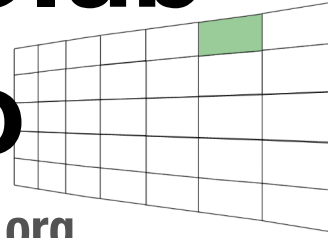


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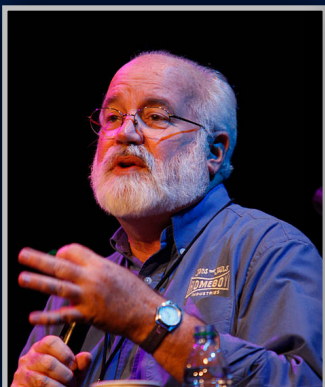


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Welcome!



MAUREEN MURPHY

Board President
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Hello Friends!

It is an honor and a pleasure to greet you and to provide you with a recap of our 36th season along with exciting news about our 37th season!

As I begin my second term as President of the FFC, I am proud to say that even during these unprecedented times we have continued to **provide a forum for men and women to make a connection between work, faith, values and issues that affect our daily lives.**

Our 36th season was a standout as we hosted a truly remarkable group of speakers. Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, opened our series, and Melody Hobson, President of Ariel Investments and Chairman of Starbucks Corporation, closed the season. The complete list of speakers and highlights from a few of their presentations are included in this report. I believe that you will, once again, be wowed by our FFC offerings!

And the exceptional lineup continues as we kick off our 37th season on Friday, October 7th with a presentation by Father Greg Boyle, S.J. from Homeboy Industries, once again at the Union

League Club in Chicago! I look forward to personally welcoming each of you to our first in-person gathering in more than two years.

Thank you for your continued commitment to FFC. Please invite friends, neighbors, colleagues, family members, anyone who might appreciate the experience of participating in these events. And I humbly ask that you consider supporting this organization with a financial gift. You may do so online. Go to the website, choose the amount of your gift, and complete your transaction in minutes. Your support is needed now more than ever as we continue to navigate these difficult times while incurring all of the increased costs required to maintain our programming.

While we hope to continue to meet in person, we will provide virtual opportunities including the rebroadcast of each of the monthly events via the First Friday Club of Chicago podcast. In fact, if you've missed one of our outstanding speakers or would simply like to listen again, go to the website and click on Podcasts, where you will find a collection of podcasts from the last several years.

Please continue to connect with our organization. Join us for lunch at the Union League Club on October 7th or engage virtually via the First Friday Club of Chicago podcasts. And thank you again for your part in the great success of the First Friday Club of Chicago. I look forward to being with each of you over the course of the next year.

Sincerely,

Maureen Murphy

**Board President
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A Note from the First Friday Club Chaplain



Greetings!

I want the First Friday Club of Chicago to continue and I need your financial help for that to happen.

It seems that almost everything in life has changed since March of 2020. Our last “live” speaker was Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot on March 6, 2020.

But because of the skill and talent of one of our Board members, we continued presenting every month by live-streaming our monthly speakers. Although we missed our monthly lunches and the personal interaction with one another and our speakers, we were able to continue to invite outstanding speakers to present connections between their work, their faith, their values, and the issues we face every day.

Now we are preparing to go “live” on October 7th at the Union League Club.

Our costs have increased dramatically especially in regards to the cost of food and service. And, we have determined that we cannot keep raising our lunch and speaker cost much higher.

So I am appealing directly to you to help keep the First Friday Club of Chicago moving forward, live and in person at the Union League Club.

Here are a few ways to help:

Renew your membership today!

Please go to the following link on our website to see how you can donate online: www.firstfridayclubchicago.org/become-a-member

A donation of \$75 or more will allow us to underwrite our costs while providing a discounted admission to our events. Even if you are only able to join us for an occasional luncheon, your membership helps lift the financial challenge we are facing.

Please consider making a financial contribution to the FFCC in any amount.

Your quiet, generous financial support will mean so much to me and to the FFCC.

Besides my membership for the FFCC this year, I also have decided to contribute the amount of three lunches to help keep the FFCC alive and moving forward. It’s not a lot, but if we could all do a little bit, the future will be more hopeful.

Every contribution to the FFCC is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. (A little perk for you!)

Ever since Cardinal Bernardin stepped up to the podium on June 6, 1986 to inaugurate the First Friday Club, I believed we were beginning something special in Chicago. I still do.

I am so proud of the many outstanding speakers who have shared their thought-provoking insights, revealing to us the ways they connect their faith and their work to the issues you and I face every day.

With your help, let us say together: Onward!

Fr. John Cusick

Chaplain
First Friday Club of Chicago

2021-2022

Highlights from our 36th Season

Dr. Ngozi Ezike | October 1, 2021



A View From the Center of the Storm

“**Dr. Ezike** shared her own personal story as a daily media fixture during the darkest days of the Covid-19 lockdown.”

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, then Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, kicked off the 36th season of the First Friday Club of Chicago. Dr. Ezike proved to be an outstanding speaker in every way. This humble public servant shared her deep humanity and her steadfast faith throughout her presentation. If you missed her presentation last October, or would simply like to be inspired again, go to the FFC website to access Dr. Ezike’s presentation.

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Highlights continued

Hermene Hartman | January 7, 2022



On a Mission: How Chicago's Media Could Unite Our Divided City

A young Black man living in Chicago had written a book. He called up Hermene Hartman, founder and publisher of N'Digo, the city's leading African American publication, to ask her to review his book. He kept calling, week after week.

