

# *Our Lady at St. Germaine*

St. Germaine Parish Center: 708-636-5060  
9711 S. Kolin Avenue  
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453  
St. Germaine School: 708-425-6063

Our Lady of Loretto Church  
8925 S. Kostner Avenue  
Hometown, Illinois 60456

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

## *Pay attention.....*





# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

When I was ordained, as a priest, over forty years ago, the words of Isaiah the prophet seemed very clear cut. I thought I knew what these words called me to do as a priest.

*He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives . . .*

But, every few years the interpretation of this passage from Isaiah changes, as it does for all of us especially during this time of the Covid 19 pandemic. There are so many voices crying out to us for help today from all sides, but, they are not always easily heard or understood. These voices themselves are not always sure what they need or want.

We live in a world that lives in much physical poverty, but, also in great spiritual poorness. People are looking and searching for freedom from the anxieties of their daily lives. They feel captive and bound to a way of life that only ties them down. Life's meaning and value has, for them, been centered on social trends that are fleeting, quickly replaced by something that promises a greater joy.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we all share in the priesthood of Christ, the Anointed One of God. The spirit of the Lord, our God, dwells within us, giving us the power to release those held captive by the promises of a world that cannot of itself bring us true freedom from our human condition and sinfulness. Left on our own we cannot restore the Lord's justice in the world. Only Christ, who took upon himself our human nature, can free us from whatever imprisons us in anxiety and broken hearts. Christ truly understands our broken hearts and he alone can free us from whatever holds us down from living in true joy with the Father.

Christ is our source of joy, freedom and salvation, because he humbled himself, by taking our human nature that we might share in his divine nature and be one with God in Holiness. Sharing in Christ's priesthood, we must also humble ourselves that we too may bring joy, freedom, and justice to our world. We must humbly allow the spirit of the Lord to take hold of us and make us his anointed ones, sharing in the voice of Christ, who is the source of all holiness.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

## Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish Grand Raffle

- ✚ Grand Prize Winner= Ricky L.
- ✚ 2nd Prize Winner—Gerry C.
- ✚ 3rd Prize Winner - Nancy A.
- ✚ *Seller of Grand Prize Ticket –Denis H.*

**THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO HAVE PURCHASED OR SOLD TICKETS TO  
HELP US RAISE FUNDS!!  
YOU HELPED US RAISE OVER \$20,000!!**

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 7– St. Ambrose**

8:30 AM &amp; 7:00PM Masses

Jack O'Hare, Eva Joy, Tom Essig (Healing)

**Tues, Dec. 8– Immaculate Conception of Mary**

8:30 AM Mass

Stanislaw Szczechowicz, Thomas Shea

**Wed., December 9–St. Juan Diego**

8:30 AM Mass

Lucille Finn, Patrick Murphy, George &amp; Antoinette Czanko, Eileen Demos

**Thurs, Dec 10– Feast of Our Lady of Loretto**

8:30 AM Mass

Anne Vaughan, Dennis O'Hare

**Friday, December 11– Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass

Special Intentions, Tom Shea

**Sat, December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30AM-Virginia &amp; Tim Burns, Poor Souls

4:00PM– Josephine Konczal, Kathryn McGettrick,  
Nolan-Cannon Families, Tom Shea**Sunday, Dec 13– Third Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM– Loretta Barba, Eileen Grady, Fran Manley

9:30AM– Russ Klatt, James Cesak, Irene Nykiel,  
Estelle Ofiara11:30AM– Richard Ilkanic, Rose Stachovich,  
Debra Louise Streeter**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Joyce Wiltzius

Anthony Willner

Donald Kenah

Irene Erdmann

Frances Manley

William Noonan

Charles Hughes

Florence Cesario

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

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, John Brdecka,  
Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak,  
Taylor Collard, Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo,  
Dolores Dorman, Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen  
Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Jan  
Gorman, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen  
Graff, Lynn Groebe, Peg Hansen,  
Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda, Debbie Heitz, Cathy  
Hinz, Betty Hedderman, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Gina  
Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry  
Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe  
Kress, Judith Lasky, Kim Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski,  
Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch,  
Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn,  
Michael Mattaliano, Edward Mietz, Raimonda Miknius,  
Gerald Oblazany, Dean Ojeda, Raul Osornio,  
Katherine Pape, Matt Pender, Maggie Powers,  
Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti,  
Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom,  
Sharon Safstrom Norma Salas, Audrey Schmitz,  
Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith, Joe  
Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Michael Stupay,  
Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen,  
Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Pat Walker, Susan Zak,  
Gussie Zawaski

Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue  
to be available to watch from home via  
our website, [www.ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org),  
YouTube or on Facebook.

**RSVP**

*To make a reservation for  
weekend mass, please call  
708-572-5222 or go to  
<https://bit.ly/reservemass>  
Please have name, number of  
attendees, and mass time ready  
when you call.*

**Christmas Mass Schedule***(we will also have online)*

**Reservations must be made by December 20th  
at 1:00PM.**

**\*\*Due to current restrictions, reservations are  
for parishioners ONLY**

**Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24 at**

**3:00 PM in Church**

**3:30 PM in the Activity Center\***

**5:00 PM in Church**

**5:30 PM in the Activity Center\***

**Christmas Day: Friday, December 25**

**at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

\*Masses in the Activity Center are geared towards  
families with children

## A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see  
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –  
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –  
A tangible and visible way of living  
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.  
Christ, since my lips will be covered,  
Uncover my heart,  
That people would see me smile in the crinkles  
around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled,  
Help me to speak clearly,  
Not only with my words, but with my actions.  
Holy Spirit,  
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to  
listen carefully –  
And full of care – to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth  
Be shield and banner,  
And each breath that it holds,  
Be filled with your love.  
In your name and in the name of love I pray.  
-Amen.

