


St. Thecla Catholic Church

6725 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL. 60631

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010



You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.
— Matthew 24:44

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
(Mass in Polish)

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Please see the bulletin for that week

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monday - Saturday following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction:

Every Wednesday: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.,

Benediction starting at 6:30 p.m.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions):

4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

St. Thecla Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Gene Dyer

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Gerald E. Rogala

Associate Pastor: Rev. Pawel Komperda

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Mon. - Fri. 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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(773) 792-3077

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St. Thecla Parish Mission Statement - St. Thecla is a multi-cultural parish located on the northwest side of Chicago. The parish welcomes, respects, and embraces all members of the community. Our mission is to promote spiritual growth to all generations through the celebration of the sacraments, Christian education, spiritual, and social events. St. Thecla encourages all parishioners and members of the community to be disciples of the Gospel message through prayer and good deeds. Our Lord's message is to "love one another". We spread His message by giving thanks to God for the gifts we have received and sharing our time and talent with the parish and with others. (Adopted by the PPC on April 8, 2002)

Weekly Parish Information

Mass Intentions

Mon. Nov. 29th, 8:30 a.m.	+Helen T. Ryszka
Tue. Nov. 30th, 8:30 a.m.	+William J. LaFleur +William G. LaFleur
Wed. Dec. 1st, 8:30 a.m.	+Mark Gentile
Thur. Dec. 2nd, 8:30 a.m.	+Eleanor Kobus
Fri. Dec. 3rd, 8:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Olsak
Sat. Dec. 4th, 8:30 a.m.	+Raymond Kapela
5:00 p.m.	+Maria Lam
Sun. Dec. 5th, 8:00 a.m.	+Sally Bukowski
9:30 a.m.	For the Parishioners
11:00 a.m. (Coll.),	
+Mary & Albert Borek, +Richard Soens, +Sonia Hanley, +Joseph & Catherine Wlodarczyk, SP - Joseph Nalepa, +Michael King +denotes deceased, SP - denotes special intention,(coll.) - denotes collective Mass	



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesdays in Church, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. with Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

In an atmosphere of silence, come and adore, meditate and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings received from Our Lord and leave with the gifts of renewed strength, peace and joy from Our Lord.

Our Lord waits for your presence. In the one hour you commit to Him in Eucharistic Adoration, He will change your heart, He will give you His infinite love, He will deepen His Divine peace within you and He will refresh you so you will persevere on your journey to the everlasting reward He has prepared for you.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading - It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel - Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Please cut this out and keep for reference

Season of Advent at St. Thecla Parish – Year of Grace 2011

Mass every day at 8:30 a.m.

Confessions every Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday vespers at 4 p.m.

Penance service with individual confession – Monday,
Dec. 20th at 7 p.m. (in English and Polish)

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to
6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., Advent devotions with
Benediction:

Dec. 1st: St. Nicholas and the Gift of Jesus

Dec. 8th: Immaculate Conception - no Advent

devotions. Eucharistic Adoration will take place from
1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 15th: St. Lucy and the Light of Jesus

Dec. 22nd: St. John of the Cross and the Life of Jesus

December 8th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation)

Vigil – Tues. Dec. 7th: 6 p.m. (Mass in Polish)

7:30 p.m. (Mass in English)

Day – Wed. Dec. 8th: 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,

6 p.m. (in Polish) and 7:30 p.m.

Parish Calendar for the week of November 29th - December 5th

Monday - 7 p.m. Baptismal Prep Class, Parish Office

Tuesday - 7 p.m. Tiger Den mtg., St. Joseph the Worker
7:30 p.m. K of C mtg., Parish Office

Wednesday - 2:30 p.m. Kidz Can Cook, Queen of Peace
4:30 p.m. 1st Grade Daisies mtg., St. Joseph the Worker
5 p.m. Bitty Ball practice, Church basement

Thursday - 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon mtg., St. Joseph the Worker
2:30 p.m. Market Day pick-up, Multi-purpose room

Friday - 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts mtg., Queen of Peace
5 p.m. Bitty Ball practice, Church basement

Sacrificial Giving

A Call To Stewardship

November 21, 2010



Weekly Contributions:

Due to an earlier bulletin deadline, we will print the
totals in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your
understanding.

