



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, February 11, 2024



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## FEBRUARY

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (Livestream)  
1:30 p.m.—Ghanaian Community (1st Sunday)  
2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (*last two Sundays*)  
6:00 p.m.—French (*1st Sunday*)  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Or by appointment (773)624-5375

### Parish Administrator

Father Carl Gales, SVD

### Contact Us

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Email: ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com  
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Chicago, IL 60653

### Church Address

607 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

### Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, February 11

- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class | 1:30 p.m.  
| Tolton Center
- OLA Book Club | after 11:30 a.m. Mass  
| Parish Hall Conference Room

### Tuesday, February 13

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Phone-In Bible Study | 6 p.m.  
| (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967

### Wednesday, February 14

- **Ash Wednesday | 12 Noon**
- OCIA Meeting | 6 p.m. | Parish Hall
- **Ash Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.**

### Thursday, February 15

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line | 9 a.m.  
| (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967
- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Food Pantry | 10 a.m. to Noon  
| Tolton Center
- CHI Community Meal | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
| Parish Hall

### Friday, February 16

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Stations of the Cross | 12 Noon | Church
- Stations of the Cross | 6:30 p.m. | Church

### Saturday, February 17

- Choir Rehearsal | 12:30 p.m. | Church
- Altar Server Training | 2 p.m. | Church

### Sunday, February 18

- First Communion Class | 10 a.m.  
| Tolton Heritage Center
- Faith and Finance Presentation  
| 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room



## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. - February 17

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Dr. Keith Wilson  
Dr. Denise Wilson

### Sunday 9 a.m. - February 18

- Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Edith Smith  
Reco Condiff
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP  
Barbara Edwards-Hill

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - February 18

- Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Patrick Egwiekor  
Desmond Owusu-Ansah
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Stephanie Inis  
Silmon Reed

## Stewardship

### Offertory - February 3/4, 2024

\$ 4,835.00  
\$ 2,350.00 - online offertory  
\$ 7,185.00

### Offertory - February 4/5, 2023

\$ 7,733.00  
\$ 1,750.00 - online offertory  
\$ 9,483.00

### Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)  
\$ 7,185.00- Total Offertory  
\$ **7,238.08**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Attendance February 3/4

4 p.m. Mass	29
9 a.m. Mass	73
11:30 a.m. Mass	155
1:30 p.m. Mass	7
6:00 p.m. Mass	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>

## Migrants in Need

**Thank you for your continued support of the migrants. Your donations are really helping and they are really grateful.**



Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and

love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

#### Our Lady of Africa is THE place to have your Wedding!!



For all young couples discerning their future together, there is a lot of planning involved.

Along with the preparations for your wedding day, you should plan to meet with the priest and have wedding prep which should be about 3 months. The couple and priest would meet once a week, either in person or on Zoom to talk about their plans, their commitment to one another, and what the Sacrament of Marriage truly means. To discuss your future wedding plans, please contact Father Carl at the Parish Office: (773)624-5375

### God Loves a Cheerful Giver - 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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You can send your offertory through Zelle:

[ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com)





## UNITY AND BLACK EXCELLENCE—OLA CHURCH MEMBER DR. KEITH WILSON



Photo with Alpha men:  
Dr. Keith Wilson, Fr. Maurice Nutt, CSsR, DMin  
and Fr. Andrew Smith

A convert to Catholicism, Keith Wilson, and his family were the 3<sup>rd</sup> African American family to move on 90<sup>th</sup> and Jeffery and attended the local public school in 1974. Unfortunately, due to bullying and harassment, Keith's parents pulled him out of public school and placed him at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School on 89<sup>th</sup> and Exchange. While Keith was in third grade, everyone except his father converted.

