



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

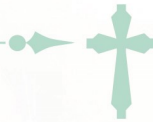
PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, June 25, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word

## WORTHY



“Do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 10:31

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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**

Phone: 773-624-5375

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

### **Church Address**

615 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

### **Office Hours**

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

Office Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, June 25

- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room

### Wednesday, June 28

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall

### Thursday, June 29

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

### Friday, June 30

- Youth Horseback Riding  
11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, July 1

- Choir Rehearsal - 12 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m. | Parish

### Sunday, July 2

- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room

### JOIN THE OLA CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome to Our Lady of Africa! We are thankful and grateful for your presence.

Our Lady of Africa is striving to provide spiritual outreach and ministry to our church members and the community at large.

To become a member of our parish, please sign up in the Narthex or contact our Parish Office: (773)624-5375.

## Stewardship

### Offerstory - June 17/18, 2023

\$ 8,943.44  
\$ 275.00 - online offertory  
\$ 9,218.44

### Offerstory - June 11/12, 2022

\$ 4,978.00  
\$ 515.00 - online offertory  
\$ 5,493.00

### Expenses for June 2023 - to date

\$15,897.40

### Weekly average of expenses

\$12,787.37

Thank you for your generosity!

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. - July 1

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams  
Silmon Reed

### Sunday 9 a.m. - July 2

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Rosemary Sykes  
Michael Morman
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Zachary Smith, SVD  
Barbara Edwards-Hill

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - July 2

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Christine Stewart  
Alicia Davis
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Katie Jordan  
Velma Hill

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 24

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

### Sunday, June 25

- 9 a.m. Mass - The Robert Obeto Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mass + Emily W. Johnson  
and + Dejon O. Johnson  
(req. by Deacon Merv Johnson  
and the OLA Gospel Choir)

### Wednesday, June 28

- Michael A. Clark

### Thursday, June 29

- Lenda Mason

### Friday, June 30

- Arthur Brooks

### Saturday, July 1

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

### Sunday, July 2

- 9 a.m. Mass + Mary Ann Clifford  
(req. by Theresa Dishman)
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD  
(req. by Theresa Dishman)

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.



# YOUTH HORSE BACK RIDING!

## WHEN

**Friday, June 30th  
11am - 5:30pm**

## WHERE

**Silver Stallion Ranch  
15125 Sacramento St  
Markham, Illinois 60428**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DID NOT  
REGISTER AND WOULD STILL LIKE  
TO GO, THE ENTRANCE FEE IS \$20.**



## THREE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION JUNE 4TH, JUNE 11TH, AND JUNE 18TH

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** - Beautiful dresses, fresh hairdos, and families from far and near join three young women as they are baptized into the church family. As the young women take their seats, the choir begins, and the altar servers, lectors, and clergy process in. Soon, after greetings, prayers, readings, and blessings, three young women take their places in front of the congregation to profess their love, beliefs, and loyalty to the Triune God. They are blessed with oils and baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One by one, their parents, godparents, and new faith family welcome three young women into the body and light of Christ.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** - Young men dressed in their Sunday best and young women with white veils flowing from their heads line up in the vestibule of the church from the shortest to the tallest. Their catechists hurriedly make sure that their hands are prayerful as they begin to process in the church. One by one each child meets the smiling faces of family and friends as they end their journey at the foot of the altar. With the guidance of the pastor and their catechist, they genuflect in front of the altar and one by one take their seats of honor. Soon after greetings, prayers, songs, readings, and blessings, each child one by one receives the body and blood of Christ for the first time to strengthen them on their Christian journey in this world.

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** - Eight young men and women in white, red, and bowties blues process in with their sponsors, and candles lit from the Easter light ready to take their place among the great disciples of old. Each one renews their baptismal promises that were first professed on their behalf when they were baptized. Prayers and blessings for the coming of the Holy Spirit to guide their lives are said as Bishop Joseph Perry, our spiritual leader, and great shepherd, seals each one with Chrism oil the gift of the Holy Spirit. May the spirits of St. Monica, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Joseph, St. John the Apostle, St. Moses the Black, St. Benedict the African, and St. Augustine of Hippo guide each one of our future leaders of the church.

