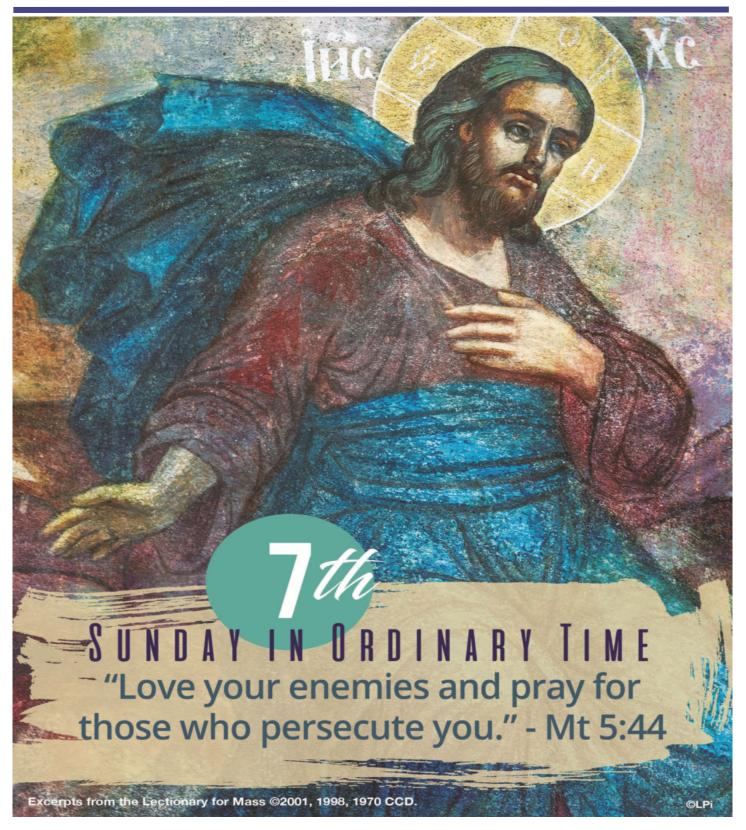
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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell his disciples how they should conduct themselves when they are faced with hurt and hatred. Jesus takes the Law that he has received: "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The Law stated: "Anyone who injures a neighbor shall receive the same in return, broken limb for broken limb, eye for eye, and tooth for tooth. As the injury inflicted, so will be the injury suffered." (Lev.24:19f)

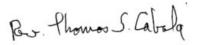
This might sound a savage law; but, it was introduced as a legal practice to limit blood feuds between communities. In traditional tribal life if a man of one tribe injured a man of another tribe there could be outright war in which all the members of both tribes were involved. There were no limitations on the revenge. The law of "an eye for an eye" limited the retaliation to the penalty of the same injury. Therefore, the law was merciful in its time.

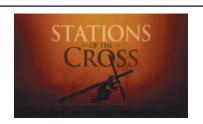
Jesus, however, rejects this law. The disciples must not allow another person's hostility to be their reason for action. Their response is taken from the nature of their discipleship, not from the wrong they have experienced.

A disciple's actions, Jesus argues, is not related to the love or lack of love they receive from others. The disciple loves because that is what the nature of discipleship that is to love as God loves us.

The love is offered not because Jesus thinks that it will change the enemy into something else: certainly; love might confuse him! Love is offered because that is what a disciple of the kingdom should do. His script proceeds from who he is, not from what he receives from others.

Jesus does not believe that love transforms enemies into instant friends. Love is his way and it defines who Christ is and who we are as his disciples. As we begin Lent this Wednesday, let reflect on how we love as Christ love's us.





FRIDAYS 4:00PM IN CHURCH

TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

A contemplative prayer for reconciliation and peace will be offered each Wednesday evening of Lent. The service includes sung chants, Scripture and an extended period of silence.

It will begin at 6pm and last approximately 35 minutes.

The schedule for Taize Prayer Around the Cross is as follows:

Wednesday, March 1

Wednesday, March 8

Wednesday, March 15

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, March 29 (last one)

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

All are welcome.



