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**WEEKEND and SUNDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY
4:30PM (English)

SUNDAY
7:30AM (Polish)
9:00AM and 12:00 Noon (English)
10:30AM (Spanish)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday 8:30AM—11:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
8:00AM (English)
Monday-Friday
Thursday 11:30AM (Polish)
First Friday 6:00PM (Polish)
Saturday 8:00AM (English)

CONFESSIONS
Confessions After Saturday
Morning Mass
8:30am - 9:00am

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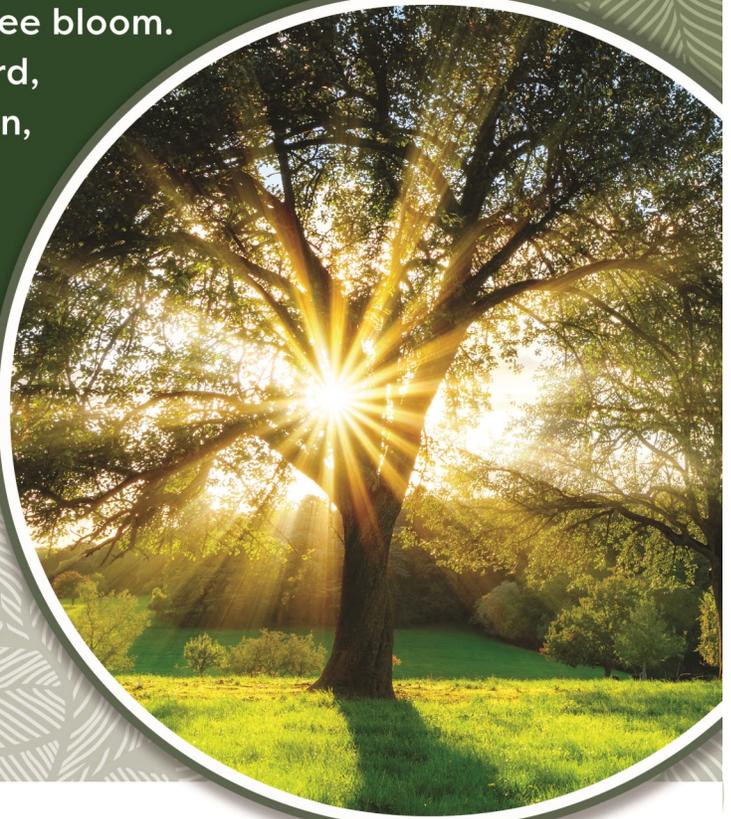
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Parroquia de San Ricardo

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.

Ezekiel 17:24



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given.

How will you respond?



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DECREE IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

Changing demographics have affected the size and wealth of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the vitality of her parishes. This is particularly true in the City of Chicago itself, where the total population fell by nearly 21% since 1970, from 3,366,957 to an estimated 2,693,976 in 2020. During the last decade, the total population of the Archdiocese of Chicago (Cook and Lake Counties in Illinois) declined by less than 2%, from 5,903,190 in 2010 to an estimated 5,821,933 in 2020. Over the same ten-year period the Catholic population of the Archdiocese of Chicago declined by nearly 7% (159,000), from 2,338,000 to 2,179,000.

A good number of our parishes were founded in the first half of the 20th Century or earlier. Many were established for national, linguistic, or ethnic groups that no longer reside in the archdiocese or in the neighborhoods where they once flourished. Today, many of our parishes are unable to support themselves. Consequently, from Fiscal Year 2012 through Fiscal Year 2020, the Archdiocese of Chicago provided \$177,109,682.00 in support to parishes and Catholic schools: \$46,332,584.00 to 106 parishes and \$130,777,098.00 to 83 Catholic schools. This includes \$14,777,155.00 during Fiscal Year 2020 alone: \$3,711,999.00 to parishes and \$11,064,156.00 to Catholic schools, mostly parochial schools. Due completely to the generosity of the faithful people of the archdiocese and other gracious donors, these subsidies cannot continue at this high level. Our mission is to convert our parishes, helping them to become more vital, that is, active centers of Christian discipleship, evangelical mission, scholarship, and charitable outreach. For this mission, the parishes need a growing and stable membership and the financial means to support themselves.

