

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse Catholic community of generations, experiencing the living God and reflecting our faith in action with one another.

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for your years of faithful and dedicated service to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish



Sister Mary Lou Stoffel



Sister Lea Cozzini



Sister Ann Fanella

August 19, 2018 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sisters' Farewell & Learning Garden Dedication

August 19 Sunday Noon

Parish Picnic

August 26 Sunday Noon

Labor Day

September 3 Monday

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Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur who have served St. Robert Bellarmine Parish through the years

Sister Alice Julie Ballman

Sister Agnes Marie Beck (Mary Veronica)
Sister Ruth Ann Bange (Rose Margaret)

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Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur who have served St. Robert Bellarmine

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Sister Marguerite S. H. Schoening Sister Catherine Sheehy (St. John)

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Sister Margaret Wessels (Ignatius S. H.)

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FOLLOWING THE NOON MASS TODAY

As many of you know, at the end of August, Sister Mary Lou, Sister Ann and Sister Lea will be moving back to their provincial house in Cincinnati.

After the Noon mass today a reception will be held that will allow us to bid them farewell and extend our thanks for all they have meant to Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish. Their presence here will be greatly missed.

Following the reception, in recognition of the years of faithful and dedicated service that the community of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have given to our parish, a Learning Garden will be dedicated in their honor (off the back parking lot, next to the convent).



Reflections on the Sisters

I first met Sr. Mary Lou in March of 2006, shortly after I had been named the new pastor. I was deeply impressed by this white-haired, energetic woman whose devotion to the students and families of our school was obvious from the moment I met her. It soon became apparent that this love and devotion extended to the parish as well. When I came to the parish that July, I got to know Sisters Ann and Lea, who were teaching in the school at that time. The sisters' love for the parish and their joy in our people is palpable. Far beyond their roles in the school is their spiritual presence that envelops our parish. Sister Mary Lou taught me a lot about how to be a pastor of a parish with a school. She retired two years later but continued to be a faithful presence and a strong support in our community. Meanwhile, Sisters Ann and Lea continued to teach. Though now long retired from the school, they continued to be a welcoming presence, volunteered in the school, served as Eucharistic Ministers, visited the homebound, and continued to provide friendship and spiritual guidance to former students and their families.

Though they will be back to visit, it won't be the same here without them. I will miss their friendship and presence. They have truly been a gift to us. I will never forget them. Please keep them in your prayers.

God's Blessings Always, Fr. Neil Page 4 August 19, 2018



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Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Ohio Province

August 6, 2018

Dear Members of the St. Robert Bellarmine Community,

I write to you on behalf of all the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur of the Ohio Province and especially on behalf of the approximately 100 Sisters who have served in this school. We have loved our 87-year relationship with this wonderful parish. We have educated your children and worshipped with you. We have cared about your families and helped the parish flourish in myriad other ways. It has been our privilege to teach and serve here.

This departure is especially hard for these last three, Sisters Mary Lou, Ann and Lea. We all share with them a heavy heart for the conclusion of our active mission here.

Thank you for your support and partnership in our educational mission here. Thank you for sharing parish facilities for special occasions in our lives. Thank you for welcoming Sisters of Notre Dame into your lives, especially the lives of your children.

Be assured of our prayers for the ongoing success of the school and the parish. Cincinnati is not that far away. Please come and visit.

With a shared faith in our good God,

Sister Carol Lichtenberg, SNDdeN

Provincial

Making Known God's Goodness With You

Have you thought about



RCIA

Not a Catholic? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic? Are you/they baptized but never received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Eucharist, or Confirmation? If you answered YES to any of these questions, or you have a family member or friend who would answer YES, then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) may be the answer for you. It is the process offered to adults to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Classes begin in September and continue through the Easter Season. For more information, please contact Deacon Bill at the Rectory (773-777-2666).

News from the Faith Formation Office



Faith Formation for Children

Opening Day -Saturday September 8th!

Not registered yet?

Registration forms are available for pick up at the rectory office or downloaded from https://srb-chicago.org/

In order to enhance each child's faith development, class sizes are limited to twelve disciples per catechist.



