



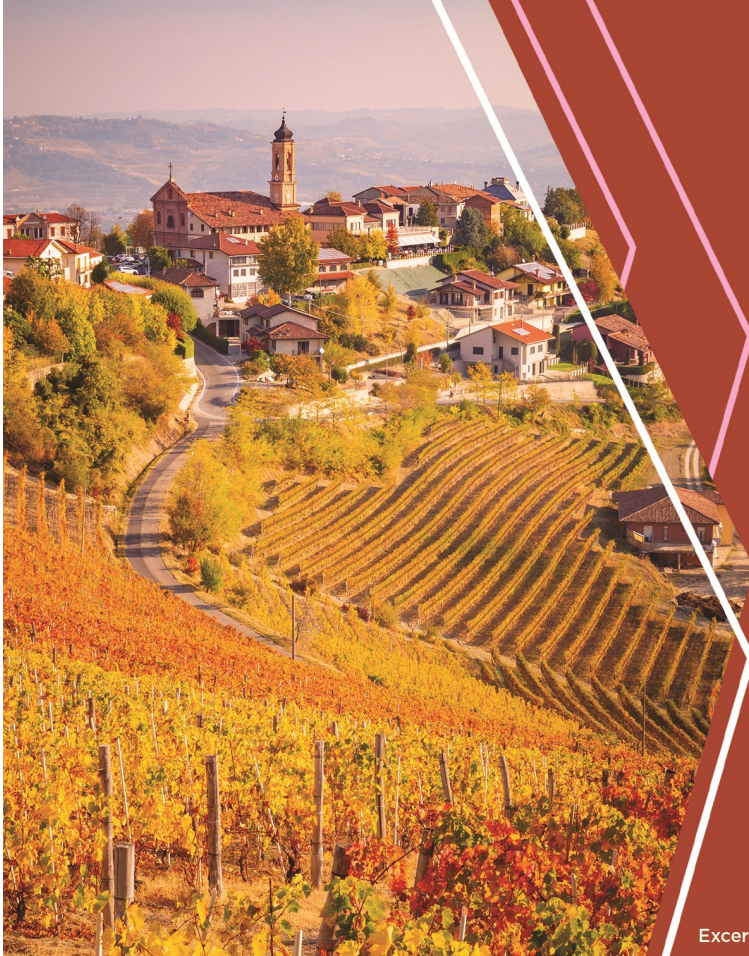
OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, July 9, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”
- Mt 11:28

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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 and 2nd
Sunday each month*)

2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (*3rd and 4th
Sunday each month*)

6:00 p.m.—French speaking Community (*1st
Sunday each month*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment—(773) 624-5375

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Parish Administrator

Father Carl Gales, SVD

Contact Us

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Church Address

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Office Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, July 9

- Medical Ministry - after 9 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall
- Parish Finance Council Meeting
After 9 a.m. Mass | Parish Office
- Knights of Peter Claver Meeting - 10 a.m.
| Parish Hall Side Room
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Wednesday, July 12

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Social Justice Meeting - 7 p.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center

Thursday, July 13

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center

Saturday, July 15

- Memorial Service for Freddie Peak
10 a.m.
- Mass of Christian Burial for Michael Powell
1 p.m. with Repast to follow

Sunday, July 16

- Adoration - after 9 a.m. Mass
| Chapel
- Parish Formation Council Meeting
- after 9 a.m. Mass | Parish Office
- HIV Meeting - 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
| Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Stewardship

Offertory - July 1/2, 2023

\$ 5,944.00
\$ 1,015.00 - online offertory
\$ 6,959.00

Offertory - July 2/3, 2022

\$ 7,462.54
\$ 1,230.00 - online offertory
\$ 8,692.54

Expenses for June 2023

\$ 49,640.30

Total Income for June 2023

\$ 55,258.82
\$ 5,618.52

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - July 15

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Arthur Reliford
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 9 a.m. - July 16

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: John Preston
Flora Smith
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Ladell Johnson
Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - July 16

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Mary Johnson
Lisa Pruitt
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephanie Inis
Trish Rawls

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 8

- 4 p.m. Mass - Divine Word College Benefactors

Sunday, July 9

- 9 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

Monday, July 10

- Barbara Golden

Tuesday, July 11

- Louise Ray

Wednesday, July 12

- Andre D. Golden

Thursday, July 13

- Dean Brazier

Friday, July 14

- Jim Henkel

Saturday, July 15

- 4 p.m. Mass - Divine Word College Benefactors

Sunday, July 16

- 9 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

For those who would like to remember a loved one (living or deceased), a special occasion or a specific concern, Masses can be offered for those intentions. Mass stipends during the weekends (\$20 per intention) and during the weekdays (\$10 per intention) are the recommended donations.