Six years ago, inspired by the experience of St. Francis of Assisi before the cross of the ruined church of San Damiano and the Holy Father's dream of "a missionary option ... capable of transforming everything" (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 27, November 24, 2013), and with wide and continuing consultation among the clergy and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago, particularly in the Presbyteral Council, we embarked on the inauguration of Renew My Church {RMC}. This is our multi-year process aimed at converting our parishes for mission. It is my intention that every parish join with some of its neighbors (groupings) to plan the future. Careful planning will create a menu of possibilities. We are identifying parishes to be reconfigured through pastoral coordination with neighboring parishes, divisions, unions, and other structural and governance changes.

This decree concerns two adjacent parishes located within approximately three and one-half square miles of the Southside of the City of Chicago; St. Bruno Parish (established in 192 as a personal parish for faithful of Polish origins), 4751 South Harding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60632-3628; and St. Richard Parish (established 1928), 5030 South Kostner Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60632-4531. St. Bruno Parish is located within the territorial boundaries of St. Richard Parish. Today, both parishes are serving a trilingual population of Polish, English, and Spanish-speaking Catholics.

In Fiscal Year 2020 the pre-COVID-19 average Sunday Mass attendance at St. Bruno Parish was 619 (25% Polish, 29% English, and 46% Spanish). The same year, the average Sunday attendance at St. Richard Parish was 1,104 (19% Polish, 50% English, and 31% Spanish). Combined, the two parishes were serving 732 English-speaking faithful, 626 Spanish-speaking faithful, and 365 Polish-speaking faithful. With these figures, even the Polish personal parish of St. Bruno was serving a plurality of Spanish-speaking parishioners (284), and only a minority of Polish-speaking parishioners (155).

In Fiscal Year 2020, St. Bruno Parish had an operating deficit of \$115,192.00, \$33,421.00 in church debt, \$339,279.00 in school debt, and savings of \$70,596.001. That same year, St. Richard Parish had an operating deficit of \$97,195.00, no church debt, and savings of \$599,985.00.

During Fiscal Year 2019, liturgical life outside Sunday Mass at St. Bruno Parish included 20 funerals, seven marriages, and 25 Baptisms. In the same period there were 32 funerals, five marriages, and 24 Baptisms at St. Richard Parish. The 2019 combined totals for the two parishes were 52 funerals, 12 marriages, and 49 Baptisms, indicating an average number for a single parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a somewhat aging population.

Following consultations last year with lay and clergy members of the parishes, including input from parishioners at large, a report was submitted to the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, a group of lay and clergy representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago. Recently, the Renew My Church Executive Committee submitted its recommendations to the pastoral leadership of the archdiocese. Due to debt, continuing deficits, and a 74% decline over 20 years in Sunday Mass attendance at St. Bruno Parish, alongside a current deficit and 59% decline in Sunday Mass attendance over 20 years at St. Richard Parish, changing ethnic demographics in the neighborhood, and fewer priests, change is needed. Furthermore, the Church in this area no longer requires a personal parish in order to serve the Polish-speaking faithful. If the care of souls, evangelization, and discipleship are to be the focus of future mission, the consolidation and conservation of resources under the leadership of a single pastor and pastoral team is needed.

THEREFORE, know that I, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, according to the norms of canon 50, canon 121, canon 127 §§1 & 3, canon 166, and canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, have before me the proposal that the above-mentioned St. Bruno Parish and St. Richard Parish, both in the City of Chicago, be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form one new juridic person, a territorial parish within the territory of St. Richard Parish, with St. Richard Church designated the parish church. Know also, convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago via video conference over the internet on May 4, 2021. Then, after hearing the Presbyteral Council and receiving its May 4, 2021 vote of 30 for and one against the proposal, I accepted the Presbyteral Council's advice and now, invoking the Holy Spirit.

