

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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The Epiphany OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

One of my favorite Christmas season stories, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany is the story of the fourth wise man, who became separated from the other three. This story was written by Henry Van Dyke in 1889; there is even a movie version.

The fourth wise man, named, Balzona was separated from them because he became detoured on his search for Christ, as he helped the sick, poor, and hungry, whom he encountered on his journey. As the story is written, the gift he was bringing to Christ was to be a precise ruby and fine pearl, which he sold to care for poor, needy, and mistreated that he met along the way.

Eventually, he found Christ, but he was no longer a child. This fourth wise man was disappointed that he had no gift to offer Christ. Jesus however, was most satisfied with the gift he had brought him and that was the care and compassion he showed to the poor and needy, as he journeyed to find Christ.

Like the wise men, we too are on a journey, searching for Christ in our lives. We needn't search the heavens and distant galaxies. We needn't travel from east to west, searching the farthest corners of the earth.

Like the fourth wise man, may we recognize that he is present in our midst. May we also in wisdom come to realize that the gift Christ seeks from us is the love and care we show to others on our journey to meet him.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

2022 Mass book is open and has plenty of availability. Please call the office at 636-5060 x200 to request a mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



MASS INTENTIONS**Mon, January 3– Holy Name of Jesus**

8:30 AM Mass:
Christopher Knight, Kathy Whirity

Tues, January 4– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 AM Mass:
Anna Kolena

Wed., January 5– St. John Neumann

8:30 AM Mass :
Tom O'Brien, Barbara Jupin

Thur, January 6– St. Andre Bessette

8:30 AM Mass :
Kevin Sitnick, Joseph Fedinec

Friday, January 7–St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30AM-Paula Donnelly, Martin Peter Sum

Saturday, January 8 - Christmas Weekday

8:30AM-Elaine Venti
4:00PM-Amelia A. Martinez, Robert Fleckenstein,
Katherine Vanderwarren, Felicitas P. Limjoco

Sunday, January 9– Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM– Louis D'Amore
9:30AM– Mary Kay Delaplane, Francine Roza,
William Gardaphe, Richard Malek
11:30AM– Rich Chruszczyk, Brian Peters

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Anthony B. Pazda

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

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, Sue Heda, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Betty Hedderman, Kaitlyn Hedderman, 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, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

[Adoration at Our Lady at St Germaine Parish](#)

The Adoration Chapel is closed. The chapel will reopen Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

May you celebrate the birth of Christ with joy and peace, renewed courage and a bright vision that makes the New Year truly happy!

Jesus is waiting for us in this Sacrament of Love

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."



LITTLE MINUTES
Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty
ocean and the pleasant
land; so the little
minutes, humble
though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

[Adoration Chapel Hours](#)

Tuesday- 9am -3pm Wednesday 9am-8pm
Thursday 9am-6pm

We need scheduled adorers for these times:

Tuesday 3-4 & 4-5pm, Wednesday 4-5pm, Thursday 2-3pm

Please call Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 if you would like to volunteer .

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

STEWARSHIP REPORT

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

December 19, 2021

Sunday: \$9,755.00

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,077.50

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$9,832.50

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Aid to Education: \$329.00

Christmas: \$5,889.00

Food Baskets: \$110.00

Christmas Flowers: \$122.00

Share in the Care: \$10.00

Immaculate Conception: \$51.00

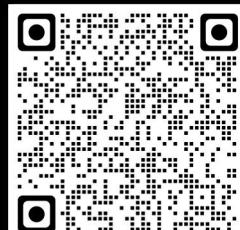
Solemnity of Mary: \$120.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Calling all alumni of St. Germaine and Our Lady of Loretto Schools!

St. Germaine is in the process of updating the Alumni database. With your help we can have an up-to-date and accurate database which will become an extremely useful tool for us. Our goal is to be able to reach out to our alumni and let them know of the wonderful things happening here at St. Germaine. The information we gather will be used by St. Germaine solely for the purpose of education, marketing and development and will not be shared with any other outside source. If you, your family members, friends, neighbors, etc. are alumni, we are asking that you **scan the QR code** and complete the survey. Feel free to share with others. Thank You for your help and consideration for this project.