Finally she read the book and told him, This book is too exotic - it's not a Chicago story, and I'm not going to write about it. But Hartman saw something in the young man. She asked him, What about you? What do you want to do in life?

The young man was Barack Obama. And Hartman's N'Digo profiled him on its cover, when no mainstream publication was interested. Hartman says journalists from all over the world have come to ask her, What did you see in him? "I saw determination," she says. "I saw a lot of discipline. And he was funny as heck."

Hermene Hartman founded N'Digo in 1989 after a multifaceted career in which she coordinated the first Black Expo, worked in TV, earned multiple degrees, taught behavioral sciences at the college level, and served as the first woman vice-chancellor at the City Colleges of Chicago.

She had long recognized the need for honest representation rather than stereotypical images of Black culture in mainstream media, and decided to address the problem by starting N'Digo. Today she also hosts N'Digo Studio, an interview and discussion program that follows Meet the Press on NBC 5 Chicago on Sunday mornings, which was nominated for an Emmy Award.

Hartman says Chicago's media contributes to our "tale of two cities," one of which receives coverage of all kinds, while the other gets coverage that is primarily negative, revolving primarily around crime and poverty. Stories of Black success and Black lifestyles are missing, as are stories of Black middle class families and successful Black businesses. Even stories of missing Black women are ignored, while missing white women will generate weeks of headlines. "We have to change our coverage, our perspectives," says Hartman. "We have to recognize and be respectful of all."

A First Friday Video Conversation with Hermene Hartman

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2021-2022

Highlights continued

Reverend C.J. Hawking | March 4, 2022



Chicago's Working People: What Did We Learn in the Pandemic & How Will the Faith Community Respond?

As many of us stayed at home during the covid lockdowns of 2020, we began to notice—and applaud—the workers who were making it possible for us to remain at home. This welcome appreciation for Chicago’s working people lies at the heart of Rev C.J. Hawking’s First Friday Club appearance in March of 2021.

For the past 15 years, Rev. Hawking has been the executive director of Arise Chicago, a nonprofit that gathers faith leaders to speak up for workers, and trains workers how to advocate for themselves with their employers

In her presentation, “Chicago’s working people: What did we learn in the pandemic and how will the faith community respond?” Hawking focused on the working conditions of Chicago’s low-wage essential workers. Mostly people of color, their death rate during the pandemic has been two to three times higher than the general public because their jobs place them at risk. And their employers often show little consideration for their workers’ health and well being.

Hawking took her audience on a short history tour to show how the U.S. has arrived at such a place of enormous inequality: First, the labor laws passed during the Depression in the 1930s, when social solidarity was high. By the 1950s one of three workers were union members, and 1965 brought Medicare and Medicaid. Fast forward to the 1980s when policies began to favor the wealthy, and union busting became its own booming industry. Today the middle class is hollowed out, and inequality reigns. “Social ties are frayed,” says Hawking. “Greed is out of control.”

Her work with Arise has brought Rev. Hawking face to face with the often hidden practices of some local employers who do not pay proper wages or who refuse to correct unsafe working conditions. She described what kinds of workplaces often fail their workers and what we can do about it - and how supporting workers is a faith practice that goes all the way back to Moses.

A First Friday Video Conversation with Rev. C.J. Hawking

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2021-2022

Highlights continued

Annette Nance-Holt | April 1, 2022



Serving the City She Loves in More Ways Than One

Chicago Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt proved to be another standout in a season filled with standout speakers. Her list of accomplishments, both personal and professional, proved inspirational to those “in attendance.” The Commissioner discussed the challenges of being Chicago’s first female Fire Commissioner, and she described the loss of her son Blair to gun violence. Commissioner Nance-Holt also explained her subsequent and ongoing work in creating organizations designed to

address the scourge of gun violence. This is another presentation sure to inspire whether watching for the first or fifth time, you can find it on the First Friday Club of Chicago’s website.

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As our history states, we've been making connections for many years! FFCC was founded in 1986 by Father John Cusick, and today he continues his service as Club Chaplain. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin was FFCC's first speaker.

Our members and friends of First Friday Club will continue to receive all communications via e-blasts which contain information on and links to our speakers, along with information and links on how one can donate to the First Friday Club of Chicago.

For additional information on First Friday Club, go to FFCC's website at firstfridayclubchicago.org to view previous Annual Reports, a current list of Board members, contact information, and links to all podcasts and video conversations.

You can also stay connected with FFCC on Facebook. FFCC's Facebook account has photos, announcements, quotes from luncheon speakers, links, and comments. Go to facebook.com/FirstFridayClubChicago to view and post your own comments.

Last but not least, please consider becoming a member of First Friday Club.

We run on a tight budget and rely heavily on memberships and donations to help underwrite our rising administrative and luncheon expenses, which are not covered by the ticket price charged for our speaker presentations.

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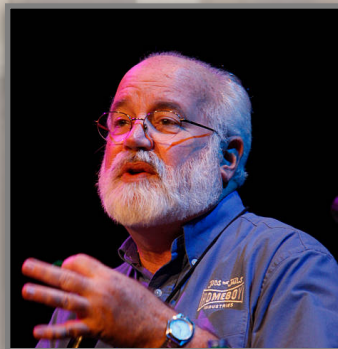
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In Memory of William James Yacullo

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Bill was one of the original First Friday Club Board Members in 1986, participating in the establishment of the club. Bill was also known to be a man of strong principles who lived his life according to them: faith, family and community service. May he rest in peace.

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