**I decree the following:**

1. Effective July 1, 2021, the above-mentioned St. Bruno Parish and St. Richard Parish shall be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form one new juridic person, a territorial parish within the territory of St. Richard Parish. The new parish is to be called, ad interim, Saints Bruno and Richard Parish;
2. The ministries of the two extinguished parishes will be subsumed into those of the new Saints Bruno and Richard Parish;
3. Each and all the parishioners of the two extinguished parishes, along with the faithful domiciled within the new parish boundaries, will be parishioners of the new Saints Bruno and Richard Parish;
4. The territory of the new Saints Bruno and Richard Parish will be as depicted and described on the map and in the document attached to this decree;
5. Subject to the intention of founders and donors, and with due regard for any acquired rights, the goods and patrimonial rights of the two extinguished parishes, together with any obligations with which they may be burdened, will be those of the new Saints Bruno and Richard Parish (canon 121);
6. The churches of the extinguished St. Bruno Parish and the extinguished St. Richard Parish will be churches of the new Saints Bruno and Richard Parish, retaining their own titles, and St. Richard Church shall be designated the parish church of the new parish;
7. The data submitted to the Presbyteral Council on this matter, together with the minutes of the Council meeting of May 4, 2021, are to be attached to this decree and will become available upon request to those eligible to receive them;
8. The sacramental records and other materials relevant to historical research pertaining to the two extinguished parishes will be collected and maintained at the St. Richard Church campus, unless otherwise determined by the expert staff of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Archives and Records Center of the Archdiocese of Chicago; and
9. Notification of this decree shall be given immediately through the official website of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The decree shall be conveyed to the pastors of St. Bruno Parish and St. Richard Parish. As soon as possible, the pastors shall inform their parishioners of the decree through the parish bulletin or other suitable means.

Before hierarchical recourse (appeal) may be taken against this decree, a written, dated, signed, and well-argued petition, asking to revoke or amend the decree, must be sent or delivered to me within ten (10) useful days from notification of the decree (CIC cc. 1734, 1735, 1737). The address is Office of the Archbishop of Chicago, Archbishop Quigley Center, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Given this 27th day of May, A.D. 2021.
From Holy Name Cathedral,
Chicago, Illinois


Archbishop of Chicago




Ecclesiastical Notary

Mass Intentions for Week Of June 14th - 20th

Saturday,	June 12th - Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00AM	- Parishioners of St. Richard
4:30PM	† Carl Martello (Betty Headtke) † Helen Trojnar - In Loving Memory (James Zdziarski)
Sunday,	June 13th
7:30AM	† Wacław i Cecylia Borys † Jozef Ciesla † Edward Olesky w 6 Rocznicę Śmierci † Stanisław i Rozalia Liszka
9:00AM	† Robert Janik † Walter Bafia
10:30AM	† Antonio Adame (CCW) † For the Souls in Purgatory (Rachel Fernandez) † Lorenza Torres - 7th Anniversary † Aurelo Ibarra
12:00PM	† Anita Bernal - In Loving Memory, 2nd Anniversary (Roa & Bernal Family)
Monday	June 14th - Flag Day
8:00AM	- God's Abundant Blessings for Mary Lynn & Deacon Larry Chyba on their 41st Anniversary
Tuesday,	June 15th
8:00AM	- Tranae - God's Blessings & Health
Wednesday,	June 16th
8:00AM	† Antoni Maciczak
Thursday,	June 17th
8:00AM	- Parishioners of St. Richard
11:30AM	Polish
Friday,	June 18th
8:00AM	† Stanley & Wanda Augustine (Frank & Lucy Totosz)

