

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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December 31, 2023

Holy Family Sunday



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

How far back can you trace your family tree that is your genealogy? Are there any famous or infamous family members that are a part of your family tree? Can you brag that you are a direct descent of royalty?

We all are descendents of the Holy Family, whose feast we celebrate today. Not directly by blood, but, by the blood of Christ as he died on the Cross for us that we might be restored into God's family as his children, as brothers and sisters in Christ. Even as we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior, we are reminded that his birth took place that he might sacrifice his life for us on the Cross that we might live.

Family life demands great sacrifices of us, no matter the size, makeup, or our definition of family. In our families we find security, we can be ourselves, we are nourished in mind, body, and spirit, we are loved and love in return. As we listen to the readings about the Holy Family, we begin to see Jesus grow and mature in wisdom and grace through the love of Mary and Joseph guided by the Spirit of the Lord.

As we begin this New Year of 2024 may we too be guided by the Holy Spirit that where there is anxiety, we may find peace, where there is pain and hurt, we may find healing. And, especially through our families' weather we are born into them, adopted into them as we are adopted into Christ's family, through the waters of Baptism, and welcomed and into being a part of many other families, we may find and share the love of God.

Sincerely,

Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

CHRISTMAS LETTER

It has been brought to our attention that most parishioners did not receive their Christmas letter in the mail.

The letters were mailed directly from the envelope company the week of December 4th.

We are in contact with the envelope company and the post office to see what happened. We apologize.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl.

Stop in the Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.

SAVE the DATE: Next Meeting Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 10:00am in the Parish Center.

**Donations of yarn, and new members are always welcome!
If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.**

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary**

9:30AM: Bernard Thome, Carol Ban Dawes,
Cecilia Ebokam

Tuesday, January 2-SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30AM Mass:
Bill Meyering, Cecilia Ebokam

Weds., January 3-Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00AM Mass: Cecilia Ebokam, Ancestors of
Rosemarie Czanko Knight
8:30AM Communion Service:

Thursday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30AM Mass:
Molly Skopec, Anna Kolena, Cecilia Ebokam,
Gorski & Kita Families

Friday, January 5-St. John Neumann

8:30AM Mass: Bill Dunne, Cecilia Ebokam

Saturday, January 6-St. Andre Bassette

8:30AM: Michael J. Madigan, Cecilia Ebokam
4:00PM: Katherine Vanderwarren, Peter Vlasis,
Robert Fleckenstein, Gene Branecki, John Balko

Sunday, January 7-Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM: Bernie Thome
9:30AM: Gino Pacetti, Arthur Kuhn
11:30AM: Phillip Chaput, Martin Peter Sum,
Lou Konieczka, Cecilia Ebokam

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Norman Lupescu

William L. Stone

Richard Haggerty

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

David Akai, Kathe Anhalt, Michael Anhalt, Patricia Aruldoss, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Catherine Cotter Brady, Donna Burica, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Tom Coti, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Marie Dillon, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Karen Finn, Sara Fox, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Bill Geegan, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Charles Lee, Kim Lewis, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, Francine Opas, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Devin Sanchez, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Georgie Stupay, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Charlene Thomson, Mary Ann Trop, Vickie Vertucci, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

NEW YEARS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DEC 31st -4:00PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 1st -9:30AM

Promise of Marriage

II. Kendyl Todd & Nathaniel Natividad

Please pray for our couples

**Ministers' Schedule for December 30-31, 2023**

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	Joan Tiffy	Brian Jordan	Mike Maslanka	Maureen Curran
Eucharistic Ministers	Harold Reinheimer Joan Tiffy	Fran Genender Marty Dwyer	Maureen Panarella Eileen Akroush	Guy DiBenedetto Stacie Chimera

CHALKING THE DOOR ~ AN EPIPHANY BLESSING



An Epiphany blessing is a way of marking our home, usually at the main entrance, dining room and bedrooms, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. On the Twelfth Night after Christmas, many families gather in their homes to celebrate this Epiphany Feast with friends, singing, and gifts. It is at these Twelfth-Night celebrations that "chalking the door" with this blessing is most often observed. The following blessing is written over the doorway of the house with chalk.

