

Our Lady at St. Germaine

Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish Center: 708-636-5060
9711 S. Kolin Avenue
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St. Germaine School: 708-425-6063

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Our first reading tells us how God established the rainbow that we see in the sky as a sign of his covenant with Noah never to destroy the entire earth again with flood waters. Instead, God promised to give life giving waters would restore humanity to its original dignity.

This promise is fulfilled in Christ, who gives us these life-giving waters in Baptism. But, to fully experience these waters and taste the rich flavors and graces that constantly come to us from these waters in the font of Baptism through the Eucharist; we need to take time to experience the emptiness of the desert.

Lent is such a time. But, what will we find as we enter into the desert with Christ? It may very well be the recognition that we never stop looking at the rainbows in our lives. It may be that we never take time to form covenants, which is relationships with those around us, that our energizing, life giving, and fulfilling. It maybe some sin or dark power within ourselves that keeps us from sharing in God's promise of life that is given to us in the waters of Baptism.

At the end of these forty days of Lent, will we discover a rainbow, or will we just continue on our way?

Sincerely,

Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Taize will be offered each Wednesday evening of Lent. The focus of this Lenten prayer will be the Passion of Our Lord. One aspect of the Passion will be highlighted during each Wednesday. For those unfamiliar with this style of prayer it includes sung chant, Scripture, and an extended period of silence.

The schedule for Taize Prayer Around the Cross is 6PM:

Wednesday, February 21	Agony
Wednesday, February 28	Betrayal
Wednesday, March 6	Stabat Mater
Wednesday, March 13	Crucifixion
Wednesday, March 20	The Women

Please bring a small cross or crucifix with you to wear or hold in your hand during the entire prayer time.

All are welcome.

**Holy Hour For Priests
Seminarians and Vocations
Please join us every Thursday at
10am and 6pm
during Lent for a Holy Hour
until March 21st
Adoration Chapel - Kolin Entrance.**

This holy hour will be dedicated to pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Vocations. We will have cards with pictures and some information for each of the Seminarians for parishioners to take home and pray for that individual Seminarian for the year.

The Holy Eucharist is totally dependent on the Priesthood- No priesthood, No Eucharistic Sacrifice, No Holy Communion, No Eucharistic Adoration because the priesthood was instituted at the first Mass, which was offered on Holy Thursday, Thursdays have been designated as "Pray for Priests Day".

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, February 19-President's Day**

8:30AM Mass:

Bill O'Brien (Bday), Bridget A. O'Brien, Sophia Dougala,

Tuesday, Feb. 20-Weekday

8:30AM Mass:

Jean Foley, Tom Farrell, Agatha O'Connell

Wednesday, February 21-St. Peter Damian

7:00AM Mass: Patrick Stella, Sean Wood

8:30AM Communion Service:

Thurs., February 22-The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30AM Mass:

Patrick N. Durkin (60th Anniversary), Joseph Ciborski, Leonard Adduci

Friday, February 23-St. Polycarp

8:30AM Mass:

Richard Finn, Bill & Lisa Stone

Sat, February 24-Lenten Weekday

8:30AM: Frank Kita, Thomas J. Farrell,

Patrick N. Durkin

4:00PM: Patrick N. Durkin, Mario Chiabai, Marie Dillon, James & Beatrice Nolan

Sunday, February 25-2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30AM: Bernie Thome, Karen Russo

9:30AM: Elizabeth Kuhn, Marie Dillon

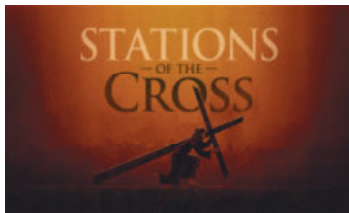
11:30AM: Gary Lassandrello, Phil Chaput

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**Deceased Members of
our Parish Family****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, Janine Coughlin, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Karen Finn, Sara Fox, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Bill Geegan, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Tom Hamilton, 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, Barb Nykaza, 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 Szweczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Charlene Thomson, Mary Ann Trop, Vickie Vertucci, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Ministers' Schedule for February 24 & 25, 2024

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	Bill Brejcha	Becky Kapjon	Ellen McDermott	James O'Shea
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Vlasis Harold Reinheimer	Jim Antos Laura Stawczyk	Kathy Kleczkowski Sharon Rosenbaum	Gina Maughan Jim Maughan