For Dr. Keith Wilson, DDS his journey to becoming an Alpha Man began as a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago campus. As an undergraduate student, he learned about the rich heritage and deep commitment towards leadership, and community service to others. Keith also learned that he would be entering into a rich brotherhood shared with dignitaries who were Alpha men, such as Duke Ellington, Dick Gregory, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1985, Keith began the process of crossing the sands and pledging Alpha. But by the time he was a senior in college living at home, his primary commitment became to finish school and graduate. That minor postponement however did not stop him from pledging Alpha Phi Alpha's Iota Delta Lambda alumni Chapter of Chicago, one of the two alumni chapters in Chicago, on August 30, 1987.

As an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha, not only does Dr. Wilson's commitment extend financially to support scholarships and community partnerships, but there is also a strong brotherhood of men whose encouragement for each other extends beyond the chapters to which they may belong.

Founded in 1906 at Cornell University, what began as a literary and social club for African American students experiencing racism, morphed into the first African American Fraternity in the nation created by seven men seeking to promote collegiate excellence. Soon after, chapters were established at Howard and Virginia Union University. By 1945, Alpha Phi Alpha was open to men of all races and nationalities.

The motto of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity incorporated is *First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All.* The mission of Alpha Phi Alpha is to develop leaders and promote brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy for our communities.

Like other Greek organizations that comprise the Divine Nine, service and brotherhood extend well beyond the time that members experience in undergraduate, and yet, the lessons that they learn about accountability and service to humankind are lifelong.

Alpha Phi Alpha incorporates several Christian values such as love of neighbor, justice for all, and universal brotherhood in their spirituality. For Keith, it is through the melding of these values that a focus on service and community comes so naturally for him. In addition to the Men's Coalition and service as a lector at church, Keith also was involved with Project Alpha, a mentoring program for young men ages 13 to 18. He has also helped to spearhead a partnership with the Chicago Chapter of the March of Dimes for the annual Walk America Fundraiser for the Healthy Babies initiative.

Education, Service, and Brotherhood are all for the love of all humankind. These key pillars for Dr. Keith Wilson, DDS, and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated are the legacy that they inherited in 1906 and work to pass on to future generations today.





# OLA TOWN HALL MEETING

## TOPIC DISCUSSION

We will discuss how your suggestions  
and input have been put into action.

A financial update and next steps will also be topics for discussion.

607 E OAKWOOD BLVD

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**9 AM TO NOON**

**GROWING IN HOLINESS  
WITH A MISSION TO SERVE**



## February Birthdays

2/01 Christine J. Brown  
2/02 Ted C. Budzynski  
2/03 Katherine Shaw  
2/03 Yvonne Whiteneir  
2/06 Sylvia Walker  
2/07 Dorothy Williams  
2/11 Theresa Rhea

2/12 David Johnson  
2/18 Shirley Sargent  
2/19 Marjorie P. Coombs  
2/19 Theresa Dishman  
2/19 Velma J. Hill  
2/22 Sylvia Earles  
2/24 Eleanor Griffin

2/24 Robert Obeto  
2/25 Beatrice Green  
2/26 Roscoe Burns  
2/26 Jennifer Lacey  
2/27 Irene Dove  
2/27 Patricia A. Williams  
2/28 Lugenia Lewis

## Mass Schedule

### Sunday, February 11

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Readings:** Lv 13: 1-2. 44-46/ Ps 32: 1-2. 5. 11 (7)/ 1 Cor 10: 31 -- 11: 1/ Mk 1: 40-45

**Mass Intentions:**

4 p.m. | Divine Word College Benefactors

9 a.m. | OLA Church Family

11:30 a.m. | OLA Church Family

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Jean Porter, Shirley Simmons, Renee Trotter, Doris Whitaker

### Monday, February 12

MONDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Readings:** Jas 1: 1-11/ Ps 119: 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76/ Mk 8: 11-13

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Susan Larry, Betty Lumpkins, Judy Michaelis, Maria Jossey Owen

### Tuesday, February 13

TUESDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Readings:** Jas 1: 12-18/ Ps 94: 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19/ Mk 8: 14-21

