

Rejoice Together in Church This Easter

MPCA Sponsors Annual Banquet



Educators honored at the McKinley Park Civic Association are: Sister Kathleen Klingen, Douglas Semenske, Patricia Stevens, Ivan Gonzalez, Carla Heidy, Susana Tapia-Alvarez, Keith Van Rhein, David Ouimet, and Carlos Nunez.

The McKinley Park Civic Association held its 45th annual community celebration on March 13th. The William H. G.

Toms Award for Community Service was presented to Doug Semenske, pastor of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

He has served with distinction in the McKinley Park neighborhood for 36 years and will be retiring in June. The

Association has honored outstanding educators since 1993. This year's recipients are Ivan Gonzalez (Velma

Thomas Pre-K), Carla Heidy (Greene) Carlos Nunez (De La Salle Institute), David Ouimet (Bethany Baptist), Keith Van Rhein (Kelly High), Patricia Stevens (Evergreen Academy), and Susana Tapia-Alvarez (Everett).

A special outstanding educator award was presented to Sister Kathleen Klingen, who represented the Adrian Dominica Sisters. The order was honored for their founding and subsequent 20 years of teaching English to the immigrant population at the Aquinas Literacy Center, 36th & Hermitage.

St. Richard Hosts Volleyball Tourney



St. Richard School, 50th & Kostner conducted its 3rd Annual Volleyball Tournament on March 18th, for 5th and 6th grade teams, and on March 19th for 7th & 8th grade. On Friday night, an undefeated St. Bruno 6th grade beat St. Richard 6th for the Championship in two sets. On Saturday, undefeated St. Richard 8th grade beat undefeated Byrne 8th in two sets for the championship. Participating schools were Azuela Elementary, Byrne Elementary, Grimes Elementary, Queen of the Universe, St. Bruno, St. Joseph, St. Mary Star of the Sea, St. Richard, and St. Symphorosa. Pictured are the St. Richard 8th grade Championship team of Coach Nancy Sanchez, Valeria Galindo, Tianna Cruz, Miranda Morales, Sophia Aguilar, Coach Gabriel Sanchez, Kayla Sanchez and Leslie Gimenez.

Tabares Schedules Coffee Meeting

State representative Silvana Tabares, is hosting a Coffee Shop Stop at Café El Meson located at 4631 S. Kedzie Ave. on Saturday, April 9th from 11 a.m. to noon.

"I want to be sure that everyone in my district knows that I am open to discussing their questions and concerns," Tabares said. "Whether they are worried about how the lack of a budget is affecting programs they rely upon or they have other questions about what is happening in Springfield, I want to be available to listen and help. This meeting will



REP. S. TABARES

provide community members with the opportunity to get any questions that they have answered."

Tabares also walks door-to-door and hosts other meetings and seminars throughout her district.

For more information, or to RSVP, call (773) 522-1315 or e-mail rep.tabares@gmail.com.

Divy Additions For McKinley Park

12th Ward-Alderman George Cardenas announces two new 11 dock Divvy stations in the McKinley Park neighborhood at Ashland and Pershing and Damen and Pershing. The expanded bike lane on Pershing has

brought new growth to the area through scenic bike riding.

Cardenas stated, "A 21st Century neighborhood needs amenities such as Divvy to attract housing, tourism and recreational growth. McKinley Park is the Historic Geographic Center of Chicago and will continue to be one bike ride at a time."

The current stations at Archer & Leavitt and 35th & Wood service residents and inner city travelers from the neighborhood to downtown and the lakefront.

Easter Egg Hunt At Hoyne Park

The Hoyne Park Advisory Council and Omega Delta Baseball League will host an Easter Egg Hunt for ages 6 years and younger at the fieldhouse, 3417 S. Hamilton on Saturday, March 26th at 11 a.m.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and is limited to the first 50 children.

Literary Fest For Teenagers

The Chicago Public Library will conduct its first ChiTeen Lit Fest at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. and Columbia College Chicago, 618 S. Michigan ave. for ages 13 to 19 on April 15th and 16th.

The festival opens with a kick-off party at the Library Center on Friday, April 15th from 6 to 10 p.m. with networking opportunities, meetings with authors and artists, DJ music, performances and refreshments. The event is limited to 300 teens who must reserve at www.chiteenlitfest.org.

Columbia College, 618 S. Michigan ave., will conduct workshops, readings, panel discussions and more on Saturday, April 16th from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Events include workshops with festival headliners, and the "ChiTeen Showcase." Other scheduled discussions, workshops, and activities include "Got It Covered: Publishing Your Work," "8Bit Lit: Storytelling in Gaming," "Awesome Intros, Fierce First Lines, and Beginnings You Just Can't Quit!," "Power to the People: Social Justice in Writing," "Street Art in Words: A Wabash Arts Corridor Writing Tour," "LED Card Making" and much more.