Thank you for your generosity to help meet
our weekly financial goals.

Please remember St. Thecla in your Will.

Sign up for Automated Giving by visiting
www.parishpay.com or by calling 1-866-parish-1.

Announcements

Holiday Toy Drive for Children's Memorial Hospital - The 6th grade Girl Scout Cadettes are sponsoring a Holiday Toy Drive for Children's Memorial Hospital. There will be a box in the back of the church for donations, through the weekend of 12/12. Suggested items are small, portable gifts and prizes that can be given to the children. They must be NEW and unwrapped. Here are some ideas: Card games, coloring books and crayons, craft kits, small etch-a-sketches, hand-held games, puzzles, play-doh, dolls, matchbox cars, sports items, makeup kits, books, cds, dvds, legos, cartoon figures, teen and sports magazines. Thank you.

PARISH-WIDE MISSION COLLECTION



The St. Thecla Women's Council parish-wide mission collection, to benefit the Homeless Shelters supported by Maryville Academy, is continuing through the month of November. Donations of **NEW** sweaters, winter hats, gloves, and scarves would be greatly appreciated. Sizes for women and young children are most needed at this time. Your donations can be placed in the boxes located in the usher's room in the rear of the church. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.



ACCW OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) has established a \$1000 four year renewable scholarship for a young woman graduating from high school and continuing her education at a college or university who belongs to a parish in the Archdioceses of Chicago. This scholarship is available for **female high school seniors** who meet the following criteria:

- Has maintained a C average in high school
- Has been involved in extracurricular activities in her Church, School, and Community
- Submits her latest transcript
- Submits a 300 word or less essay (in standard English) entitled "What It Means to Be a Catholic Woman in the World Today" typed and double spaced on 8½ x 11 paper.
- Submits 2 letters of recommendation, one each from either her Dean of Students, Counselor, Pastor, Youth Minister, or non-family member

The \$1000 Scholarship will be paid by the semester, \$500 each in September and January, upon receipt of the previous semester's transcript. The scholarship will be terminated if the winner leaves the college or university before the completion of four years.

The application, essay, transcript, and two letters of recommendation must be received no later than **February 20, 2011**. For more information and to pick up an application, St. Thecla applicants may contact Bernie by phone at (773) 774-6897 or by email at berniebuck@ameritech.net. All eligible female high school seniors are encouraged to fill out an application and take advantage of this generous offer.



GIVING TREE

Once again our Advent Giving Tree is set up in the front of Church. As in the past, each card on the tree represents a resident of the Regency Nursing Center. This year, we have been asked by Lori, the activity director at Regency, to try something a little different with our gifts.

Instead of wrapping each gift we are asked to put them in a plastic bag and add a gift tag so that the presents may be matched with a resident who can really get full use of them. After the presents are delivered to the home, activity directors will sort them, place them in the gift bags and tag them with the name of a resident who could really use it. Then, on Monday Dec. 20th at 9:45 a.m., we can truly enjoy the happiness of those who receive our gifts.

Here are some ideas that will make the gift you give most enjoyable to the recipient:

Slippers are easier to get on in sizes 9 and larger.

While beauty products are wonderful they have to be put out of reach of residents who might not know what they are used for. A nice snow globe, personal note cards or teddy bears would be a better choice.

Clothes in larger sizes make it easier for residents to get in and out of them. So we are asked to choose clothes in size Lg., XL, or XXL.

Sweat pants, shirts and knit hats, scarves and gloves would also be welcome, especially by the male residents.