**FRIDAYS
4:00PM
IN CHURCH**

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

February 11, 2024

Sunday:	\$10,484.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,610.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$13,094.00
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$119.00
Initial Offering:	\$121.00
Food Baskets:	\$80.00
Annual Catholic Appeal:	\$50.00
Aid to Education:	\$103.00
Sharing Parish:	\$220.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Split The Pot Drawing



On January 1st, envelope number #664 was drawn for last week's "Split the Pot" raffle. The parishioner assigned that number made at least the minimum contribution to both the Sunday and "Split the Pot" collections and is the winner of **\$4,525.00**. Congratulations!

2023 Tax statements are available by request. Please call 708-636-5060

BIG THANKS to Sister Stephanie of the Franciscans of the Eucharist from The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago for coming out and speaking to us. Our very generous congregation raised \$1,812.00 for their ministry.
THANK YOU!

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE!!!

LOOK FOR US MOST FRIDAYS DURING THE FISH FRY TO PURCHASE SOME TREATS

HELP NEEDED

Some things Needed this month are....



Soup, beef stew, canned tomatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, rice or pasta-roni, boxed or pouches of potatoes, oatmeal, cereal, protein or granola bars, mac & cheese, pudding cups, canned fruit, cookies, crackers, canned meats, canned ravioli, cooking oil, coffee, tea bags, Ziploc bags, garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries, laundry detergent & Gift cards to buy perishables.

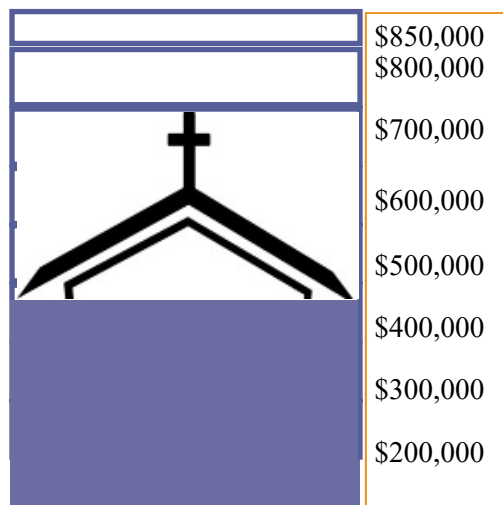
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING US, HELP OTHERS!!

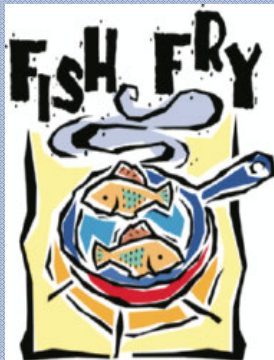
Thank you to the **301** donors who have responded to our **Raise the Roof** campaign, pledging **\$426,548.61**

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?





Our Lady at St. Germaine Athletic Association
& Men's Club present the

17th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent , February 16~ March 22
5:00pm ~ 8:00 pm (*or until fish runs out*)
in the church basement

Following 4:00pm Stations of the Cross in the Church,
ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH beginning at 5:00pm

MENU**

Fish Basket w/ choice of baked potato or fries & coleslaw	\$15.00
Meatless Pasta Dinner w/ bread	\$8.00
Grilled Cheese w/ French fries	\$6.00
Baked Potato	\$3.00
French fries	\$3.00
Cheese Pizza	\$3.00

Complimentary coffee. Water, soda, & beer available for purchase.

Carry out orders available. Any questions, please call 708-636-5060. ****Menu subject to change**

Your Knights of Columbus
Council #14553, are once again
sponsoring 40 Cans for 40 Days of
Lent to help the Our Lady at St
Germaine Food Pantry.



A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our area. The idea of a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. We are inviting parishioners to bring their 40 cans to our church to be given to our St Germaine food pantry right here.



In Matthew 25:35, it reads:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat"



It will lift the Easter spirit of the whole community to see these 40 Cans for the 40 Days of Lent. 40 Cans for Lent, will enrich the lives of donors, their families, and recipients alike. Bring the cans by the cases, 7 cans per week, or one can each day of Lent. Even if you can't do 40, any donation for those in our community who are hungry is much appreciated. The cans can be placed in the cart marked 40 cans for 40 days in the church vestibule starting Ash Wednesday.