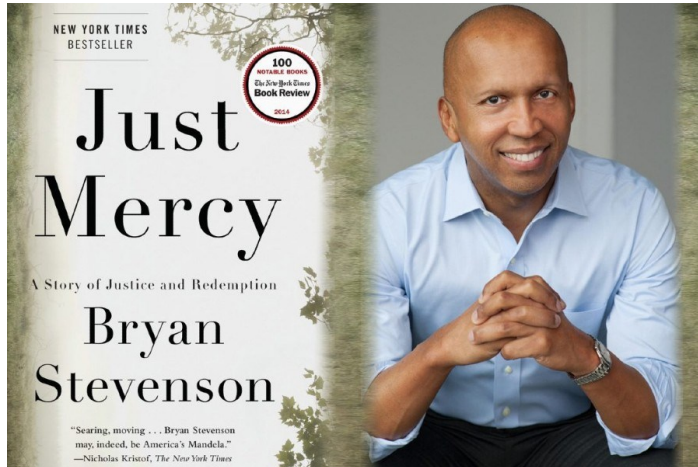
The great and wonderful mystery of the sacraments of initiation lived out, nourishing us, and providing us hope for the future on three Sundays in June.

-Tina L Carter





## 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 August 6** 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!

### June Birthdays

6/04 Louis B. Ray	6/16 James Teemer
6/05 Harolyn Cain	6/18 Lutricia Thomas-Rawls
6/06 LaJeunee Davis	6/22 Marcheta Smith
6/10 Sharon Binion	6/22 Glen Miller
6/10 Stephanie Gado	6/24 Monica Broderick
6/12 Deniece Thomas	6/24 Clifford Doyle
6/12 Shirley McKinney	6/29 Tyrone Smith
6/14 Theresa Rich	

### July Birthdays

7/01 Byron Diggs	7/26 Robyn Rogers
7/04 Kim Brooks	7/27 Genoria Fields
7/04 Wilbur Bourne	7/28 Marilyn Massey
7/09 Rose Washington	
7/20 Debra Crosby	
7/20 Fr Bob Kelly	
7/20 Gladys St. Leger	
7/25 Deborah Powell	

## Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

### Sunday, June 25

Readings: Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 69: 8-10. 14. 17. 33-35 (14c)/ Rom 5: 12-15/ Mt 10: 26-33

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Ophelia Adams, Louise Bates, Arthur Brooks, Esperanza Carr

### Monday, June 26

Readings: Gn 12: 1-9/ Ps 33: 12-13. 18-19. 20 and 22/ Mt 7: 1-5

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Curtis Albright, Myra Baugh, Patricia Brown, James Burgess, Russell Carter

### Tuesday, June 27

Readings: Gn 13: 2. 5-18/ Ps 15: 2-3a. 3bc-4ab. 5/ Mt 7: 6. 12-14

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Dorla Allen, David Berry, Roscoe Burns, Lillian Cherry

### Wednesday, June 28

Readings: Gn 15: 1-12. 17-18/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 7: 15-20

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Patrice Anderson, Mary Berry, Michael Burt, Michael A. Clark

### Thursday, June 29

Readings: Acts 12: 1-11/ Ps34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 17-18/ Mt 16: 13-19

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Jessie Andrews, Helen Brooms, Dean Brazier, Lydia Clark

### Friday, June 30

Readings: Gn 17: 1. 9-10. 15-22/ Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Mt 8: 1-4

**OLA Book of Prayer:** James Barker, Christine Brown, James Brazier, Willie B. Clay

### Saturday, July 1

Readings: Gn 18: 1-15/ Lk 1: 46-47. 48-49. 50 and 53. 54-55/ Mt 8: 5-17

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Donald Barner, Barbara McGee-Berry, Marilyn Campbell, Catherine Crosby, Wanda Finney

## 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**

### Clergy

**Fr. Carl Gales, SVD**  
*Parish Administrator*  
galesce0422@gmail.com  
**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

Your continued ministry of giving to support Our Lady of Africa Parish  
can be done by going to the following links:

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

### QR Code



### By Mail:

**Our Lady of Africa Parish**  
**615 E Oakwood Blvd**  
**Chicago, IL 60653**

**Thank you for your generous giving of Time, Talent and Treasure!**



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



Peace and Social Justice Committee

From June 2 to June 4, 2023, the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership held its inaugural Congress at Dominican University in River Forest. This remarkable gathering reminded us of the power and transformative force of community. The Congress ignited a spark in all participants, fueling our optimism for the future. Our Lady of Africa is a corporate member of CSPL, and received an award at the Gala on Saturday night for its involvement in planning the Public meeting with Mayor Brandon Johnson.

