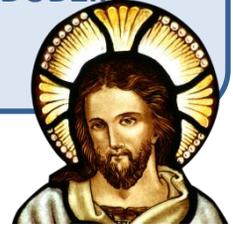
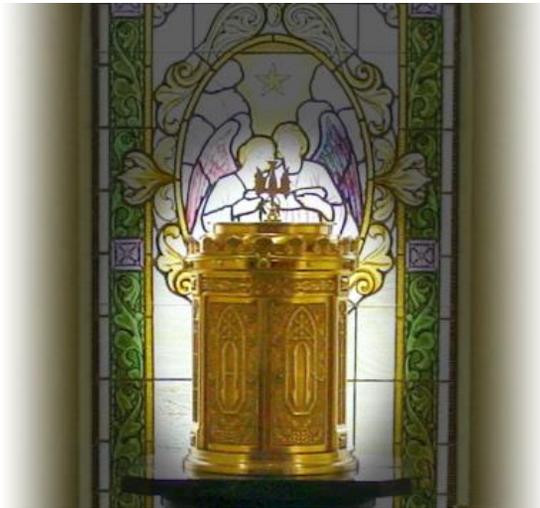


PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DEATH OF VENERABLE MOTHER MARY THERESA DUDZIK
ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1918



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A READING FROM THE *CHRONICLE* OF VENERABLE MOTHER THERESA DUDZIK



The stained glass image of singing angels is from the original chapel built by Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik. It serves as the backdrop for the Eucharistic chapel at the rebuild of St. Joseph Home for the Aged and Crippled, now called St. Joseph Village.

“...I still felt like a fish removed from water without the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The nearest church was on Milwaukee Avenue, and that was quite a distance from us. During the summer we attended Holy Mass whenever we were able to, although all of us could not attend it daily. The situation became more intense during the winter months when the roads were practically impassable. At times I felt such a great yearning for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament that I was ready to run to church, even late in the evening. I believe this yearning was just a temptation. Father Vincent suggested that I should think about my residents and not dream. As much as I tried to follow his advice, the longing for Jesus would persist and return often.”

Chronicle, pp. 54-55

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

✦ How can I become more aware of God's presence in my life?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITY FOR THE MONTH

During commercials I will "MUTE" the sound and close my eyes for a minute to think of Jesus. I will place a candle or electronic vigil light near my TV screen to remind myself to alter my evening TV viewing routine.

VENERABLE MOTHER THERESA DUDZIK'S QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

A NOTE ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik (1860-1918) was a Polish immigrant who deeply felt the misery and suffering of others. She began her ministries to the poor and needy in Chicago, taking them into her own apartment. When there was not enough room to house them all, she established the first home for the aged in the city. And to guarantee that the needy would never be abandoned, she founded a religious congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, to continue her ministries.

In this 100th anniversary of her death on September 20, 1918, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago invite all to share in the spiritual treasures found in her hand-written journal, the *Chronicle*.

This guide represents #10 in a series of 13. The entire series of guides can be found on the Sisters' website, <http://www.chicagofranciscans.org/>



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