-Author Unknown

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab;  
Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
or any readings from the Common of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

*2021 Mass book is open and has plenty of availability. Please call the office at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*

## 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. To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060

## SECOND SUNDAY

## OF Advent

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



**DECEMBER 6, 2020**



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### November 22, 2020

Sunday: \$8,558.00  
 Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,253.00

**SUNDAY TOTAL: \$10,811.00**

\*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00  
 Food Baskets: \$55.00  
 Retired Priests: \$135.00  
 Thanksgiving : \$979.00

### November 29, 2020

Sunday: \$7,841.62  
 Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,113.00

**SUNDAY TOTAL: \$9,954.62**

\*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00  
 Food Baskets: \$370.00  
 Retired Priests: \$60.00  
 Campaign for Human Dev.: \$85.00  
 Christmas: \$110.00

\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

## Split The Pot Drawing



On November 22, # 113 was pulled and did not participate in the raffle. On November 29, # 596 was pulled and did not participate in the raffle. The amount of \$3,970.00 will be added to this weeks prize. Good luck!

**The Our Lady of Loretto Statue  
 has been relocated to Statue Row on  
 98th Street.**

**Also, the memorial pavers from  
 Our Lady of Loretto have been  
 removed and will be reset on the  
 Kolin St. entrance when weather permits.**

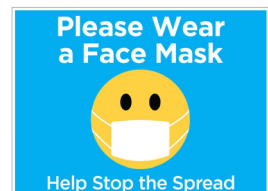


Please remember ....

Masks **MUST** be worn at all times  
 and must cover your nose and  
 mouth.

Maintain social distance at all times.

Do NOT rearrange any furniture.  
 Thank you for your cooperation!



**Quack, quack. Splish, splash.  
 Vroom, ZOOM!**

don't worry- not THAT kind of zoom!

Looking for a fun distraction and a chance to win some cool prizes

Join the GERMAZING DUCKS group on Facebook! LIVE Weekly  
 MIGHTY DUCK races will take place with the "Winning Duck"  
 taking home gift certificates, summer fun items, and MORE!

Hope to "see" you there!

St. Germaine Family School Association

Search for the group on Facebook using this key phrase:



**Germazing Mighty Ducks Races**

...and while you are there don't forget to follow our page @StGermaineFSA



## Save your checks!

Remember you can write one check for  
 your weekly donations. Example: If you are  
 writing a check for \$25 for weekly contribu-  
 tion, \$5 for the Split the Pot and \$10 for Edu-  
 cation Fund, you can write 1 check for \$40 and  
 include all envelopes instead of writing 3 sep-  
 arate checks **or you can sign up for WWW.**

**GIVECENTRAL.ORG**

## THE MARION GIVING TREES

As we are now in the first week of December, it is so strange to not be doing some traditions that have become to be such a huge part of the holiday season within the parish. This weekend would have been our annual Grandma's Attic (white elephant sale), which helped raise over \$1000 to help our families in need this Christmas. We are also missing which would have been our 13th annual Breakfast with Santa which the confirmation candidates along with Knights of Columbus and Men's Club was such a wonderful family celebration and a way to raise bags of toys and gift cards that could be distributed to our families in need. And the pure fact that our pews are not full with all of our parishioners due to Covid-19, leaves our Marion Giving Trees full of children and families who could use help. I try to remind myself of what Marion would say, "God will provide".

We still have tags will be up at with cards to help those in the area who are in need on the trees, on the website is a virtual tree and you can simply call the parish center to help if you choose.

Marion exemplified the spirit of giving in every aspect of her life. She loved this parish, and celebrating Christmas while experiencing the generosity of the parish community was one of her greatest joys. May her spirit of loving concern for others live in all of us this holy season.

Our parish families are always so incredibly generous. Each year, the cards are taken from the trees, and wonderful gifts are bought for all of our Courage moms, our Special Friends and our families. We hope that this year will be the same. We realize that so many of our parishioners have a little less this year, and it might be a little more difficult to share. If you are able to take a card from the trees, we will be most grateful.

Saying "Thank you" doesn't seem enough, but know that it comes with prayers of gratitude for all of our generous givers. May the baby, born in a manger, fill your Christmas with love, joy and peace. Merry Christmas !!!!!!!

Monetary donations can be made and we will use to purchase gifts/cards for families. If you have any questions, please call Jen at 636-5060 x200.

*Due to COVID, The COURAGE Program will not be able to have their annual Christmas Gala. At the Gala, the kids receive gifts that have been donated to us by parishes and organizations. Many of those donors will not be collecting this year. Giving tree cards will also be available at the parish center or can be mailed to you directly if you contact the COURAGE office at (708) 636-8001. COURAGE will need gifts for over 300 children. Will you kindly consider helping*



## GET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING STARTED ...

We know it's just November, but we're hoping you are ready to start your holiday shopping.

Manna profits are shared by you and the school with a nominal administrative fee going out to the Manna program – it is like free money for you and the school! The fact is, we all go to the grocery store and the gas station, and have gifts to buy, so, why not take money off of tuition while paying at these places and buying your holiday gifts at the same time.

It seems almost too good to be true. It's not. It's as simple as sending your Manna (Regular or Special Manna form along with payment to school with your child OR stopping in to purchase Manna at the office on school days (8:30 AM until 1:00 PM). For every gift card you purchase, a portion of that purchase goes towards next year's tuition and an equal portion goes to the school fundraising account. Free money!!

If you're not already using the Manna program, we encourage you to try it out – we think you'll love it. For those who are already using the Manna program, we thank you.

Our "Special Manna Order Form" is online.. We are hoping to get the holiday shopping started here – please fill it out and return to the office with payment. Should you need a regular Manna order form, please feel free to call the office and we will send you one. **Thank you and let the 2020 Holiday Shopping begin!**

# Family Order Form

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## St Germaine School - Oaklawn ,IL

Please note that the last day to place a special order is Monday, December 7th, 2020.

