

# Our Lady at St. Germaine

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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**JESUS SAID:**

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

~ Luke 6:43 - 44

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

As we begin Lent this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we ask ourselves: Why do we fast, why should we fast during Lent and even during the rest of the year?

There are two fasts that we observe as Catholics. . There is the "total fast" that precedes the Eucharist, it is only one hour. It is a vigil fast as we await the coming of Christ in the Eucharist. The second fast is a fast of abstinence from certain foods, meats, etc... This is more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The fast of abstinence is more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled.

The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Communion. Following Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over.

But how did fasting become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is tied to two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.

Humanity's "fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death. The tragedy is not that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake and to be independent of God. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry we read in Matthew's Gospel: "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does not live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on things of this world.

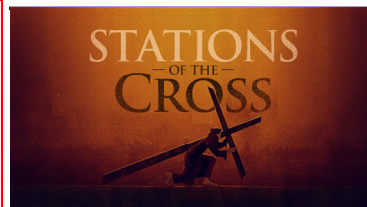
For the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it.

Sincerely,  
*Fr. Tom Cabala*



**Wednesday,  
March 2**

**8:30am Mass  
10:00am Mass  
4:00pm Service  
7:00pm Mass**



**FRIDAYS IN LENT  
4:00PM  
IN CHURCH**

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, February 28-Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:

Lillian Cabala, Prayers of Thanksgiving,  
21st Anniversary of Our Parish Adoration Chapel,  
Living & Deceased Our Lady at St. Germaine Adorers

**Tuesday, March 1—Shrove Tuesday**

8:30 AM Mass:

Melanie George

**Wednesday, March 2— Ash Wednesday**

8:30 AM Mass :

Andy Washack, Timmy Byrne, Donald Caprio,  
Emily Jachera

**Thursday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel**

8:30 AM Mass :

Peg Butler, Dr. Louis Browning

**Friday, March 4—St. Casimir****World Day of Prayer**

8:30AM Mass:

Melissa, Christopher, Anthony & Jimmy Knight,  
Betty Dunne

**Saturday, March 5— First Saturday**

8:30AM— Jim Knight (Sr)

4:00PM—The Shea Family, James & Beatrice Nolan,  
Ted O' Regan, Mario Chiabai, Maureen McKee

**Sunday, March 6— 1st Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM— Thomas Pritchard

9:30AM— Florence Rolowicz

11:30AM—Jean Foley, Patricia Desmond

**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

James A. Smith

Josephine K. Prehm

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

David Akai, Brian Bednarski, Virginia Bovilsky, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Gerry Campanio, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Alexandra Connor, Matthew Connor, Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Bill Dieken, Dolores Dorman, Yvonne (Wepner) Enselman, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Peg Hansen, Betty Hedderman, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, 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, Raimonda Miknius, 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, Jayme Shipman, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Joseph Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Dorothy Trop, Mary Ann Trop, Ethan Trusk, Zach Trusk, Pat Walker, Patricia Ward, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

***Something to "Give-up" or "Give" for Lent?***

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday. Let's take this time, before it begins, to consider how best to prepare ourselves for Our Lord's joyous Resurrection by committing ourselves to prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving.

Our Lord demonstrated the power of prayer numerous times before performing His miracles. His greatest example of combining prayer and sacrifice was shown to us while suffering on the cross, He prayed to the Father. His Apostles and the saints followed His example of prayer and sacrifice during their lives and some unto their deaths.

Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel gives us the unique opportunity to combine prayer and sacrifice during the Lenten Season. We "Give-up" an hour of our precious time as our sacrifice and "Give" it in prayer to Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament at the Adoration Chapel.

Choose the same day and hour of the day during each Lenten week to visit the Real Presence. There are two ways to Sign-up for your hour.

1- Email Fran Barba at [franbarba1119@gmail.com](mailto:franbarba1119@gmail.com) with the Day and Hour of your choice

2- There will be Sign-up Sheets in the vestibules and outside the Adoration Chapel at Kolin Entrance

Lent is not meant to be about not what we lack, but what we gain in the form of spiritual growth and conversion. So let this opportunity during Lent turn the luke warmness of our heart into a fire of love for Our Savior on Resurrection Sunday.

God Bless You! Fran Barba and Adoration Chapel Committee

*In an atmosphere of silence, come and adore, meditate and give thanks for the many gifts and blessings received from Our Lord and leave with the gifts of renewed strength, peace and joy from Our Lord.*





**Holy Hour**  
**For our Priests, Seminarians & Vocations**

Please join us every Thursday 6-7pm  
during Lent for a Holy hour beginning  
**March 3rd and ending April 7th**  
in the Adoration Chapel, enter on Kolin.

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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 Eucharist 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"

***Taize Prayer...***  
***All are welcome.***

A contemplative prayer, in the style of  
Taize chants, Scripture and silence,  
will be offered throughout this Lenten  
season.