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Margaret Stewart, Joanne Wallace, Rita White, Patricia Williams

### Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Readings:** Jl 2: 12-18/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 12-13. 14 and 17/ 2 Cor 5: 20 -- 6:2/ Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18

**Mass Intentions:**

6:30 p.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Tyna Rule, Alonzo Studstill, Joyce Wallace, Yvonne Whitenier, Sheila Williams

### Thursday, February 15

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**Readings:** Dt 30: 15-20/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 9: 22-25

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Marionette Phelps, Beverly Sims, Cynthia Thompson, Cassiette West-Williams, Evelyn Williams

### Friday, February 16

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

**Readings:** Is 58: 1-9a/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 18-19/ Mt 9: 14-15

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

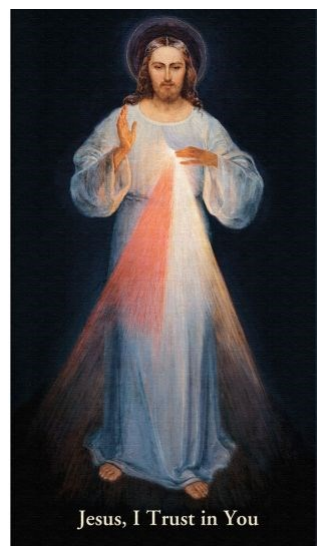
**OLA Book of Prayer:** McShan Family, Allen Peoples, Phyllis Shackelford, Sunnette Varnado Smith

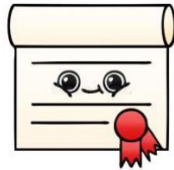
### Saturday, February 17

SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES, RS

**Readings:** Is 58: 9b-14/ Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 5: 27-32

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Nolan Humphries, Cindy Jirsa, Monica Lewers, Bernadine McNeal, Jeff Moore





*Friends of Sister Thea Bowman*  
*Humanitarian Legacy Award*

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**Dynasty Banquets Ramada's Conference Center**

**4125 Calumet Ave**

**Hammond, IN. 46320**

**12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Tickets \$50.00**

**Past Honorees nomination need to be submitted**

**By February 9, 2024**

**For more information, contact:**

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## OLA FOOD PANTRY



Our Lady Of Africa/Tolton Site  
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Chicago, IL 60653  
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# OUR LADY OF AFRICA FOOD PANTRY

Fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and non-perishable  
groceries.

### Info for Thursday food pantry...

Every Thursday

@10:00AM-12:00PM

Meats and non-perishable food

\*You can only receive once a  
month, identification is required  
and no boundaries

4058 S Michigan Ave  
Chicago, IL 60653

### Info for Saturday food pantry...

Every fourth Saturday

@10:00AM-12:00PM

Fresh fruits, vegetables, and  
non-perishable groceries.

## Parish Directory

### Baptisms

Tina Carter

tinalcarter71@gmail.com

### Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - *President*

### Business Administrator

Shirley McKinney

773-624-5375

### Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado

Theresa Rhea,

Tiffany Swann-Covington

Shawnece Wilson

### Clergy

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, OCarm

Dcn. Michael Foggie

Dcn. Merv Johnson

### Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - *Chairperson*

### First Communion

Barbara Edwards-Hill

Lisa Littleton

### Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

### Funerals

Katie Jordan

kwcluwpresident@gmail.com

### HIV/AIDS Ministry

Rosemary Sykes

### IT Crew

Gloria Dean - *Lead*

### Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - *Grand Knight*

### Knights of Peter Claver

Lady's Auxiliary

Lena Young - *Grand Lady*

### Maintenance

Tyrone Smith

### Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

### Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - *President*

### Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

### OCIA

Kimberly Brooks

### Peace and Social Justice

Byron Diggs - *Co-Chair*

Parris Washington - *Co-Chair*

### School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

### Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

### Tolton Ambassador

Jennifer Iwuchukwu

### Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook

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### Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas

### Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage

Silmon Reed