### SPECIAL ORDER FORM

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
1-800-Baskets \$50.00	12%		\$	Bonefish Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
1-800-Flowers \$50.00	12%		\$	Bonefish Grill \$50.00	10%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Aoe Hardware \$100.00	4%		\$	Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Disney \$1000.00	3%		\$
Aoe Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Buckle \$25.00	8%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings@ \$10.00	8%		\$	Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	2.25%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings@ \$25.00	8%		\$	DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$100.00	8%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$12.00	10%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25.00	8%		\$
American Girl \$100.00	9%		\$	Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	10%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$
Antico Posto \$100.00	12%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Antico Posto \$25.00	12%		\$	California Pizza Kitchen \$25.00	8%		\$	Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Champs Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Fannie May Candies \$10.00	25%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Finish Line \$25.00	10%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Cheryl's Cookies \$50.00	12%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
Athleta \$100.00	14%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Athleta \$25.00	14%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Golf Galaxy \$100.00	8%		\$
Banana Republic \$100.00	14%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Golf Galaxy \$25.00	8%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$	Gordon Food Service Store \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Container Store \$100.00	9%		\$	Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$100.00	8%		\$	Container Store \$25.00	9%		\$	Great Clips \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Hair Cuttery \$10.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	6%		\$	Hair Cuttery \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$100.00	8%		\$	Hallmark \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$100.00	7%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	Harry & David \$50.00	12%		\$
Berkot's Super Foods \$100.00	4%		\$	Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$	Hilton \$100.00	2%		\$
Berkot's Super Foods \$25.00	4%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$	Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$100.00	8%		\$	HoneyBaked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9%		\$
Binny's Beverage Depot \$100.00	3%		\$	Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants@ \$10.00	10%		\$	Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$15.00	5%		\$
								J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$

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JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Supercuts \$25.00	8%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Nordstrom Rack \$100.00	4%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Nordstrom Rack \$25.00	4%		\$	Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$
Joe's Crab Shack \$25.00	9%		\$	Oberweis \$10.00	8%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Jos. A. Bank \$25.00	10%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Journeys \$25.00	10%		\$	Olive Garden \$100.00	8%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	4%		\$
Krispy Kreme® Doughnut Corporation \$10.00	8%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
L.L.Bean \$100.00	16%		\$	Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$	Vera Bradley \$50.00	7%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Lady Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Overstock.com \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$
Landry's, Inc. \$100.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$	Panera Bread \$50.00	8%		\$	Walmart \$250.00	2.5%		\$
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants \$100.00	12%		\$	Peapod Online Grocery \$100.00	4%		\$	Wayfair \$100.00	6%		\$
Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$	Peapod Online Grocery \$25.00	4%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$	Peapod Online Grocery \$50.00	4%		\$	West Elm \$100.00	8%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	West Elm \$25.00	8%		\$
Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$100.00	8%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00	11%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$	Zappos.com \$25.00	8%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$50.00	11%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$				
Marcus Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	REI \$25.00	8%		\$				
Mario Tricoci \$100.00	7%		\$	Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$				
Mario Tricoci \$25.00	7%		\$	Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50.00	10%		\$				
Marshalls \$100.00	7%		\$	Saks Fifth Avenue \$50.00	12%		\$				
Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	Sally Beauty \$25.00	12%		\$				
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%		\$				
Morton's Steakhouse \$25.00	9%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$				
Neiman Marcus \$50.00	12%		\$	Smashburger \$10.00	10%		\$				
Nike \$25.00	12%		\$	Staples \$100.00	5%		\$				
Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$				
Nordstrom \$100.00	4%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$				
				Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$				
				Stein Mart \$25.00	7%		\$				

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## OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH

### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

9711 S. Kolin Avenue Oak Lawn Illinois

Parish Office: 708-636-5060 Fax: 708-636-8007

Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ Noon

Website: [ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://ourladyatstgermaine.org)

### OUR LADY OF LORETTO CATHOLIC CHURCH

8925 S Kostner Avenue Hometown Illinois

Parish Office: 708-636-5060

#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday—Saturday: 8:30 AM Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES at ST. GERMAINE:

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

**RECONCILIATION:** St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Closed Temporarily

#### 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.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Fr. George Velloorattil

Jack Malone

Joe Gonzalez

Frank Mamolella

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Hometown, Illinois 60456

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

## *Pay attention.....*



# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Our lives are filled with questions. For students, where should I go to college and will it be remote learning? For parents, how will we be able to afford college and do I want to pay for remote learning? When will I be able to find work? How will I provide food, clothing, and health coverage for my family? When will the job market get better, so I can find a job? At what age will I be able to retire? Our lives are constantly filled with questions; the answers we give can change the direction of our lives and the lives of our families.

If we could only be as certain in our answers, as was John the Baptist when he was asked in today's Gospel, "What should I do?" Our answers to lives important questions are usually given with some if not a lot of anxiety. But, John, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered very readily and boldly by telling the people to treat everyone fairly, honestly, with respect and care. He was telling the people to prepare to welcome the Lord in their midst by welcoming each other in care and friendship. He challenged them to give up selfish and self-centered ways that only resulted in their lives being lived in competition against each other, only raising their anxiety levels and levels of competition.

What should I do to prepare for the coming of Christ? We should listen to the words of John the Baptist and welcome one another in care and friendship as if we were welcoming the Lord himself, because we are welcoming the Lord, who makes his dwelling not only among us, but, in each of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

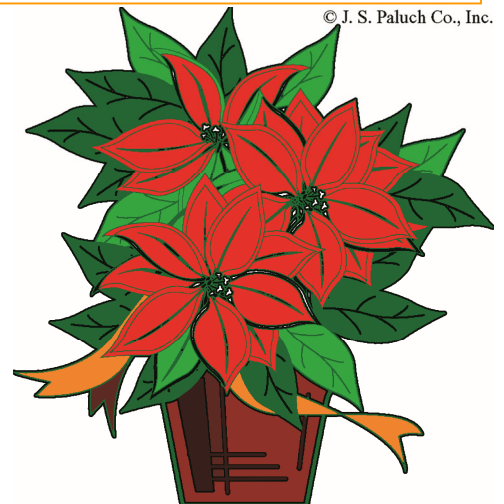


Families attending the Christmas Eve Mass in the Gym (3:30PM or 5:30PM) are asked to bring jingle bells to ring at the singing of the Gloria and Alleluia.