DID YOU KNOW.....

All of our catechists work full time jobs, spend time with their families and friends and volunteer with their children's schools and/or after school programs. They also make time to mentor the children of our parish as a Catechist.

We are seeking three adults to join our team as catechists for grades 4, 6, & 7!

Mentoring and training provided

Faith Formation for Children sessions meet two Saturday mornings a month between 9:30am & 11:30am with quarterly team planning meetings.

Now is the time to RSVP!

Contact MaryEllen at: 773-286-0956 - or - DRE@srb-chicago.org

Saintly Habit- Celebrate the Eucharist



Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus himself is present to us. Through the actions of the Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation. Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If you have family photos from this occasion, bring them out and share them. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos of their First Communion.

Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together, thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Reflection from Sunday Connection – Loyola Press



Protecting God's Children - Adult Training

Saturday September 29th @ 1pm

in Kernaghan Hall

Pre-registration required

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Mass Intentions

MON. August 20, St. Bernard

8:30 am Janet E Lowinski, Lucille Cosentino

TUES. August 21, St. Pius X

8:30 am Bart O'Connor, Helen Trush, Janet Bauman, Bob & Gerri LaPlume

WED. August 22, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am *Thomas Yankee, Josephine Botzon,* Cecelia Hayda

THURS. August 23, St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am Mary Kehoe, Sue Swope

FRI. August 24, St. Bartholomew

8:30 am Hilda Benages, Mary Rovetto

SAT. August 25, Sts. Louis and Joseph Calasanz

8:30 am The Protection of the Unborn

5:00 pm Edward & Lottie Wicke, Frank Kubacki , Darragh Doherty

SUN. August 26, Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am Joan Karwat, Theresa Lambert, Frank Kunath, Rev. John J. McDonnell, Rev. John J. Powers

10:00 am Marie Doroba, Francis Pearson, Harriet Kelly, Evan Harris, Marcia Harris

12:00 pm The People of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

5:30 pm The People of St. Robert Bellarmine,

St. Pascal and Our Lady of Victory Parishes

Weekly Collections

August 5, 2018

Sunday Offertory \$ 9,312 Energy \$ 205

The amount for the Sunday Offertory includes the electronic donations received for the week.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please pray for our sick



Gina Brettman, Patricia Klenck, Robert Walsh, Margaret Ludden

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading from the Book of Proverbs is part of a longer poem about Wisdom. In the Old Testament, Wisdom is personified as a woman who comes from God and brings God's word (wisdom) to his people. Wisdom invites us to her table to eat her food and drink her wine, and so receive understanding. Those who learn from her will live; while the foolish will die. The second reading continues St. Paul's instructions to the Ephesians, exhorting them to live as those who are wise. He tells them not to live in ignorance but to seek the will of the Lord. In the reading from John's gospel, Jesus repeats that he is the living bread come down from heaven and that those who eat his bread will live forever. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." He promises that whoever eat his flesh and drinks his blood will remain in him and have eternal life because of him.

Proverbs 9: 1-6 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6: 51-58

Pastor's Column (continued) ...

Our parish school begins classes tomorrow morning. I'm looking forward to a new year with a new principal and many new teachers and students. Please welcome them into our community of faith. Also, a warm welcome back to all our returning faculty and students.

The **Parish Picnic** will be held in Dunham Park next Sunday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with a parish mass at noon. There will not be a noon mass in the church next Sunday. Details are on page nine. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Have a great week.

Sincerely, Fr. Neil

From the Pastor's Desk.

Today's readings continue the theme of being nourished by the Lord. However, today's readings go deeper into the spiritual reality of the heavenly banquet, equating nourishment with God's Wisdom (in the Old Testament) and Jesus giving his body and blood as true food and true drink for eternal life (in the Gospel). The importance of this truth cannot be overstated. The Body and Blood of Christ is our spiritual nourishment that gives eternal life.