Saturday,	June 19th - St. Romuald
8:00AM	† Bronislaw Maka
4:30PM	- Jude Augustine - Birthday Blessings (Sherry & Bob Russo)
Sunday,	June 20th - Father's Day
7:30AM	† Wacław i Cecylia Borys † Jozef Ciesla † Stanisław Zalewski † Stniśława Tabor w 15 Rocz Śmierci † Czesław i Ciester i Mateusz Bobak
9:00AM	- Salvador Salgado Sr., Ma Angela Salgado, and Salvador Salgado Jr. (Family) - Raymond M. Farias & Santos Bustamante (Family) † Paweł Findura i Za Zmarłych z Rodziny Findura, Wadowski i Tarka
10:30AM	† Angel Aillon (Maria Calvache) † Antonio Adame (Mary Lou)
12:00PM	† Julian Ramirez (Beltran Family)

Mass Reservations

Mass reservations can be made online at this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/strichardchurch>

Please reserve by Friday in order to have the reservation included that weekend.

Reservations can also be made by calling the parish office at 773-585-1221. Please be prepared to give your name, address and a contact phone number.

Father's Day Novena

We are now accepting names of fathers, both living and deceased, who will be remembered in our special Father's Day Prayer Novena.

Envelopes for this purpose can be found on the tables near the entrances of the church.
(Please print names!)

We ask that all names be turned in by **Tuesday, June 15th**, so that they can be put on the board for Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th.





YOUR DEACON DAYDREAMS



This week's gospel story from Mark is the parable of the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds when planted becomes the largest of all trees. It's a gospel about the Kingdom of God where something that first is so small but how it can evolve and become something so big. Take for instance how one simple random act of kindness could help someone who is hurting feel better not only physically but mentally and spiritually. A story on the internet went viral when a struggling pregnant waitress in her 8th month, gets a \$100 tip on an \$8 dollar bill from a police officer in Utah. This is a prime example of the parable of the mustard seed. Parables are short stories and they're used by Jesus whenever He wants to speak something that's close to His heart. And His teaching is not just the truth, His teaching is in the love. A closeness with God, a caring with God. And God loves us as we love Him, and cares for us as we care for Him. He watches over us as we pray and watch with Him. This is the great meaning of what it means to be a Catholic, a Christian and one who loves.

Jesus talked then and now in parables for a special reason. Because he does not trust people who just think with their head and have forgotten their heart and that you must live by your heart, and the feeling and the understanding that the heart deep down inside you whispers to you. Only then does the head becomes important. The head is full of explanations; the heart is full of love. The heart is not happy unless it's loved. In fact, it's awkwardly unhappy when it doesn't get love. And what is God?

God is love! Not that God is all about love or the Kingdom of Heaven is about love....No God is LOVE!

Just as one random act of kindness can generate a cascade of kindness and love and go viral in the process like the building up of Christianity. Equally an evil act of anger or violence can spearhead a downward spiral into oblivion. But the end result is not a beautiful tree where life grows and blooms into more and more, the evil act dies and shrivels its members. So my suggestion is this as in our 2nd reading: We walk by faith and not by sight. Spread those seeds of faith in those around you and those seeds will grow into the largest mustard tree.

Speaking of planting, have you noticed the gorgeous roses outside of our main entrance? Thanks to the "God Squad's" hard work and devotion, we can all enjoy the beauty. We can always use more volunteers too.

The regular school year is going to end soon for most everyone, so I have a suggestion when you are enjoying your lawn chair or beach blanket, cuddle up with a good book. I have been reading two excellent ones." Divine Mercy" by Drew Mariani on Relevant Radio and: "I Heard God Laugh" by Matt Kelly of Dynamiccatholic.com. Both books are giving me lots of food for thought. They are leading me to work even harder to be part of the Kingdom of Heaven.

If you were able to participate in last weekend's Corpus Christi procession held in conjunction with St. Bruno our sister parish, I have to tell you the banners on the altars were awe inspiring. They may have posted pictures on St. Bruno's webpage if you are interested. They were definitely prepared with love for God and for neighbor as well it should be. See you in church?

Deacon Larry
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly,
every Thursday. The schedule is as follows:

8:00am - Mass

8:30am - 11:30am
Adoration

11:30am - Polish Mass



Principal Napier's Corner



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES AND THANK YOU STAFF!!!