Please also bring the baby Jesus from your family Christmas Creche for a special blessing.



Watch the website for the video of the closing mass for Our Lady of Loretto. It will be posted shortly.



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**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 14— St. John of the Cross**

8:30 AM & 7:00PM Masses  
Tom & Ellis Signaigo, James & Traiynor,  
Laurie Phillips(Healing)

**Tuesday, December 15— Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Daiva Paulis, William Noonan, Joseph Fuja

**Wednesday, December 16—Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Special Intentions, James & Ruby Farnan,  
Dorothy Ormond

**Thursday, December 17— Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Thomas Shea, Tony Willner, Mary Boylan,  
Carmen Hojilla(bday)

**Friday, December 18— Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Loretta Barry, Debra Horner, Tony Wiedenski (Healing)

**Saturday, December 19— Late Advent Weekday**

8:30AM-Joseph Fuja, Edward Terry(healing)  
4:00PM— Kathryn McGettrick, Thomas M Shea,  
John Ranalli(10th Anniv)

**Sunday, December 20— Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM— William Essig, Tom Essig(Healing)  
9:30AM— David Masino, Mary Boylan  
11:30AM— Dr. Norma Rose Mason, Jean Nelson,  
Gabino Moyet, Bob & Nancy Greenan

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

John Brdecka

Josephine Poulos

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

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Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard,  
Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Dolores Dorman,  
Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner,  
Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Jan Gorman, Gerardo  
Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen Graff, Lynn Groebe,  
Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda,  
Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman,  
Kaitlyn Hedderman, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch"  
Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard  
Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Judith Lasky, Kim  
Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch,  
Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn,  
Michael Mattaliano, Edward Mietz, Raimonda Miknius,  
Gerald Oblazany, Dean Ojeda, Raul Osornio,  
Katherine Pape, Matt Pender, Maggie Powers,  
Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti,  
Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom,  
Sharon Safstrom Norma Salas, Audrey Schmitz,  
Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Ellie Smith, Joe  
Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Michael Stupay,  
Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen,  
Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Pat Walker, Susan Zak,  
Gussie Zawaski

Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue  
to be available to watch from home via  
our website, [www.ourladyatstgermaine.org](http://www.ourladyatstgermaine.org),  
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**RSVP**

*To make a reservation for  
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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

*(we will also have online)*

**Reservations must be made by December 20th  
at 1:00PM.**

**\*\*Due to current restrictions, reservations are  
for parishioners ONLY**

**Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24 at**

**3:00 PM in Church**

**3:30 PM in the Activity Center\***

**5:00 PM in Church**

**5:30 PM in the Activity Center\***

**Christmas Day: Friday, December 25**

**at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

**\*Masses in the Activity Center are geared towards  
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## A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see  
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –  
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –  
A tangible and visible way of living  
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.  
Christ, since my lips will be covered,  
Uncover my heart,  
That people would see me smile in the crinkles  
around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled,  
Help me to speak clearly,  
Not only with my words, but with my actions.  
Holy Spirit,  
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to  
listen carefully –  
And full of care – to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth  
Be shield and banner,  
And each breath that it holds,  
Be filled with your love.  
In your name and in the name of love I pray.  
-Amen.

-Author Unknown

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19,  
23; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-  
14; Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

*2021 Mass book is open and has plenty of availability. Please call the office at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*

## 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. To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060

## THIRD SUNDAY

## OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11





## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**December 6, 2020**

Sunday:	\$9,279.64
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,550.00
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,829.64</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
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## Split The Pot Drawing



Last week # 652 was pulled and did participate in the raffle. They won the prize in amount of \$4,520.00 . Congrats!

**The Our Lady of Loretto Statue has been relocated to Statue Row on 98th Street.**

**Also, the memorial pavers from Our Lady of Loretto have been removed and will be reset on the Kolin St. entrance when weather permits.**

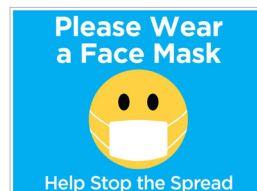


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Search for the group on Facebook using this key phrase:



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## Save your checks!

Remember you can write one check for your weekly donations. Example: If you are writing a check for \$25 for weekly contribution, \$5 for the Split the Pot and \$10 for Education Fund, you can write 1 check for \$40 and include all envelopes instead of writing 3 separate checks **or you can sign up for WWW. GIVECENTRAL.ORG**

## **THE MARION GIVING TREES, COURAGE & GODS SPECIAL FRIENDS**

As we are now in the first week of December, it is so strange to not be doing some traditions that have become to be such a huge part of the holiday season within the parish. This weekend would have been our annual Grandma's Attic (white elephant sale), which helped raise over \$1000 to help our families in need this Christmas. We are also missing which would have been our 13th annual Breakfast with Santa which the confirmation candidates along with Knights of Columbus and Men's Club was such a wonderful family celebration and a way to raise bags of toys and gift cards that could be distributed to our families in need. And the pure fact that our pews are not full with all of our parishioners due to Covid-19 , leaves our Marion Giving Trees full of children and families who could use help. I try to remind myself of what Marion would say, "God will provide".

We still have tags will be up at with cards to help those in the area who are in need on the trees, on the website is a virtual tree and you can simply call the parish center to help if you choose.

Marion exemplified the spirit of giving in every aspect of her life. She loved this parish, and celebrating Christmas while experiencing the generosity of the parish community was one of her greatest joys. May her spirit of loving concern for others live in all of us this holy season.

Our parish families are always so incredibly generous. Each year, the cards are taken from the trees, and wonderful gifts are bought for all of our Courage moms, our Special Friends and our families. We hope that this year will be the same. We realize that so many of our parishioners have a little less this year, and it might be a little more difficult to share. If you are able to take a card from the trees, we will be most grateful.

