

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries

Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Associate Pastor: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Zachary Smith, SVD

Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Deacon Michael Foggie

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm., Fr. Mark Weber, SVD, Weekend Assistants

Welcome to Our Lady of Africa Parish.

We are Blessed with your presence here today. We have been walking with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. All of us are missionary disciples walking with Jesus telling the story to him about what happened in Jerusalem. It is in the Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35. And, as they told the story, they were unable to recognize Jesus. When they invited Jesus to share a meal with them, they recognized him in "the breaking of the bread." Let us recognize Jesus in one another as we gather to celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Africa today and every Sunday. The Eucharist is the "summit and source of our lives as Christians." (Vatican II)

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Our Lady of Africa Parish,
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Sunday Mass: 9:00AM and 11:30AM

Facebook Livestream 11:30 AM Mass
and YouTube after 6:00 PM at:

Our Lady of Africa Chicago

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...
cardinal's plan for an hour of responsibility



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:00PM -- 3:30PM

Holy Days: 10:30 AM: TBD

French Community Mass: 6:00PM

First Sunday of Month

Fr. Joseph Mukuna, SCJ

Ghanaian Community Mass: 1:30PM

First and Second Sunday of Month

Fr. David Ahihornu

Igbo Community Mass: 2:30 PM

Third and Fourth Sunday of Month

Fr. Stan Chu Ilo

Weekly Bible Study:

**Wednesday at 11AM (See
Parish Events for Dates)**

Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish

Hall with

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm

Bible Study

Tuesday at 6-7 PM

Use Conference Call & Code

Food Pantry

Every Thursday at

4058 S. Michigan Ave, and every

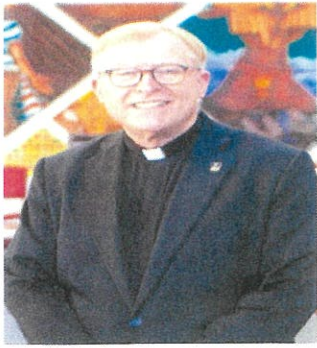
Fourth Saturday of month at

44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:

10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
Holy Catholic & Apostolic
Roman Church



Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that the month of August has passed so quickly. All students have gone back to school and a new academic year has begun. It was so good to be together last Saturday at the Sunrise Service with Fr. Carl celebrating the Mass. It has been sponsored by the Black Deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago for 12 years to pray for the safety of all students in this new school year. Prayer always makes a difference and let us continue to remember all our students as they go through this school year, including Pre-school, Kindergarten, Elementary, High School, College, University, and Higher Studies. May they and All their Families be Blessed and Stay Safe this Academic Year!

Here is an important list of September Events:

Weekly School Masses in the Church on Wednesdays at 10:00 am-September 7, 14, 21, 28.

*Thursday, September 15, 2022-Health & Wellness Fair host a Fall Holistic Event by Community Senior Business Institute and Our Lady of Africa-10:00 am to 4:00 pm

*Saturday, September 17, 2022-Our Parish Medical Ministry has Health Prevention Series on Hypertension, Salt, and Sodium & Lifestyle Changes-10:00 am to Noon. Our Presenter is our own Parishioner: Donna Perisee McFarlane, M.D., Ph.D.

*Saturday, September 17, 2022-Taking place at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Wheeling, IL-11:00 am-Society of the Divine Word Profession of Perpetual Vows by Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Quang Ngoc Pham, SVD, Frater Jorge Zetino, SVD

*Sunday, September 18, 2022-11:30 am Catechetical Sunday Mass, Holy Angels School Family Mass.

*Sunday, September 18, 2022-Blessed Sacrament Society of Our Lady of Africa Parish hosts their Stay at Home Tea and Annual Raffle. Gets your tickets for the raffle now. Raffle to be held at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

*Wednesday, September 21, 2022-Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Saturday, September 24, 2022-Eucharistic Ministers Training and Re-Training for All Eucharistic Ministers. 8:30 am to Noon in the Church.

*Sunday, September 25, 2022-Second Collection for Seminarian Education Fund for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

*Sunday, October 2, 2022-The 11:30 am Mass will be moved back ½ hour to 11:00 am-The Deaconate Ordination of Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Quang Ngoc Pham, SVD, Frater Jorge Zetino, SVD. Bishop Robert Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be here to celebrate the Ordination Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday. I will be away this week spending some vacation time with my family. Blessings for a safe holiday for all.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be given by going to the following link:

<https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give>
or

Scan QR Codes
YouTube

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Online Giving



Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

Website for Our Lady of Africa



Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Arthur Brooks
Rosemary McGraw
Judy Michaelis



**Mass Intention & Repose
Souls**

+Tamara Hudson & +Arthemise Washington—
Requested by Taliva Tillmon

September 4 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their birthday during the Month of *September*.