Headling artist and authors include: Che "Rhymefest" Smith, Grammy, Oscar and Golden Globe winner; Erika L. Sanchez, acclaimed poet and novelist; Nambi E. Kelley, award-winning playwright and actress and Ben Tanzer, award-winning novelist and essayist.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will offer free round-trip bus service to the LitFest. Students must sign up in advance and return a completed permission slip. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Church Services

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
3528 S. Hermitage
Saint Maurice Church
3615 S. Hoyne
Sts. Peter and Paul Church
3745 S. Paulina

Holy Week Schedule:
Triduum Schedule:
March 24th: Holy Thursday, 8 a.m. SSPP morning prayer, 7 p.m. SSPP, Mass of the Lord's Supper, English & Spanish. Private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at each of our three churches and continues until 11 p.m.

March 25th: Good Friday, 8 a.m. SSPP, morning prayer; 9 a.m. SM, outdoor Way of the Cross, 3 p.m. OLGC, Stations of the Cross, English; 7 p.m. SSPP, Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, Spanish & English.

March 26th: Holy Saturday, 8 a.m. SSPP, Morning prayer; 12 p.m. SSPP, Blessing of Easter Baskets; 8 p.m. SSPP, Easter Vigil, Spanish & English.

March 27th: Easter Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. SM, English; 9 a.m. SSPP, English; 9 a.m. SM, Spanish; 10:30 a.m. OLGC, English and 12 p.m. SSPP, Spanish.

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Holy Thursday, March 24th: Morning prayer at 8:30 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight; 11:45 p.m. Night Prayer.

Good Friday, March 25th: Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m., Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. The statue of the body of Christ will lie in state after Stations through the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7 p.m. with Veneration of the Cross. Holy Saturday, March 26th: Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets at 12 noon. Confessions from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass with Festival Choir, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27th: Mass at Dawn, 6 a.m. Mass with Holy Name Men's Choir at 9:30 a.m. Mass with Festival Choir, 11:30 a.m.

ST. CAMILLUS CHURCH
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Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper English 6 p.m., Polish 8 p.m. Adoration until 12 midnight.

Good Friday, Good Friday Liturgy, English 5 p.m., Polish 7 p.m. Lamentation in Polish 9 p.m. Station of the Cross in Polish 12:30 a.m. Adoration all night.

Holy Saturday, Food Blessing 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. every 15 minutes. Easter Vigil Mass bilingual, English/Polish, 7 p.m.

On Good Friday & Holy Saturday the Church will be open for adoration all night.

Easter Sunday, Resurrection Mass in Polish 6 a.m. Masses: 9 a.m. English, 10 a.m. Polish, 12:30 p.m. English.

No Evening 7 p.m. Mass. Easter Monday, Masses 7 a.m. English, 10:30 a.m. Polish, 7 p.m. Polish.

Dean's List At St. Mary's

Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Indiana has named Julie Galvin and Melissa Mendez to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester. Honorees must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

ST. RICHARD PARISH
50th & KOSTNER
(773) 585-1221

Holy Thursday, March 24th: (No Morning Mass or Adoration) 7 p.m., Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Last Supper and Procession. Holy Thursday Pilgrimage leaving immediately after Mass. The Church will remain open until midnight for private prayer.

Good Friday, March 25th. (No Morning Mass) 2 p.m. Stations of the Cross, bilingual (Polish/English), 5 p.m., Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord with Veneration of the Cross and Communion in Polish, 7 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord with Veneration of the Cross and Communion in English. The church will remain open for prayer at the Tomb of our Lord.

Holy Saturday, March 26th. (No Morning Mass), 12 p.m., Blessing of Easter Food and Children's Baskets, 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection. There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Enthronement and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the Vigil mass. The Church will remain open all night on this holiest night of the year.

Easter Sunday, March 27th, 5 a.m. Sunrise Resurrection Mass with Procession in Polish; 6:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass in English; 12:30 p.m. Mass in Polish.

Easter Monday, March 28th, 8 a.m. Mass in English; 6 p.m. Mass in Polish.

Planning Group For Communities

Chicago Neighborhoods NOW held an initial meeting for the Greater Stockyards Planning Area, which includes the neighborhoods of Back of the Yards, McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Bridgeport, Armour Square, and parts of Pilsen and Fuller Park.