The congress offered an abundance of practical faith-rooted leadership tools and spiritual and theological experiences and resources. These included, Workshops that will cover a range of topics such as "Social Discernment and Decision Making", "Cultivating the Inner Life for One's Public Life", "Public Speaking for Social Justice", "Popular Education 101",

- Opportunities for rich and grounding spiritual and theological formation and reflection through liturgical experiences rooted in popular education and liberation theology,
- Understanding how we recognize the importance of the "I" "We" and "Us" and how we move from "I" to "We" to "Us".

Our Lady of Africa parishioners who attended the congress were Joyce Lane, Parris Washington, Anthony Williams, Byron Diggs, Tiffany Swann-Covington, Deborah Wright-Powell, Theresa Rhea, Stephanie Gado, Renate Schneider, and Br. Alu Aisi.

The big takeaway for all of us was that in networking and communicating with other

organizations we can learn from and collaborate with because we know it truly takes a village.

Some comments from participants: "Coming to this retreat has changed my perspective on the work that we do, the real impact that we have, and the change that we create. There's something about being in a room and being surrounded by others who share similar characteristics and struggles and can uplift and root for each other. I can't wait to see what we all do when we return home with our organizations because we know we are connected and not alone."

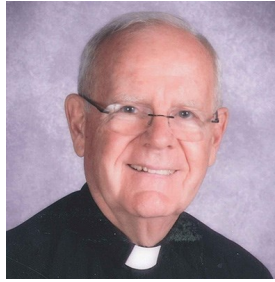
"I came to the social justice committee because of the "fires" were struggling against in society: broken education system, homelessness, inequality. We're not going to do little bake sales, but can we identify some of the problems in the area and neighborhood and make incremental progress. We need to act."

"After attending the workshop in discernment, I walked away with a deeper commitment to my faith and social justice."

"I Was very happy with the turnout at the Congress and the high number of young people who were there. I got to share in depth about my life with some of the young people."

"Starting with pouring the water into the well and then finishing with taking water from the well and sharing it with others was deeply inspiring."





Dear Friends,

In today's gospel selection, Jesus is sending the disciples out on their first missionary venture. Jesus counsels them to cast off any fear. He is telling them of the Father's constant providence.

In the time of Jesus, the sparrows were sold two for a penny and five for two cents. Yet, God knows their every movement. The hairs on the average person's head are more than one hundred thousand. If God can keep track of these two obscure, and almost frivolous items, infinitely more forceful will be God's loving care of us. This loving providence of the Father is the central truth of today's teaching. All other elements need to be understood in this testimony.

Jesus' message on fear offers the apostles a teaching deeply rooted in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. The condition of fear is mentioned almost seven hundred times in the Bible. In each instance, the foremost recommendation, like the words of Jesus today, is faith. This is a faith in a loving and compassionate and protecting God. This is a God who knows how to use eagle's wings and many other loving expressions of security and protection. Jesus' message is in harmony with the rest of scripture. The God of the scriptures is one who will deliver us and save us with an ultimate kind of wellbeing.

There are two kinds of fear. The first is actually helpful and reasonable. Jesus is talking about the second fear that is rooted in ignorance and illusion. This fear is a crippling force that grips the frightened person. This fear distorts reality to the detriment of one's responsibilities and relationships. This is a fear that stunts growth and deceives reason. This pathological fear destroys

hope and freedom. Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke with a generational eloquence of this fear in his famous first Inaugural address: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself – nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

We all find ourselves these days with more than enough to generate this crippling fear. Mass shootings and other expressions of gun violence are off the charts. Putin and Kim are rattling the sabers of nuclear war almost daily. We all have enough of our own personal experiences to make real fear a very immediate concern for all of us.

As we face many fears in our lives, we need to turn to the message of Jesus for guidance. The wrong kind of fear often is damaging to our effort to live the gospel. We are drawn to an ordinary and mediocre effort devoid of the gospel's challenge and new horizons.

We all have to ask ourselves what kind of fear is motivating us? Is it calling us forward into the new world of the teaching of Jesus or is it crippling us in the captivity of our comfortable but often rigid world that blinds us to our own mortality and concern for our neighbor? Is it building fences or bridges? Is it drawing us deeper into the inclusion of all others as the gospel teaches or into the isolation of our prejudices?

The vision of Jesus in today's gospel is clear and forthright. What we truly need to fear is the final separation from the source of all life, our gracious and loving God. All else, even the destruction of the body in death, rests in the hands of our loving Father who is always calling us to life.