Saying "Thank you" doesn't seem enough, but know that it comes with prayers of gratitude for all of our generous givers. May the baby, born in a manger, fill your Christmas with love, joy and peace. Merry Christmas !!!!!!!

Monetary donations can be made and we will use to purchase gifts/cards for families. If you have any questions, please call Jen at 636-5060 x200.

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***THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS!!***



## GIVE THANKS AND REMEMBER...

1980 was an exciting time to be a member of the Family of St. Germaine.

The pews were filled at Sunday masses and we welcomed visitors who came to hear the inspirational homilies of Frs. Goedert, Burke and Noone.

Parish organizations thrived thanks to the volunteers and there was something for everyone... Holy Name Society, Altar and Rosary, the Homebound Program, St. Vincent de Paul, God's Special Friends and the Hospitality Team. Spiritual offerings, parties and fundraisers translated into lifetime friendships as parishioners shared their time and talents.

Our children were blessed with caring teachers in school and Religious Ed Program and the Athletic Committee offered a full slate of activities spearheaded by our parents and their helpers.

That was 40 years ago and the year when the COURAGE Program found a home at St. Germaine. When an invitation went out to our parish and surrounding churches, 125 women volunteered to help a pro-life organization that offered positive and practical assistance to pregnant women and single mothers throughout Chicago and the suburbs. To the best of our knowledge, we are the only parish in the United States to host a program like COURAGE.

As a grassroot organization, we added resources as needs arose for the women who came to us for help. Donors enable us to offer financial help for housing/utilities, baby items, schooling, legal assistance and medical expenses. Our monthly meetings entertain 125 mothers/children for dinner, a raffle and the opportunity to meet other young parents. The pandemic has been difficult since they miss the meetings and the friends they have made.

Though much has changed with regard to parish life due to the demands of family life and the decrease in mass attendees, the kindness and generosity of Our Lady at St. Germaine has remained constant. Due to your generosity of space, Christmas gifts, donations to our fundraisers and the COURAGE bin, we have been able to assist thousands of young parents during these 40 years. Thank you for making this 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary possible for COURAGE.

Thank you, too, to Fr. Cabala for his hospitality. We have been so blessed to have four Pastors who are so attuned to the needs of the less fortunate. We are also grateful to Kevin Reedy and the school children who lend a hand when needed.

Please pray for our COURAGE Family and know that we welcome new volunteers to share in our ministry (708-636-8001).

Maureen Shields, COURAGE Foundress

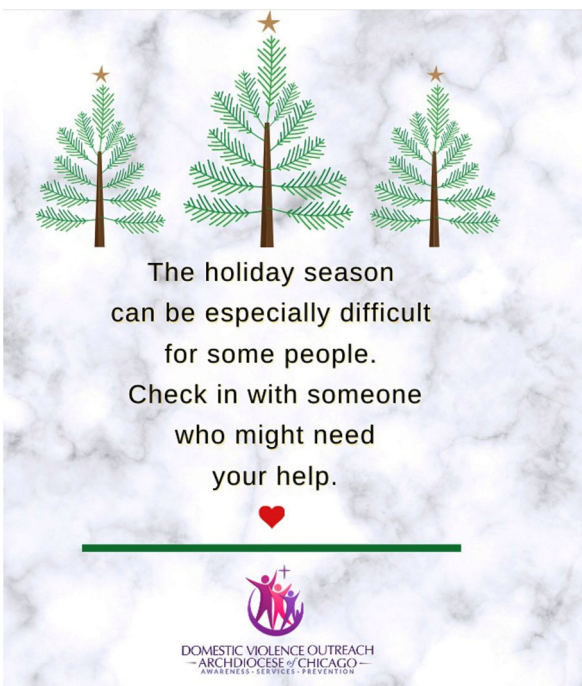


## ***Domestic Violence Help***

Financial stresses and an increase in the use of alcohol, coupled with a raging pandemic and a stay-at-home guidelines, can elevate the instances for domestic violence during this time of year.

If you or someone you know needs help due to domestic violence contact the Crisis Center for South Suburbia 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 708-429-7233. If this is an emergency situation and you or someone you know is at imminent risk of harm call 911.

For more information about the Our Lady at St. Germaine / St. Catherine's Domestic Violence Ministry contact John Chesniak at 708-793-9545 or Mary Ellen Lynch at 708-423-5747.





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#### WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday—Saturday: 8:30 AM Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES at ST. GERMAINE:

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

**RECONCILIATION:** St. Germaine Saturday from 2:30-3:30PM

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Closed Temporarily

#### Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

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December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## *Pay attention.....*





# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

*"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."*

This is an excerpt from the Gospel of John that will be read on Christmas Day. Where or in whom do we find Christ making his dwelling among us today?

At the time of his birth, the people of Israel were looking for a mighty and powerful ruler and king that would free them from the Roman Empire and restore their joy and comfort. But, instead the promised Savior came into the world and made his dwelling among ordinary people struggling and sometimes barely surviving from day to day.

And so, much of the known world of that time did not accept or even realize what was taking place, that the Light of the World, the promised Savior was born. After all, why would God allow the Savior of the world to be born in a cold stable among sheep, and lowly shepherds?

Much of the world still does not understand why Christ was born among the poor and unimportant of society. And, society still does not understand what it means for us today that Christ made his dwelling among us and continues to dwell among us.

It means that we are all precious in God's sight, worth of his love, because our Savior took our humanity upon himself and gave it dignity, hope, and restoring our status as God's children. We have become heirs once again of the promised kingdom of eternal life and light with the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

But, as coheirs who share in Christ's divinity, through the waters of Baptism, we must be light and life to the world, until Christ comes in all his glory.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala



Families attending the Christmas Eve Mass in the Gym (3:30PM or 5:30PM) are asked to bring jingle bells to ring at the singing of the Gloria and Alleluia.

Please also bring the baby Jesus from your family Christmas Creche for a special blessing.