If you need any more information, or if you would like to help distributing the gifts on Monday December 20th at 9:45 a.m. please feel free to give me a call. If there is no answer, leave me a message and I will be sure to get back to you.

Wishing you Christmas Blessings,
Karen Glab 773-763-7543

Keeping in mind...

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to the upcoming Holiday Season, we have earlier bulletin deadlines. All articles for the **12/19/2010** bulletin need to be e-mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office by 10:00 a.m. on **12/03/2010**. All articles for the **12/26/2010** bulletin need to be e-mailed or dropped off at the Parish office by **12/10/2010**. All articles for the **01/02/2011** bulletin need to be e-mailed or dropped off at the Parish office by 10:00 a.m. on **12/17/2010**. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please e-mail articles to parish@saintthecla.org, articles subject to editing. For more information call Anna at (773) 792-3077.

website: www.saintthecla.org



Formation Session for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors

All lectors and extraordinary ministers are invited to attend a formation session on Tuesday, December 7th following the 7:30 p.m. Mass of anticipation for The Immaculate Conception. The formation session will convey the theology and spirituality of worship in order to aid in the understanding of liturgical ministry. In addition, the session will clarify the practical skills of performing these roles at Mass. All ministers will find this session beneficial. Attendance is highly recommended.

Prayer List, US Military

United States Air Force:

AIC Heather Bosh, Airman Shane Garrison,
Staff Sgt. Adam Krey, Tech Sgt. Richard L. Larsen,
2nd Lt. Andrew May, 2nd Lt. Peter A. Schroeder,
SRA James E. Stay

United States Army:

Maj. Terence W. Bacon, Sgt. Sean Doherty,
A/Sgt. Rachel Hall, Capt. Michael J. Kaye,
Capt. Jared Lampe, WO. Steven Larmay,
PFC. Thomas J. Lyons III, Capt. Gina Marie Mroszczak,
PFC. Raymond Rau, Michael Spiwak

United States Marines:

LCPL. Philip E. Blais, 2nd Lt. Kevin Bowler,
PFC Michael T. Brennan, Pvt. James Dinela,
LCPL. Kyle Elmer, LCPL. Nathaniel J. Juncer,
Capt. Michael C. Mroszczak, Capt. Craig V. Platt,
LCPL. Jose Rivera, Master Sgt. Richard L. Sroka,
Sgt. James E. Stonehouse

United States Navy:

Capt. Steven Stancy

We would like to keep those who are serving in the military in our prayers. Please print the name of your loved one & drop in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office. Their names will remain on the list until you notify us of their return.



Pro-life

“Like an animal caught in a trap, trying to gnaw off its own leg, a woman who seeks abortion is trying to escape a desperate situation by an act of violence and self-loss. Abortion is not a sign that women are free, but a sign that they are desperate.”
“The answer to a crisis pregnancy is to eliminate the crisis, not the child.”



Pregnant?
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Get the facts.
800-400-4205
ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Your health and safety
are important to us.
Se habla español: 888-414-2555.

The Women's Centers

Project Rachel

Hurting from abortion?

Considered by some to be a simple medical procedure, abortion often leads to spiritual and/or emotional problems: post-abortion aftermath.

It is no coincidence that you are reading this. Heal the wounds. There is hope for the future.

Call Project Rachel, The Archdiocese of Chicago's post-abortion reconciliation and healing program.

Confidential and compassionate. One-on-one lay counseling, referrals to trained priests and understanding professional counselors and day-long retreats provided.