The food pantry is always in need of canned fruits, canned meats and canned soups.

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The highlight of CSW 2024 was the Musical Review. Check out our Facebook Page for the videos!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024



4th graders participated in a nationwide CSW exchange. We shared information about our school & state, and received letters about Catholic schools from all over. We all share the common theme of love for God and excellence in education.

A special thank you to St. Germaine's F.S.A. and Germazing Mighty Ducks for treating the student body to a reptile show from Dave D'Naso's Traveling World of Reptiles!



HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISER **\$1,910**

Together, our Parish and School raised \$1,910 for our Honor Flight fundraiser! We are so blown away by the generosity of our school families and fabulous parishioners!



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2024

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TIER 5 - \$30

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****Sponsorship must be paid in full prior to April 1st, to be included on the Germazing Race T-Shirt.**

Please submit a logo (in .jpg or .pdf format) to Germazingrace@hotmail.com (preferred) or attach a business card/logo to this form.

Please make checks payable to *St. Germaine*.

2024 GERMazing RACE 5K RUN/WALK



SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 9AM

2024 Mass book is open. Please mail in, drop off a list or call the office at (708)636-5060 to request your 2024 masses.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Blood
Drive**

**Tuesday
March**

12

2:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Fannie May Candy Sale

How to Order Drop off order at Parish Center, School Office
 All orders must be pre-paid, checks should be written to St. Germaine School
Due Date All orders must be received by March 1, 2024
Delivery All items need to be picked up by March 22, 2024 from 8 am-3 pm at St. Germaine School
 We will call when orders are ready
For Information Carol 708-425-6063

Name (Please Print) _____ Phone # _____

Gift Cards at 15 % off store price

Qty.	Description	Price	Total
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Actual Candy at 15% off store prices

_____	3 oz Milk Choc Bunny	\$4.25	_____
_____	3 oz Dark Choc Bunny	\$4.25	_____
_____	3 oz White Confection Bunny	\$4.25	_____
_____	12 oz Milk Choc Bunny	\$12.75	_____
_____	6 oz Dark Choc Bunny	\$6.80	_____
_____	6 oz White Confection Bunny	\$6.80	_____
_____	6 oz Milk Choc Bunny	\$6.80	_____
_____	7 oz Caramel Pecan Fudge Egg	\$10.20	_____
_____	4 pc Cream Egg Gift Box	\$12.75	_____
_____	12 oz Jelly Bird Eggs	\$10.20	_____
_____	8 pc Cream Egg Gift Box	\$25.50	_____
_____	5 oz Foil Wrapped Bunnies	\$6.80	_____
_____	5 oz Foil Wrapped Eggs	\$6.80	_____
_____	8 oz Milk Choc Marshmallow Eggs	\$12.75	_____
_____	8 oz Dark Choc Marshmallow Eggs	\$12.75	_____
_____	1 lb Springtime Mint Meltaways	\$25.50	_____
_____	1.75 oz Milk Choc Vanilla Buttercream Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Dark Choc Vanilla Buttercream Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Milk Choc Pixie Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Trinidad Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Dark Choc Raspberry Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Milk Choc Peanut Butter Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Milk Choc Green May Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	1.75 oz Milk Choc Fruit & Nut Egg	\$3.40	_____
_____	8 oz Mint Meltaways	\$11.90	_____
_____	1 lb Mint Meltaways	\$23.80	_____
_____	8 oz Pixies	\$11.90	_____
_____	1 lb Pixies	\$23.80	_____
_____	1 lb Heritage Collection	\$23.80	_____
_____	1 lb Asst Chocolates	\$23.80	_____
_____	1 lb Asst Creams	\$23.80	_____
_____	1 lb Trinidades	\$23.80	_____
_____	1 lb Milk Vanilla Buttercream	\$23.80	_____
_____	1 lb Dark Vanilla buttercreams	\$23.80	_____

_____ **Total Items** _____ **Total Cost**

St. Germaine School thanks you for your support.



Please Make Your Gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together at the table

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Together at the table."

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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)

Collections for Hinsdale Humane Society



February 24th & February 25th

3:30pm - 5:30pm

7:00am-1:00pm



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Saturday, March 2, 2024



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Monday—Thursday 9:00am ~ 2:30pm

Friday 9:00am-2:30pm

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

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