The COVID Committee would like to wish you and your families a blessed holiday season.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 21– Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Masses  
Dr. Norma Rose Mason, Connie Ryan

**Tuesday, December 22– Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Dorothy Pavlak, Bill Noonan, Margaret Essig(Healing)

**Wednesday, December 23–Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass  
Ronald Alitto, Christopher, Anthony, Melissa,  
Baby George & John Knight

**Thursday, December 24– Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass—Michael Bannon, Lorraine Caprio,  
Frank Kita, Carmen Hojilla, John Brdecka,  
Otto & Katernyna Sawzak, Schnelle & Hachaj Families

**Thursday, December 24– Christmas Eve**

3:00 PM, 3:30 PM, 5:00 PM & 5:30 PM Masses -  
Parish Family

**Friday, December 25– Christmas Day**

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses-  
Mary Anne Bondy, Richard Siepak

**Saturday, December 26– St. Stephen**

8:30AM-Ernie Barba  
4:00PM– Ronald Prohaska, Anne Vaughan, Deceased mem-  
bers of Stephens Family and Hennessy & Burke Families

**Sunday, December 27– Holy Family**

7:30AM– Malcolm & Lucille Andrews  
9:30AM— Bill Meyering, Eileen Grady  
11:30AM–Florence Lopez, Randich & Ricker Family

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

John Brdecka

Josephine Poulos

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

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, Elaine Bridgeman,  
Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard,  
Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Dolores Dorman,  
Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner,  
Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Jan Gorman, Gerardo  
Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen Graff, Lynn Groebe,  
Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda,  
Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman,  
Kaitlyn Hedderman, Gina Jakelski, Robert “Mitch”  
Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard  
Kita, Frank Klutcharch, Joe Kress, Judith Lasky, Kim  
Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch,  
Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn,  
Michael Mattaliano, Edward Mietz, Raimonda Miknius,  
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Colleen Ritter, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti,  
Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom,  
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Rita Daniels Suchor, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen,  
Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Pat Walker, Susan Zak,  
Gussie Zawaski

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
(we will also have online)

**Reservations must be made by December 20th  
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**\*\*Due to current restrictions, reservations are  
for parishioners ONLY**

**Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24 at**

**3:00 PM in Church **\*\*FULL\*\*****

**3:30 PM in the Activity Center\***

**5:00 PM in Church**

**5:30 PM in the Activity Center\***

**Christmas Day: Friday, December 25**

**at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM**

\*Masses in the Activity Center are geared towards  
families with children

*We wish you a Christmas filled with faith, family,  
and friends!*

*The Our Lady at St. Germaine Staff*

#### **A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK**

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see  
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –  
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –  
A tangible and visible way of living  
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.  
Christ, since my lips will be covered,  
Uncover my heart, That people would see me smile in the crin-  
kles around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled,  
Help me to speak clearly,  
Not only with my words, but with my actions.  
Holy Spirit,  
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to  
listen carefully –  
And full of care – to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth  
Be shield and banner,  
And each breath that it holds,  
Be filled with your love.  
In your name and in the name of love I pray.  
-Amen.

*-Author Unknown*

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19,  
23; Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-  
14; k 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-

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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. To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060

# **FOURTH SUNDAY**

# **OF Advent**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**December 13, 2020**

Sunday:	TBA
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	TBA
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>TBA</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	TBA
Food Baskets:	TBA
Retired Priests:	TBA
Religious Retirement:	TBA
Immaculate Conception:	TBA
Christmas Flowers:	TBA
Aid to Education:	TBA

\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

## Split The Pot Drawing



Due to the early holiday deadlines,  
the results of last weeks raffle were not available.

Continue to put your orange envelope in! Good luck!!

**The Our Lady of Loretto Statue  
has been relocated to Statue Row  
on 98th Street.**

**Also, the memorial pavers from  
Our Lady of Loretto have been  
removed and will be reset on the  
Kolin St. entrance when weather permits.**

## ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace,  
but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

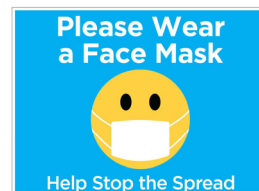


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# THE MARION GIVING TREES, COURAGE & GODS SPECIAL FRIENDS

As we are now in the second half of December, it is so strange to not be doing some traditions that have become to be such a huge part of the holiday season within the parish. This weekend would have been our annual Grandma's Attic (white elephant sale), which helped raise over \$1000 to help our families in need this Christmas. We are also missed our 13th annual Breakfast with Santa which the confirmation candidates along with Knights of Columbus and Men's Club was such a wonderful family celebration and a way to raise bags of toys and gift cards that could be distributed to our families in need. And the pure fact that our pews are not full with all of our parishioners due to Covid-19 , leaves our Marion Giving Trees full of children and families who could use help. I try to remind myself of what Marion would say, "God will provide".

Marion exemplified the spirit of giving in every aspect of her life. She loved this parish, and celebrating Christmas while experiencing the generosity of the parish community was one of her greatest joys. May her spirit of loving concern for others live in all of us this holy season.

Our parish families are always so incredibly generous. Each year, the cards are taken from the trees, and wonderful gifts are bought for all of our Courage moms, our Special Friends and our families. We hope that this year will be the same. We realize that so many of our parishioners have a little less this year, and it might be a little more difficult to share. If you are able to take a card from the trees, we will be most grateful.

Saying "Thank you" doesn't seem enough, but know that it comes with prayers of gratitude for all of our generous givers. May the baby, born in a manger, fill your Christmas with love, joy and peace. Merry Christmas !!!!!!!