These meetings are to discuss needs and possible remedies seeking to make the neighborhoods more vibrant. Among the organizations represented were the 11th and 15th Wards, Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, McKinley Park Civic Association, Department of Planning and Development, Chicago Department of Transportation, The Resurrection Project, McKinley Park Advisory Council, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, South Loop Chamber of Commerce, and the Bridgeport Art Center.

Craig Chico, Executive Director of the Back of the Yards Council, along with Brad McConnell and Kara Breems, from the Planning Commission led an open discussion among the participants and invited all to keep updated on CityofChicago.org/CNN.

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Family Programs At Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo, Cannon drive and Fullerton parkway, has scheduled family programs through April.

An Easter Egg-Stravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The

Singles Salon At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer, will present a Singles Salon for age over 40 on the first Saturday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m.

Participants will mingle while discussing books, movies and music. For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

celebration will include pancake breakfast, an egg hunt, photos with the Easter Bunny, animal viewing, complimentary rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel and Lionel Train Adventure. For more information, visit www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar.

Animal Enrichment Workshops are scheduled for April 9th (Earth Day themed) or May 7th or 8th (Cinco de Mayo themed) from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Adults and kids of all ages can make edible piñatas and other creative enrichment items for the animals. The cost is \$5 person or \$18 for family of 4 to 6.

Wentworth Park Volleyball Champs



St. Richard 5th grade won the Wentworth Park Volleyball League championship over St. Nicholas of Tolentine in both sets on Monday, March 21st. Pictured are: Coach Nikko Castillo, Sophia Marie Jimenez, Ninea Gamino, Isabel Marin, Fernanda Castillo, Coach Sara Gonzalez, Mariana Valencia, Ariel Herrera, Amanda Gutierrez and Samya Brown.

Debt Crisis For Student Loans

14th Ward Aldermen Edward M. Burke and 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino called for the Chicago City Council to convene hearings to explore solutions to the student loan debt crisis.

"Crippling student loan debt is an issue that affects not only countless students in Chicago, but also the parents who co-sign on that debt," said Burke. "It is our hope that these hearings will prompt universities and private employers to try and shoulder some of that burden."

Statistics show that student loan debt has tripled since 2005 and now stands at \$1.2 trillion.

The Committee on Finance would hear testimony from the private sector and Chicago's Chief Financial Officer as well as representatives of the Chicago City Colleges, Chicago Public Schools and local colleges. A survey sponsored by Peanut Butter, Inc., found respondents were

willing to stay at least 36 percent longer at their jobs if their employer helped pay for the cost of student loan debt.

"Illinois ranks 16th among states in terms of highest debt burden with an average debt of \$28,984."

Since the State of Illinois halted funding of the Monetary Award program, DePaul University announced plans to honor every MAP award to more than 4,500 of its students and will also honor the MAP grant next year to incoming students.

Realty Talk At H-W Library

The Chicago Bar Association will present a program "Buying & Selling a Home" at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Monday, March 28th at 12:15 p.m.

A question and answer period will follow. For more information, call (312) 747-4300.



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Family Programs At B-P Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, has scheduled exciting programs during March. Preschool Story Time on Wednesday, March 30th at 11 a.m. will feature picture books, stories, songs and finger plays for ages 3 to 5 and their parents or caregivers. Each program will include a paper craft or coloring activity.

Family Story Time on Tuesday, March 29th at 6 p.m. will feature picture books, stories, songs and poems for all ages. The program includes a paper craft to take home.

On Saturday, March 26th, families may create artwork or play board games from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

Obituaries

JOANNA J. BERNAS (nee Jagiello) of Brighton Park, member of Saint Pancratius Senior Citizens and a charter member of Mother Theresa Dudzik Guild. She was the wife of late Andrew Bernas; mother of Rev. Thomas A. Bernas, pastor of Saint Rene Groupil Church; Steve, CEO of the Better Business Bureau (Patti) Bernas and late Marianne (Bernard) Panek. Visitation will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 28th & 29th from 2 to 9 p.m. at Wolniak Funeral Home, 5700 S. Pulaski to St. Richard Church, 5000 S. Kostner with a funeral mass to follow at 11 a.m. Entombment will be at Resurrection Mausoleum.



STANISLAW SMIALEK, age 35, son of Janina (nee Cudzych) & late Boleslaw Smialek; brother of Bozena (Jan) Maka, Maria (Lukasz) Podlipni, Krzysztof and Dorota Smialek. Funeral services were held March 19th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Willow Springs to St. Camillus Church. Interment was Gliczarow Gorny, Poland.

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Happy Easter

At this holy time of year, I wish you and your family all of the blessings life can hold. May the spirit of the season fill your heart with a sense of hope and renewed faith.



Edward M. Burke

14th Ward Alderman

14th Ward Democratic Org.