**The schedule is as follows:**  
**Taize prayer from 6:30pm – 7pm**

**Wednesday, March 9**  
**Tuesday, March 15**  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
**Tuesday, March 29**  
**Wednesday, April 6 (the last one)**

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



**The Knights of Columbus Council #14553**

*Once again, the Knights are 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 St Germaine/Our Lady of Loretto food pantry right here locally.

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 congregation 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. 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.***



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### February 20, 2022

Sunday:	\$7,252.78
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,112.50
<b>SUNDAY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,368.28</b>
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$28.00
Sharing:	\$60.00
Easter:	\$375.00
Aid to Education:	\$28.00
Initial Offering:	\$52.00
Annual Appeal:	\$1,225.00
Easter Flowers:	\$25.00

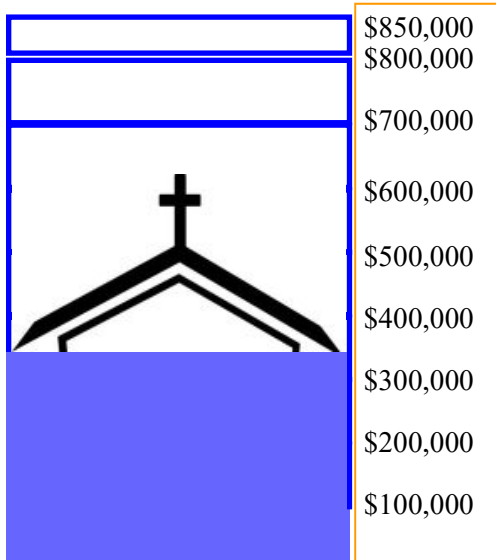
\*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Thank you to the **229** donors who have started off our ***Raise the Roof*** campaign pledging **\$337,295.00!**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail daily 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?



## Split The Pot Drawing



Envelope number **781** 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 **\$2,842.50**. Congratulations!

Think Spring...

***Think Flowers!!***

Flower sale will be Friday, April 29th!



## BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal

DONATE  
BLOOD

**Tuesday  
March**

**15**

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.

**Our Lady of St. Germaine Parish  
& Community Blood Drive**

9711 S Kolin Ave, Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
(Enter from East parking lot)

To make an appointment, visit [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org), call  
1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code below



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# Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish Quick Cash Raffle

†Grand Prize - \$10,000

†2nd Prize - \$2,000

†3rd Prize - \$1,000

†*Seller of Grand Prize Ticket - \$500*

Donation \$20 each or 6 for \$100

*Prize Drawing March 5, 2022*

**IF YOU CAN SELL TO YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS, REMEMBER THERE IS A \$500  
PRIZE TO THE SELLER OF THE GRAND  
PRIZE TICKET.**

If you need more tickets, please call the office at  
708-636-5060. *Winners need not be present*



***CONGRATS TO OUR 2 EARLY BIRD WINNERS!!!***

***Rosemarie K. and Henry P.***

***Both won \$300!!***

***Thank you all and good luck for the BIG drawing!!***



## **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shootout**

**Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022**

**Time: 7pm**

**Place: Our Lady at St. Germaine Gym**

All elementary school students between the ages of 9 and 14 are  
welcome to compete for trophies and certifi-  
icates. Refreshments will be served.



**Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14553**





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

# 13th Annual St. Patrick Party

## Saturday, March 5, 2022

St. Germaine Activity Center

6:00pm ~ Midnight

\$50.00 per ticket/ 21 yrs and older

***Maximum tickets sold will be 250***

***First come first serve basis***

Dinner, beer, wine, soda and water included

\*\*\*Dinner will be served at approximately 7:30pm

***\*\*\*Due to the cost of corned beef, we are unable to serve a corned beef dinner, we may do a buffet style chicken, beef, pasta dinner.***



### Featuring

## Nick Lynch (9pm ~ Midnight)

## Cross Keys School of Irish Dancing

## Bag Pipes & Drums

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## 13th Annual St. Patrick Party

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

\*If you buy 10 tickets, we will reserve a table with your name on it. This will be a first paid first reserved basis. Tickets available at Parish Center or by emailing [jdarendsjr@gmail.com](mailto:jdarendsjr@gmail.com), [stgermainemensclub@gmail.com](mailto:stgermainemensclub@gmail.com) or [jwruzich@yahoo.com](mailto:jwruzich@yahoo.com).

This slip can be returned to Parish, School or Religious Education office.