Jesus tells us very clearly, "Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you". Jesus says that this is a real relationship that gives us eternal life. Many of you know that I am a convert to Catholicism. This passage from the scriptures is the reason why I am a Catholic. "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." This passage is John's version of Jesus' Institution of the Eucharist. Unlike the synoptic gospels, this occurs very early in his public ministry. For Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus institutes the Eucharist at the Last Supper on the night before he dies. In John's gospel the celebration of the Passover makes no mention of the Eucharist; rather Jesus washes the disciples' feet. John places this Bread of Life discourse in the context of the feeding of the five thousand precisely because he wants his listeners to understand that Jesus means exactly what he says, that we are to take this teaching literally. My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Otherwise, people will drift off to a merely symbolic understanding of the Eucharist as simply a memory of Jesus' death as our deliverance from sin. Even for the Jewish people today, the Passover celebration is not merely a remembrance of the historic event, but their own participation in God's Covenant relationship with them.

As Catholics we participate in the sacrifice of the cross, we are joined to Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus says we remain in him and he in us. The Eucharist is a *living* relationship. The Second Vatican Council tells us that the Eucharist is the *source* and *summit* of our life. The Eucharist is the source of our life because it is Christ himself who gives us life, first in creation and secondly in baptism. The summit because participation in the Eucharist gives eternal life, renewing in us the baptismal grace lost through sin. That is why the early Roman martyrs sacrificed their lives for the Eucharist, saying that without the Eucharist *we cannot live*.

Merely coming to mass and receiving communion does not give eternal life. Only in actively seeking the life of God can the grace of the Eucharist take root in our lives. This is no passive reception nor the fulfilling of an obligation. Truly seeking the life of God is to desire to unite our will with his. The Catholic tradition has always equated Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, with the Wisdom figure of the Old Testament. Wisdom is the Spirit that is the creative force in the universe that we first see in the very beginning of Genesis. In the reading from Proverbs for today we hear that Wisdom has prepared her table with meat and drink. Wisdom's table prefigures both the Eucharist and the eternal banquet in heaven. We are told that those who seek her table will live and have understanding. Wisdom in the scriptures is knowledge of God's will. St. Paul tells us the same thing in the Letter to the Ephesians. Live as those who are wise, do not continue in ignorance, seek to understand the will of the Lord. St. Paul warns about those who continue in ignorance as being those who pursue the ways of the world instead of being imitators of Christ. To "continue in ignorance" is to be like "the foolish" in Proverbs who do not seek Wisdom. All such folk will reside in the netherworld for eternity. But to those who seek Wisdom, God will reveal himself and come to dine with them. In order to participate in the life-giving grace of the Eucharist we have to sincerely seek to be imitators of Christ. When we open ourselves to God's grace, Christ gives us his very self, re-inscribing in us his own divine image.

Today we celebrate the **Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur** who have served our community since 1931 and will be leaving us at the end of the month to return to their provincial house in Cincinnati. It is the end of an era and we will all be poorer for their absence. Their Provincial, Sister Carol Lichtenberg, SNDdN, has written a letter to our community, commemorating their time at St. Robert's (see page four). There will be a special blessing for them at the noon mass today, followed by a light reception in Kernaghan Hall. After the reception, we will move outside for the **Dedication of the new Learning Garden** in honor of the Sisters. Please see page three for the details of today's celebration and a few of my personal reflections. Our parish Asian-American Community will also be hosting a special farewell to the sisters next Saturday, August 25 in Kenaghan Hall.

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In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Ed Jamison

Marcella Cirese

Joseph Gora

and for their families and friends.



Wedding Banns

I Michael Ingargiola and Brittany Wilson



Reminder

Next Sunday's Noon Mass (August 26) will be held at Dunham Park.

Please join us for the Noon Mass in the park followed by the Parish Picnic.

There will be no Noon Mass in the Church.

HELP WANTED - Substitute Teachers

SRB School is currently seeking substitute teachers for the 2018-19 school year. Qualifications include a college degree, organizations skills, and a love of children. Teaching experience preferred. Must be willing to do a background check, fingerprinting, and receive Virtus training. Please contact Chris Wilson, Office Manager, at (773) 725-5133 for more information.