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AND BECAME STRONG,  
FILLED WITH WISDOM;  
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD  
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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# 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 descendants 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. In our families we find security, we are able to 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 2021, 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 an end to the Covid 19 pandemic. And, especially through our families whether we are born into them, adopted into them as we are adopted into Christ's family, through the waters of Baptism, and also welcomed into being a part of many other families, we may find and share the love of God.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

## A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

As I prepare to go into the world, help me to see  
The sacrament of wearing this cloth –  
Let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” –  
A tangible and visible way of living  
Love for my neighbors, as I love myself.  
Christ, since my lips will be covered,  
Uncover my heart, That people would see me  
smile in the crinkles around my eyes.  
Since my voice may be muffled,  
Help me to speak clearly,  
Not only with my words, but with my actions.  
Holy Spirit,  
As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to  
listen carefully –  
And full of care – to all those I meet.  
May this simple piece of cloth  
Be shield and banner,  
And each breath that it holds,  
Be filled with your love.  
In your name and in the name of love I pray.  
-Amen.

*-Author Unknown*



The COVID Committee  
would like to wish you and your  
families a blessed holiday season.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, December 28— Holy Innocents**

8:30 AM Masses

Tom &amp; Ellis Signagio, James &amp; Anna Traiynor

**Tuesday, December 29— 5th day w/in Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 AM Mass

Sally Links, William Noonan

**Wednesday, Dec 30—6th day w/in Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 AM Mass

Tom Shea

**Thursday, December 31— 7th day w/in Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 AM &amp; 4:00 PM Mass—

Gene Branecki, Carmen Hojilla(Special Intention)

**Friday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary**

9:00 AM Mass—

Gene Branecki, Carolyn Dawes

**Saturday, January 2— St. Basil & St. Gregory**

8:30AM-Big Jim Knight

4:00PM— Ray & Katherine Vanderwarren,  
Jim Blazena, Robert Fleckenstein, James, Nora & Theresa Shea, Anton, Felicia & Harry Bealles**Sunday, January 3— Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30AM— Edith Chiappetti, James J. Carroll

9:30AM—Marie Kolodzey, Arthur Kuhn, William Baker

11:30AM—Pat DiBenedetto, Ronald Rezel,  
Albin Scislawicz**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**Deceased members of  
Our Lady at St Germaine Parish**Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:**

Virginia Bovilsky, Joe Braje, Elaine Bridgeman,  
Baby Nolan Burby, Pat Cesak, Taylor Collard,  
Ann Contorno, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Dolores Dorman,  
Yvonne (Wepner)Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner,  
Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Jan Gorman, Gerardo  
Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Eileen Graff, Lynn Groebe,  
Peg Hansen, Sherry Hardek-Cohem, Sue Heda,  
Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman,  
Kaitlyn Hedderman, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch"  
Jones, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard  
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Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch,  
Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn,  
Michael Mattaliano, Edward Mietz, Raimonda Miknius,  
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Sunday masses and the Rosary will continue  
to be available to watch from home via  
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when you call.*

## New Years Mass Schedule

*(we will also have online)*

**New Years Eve: Thursday, December 31 at**  
**4:00PM**

**New Years Day: Friday, January 1**  
**9:00 AM**

*2021 Mass book is open and has plenty  
of availability. Please call the office at  
636-5060 x200 to request a mass.*

## ***Do You Hear the Bells?***

We recently brought the carillon bells from Our Lady of Loretto Church to a new home at Our Lady of St. Germaine Parish. They represent a lovely addition that reminds us of the history our two parishes and the promise of our future together.

Church bells for ages have been a way to call the faithful to worship and to mark the hours of prayer for the community. The Liturgy of the Hours, the official daily prayer of the Church, focuses on the recitations of scriptural psalms seven times throughout the day. In ages past, many of the faithful were not able to read or write. That made participation in the “Divine Office” nearly impossible for them.

To simplify the prayer times for the common people, Christians have traditionally prayed “The Angelus” at fixed hours of the day. Six o’clock in the morning, noon, and six o’clock in the evening have been the appointed times for this prayer. Church bells were rung to call the people to participate.

Artist Jean Francois Millet painted “The Angelus” (1857) as a tribute to simple people of prayer. The prayer itself reminds us of Gabriel’s ANNUNCIATION to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus.

When you hear the bells from Our Lady at St. Germaine, won’t you join us for this prayerful tradition?



### **The Angelus**

**VI.** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

**R/.** And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

**VI.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

**R/.** Be it done unto me according to your Word.

Hail Mary...

**VI.** And the Word was made flesh,

**R/.** And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

**VI.** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**R/.** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray.** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

**December 13, 2020**

Sunday:	\$7,793.50
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,118.00
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For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Sergio Medina ([smedian@stgol.org](mailto:smedian@stgol.org)) or Kevin Reedy ([mrkreedy@stgol.org](mailto:mrkreedy@stgol.org)) or 708-425-6063.

## Split The Pot Drawing



On December 7th, # 102 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing.. The amount of \$490.00 will be added to the December 20th drawing.

Continue to put your orange envelope in! Good luck!!

**The Our Lady of Loretto Statue  
has been relocated to Statue Row  
on 98th Street.**

**Also, the memorial pavers from  
Our Lady of Loretto have been  
removed and will be reset on the  
Kolin St. entrance when weather permits.**