# *Fannie May Candy Sale*

<b>How to Order</b>	<b>Drop off order at Parish Center, School Office, or Manna Table</b> <b>All orders must be pre-paid, checks should be written to St. Germaine School</b>
<b>Due Date</b>	<b>All orders must be received by March 13, 2022</b>
<b>Delivery</b>	<b>All items need to be picked up on April 10, 2022 from 9 am-noon at St. Germaine Activity Center</b>
<b>For Information</b>	<b>Carol 708-425-6063</b>

**Name (Please Print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Cards at 15 % off store price**

Qty.	Description	Price	Total
_____	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	\$3.39
3 oz Dark Choc Bunny	\$3.39
3 oz White Confection Bunny	\$3.39
12 oz Milk Choc Bunny	\$11.04
6 oz Dark Choc Bunny	\$5.94
6 oz White Confection Bunny	\$5.94
6 oz Milk Choc Bunny	\$5.94
7 oz Caramel Pecan Fudge Egg	\$8.49
4 pc Cream Egg Gift Box	\$11.04
8pc Cream Egg Gift Box	\$21.24
10 oz Milk Choc Carmarsh Gift Box	\$12.74
5 oz Foil Wrapped Bunnies	\$6.79
5 oz Foil Wrapped Eggs	\$6.79
12 oz Jelly Bird Eggs	\$8.49
2 oz Milk Choc Vanilla Buttercrm Egg	\$3.39
2 oz Milk Choc Pixie Egg	\$3.39
2 oz Trinidad Egg	\$3.39
2 oz Dark Choc Raspberry Egg	\$3.39
2 oz Milk Choc Peanut Butter Egg	\$3.39
2 oz Milk Choc May Cream Egg	\$3.39
2 oz Milk Choc Fruit & Nut Egg	\$3.39
1 lb Assorted Creams	\$22.09
1 lb Milk Vanilla Buttercream	\$22.09
1 lb Dark Vanilla Buttercream	\$22.09
1 lb Trinidads	\$22.09
1 lb Pixies	\$22.09
8 oz Pixies	\$11.89
1 lb Colonial Assortment	\$22.09
1 lb Mint Meltaways	\$22.09
8 oz. Mint Meltaways	\$11.89
1 lb Assorted Chocolates	\$22.09

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

*St. Germaine School thanks you for your support.*



# WILL YOU...



# FIND HER?

*While the big queen takes some  
time off to recover from winter,  
Our Lady at St. Germaine  
invites you to play*

## **Mini Queen of Hearts Drawing**

### **52 slots - each slot \$5**

You can buy as many slots per game as you like. We just need your name, phone number and of course the money. As soon as the board is sold out, we will use a computer randomizer to “flip” the deck of cards to reveal the Queen of Hearts.

***The person who “finds” the Queen of will get \$100. The card before & after the Queen of will get \$20!*** 

The game board will be available at Parish Center during week & all weekend Masses and the drawing for each game will be in the church lobby. As soon as we complete a game, we will start selling slots for the next game.

*If you need some help figuring all this out, stop by the Queen of Hearts table after Mass! We will be glad to show you how it works.*



# Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



Join Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Program in raising awareness and sharing information about TDVAM:

Register for the Catholic Charities Teen Dating Violence training on Tuesday, February 22nd at 1pm by clicking the link in this post.

Talk to teens in your life about safety and respect in their relationships. Visit [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) to learn more about healthy relationships for teens.

**Wear Orange on Tuesday, February 8th to show support.**

**1 in 3 adolescents in the US is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner.**

IF YOU NEED SUPPORT TEXT "LOVEIS" TO "22522"  
OR CONTACT DV WESTSIDE PROGRAM AT  
312- 655-7106



## FOOD PANTRY

***BIG thanks to all of you for all your continued support!***

Some needs this week;

•Laundry detergent  
•Man and cheese  
•Dish Soap

Crackers  
Cookies  
Canned meats

Rice a Roni  
Pudding snack packs

**Monetary Donations and gift cards** are also welcomed so we can purchase needed items to continue our Food Pantry.. You can put in offertory box, poor box or Checks payable to OLSG Pantry please. Thank You!!

### ***St. Peregrine Novena at St. Catherine of Alexandria***

St. Peregrine is the patron saint for persons suffering from illnesses of all types in particular cancer. Saint Peregrine was healed of a cancerous ulcer on his leg which was considered beyond saving. The fame of this event in 1325 spread rapidly round the western Church.

Christians, and especially the sick, began to invoke his name and seek his intercession for relief of their suffering and even for a cure from sickness. The canonization of St.

Peregrine in 1726 increased people's devotion to him which spread to the universal Church.

St. Catherine of Alexandria will begin offering a novena to St. Peregrine at 7p.m. in the church. The novena will be held for 9 Mondays. All are welcome to participate.

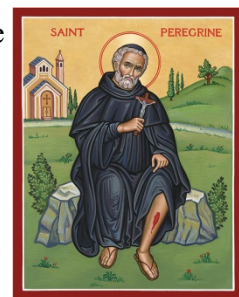
The dates are below:

Feb. 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21, 2022

Please only enter through the doors on Kedvale. Handicap accessible ramp available.

Any questions please contact Karen Brogan 708-691-9529

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