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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., February 20-Presidents' Day

8:30AM Mass: Jean Foley

Tuesday, February 21-St. Peter Damian 8:30AM Mass:

Karime Balderas

Weds, February 22–Ash Wednesday

7:00AM Mass: Leonard Adduct

8:30AM Mass: 10:00AM Mass:

4:00PM Ash Weds. Service

7:00PM Mass:

Thurs., February 23-Thurs. after Ash Weds.

8:30 AM Mass:

Armumgam Aruldoss

Friday, February 24–Friday after Ash Weds.

8:30 AM Mass:

Frank Kita, Harold & Brian Adams, Poor Souls in Purga-

Sat., Feb. 25-Saturday after Ash Weds.

8:30 AM: Jack Adams, Tony Adams 4:00 PM: Sharon Worobiew, Nolan Family, Mario & Mary Chiabai

Sunday, February 26-First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM – Maggie Jordan

9:30AM-Elizabeth Kuhn, John Ratajczak, Arumugam

11:30AM- Stanley Cabala, Nancy Kilcoyne, Geraldine Setzke

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

James P. Shea

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

David Akai, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Tom Hamilton, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Mario LaPorte, Judith Lasky, Charles Lee, Kim Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Devin Sanchez, Audrev Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Jayme Shipman, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Mary Ann Trop, Ethan Trusk, Tom Trusk, Zach Trusk, Vickie Vertucci, Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE **FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

7:00AM Mass 8:30AM Mass 10:00AM Mass

4:00PM SERVICE

7:00PM Mass



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND PROCLAIMERS....

We will be starting the next schedule for spring... Please send us any conflicts/preferences you may have for this schedule to jenstazak@yahoo.com.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister or proclaimer, please reach out!

Ministers' Schedule for February 25 & 26, 2023													
	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 7:30 AM SUN 9:30 AM SU										
Proclaimer	J. Pender	W. Lavelle	E. McDermott	S. Chimera									
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Tiffy P. Vlasis	K. Kettelson C. O'Hare	K. Kleczkowski D. Mayo	M. Powers G. DiBenedetto									
Altar Servers	A. Covarrubias P. Bray-Katzman		L. McNulty A. Daley	F. Wainwright S. Paluszek									

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

February 12, 2022

Sunday: \$9,403.00

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,444.50

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$11,847.50

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Food Baskets: \$200.00

Ash Wednesday::: \$100.00

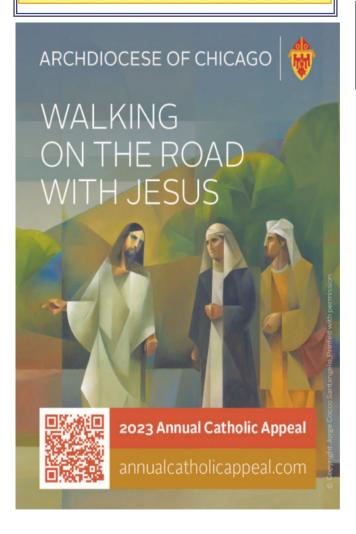
Sharing Parish: \$257.00

Ash Wednesday: \$40.00

Aid to Education: \$100.00

Easter: \$30.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION



Split The Pot Drawing

Last week, envelope number #16 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 \$1,615.00.

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

FOOD PANTRY

Needed this month....

Soup, Pasta, peanut butter, jelly, chef Boyardee/spaghetti O's and cereal.

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING US HELP OTHERS

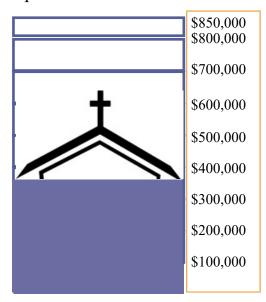


Thank you to the **276** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$384,081.23!

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?



Adoration for Lent



Lent Is Right Around The Corner - Are You Ready?
Will your faith grow this Lent, or will you settle with "just getting by?"
Do you struggle to keep your Lenten sacrifices year after year?
Are you looking for something to "Give-up" or "Give" for Lent?
How about "Giving-up" one specific hour a week,
and "Give" that hour to Jesus by visiting the
Our Lady at St Germaine Adoration Chapel.

"Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week."

(St. Pope John Paul II)

This Lent answer the call.