20 + C + M + B + 24

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the customary names of the three Magi; Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus Manisonem, Benedicat,*" "May Christ bless this house." The year is divided before and after these letters because it is 2023 years since the incarnation. The crosses (+) represent the protection of Christ.

Happy New Year from the Volunteers of the OLSG FOOD PANTRY !

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the pantry and people in need.

**Please consider helping to restock for
Monthly Pantry Days.
Some things Needed this month are....**

Tomato soup, veggie soup, beef stew, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, rice or pasta-roni, boxed or pouches of potatoes, coffee, cereal, mac & cheese, pudding cups, canned fruit, cookies, crackers, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries, laundry detergent & Gift cards to buy perishables

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS
HELPING US HELP OTHERS

Our Lady at St. Germaine/St. Catherine
Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry

Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024

6:30 PM

St. Catherine Alexandra
(former Convent)
10600 S. Karlov

Agenda:

Teen Domestic Violence Activities

All are welcome

For more information contact Joanne Ryan at 708-945-9935 or John Chesniak at (708)793-9545

HAVE A BLESSED
new year

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.

December 17, 2023

Sunday:	\$10,536.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,418.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$12,954.00
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Sharing:	\$5.00
Share in the Care:	\$334.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$125.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$41.00
Aid to Education:	\$110.00
Propagation of Faith:	\$5.00
Solmenity of Mary:	\$45.00
Christmas:	\$1,336.00

December 24, 2023

Sunday:	\$9,768.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,623.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$12,391.00
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Share in the Care:	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$125.00
Christmas (thus far):	\$37,341.03
Immaculate Conception:	\$45.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Split The Pot Drawing



On December 17th, envelope #860 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$ 905.00 was added to last weeks pot.

Due to the early holiday bulletin deadline, the results from December 24th drawing are not available yet.

Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win! Good Luck!

AA Meetings in Our Lady at St. Germaine Basement

(For Location Confirmation Follow OLBB Signage)

Sunday - 7:00 pm – Closed Meeting
(Alcoholics Only)

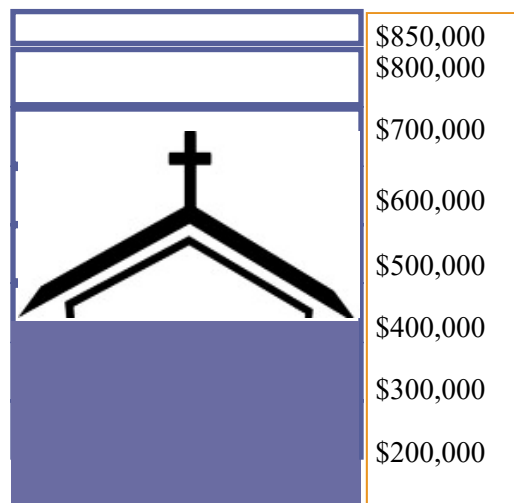
Thursday - 7:30 pm – Open Meeting (all are welcome)

Thank you to the **299** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$424,172.75**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is.

Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Can you help us raise the roof?



2024 CALENDARS ARE HERE

The 2024 calendars are now available. Please take one home with you. They have lovely images and all the important dates in the liturgical year.

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Monday—Thursday 9:00am ~ 2:30pm

Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Website: ourladyatstgermaine.org

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30AM Mass

Wednesday: 7:00AM Mass, 8:30AM Communion Service

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 2:45-3:30 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 9-6pm, Wednesdays 9-7pm, Thursdays 9-7pm

Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

To register in the parish, or for information about any of our organizations, ministries, services, or educational opportunities, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

BAPTISMS— Call Parish Center to schedule.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Joe Gonzalez

Frank Mamolella

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