Please submit a Mass Intention request by calling the Parish Office.



Things that are repeated get our attention. Case in point: In today's Gospel, the word "Father" appears five times. So we are held to that word. To name someone "Father" acknowledges one who gives life. To call someone Father evokes a response from us. It calls us to be grateful, trustful, and in relationship. To name God Father, as Jesus invites us to do, over and over again, keeps us in the belonging that God has gifted us with.

That's a source of joy! The first reading gives more reason for rejoicing in God: God comes to us first, is just, meek, a king of peace. God banishes implements of war. The entire world is in the embrace of God. That's a good God to belong to!

The end of the Gospel speaks of taking up God's yoke and (strangely) finding rest. Usually we think of work and rest as opposite. But the yoke is God's. The work is God's. We are called to share in it, this kingdom-bringing work. And, conscious of God's initiative, we will know ease and lightness.

On God's end, the connection between God and us is never compromised or diluted. That makes a difference in life. Life is difficult at times. Life can be hard. Life is often unfair. But none of that proves God distant or punishing. We are children of our Father, always.

In the eastern Orthodox churches, before the reading, the deacon proclaims: "Wisdom! Attend!" It's a good reminder before hearing the Word of God, I think. Today let us attend to these readings, invite them into our lives, and be open to be transformed by them.

Want to become Catholic? Let's talk about OCIA***!

Becoming Catholic is to enter into history. You become linked to the earliest traditions that are at the roots of all Christian denominations.

What you will discover is that being Catholic unites all peoples all over the world. You will travel to one side of the world to the other and still experience the worship of the One Holy Catholic Church.

Beautiful in its unity and multifaceted in its diversity, Catholicism embraces the most humble to the richest philosophical and theological minds. In prayer and through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, the diverse gifts of each member shines through the ages in the history of the Saints.

If you would like to explore becoming Catholic, please let us know. You can contact the Parish Office (773) 624-5375 and start your process of discernment.

***** OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) . It was changed by the USCCB in November 2021.**

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

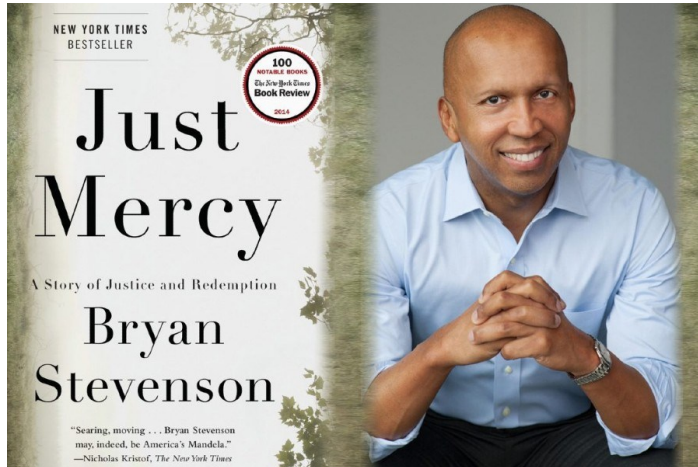


For all young couples discerning their future together, there is a lot of planning involved.

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



OLA Book Club - August 6 - SAVE THE DATE!



Our next book for the OLA Book club was selected after our second meeting on April 30th. We voted to read *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 6th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please contact the Parish Office and provide your email and phone number.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing this important piece of African-American literature!

July Birthdays

7/01 Byron Diggs	7/20 Debra Crosby
7/04 Kim Brooks	7/20 Fr Bob Kelly, SVD
7/04 Wilbur Bourne	7/20 Gladys St. Leger
7/09 Linda Broadnax	7/25 Deborah Powell
7/09 Rose Washington	7/26 Robyn Rogers
7/13 Donald McKinney, Jr	7/27 Genoria Fields
7/13 John Preston	7/28 Marilyn Massey

Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, July 9

Readings: Zec 9: 9-10/ Ps 145: 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14/ Rom 8: 9. 11-13/ Mt 11: 25-30

OLA Book of Prayer: Mary Crawford, Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard Renault Robinson

Monday, July 10

Readings: Gn 28: 10-22a/ Ps 91: 1-2. 3-4. 14-15ab/ Mt 9: 18-26

OLA Book of Prayer: Sr. Eleanor Doidge, Tyrone Fuller, Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson, George James