Is God Calling You to be an Altar Server?

The altar server ministry is an important privilege and serious commitment! Boys and girls in 4th grade or above are invited to become altar servers.

What is required?

- You must have received your 1st Communion.
- Servers help at weekend Masses, about twice a month.

They also help at a daily Mass about twice a month.

- You must arrive early for Mass and be dressed appropriately.
- Above all, the server must perform their duties worthily, attentively, and devoutly in body, mind and spirit.

Want to Serve God?

New SRB servers must attend <u>both</u> training sessions. These will be held in Church at 3:10 on Wednesday, September 5th and Tuesday, September 11th. New Religious Ed servers must attend the training session on Saturday, September 22nd from 11:30-12:30 in the church.

If you have any questions about the training or what's expected of the servers, contact Deacon Bill at 773-777-2666 or bfrere@srb-chicago.org.



Parish Picnic Next Sunday

Sunday, August 26 - 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dunham Park

Parking is limited so park in the Church parking lot and walk to the Park

Outdoor Mass 12:00 Noon

(the regular noon liturgy will take place at the picnic instead of in the church.)

Fun and Games!

- The Parish will provide meats on the grill, cheese, buns, condiments, flatware, napkins.
- Children's Inflatable for the Kids
- Great Food!
- Bring Lawn Chairs, balls, nets, games, playing cards.
- BYOB bring a cooler of beverages for your own family (no glass)
- Bring a dish to share:
- o If your last name begins with A-E bring a Dessert
- o If your last name begins with F-M, bring an appetizer
- o If your last name begins with N-Z, bring a salad or side dish.



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Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 20

First Day of School (Grades 1-8)
Pre K 3, Pre K 4, Kindergarten Orientation
8 am Welcome Wagon (Convent Driveway)
7 pm School Board Meeting (MR)

Tuesday, August 21

Pre K 3, Pre K 4, Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 22

First Day of School Pre 3, Pre-K 4, Kindergarten 8 am Welcome Wagon (Convent Driveway) 7 pm Boy Scout Troop Committee Meeting (KH)

Thursday, August 23

7 pm RCIA Information Sessions (R)

Friday, August 24

Saturday, August 25

6 pm Asian American Farewell to the Sisters (KH)

Sunday, August 26

Noon Mass and Picnic at Dunham Park

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday

Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

August 25 / 26, 2018				
Mass	Presider	Servers	Lectors	Auxiliary Ministers
5:00 PM	Fr. Neil Fackler	S. Grant, N. Soriano, L. Soriano	D. Nowak	D. Ahearn, M. Callaghan, J. Jakobsze, J. Ryan, W. Felckowki, N Kriecher, D. Nowak
8:00 AM	Fr. Scott Donahue	J. Perez, F. Santiago, P. Skocz	T. Mach	M. Furphy, M. Rydelski, D. Thurber
10:00 AM	Fr. Scott Donahue	J Galindo, S White, T. White	P. Zyburt	O Cave, R. Loch, P. Zyburt
12:00 PM	Fr. Neil Fackler	At Dunham Park		Deacon Bill
5:30 PM	Fr. Neil Fackler	G. Pfieller, J. Sarau-Young, R. Sarau-Young	L. Baylian	B. Pfeiffer

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Weekends - Saturday Morning at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Evening at 5:00 p.m.,

Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 10:00a.m.,

12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Weddings

Arrangements to be made with a priest

at least six months in advance.

Please contact the rectory for date and time availability before making other arrangements.

Baptisms

Celebrated the second and fourth

Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

Parents need to register at the rectory office.

Baptismal preparation class for first time

Parents and Godparents is offered on the last

Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Please note: there are no baptisms scheduled during the season of Lent.

Confessions/Reconciliations

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Third Wednesday of every month.

Adoration begins after 8:30 a.m. mass.

Benediction at 5 p.m.

Please sign up at the rectory office.

Novena

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is offered on the First Tuesday of the month at 6:30p.m. in the church, followed by Benediction.

Recitation of the Rosary

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Pulpit Announcement Deadline

Friday by 12 Noon in the rectory.