You can choose the same day and hour during the Lenten week to visit Jesus and email your day/hour selection to barba6@att.net or phone Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or just stop in often to Pray Tuesdays hours 9-7pm or Wednesday-Thursdays 9-8pm

SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit **catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi** or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the narthex or parish office.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday**, **February 22 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!

DIRECT LINK TO OUR SURVEY https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gy8p14



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

16th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent , February 24 ~ March 31 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

Athletic Association is having a SPIRIT WEAR SALE!!! Here are some designs. Check out the link below for more items and to place your order!!

Deadline is February 21st!







https://sgstp.itemorder.com/shop/home/

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 6, 2023 All items need to be picked up on March 31, 2023 from 8 am-3 pm at St. Germaine School Delivery For Information Carol 708-425-6063 Name (Please Print) Phone # Zip_ Address Gift Cards at 15 % off store price Description Price Total Qty. FM \$5.00 Gift Card \$4.25 FM \$10.00 Gift Card \$8.50 FM \$20.00 Gift Card \$17.00 FM \$25.00 Gift Card \$21.25 FM \$50.00 Gift Card \$42.50 FM \$100.00 Gift Card \$85.00 Actual Candy at 15% off store prices 3 oz Milk Choc Bunny \$4.24 3 oz Dark Choc Bunny \$4.24 3 oz White Confection Bunny \$4.24 12 oz Milk Choc Bunny \$12.74 6 oz Dark Choc Bunny \$6.79 6 oz White Confection Bunny \$6.79 6 oz Milk Choc Bunny \$6.79 7 oz Caramel Pecan Fudge Egg \$10.19 4 pc Cream Egg Gift Box \$12.74 12 oz Jelly Bird Eggs \$10.19 8pc Cream Egg Gift Box \$25.49 5 oz Foil Wrapped Bunnies \$6.79 5 oz Foil Wrapped Eggs \$6.79 8 oz Milk Choc Marshmallow Eggs \$12.74 8 oz Dark Choc Marshmallow Eggs \$12.74 1.75 oz Milk Choc Vanilla Buttererm Egg \$3.39 2 oz Milk Choc Pixie Egg \$3.39 1.75 oz Trinidad Egg \$3.39 1.75 oz Dark Choc Raspberry Egg \$3.39 1.75 oz Milk Choc Peanut Butter Egg \$3.39 1.75 oz Milk Choc May Cream Egg \$3.39 1.75 oz Milk Choc Fruit & Nut Egg \$3.39 1 lb Assorted Creams \$22.94 1 lb Milk Vanilla Buttercream \$22.09 1 lb Dark Vanilla Buttercream \$22.09 1 lb Pixies \$22.94 8 oz Pixies \$11.89 1 lb Heritage Collection \$22.94 8 oz. Mint Meltaways \$11.89 1 lb Spring Mint Meltaways \$25.49 **Total Items Total Cost**



Our Lady at St. Germaine Men's Club invites you to the

14th Annual St. Patrick Party

Saturday, March 4, 2023

St. Germaine Activity Center 6:00pm ~ 11:00pm

\$50.00 per ticket/21 yrs and older

Dinner, beer, wine, soda and water included







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Ticke	ts available at Parish Center or by emailing st	germainemensclub@gmail	.com or
Т	This slip can be returned to Parish, School or F	Religious Education offic	ce.

MEMORIAL WALKWAY



We invite you to engrave a brick at the entrance of our church to honor your family, a loved one, an anniversary, or to commemorate a special event that happened at St. Germaine. Please take a look at the memorial bricks already installed at the Kolin Street Church entrance.

Your purchase will directly support the St. Germaine Education Endowment Fund, and help insure that our parish school and religious education program will serve future generations of our children. The donation for 8"x8" brick is \$150. **Please make checks payable to the St. Germaine Education Endowment Fund.**

For more information, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

Please use this form to choose the words to be engraved.

(Four Lin	es ma	ximu	m, 14	chara	acters	each	line.	Space	s and	punc	tuatio	n cou	nt as	one c	harac	ter.)
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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Help Needed

We are looking for anyone who would be interested in crocheting baby Christening Blankets and assisting in special projects moving forward. The yarn is provided for you. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.



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.

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Shelters are open through March 5, 2023 For More information please call Donna Petrey at 708-425-3303

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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 9-8pm, Thursdays 9-6pm

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.

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