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www.hopeafterabortion.com



Remember Our Sick - Please pray for all those in nursing homes, homebound or who require extended care and those who care for them:

Marion Barbas, Joseph Bednarz, Herlinda Castellanos,
Frank Donatello, Dorothy Hennessy, Adeline Hickok,
Joseph Kaye, Margaret Kelliher, Theresa Kennedy,
Mary Kozlowski, Mildred Lewan, Julie Muza,
Margaret Nowicki, Kathleen Numec, Kenneth Olsofka,
John Orloff, Janis Taylor, Florence Trynkiewicz



Our Beloved Dead

Lorraine C. Densberger, Lawrence Hansen

Informacje Ogólne

Adres: 6725 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL. 60631
Adres Biura Parafialnego: 6333 N. Newcastle Ave.
Telefon: (773) 792-3077
Sekretarka: Anna Piech
Godziny Kancelarii Parafialnej: Od pon. do piątku, od godz. 9:15 rano do godz. 16:00.
Adres Szkoły: 6323 N. Newcastle Ave.
Telefon: (773) 763-3380
Adres strony internetowej (po Polsku):
<http://sites.google.com/site/swtekla/home>

Msze Święte

Msza Św. w tygodniu, o godz. 8:30 rano, w jęz. Angielskim.
Msza Św. w jęz. Polskim w każdą niedzielę, o godz. 12:30
Msze Św. w Święta Obowiązkowe - prosimy sprawdzić w biuletynie na dane Święto. Szczegółowe informacje będą podawane w biuletynie tydzień wcześniej.

Intencje Mszalne

Niedziela, 5 grudnia, 12:30 p.m. (Msza Zbiorowa),
+Feliks Wiszowaty. +Edmund Wiszowaty, +Jan Wasilik,
+George Danilkowicz, +Józef Wyczałek, +Władysław Giba,
+Stanisław Matyja, Specjalna Intencja - Emilia Pobratyń,
+Władysław Gładysz



Informacje o Sakramentach

Sakrament Chrztu - W każdą drugą i czwartą niedzielę miesiąca o godzinie 14:30.

Spotkanie Przygotowujące dla rodziców -

Data i czas spotkania zostaną ustalone przez Księdza.

Prosimy kontaktować się z Biurem Parafialnym aby zgłosić dziecko do Chrztu.

Sakrament Małżeństwa - Pary przygotowujące się do zawarcia Sakramentu Małżeństwa powinny zgłosić się do Biura Parafialnego przed ustaleniem innych szczegółów, przynajmniej na 4 miesiące przed planowaną datą ślubu. Również prosimy kontaktować się z Kancelarią Parafialną w celu ustalenia spotkania z księdzem.

Spowiedź Św. - w każdą sobotę, od godz. 16:00 do 16:45.
Można również umówić się indywidualnie z księdzem.

Spowiedź, Komunia Św., Namaszczenie Chorych - Należy dzwonić do Kancelarii Parafialnej aby umówić wizytę księdza. Prosimy aby w potrzebie posługi kapłana osobom chorym nie zwlekać.

REKOLEKCJE ADWENTOWE W JĘZYKU POLSKIM W PARAFII ŚW. TEKLI CHICAGO, IL !!!

Podczas tegorocznego Adwentu będziemy gościć po raz pierwszy na terenie Stanów Zjednoczonych w Archidiecezji Chicagowskiej **ojca Wacława Królikowskiego, SJ**, doktora z zakresu duchowości, dyrektora Domu Rekolekcyjnego Księży Jezuitów w Czechowicach-Dziedzicach, przełożonego tamtejszej wspólnoty. Studiował on teologię duchowości na Papieskim Uniwersytecie Gregoriańskim w Rzymie, gdzie obronił doktorat z teologii duchowości.

W parafii św. Tekli

ojciec Wacław Królikowski będzie głosił

rekolekcje pt:

**„Piękno naszej relacji z Bogiem,
z drugim człowiekiem
i z otaczającym nas światem”**

12 grudnia o godz. 12.30 pm Msza Św.

z nauką rekolekcyjną podczas homilii

13 grudnia, 6:30 p.m. - cicha Adoracja

Najświętszego Sakramentu

7:00 p.m. - nauka rekolekcyjna

14 grudnia, 6:30 p.m. - cicha Adoracja

Najświętszego Sakramentu

7:00 p.m. - nauka rekolekcyjna

Więcej informacji o rekolekcjach w dodatkowych parafiach i miejscach, gdzie będzie możliwość spotkania z ojcem Wacławem Królikowskim, na bieżąco uzupełnimy na stronie internetowej:

www.mrpamula.com.