Tuesday, July 11

Readings: Gn 32: 23-33/ Ps 17: 1b. 2-3. 6-7ab. 8b and 15/ Mt 9: 32-38

OLA Book of Prayer: Pamela Jones, John Littleton, Tasha McShan, Anastacia Mebane, Euphrasia Mutinda

Wednesday, July 12

Readings: Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a. 17-24a/ Ps 33: 2-3. 10-11. 18-19/ Mt 10: 1-7

OLA Book of Prayer: Irene Dove, Rosemary Gardner, Barbara Golden, Kelly Robin Hill, Leslie Jackson

Thursday, July 13

Readings: Gn 44: 18-21. 23b-29; 45: 1-5/ Ps 105: 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/ Mt 10: 7-15

OLA Book of Prayer: Judith Easter, Frederick Gibson, Anna Marie Hampton, Rita Holland, Mildred Jackson

Friday, July 14

Readings: Gn 46: 1-7. 28-30/ Ps 37: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40/ Mt 10: 16-23

OLA Book of Prayer: Majorbelle James, Annette Lee, Gail McGruder, Minnette Penman

Saturday, July 15

Readings: Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7/ Mt 10: 24-33

OLA Book of Prayer: Andre D. Golden, Catherine Harper, Doris Humphries, Therese Jessie, Gloria Leonard

Parish Directory



Baptisms

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Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - *President*

Business Administrator

Shirley McKinney
773-624-5375

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Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado
Theresa Rhea

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Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
Parish Administrator
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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
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HIV/AIDS Ministry

Rosemary Sykes

Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - *Grand Knight*

Knights of Peter Claver

Lady's Auxiliary
Lena Young - *Grand Lady*

Maintenance

Bobby Malone
Tyrone Smith

Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - *President*

Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Seminarian

Frater Zachary Smith, SVD

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Silmon Reed

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY





REGISTER NOW!!!

Our Lady of Africa Parish

THE CHICAGO
HELP
INITIATIVE



What: Community Meal & Resource Assistance

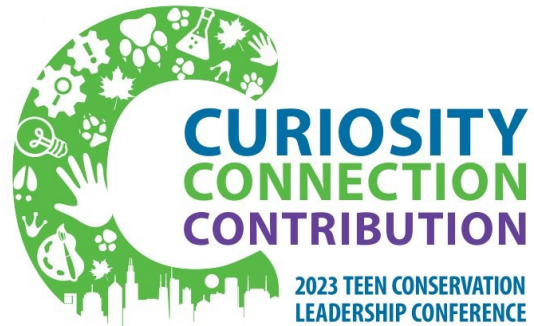
• Referrals and Assistance for Essential Resources like:

- Medicaid and SNAP signup help
- Government phone signup
- CHA housing application help

Where: Our Lady of Africa Parish
607 E Oakwood Blvd
Chicago, IL 60653

When: 1-3 PM, First Thursday of each month,
starting **July 6th & August 3rd 2023**

Interested in volunteering at a meal?
Contact Father Carl Gales at 773-624-5375



July 21, 2023: Conference Sessions at Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield, Illinois

July 22, 2023: Community Action Day

The conference is being hosted by the Chicago Zoological Society's King Conservation Science Scholars with support from Lincoln Park Zoo's teen leaders. This year's theme, "Curiosity, Connection, and Contribution," is based on a natural leadership journey that inspires teens to champion, work toward, and make change. Conference attendees will connect with hundreds of emerging and seasoned teen leaders from around the Chicagoland area and beyond, and also have fun.

Kicking off this leadership conference will be a keynote speaker. Interactive sessions led by experts in community, conservation, and sustainability will encourage curiosity, amplify connections, and empower contributions that are authentic and personal.

The hybrid (live and online) Expo area will connect young people with internships, jobs, youth programs, and volunteer opportunities that promote connection and grow leadership skills. After interacting with a multitude of diverse voices, faces, and experiences, they will leave feeling invigorated and excited about their future contributions to the natural world.

There will also be the unique opportunity to join us at multiple locations around the Chicagoland area for a day of service known as our Community Action Day! Locations to be announced.

This year's conference is FREE!

Registration is essential as it covers:

- Admission to all sessions • Notification of all special events
- Conference Swag Bag • Lunch and snack • Raffle entry

Register at CZS.org/TeenConference





THE CHICAGO POLICE 002ND DISTRICT PRESENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT

OUT 2023



FREE

FRIENDS | FOOD | FAMILY FUN

Joined by hundreds of Families every year!
Will you join them this year?!

All ages Welcome

Save the date

AUGUST 1ST | 3:00 - 7:00 PM -- TAYLOR PARK 39 W. 47TH ST.

For More Info contact CAPS:
caps.002district@chicagopolice.org
312-747-5109