Parish Up Coming Events

- 09/05 - Labor Day—Office will be closed
- 09/08 - Weekly Food Pantry 10:00AM-12:00 Noon
 - Happy Birthday, Fr. Carl Gales
- 09/15 - Health & Wellness Fair 10:00AM—4:00PM
- 09/17 - Health Prevention Series –10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
 - Perpetual Vows of Edwan “Manie” Manuel, SVD
- 09/21 –Bible Study 11:00AM –Parish Hall
- 09/24 –Eucharistic Minister Training 8:30AM—12:00 Noon

The Prayer of Our Lady of Africa

Our Lady of Africa,
mother of the human family,
Be mindful of your African children,
at home or dispersed on other continents.

You who are full of grace,
look upon all those who do not know Jesus, the Son
sent by the Father. May his light draw them and
make them receptive to the gift of Faith.

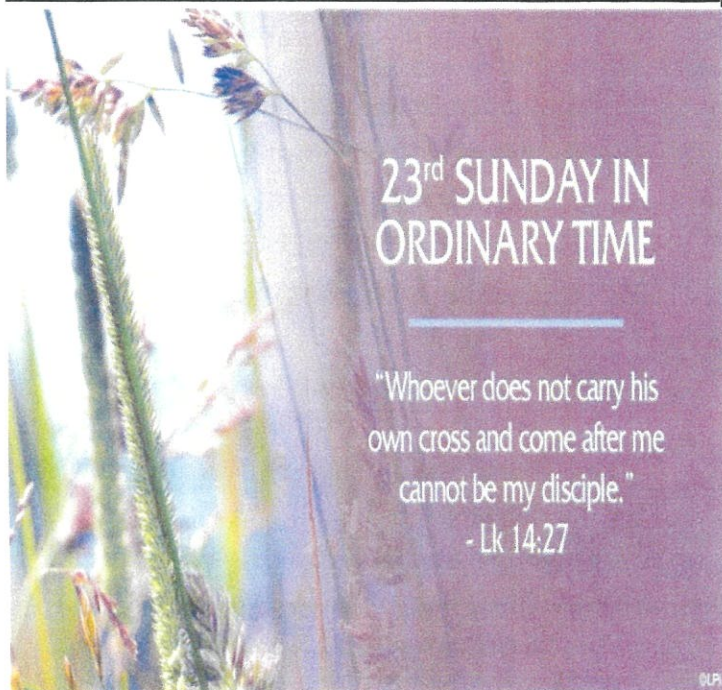
You, who are one with Christ
In suffering and in glory,
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,
That they may discover
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

You who turned to Jesus
When the wine of joy ran out
Be mindful of peoples in distress,
That justice and peace may prevail
In a united world where Charity reigns.

You who, in the midst of the Apostles,
Received the breath of the Spirit
Be mindful of the apostles of today.
May they announce the Word with assurance
And proclaim it by their lives.
May young people hear the call of Christ
And follow him with joy.

Our Lady of Africa, Queen of the universe,
Be mindful of humanity on the way.
May Christ your Son, gather all peoples
In the unity of his Spirit
To the glory of the Father
For ages to come.

Amen.



23rd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his
own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple."
- Lk 14:27

Sick & Shut-in



Ophelia Adams
Curtis Albright
Dorla Allen
Patrice Anderson
Jessie Andrews
James Barker
Donald Barner
Louise Bates
Myra Baugh
David Berry
Mary Berry
Helen Brooms
Christine Brown
Barbara McGee-Berry
Arthur Brooks
Patricia Brown
Roscoe Burns
Michael Burt
Dean Brazier
James Brazier
Calicott Family
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Catherine Crosby
Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Judith Easter
Deborah Edmundson
Elsie Freeman
Wanda Finney
Ola Mae Forde
Nazaree Fuller
Tyrone Fuller
Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden
Mable Gray
Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Anna Marie Hampton
Exie Haralson

Catherine Harper
Vircy Spight-Harris
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Justin Henderson
Jim Henkel
Barbara Edwards-Hill
Kelly Robin Hill
Velma Hill
Hugh Hodges
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Trudy (Thelma)
Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Annette Lee
Susan Larry
McKeever
Denise Lawson
Gloria Leonard
Lugenia Lewis
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Donna Perisee-
McFarlane
Rosemary McGraw
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Jeff Moore
Michael Moore
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman

Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter
Deborah Powell
Louise Ray
Clara Reisner
Tyna Rule
Phyllis Shackelford
Alfrances Sharpe
Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
Emma Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Alonzo Studstill
Janice Taylor
Alice Thompson
Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
Mrs. P. Wells
Doris Whitaker
Eryn Whitaker
Rita White
Yvonne Whitenier
Arlene G. Williams
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Naiya Williams
Michael Williams
Patricia Williams
Sheila Williams
Euphrasia Mutinda
Sunnette Varnado
Smith



Take a moment to remember our sick & shut-in
members by calling and keeping them in your
prayers.