Po więcej informacji prosimy o kontakt:

Małgorzata i Roman Pamuła

tel.: (847) 380-4070

e-mail: getkconnect@mrpamula.com.

Sacramental Information, R.C.I.A., Homebound/ Communion Visitations and Bulletin

Baptisms:

2:30 p.m. on the **First and Third Sunday** of the Month.

Baptismal Prep Class:

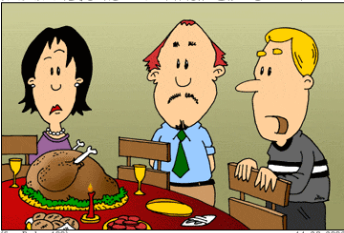
Will be confirmed at time of Registration of the Baptism.

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a Baptism.

Marriages:

The Pastoral Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of Chicago ask that a minimum of 4 months be set aside for personal preparation for marriage. Couples should refrain from setting a firm date or making any other arrangements until after they have met with a parish priest or deacon to discuss marriage plans.

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(See Psalm 100)
11-28-2002
HAS IT ALREADY BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE WERE THANKFUL?

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11-23-2006
I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT YEARS WE HAD BEFORE TOFU-TURKEY AND SOY-STUFFING

How to Become a Catholic:

Adults or teenagers interested in receiving the **Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist) or those who are interested in the Catholic Faith should call the Parish Office for more information about the **R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

Homebound/Communion Visitations:

St. Thecla Church has several ministers of care who can regularly take communion to those in need. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for communion for yourself or a homebound loved one.

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Want to Register as a Parishioner? Call the Parish Office for more information at 773-792-3077.

Physical Education News

November 28, 2010

STRONG HEART



SMART HEART



“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.”

Proverbs 4:23

Upcoming Units

- ◆ Basketball
- ◆ Floor Hockey
- ◆ Gymnastics & Dance

What’s Happening in PE?

As autumn comes to a close and winter rolls in this year, Physical Education at St. Thecla has some new scenery: the gymnasium. Although the days of outdoor soccer drills and flag football games are sadly just memories, new lessons filled with stereo music and surrounded by the comfort of the Falcons’ home gym walls have arrived. With this change in location has come a renewed energy from students, and that energy has been reflected in their enthusiasm this month.

The students in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade have been working hard to improve their traveling by incorporating various speeds, levels, and pathways into their movements. They are currently practicing various kinds of jumps using jump ropes and other obstacles to improve their height and speed. They are truly finding out why jumping is such good heart exercise - it’s hard work!

Students in the intermediate and junior high grades spent the beginning of November perfecting their Frisbee skills in games such as Ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee Shuffleboard, and Frisbee Golf. They were excited to find that there are so many different activities and games possible with just one Frisbee! As this unit came to a close, the students’ focus transitioned from sports strategy to health with the introduction of our current unit.

For the past few weeks, our concentration has transitioned to fitness and components of exercise. Students have been practicing the correct method of locating and counting their pulse to find their heart rate at rest and during exercise, and also how to calculate their maximum heart rate and target heart rate zone. These numbers are important to know in order to keep their hearts in good shape for a lifetime. Strong hearts and muscles are being developed through relays and circuits with medicine balls and other equipment, and students are discovering just what it takes to keep their hearts healthy for life!

In addition to lessons on heart health, students are also learning and practicing teambuilding techniques. Communication, trust, and problem-solving have been emphasized throughout the past two weeks. Activities that require students to eliminate athletic competition and incorporate cooperation into their strategies not only help them in the gym, but also lead them to be better Christians outside of it.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season,

Miss Kula, PE Teacher