We can all agree that this has been a year like no other. That's especially true for the students and staff of St. Richard Catholic School who have worked extra hard during this pandemic year. **While the national trend reflects pandemic-related stagnation and decline in academics, we are proud of our students for meeting or exceeding national academic expectations by staying on track with their learning. THANK YOU** to our students, teachers and staff for their perseverance this year and **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our graduates.



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- Una comunidad acogedora, afectuosa para toda la familia





PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND.

God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Watch over (name) who is sick and grant him/her your

Joseph Adamek	Helen Kacprowski
Cindy Beltran	Diane Kotula
Shanen Beltran	Edith Kubas
Joan Cada	Shirl Kucik
Mickey Chavez	Anita LaFrancis
Angelita Cervantes	Marcy Leno
Hannah Carrol	Romeo Macugay
Katie Frederick	Tony Michalak
Josephine Gapultos	Rose Mrozek
Ronald Getches	Dorothy Pach
Fran Gorz	Cathy Pilny
Geri Griggs	Mario Reyes
Maria Guzman	Laverne Rinella
Jerry Jarosik	Ma Angela Salgado
Stella Jeziorny	Jerry Suski

Please contact the Parish Office to add or delete a name from this list. Also, contact us if you would like a priest/deacon or minister of care to visit you in the hospital or at your home.

Weekly Offering For the Weekend of 6/5-6/6

Sunday Regular Collection

Envelopes	\$	3, 158.00
Loose	\$	813.00
Total	\$	3, 971.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and when you are away for the weekend, we hope you will remember your offering to our Parish.

Gracias por su generosidad continua y cuando este lejos por un fin de semana, esperamos que recordara su ofrenda a nuestra parroquia.

Dziękujemy wam za nieustanną hojność zarówno, kiedy jesteście w Kościele oraz gdy jesteście poza parafią. Bóg zapłać.

Queen of Hearts

Queen of Hearts Raffle will be back in the Fall when school starts up again. Thank you for your support! More info will be posted online on St. Richard School's Facebook page.

This Week's Jackpot:
\$ 36, 995
Numbers Pulled:
1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 25, 27, 28, 46, 52, 53



TABERNACLE CANDLES



*Birthday Blessings for Jude Augustine
(Sherry & Bob Russo)*

*Loving Care and Memory of
Leonida Quevedo
(Angelita Cervantes & Family)*

*In Loving Memory of Mark Minonne
(Minonne Family)*

*In Loving Memory of Joseph Turrisse
(Wife)*

*Love and Miss You Frank
(Diana)*

*In Loving Memory of Bernice Vescovi
(George)*

*In Loving Memory of Frank Matusewick
(Rose)*

Infant Baptisms

All arrangements should be made at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Office. Baptisms take place normally on the 1st (English) 2nd (Polish) and 3rd (Spanish) Sundays of the month. In preparation of the child's baptism, parents must attend a mandatory Parent Preparation Session which both parents must attend. These preparation sessions are held once a month.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We ask that you please help us remain informed about parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home. Our Ministers of Care will gladly bring Communion to anyone who is sick or homebound at a time that is convenient for you. If you would like to receive Communion at home, please call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 8:30AM to 9:00AM or by appointment whenever desired. Contact the Parish Office.

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Richard's Parish. Moving into a new parish, like anything new, is always a little uncertain. If you have been seeking a parish community in which to learn, to pray, to join in social activity and to be of service to others, our doors and hearts are open. We are thankful that God has sent you to us, and we welcome you to our parish family of faith. To become a registered member of our parish family we ask that you please come to the Parish Office to register. Registration can also be taken over the phone if that would be more convenient. Please call the Parish Office at 773-585-1221.

Wedding Reminders

Weddings are celebrated at 1:00PM and 2:30PM on Saturday afternoons. No arrangements should be made before first meeting with the parish priest. An appointment may be made by calling the Parish Office at 773-585-1221. According to Archdiocesan policy, arrangements begin at least six months in advance.



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