**Please notify the office when a name need to
be added to or removed from the Prayer List.
Thank you.**

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time-C

Lk 14:25-33

Dear Friends,

These words of Jesus are very strong. In fact, they are the most extreme in expressing the demands of discipleship in all of the Gospels. Likewise, they probably are the most neglected.

It is clear from the rest of the Gospel that Jesus does not mean that we “hate” our loved ones. What he does mean is that we must place Jesus first. It is simply a question of priorities expressed in the style of the language in Jesus’ time. This leaves plenty of room for concern and compassion for our loved ones

Secondly, the carrying of the cross is a non-negotiable component of walking with Jesus, of being a disciple. It is clear and evident. Following Jesus has a steep price. We have to die to our selfishness. We have to cast off the world’s values of success and prosperity. We have to free ourselves from the clutches of a pervasive consumer mentality of bigger and better. Jesus’ forceful words leave no doubt about it, true discipleship is a costly affair.

The clarity and power of Jesus’ terms and the call to decision too often lead to either the neglect of true discipleship or its reduction as a commitment to a more convenient and comfortable Jesus. This distortion of a popular Jesus has been a challenge down through Christian history. The very elements of power riches, privilege and power that Jesus attacked in all his teachings, ministry and life too often are the operative values of his followers and Church. The Church has always been burdened by far more token disciples than true followers of Christ.

Today’s Gospel passage makes it quite evident. Jesus demands that we follow him on his terms. Jesus makes it obvious that everything else must make sense in light of this commitment. All other loves must find their true meaning and direction from the love of Jesus.

When we place this mandate of taking up the cross in isolation, it is both frightening and more than difficult. However, we encounter a much more enticing view when we place this call of true discipleship in the context of Jesus’ call to the Kingdom. Here we are invited to share the conquest of sin, injustice and eventual death of this life. We are invited to the Kingdom’s way of love and everlasting life. Jesus words, **“My yoke is easy and my burden light” (Mt 11:30)** make true sense.

Jesus asks us to calculate our decision on the basis of the final victory. That victory will not come from comfort and wealth, indulgence and prestige. All this will pass away. The ultimate victory is the conquest of the cross over all the evil of this world. The decisive victory is the cross as the instrument of the new life and everlasting love that comes in true discipleship to the risen Christ. There is no payment too high for this treasure that begins now when we walk with Jesus in the way of love. This love that flows from true discipleship begins with our loved ones but is always expanding to new horizons. It reaches out to the peripheries of the forgotten and neglected.



Save the Date
September 18, 2022



Our Lady of Africa Parish
Blessed Sacrament Society
Stay-At-Home Tea and Annual Raffle

"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

We invite you to enjoy a leisurely **Cup of Tea** on us in the comfort of your own home with your friends and family, or on your own in quiet solitude, while supporting Our Lady of Africa Parish.

Raffle tickets and donation letters will be available at the back of the Church and from Blessed Sacrament Society members in the near future.

The Raffle Drawing will be on Sunday, September 18, 2022 @ 1:30 in the Fathers George Clements / Paul B. Smith Hall. Winner need not be present.

RAFFLE TICKET DONATION:

\$5 per ticket / 6 tickets for \$25

PRIZES:

1 st Prize	\$200
2 nd , 3 rd Prizes	\$100 each
4 th , 5 th , 6 th Prizes	\$50 each
7 th , 8 th Prizes	\$25 each



Mercy
Hospital
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Early
773 919 1681

Seniors
arrive
Early

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and

Pace Bus
Service

Community Senior Business Institute

Free
Cell
Phones

Host A FALL Holistic
Cancer Awareness

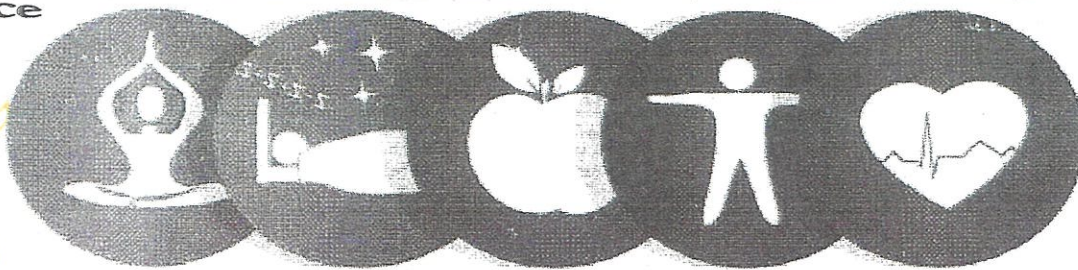
Hearing
Screening

Medicare
&
Life
Insurance

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home
Maker

Chicago
Fire
Safety



Horse
Shoe
&
Bean
Bag
Prizes

Diabetic
Screening

FAIR

Free Resource
Booklets

Thursday, September 15th, 2022 from 10am—4pm

Diabetic
Supplies

615 East Oakwood Chicago, IL 60653

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*There will be light refreshments,
Games and Prizes*

Don Doty Exercise, Line Dancing and More

Veterans
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*Legal Wills
and
Resources*

Tomi Moore
Nutrition
Specialist

 *Our Lady of Africa Medical Ministry,*



**Health
Prevention
Series**

**Hypertension:
Salt, Sodium &
Lifestyle Changes**

PRESENTER

Donna Perisee McFarlane M.D., Ph.D.