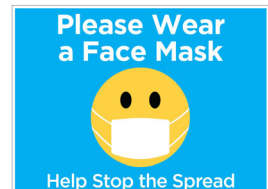


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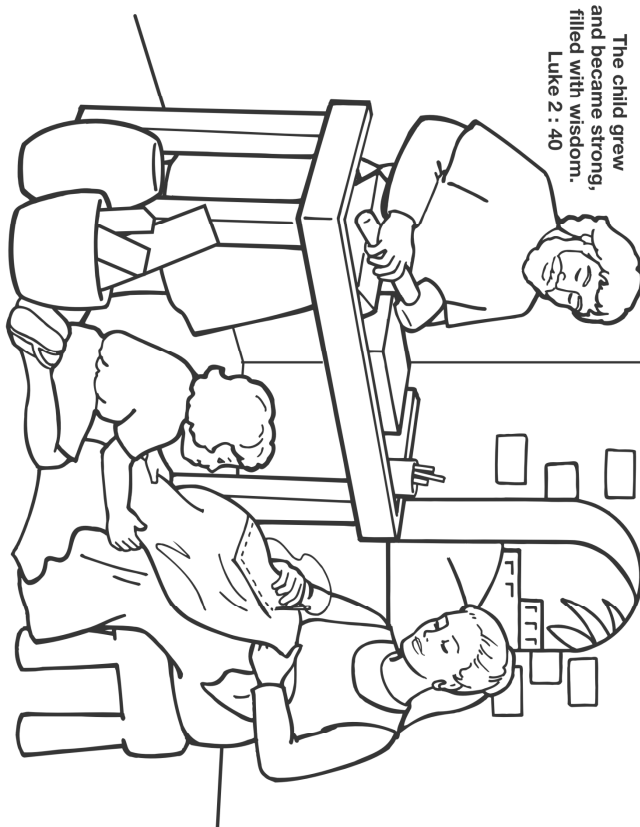
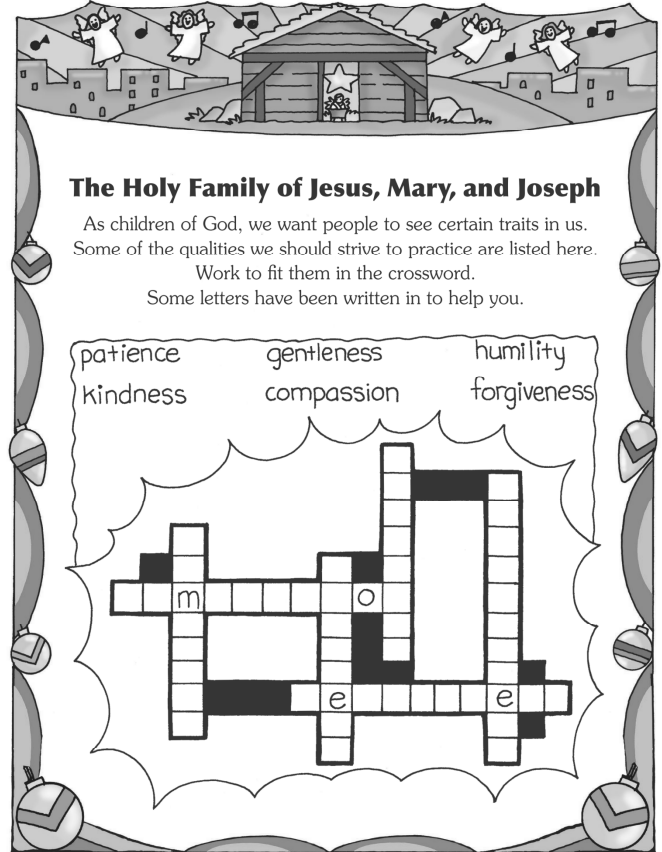
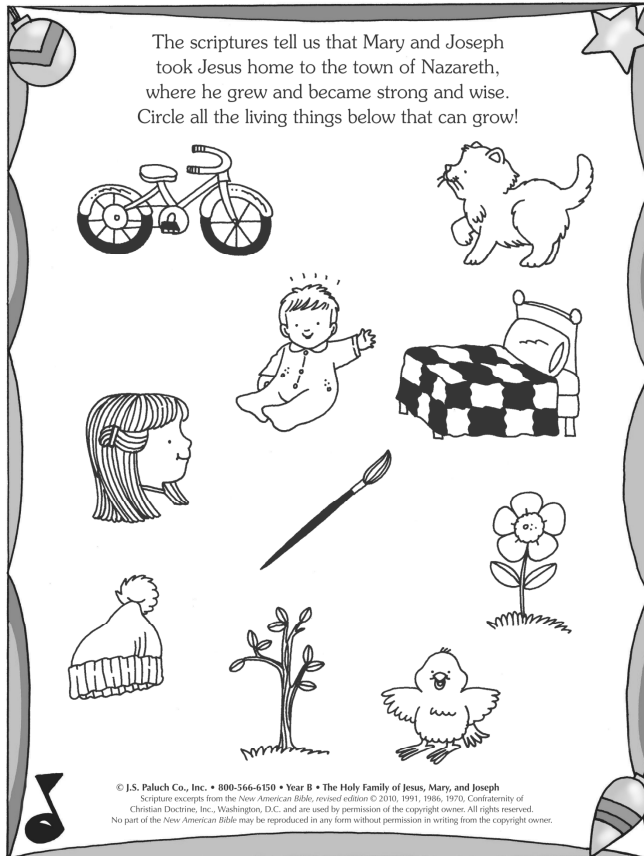


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# God's Word for Children



## HOLY FAMILIES

Today we remember and celebrate Jesus' earthly family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This holy family was where Jesus learned the most important things in life: how to pray, to be kind and loving to others, to help those in need, and always to do the will of God. They give us a good model to follow.

When Jesus grew up and went around the land teaching and preaching, he once said something that must have sounded shocking to anyone who heard him. One day his mother and family came to the place where he was speaking. Someone told him that his family was outside waiting for him. But Jesus looked around at all the people who were listening to him and said,

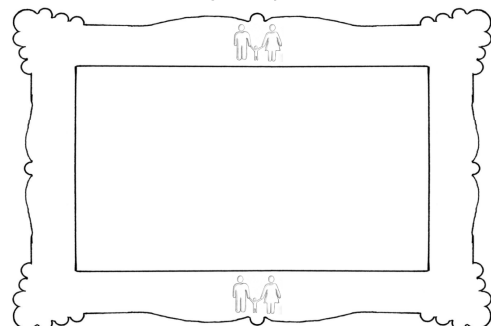
*"Who are my mother and my brothers?  
 Here are my mother and my brothers.  
 For whoever does the will of God  
 is my brother and sister and mother."  
 (Mark 3:33-35)*

That means that if we try every day to do what God asks us to do, Jesus considers us his brother or sister. All people who love God and do God's will are part of the family of Jesus. He said so. We are all part of that holy family—a family that continues to grow and fill the whole world. What a great family!

Draw a picture of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Draw in yourself, your family, and people from around the world.

Add this picture to your booklet.



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