churchwomen:** Patricia Harper

St. Monica's Guild: Eve Earles **Social Service Guild:** Mark Lewis

Sunday School: Dawn Prather-Hawk **Parish Ushers** Joan Collins **St. Veronica's Guild:** Robin Reeves

Web Master: Clarence Simmons II **Sexton:** James Franklin

DO YOU HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE? We will be issuing our electronic Sunday bulletin on Wednesdays so that members who don't have email addresses can receive the bulletin by mail and participate during Morning Prayer. To ensure that the bulletin is complete, we are asking that all pertinent information for the parish notes be submitted to the office by way of email no later than Tuesday of each week. Please email your news to Charmian Moore, Parish Administrative Assistant. Charmian's email address is admin@stedmundschicago.org.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH ST. EDMUND'S. Please visit our website, www.stedmundschicago.org. Like our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SaintEdmundsChicago> and Instagram, (st. edmunds.chicago).