Saturday, September 17, 2022

10:00 AM to Noon

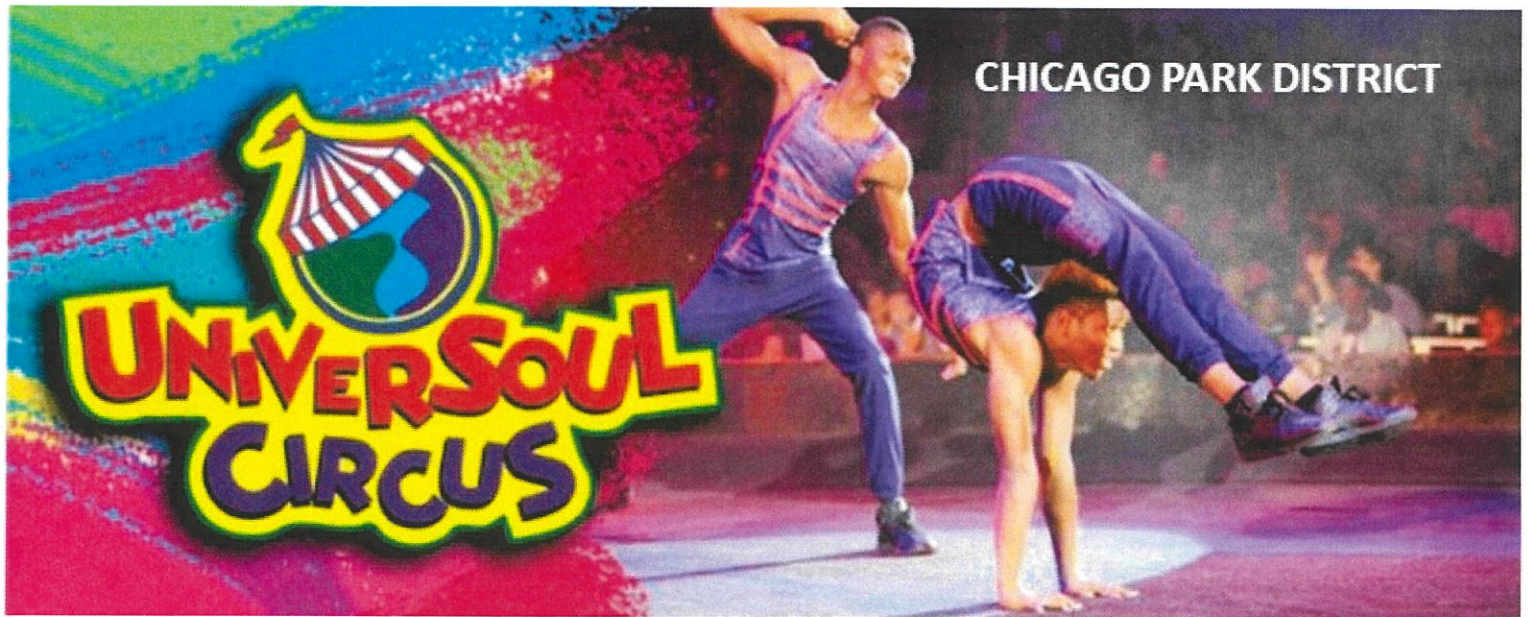
Our Lady of Africa Parish Hall

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REGISTRATION PREFERRED

Sign up in the back of the church

or Call the Parish Rectory 773-624-5375



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Senior Day @ UniverSoul Circus

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 11AM

**WASHINGTON
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TICKETS

\$8

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Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022
@ the locations below
NO CHILDREN ALLOWED!**

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(312) 747-6001	(312) 747-6015	(312) 742-7502	(773) 287-7641	(312) 747-6135
10AM – 3PM (Mon-Fri)	10AM – 4PM (Mon-Fri)	10AM – 4PM (Mon-Fri)	10AM – 4PM (Mon-Fri)	10AM – 4PM (Mon-Fri)
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(312) 747-7138		773.256.1897 OR (773) 256-1248		
10AM – 4PM (Mon-Fri)		10AM – 4PM (Mon-Fri)		



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