Join The Alumni



Split The Pot Drawing



On December 19th envelope #227 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$2,985.00 was added to Dec. 26th pot!**

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

Queen of Hearts



The Queen is BACK..... the next drawing will be Thursday, January 6th! Get your tickets today!!

Follow us on Facebook!!
Drawings are held on Thursdays!

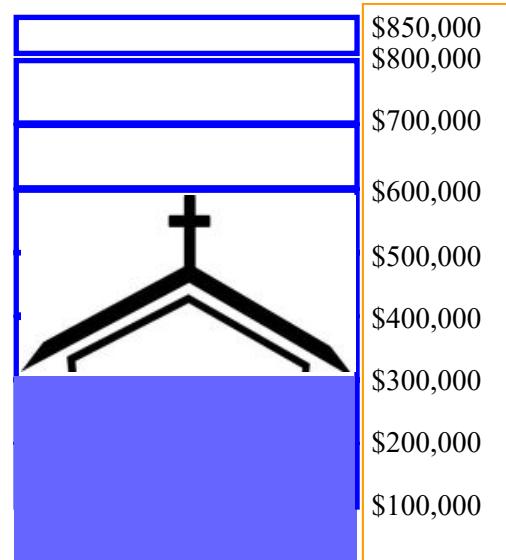


Thank you to the **197** donors who have started off our ***Raise the Roof*** campaign pledging **\$310,674.00!**

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?



CHALKING THE DOOR ~ AN EPIPHANY BLESSING

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

20 + C + M + B + 22

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the customary names of the three Magi; Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus Manisonem, Benedicat,*" "May Christ bless this house." The year is divided before and after these letters because it is 2022 years since the incarnation. The crosses (+) represent the protection of Christ.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year extra special for all our recipients of the Marion Tree. Our parish families, neighborhood families, COURAGE families, Gods Special Friends Families were overwhelmed yet again with the outpouring of generosity by you!

With the year we have had, your gifts have made such an impact to those who were in need. All the donations to our food pantry, monetary donations and gift cards mean so much to so many.

We helped over 72 families this year in the Parish and community area, over 300 people attended the COURAGE party and even more were helped.

Your kindness is immeasurable.

May God bless you and your families as we enter the new year.



A Special "THANK YOU" to Timmy's Angels, The Walsh Family & Toys for Tots, Nucor Products, Jewel (88th & Ridgeland) and Jewel (103rd & Kedzie) and for their extreme generosity in helping those in need this holiday season!!

Messages from a few of those we helped...

"Omg thank you so very much. This year has been the absolute worst for me and the kids. You have no idea how much you all have helped us. I can't stop crying thank you, thank you, thank you!"

"I am so appreciative of everything you guys have done for me and my kids. I will gladly accept as long as there is not Anyone else that is in need. I will never forget this and when I'm in a better position I will pay it forward."

"I'm so very grateful ~ we keep things to ourselves and would never ask ~ and then you are like an Angel showing up somehow when it has been tough ~ when our family gets back on our feet we can't wait to help

**Have
you
Joined
yet?**

**There is still
time to Join the
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Just \$10 a week!

We are looking for 500 people to contribute \$500.00 annually for 5 years. If you cannot commit to \$500.00 annually for 5 years but can contribute a lesser amount and/or a shorter time frame, we still gladly welcome your generosity.

We have several ways which you can help.

- Donate by check with a pledge card or
- Give Central (automatic payments)

Pledge cards are available in the church, school office or Parish Center.



It is very important that you understand that 100% of the donations to The St. Germaine 500 Club go directly to the educational ministries of St. Germaine. The Archdiocese of Chicago will not receive any of the proceeds from this campaign.

www.StGermaineSchool.com/500-club

**Quack, quack. Splash, 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

God's Word for Children

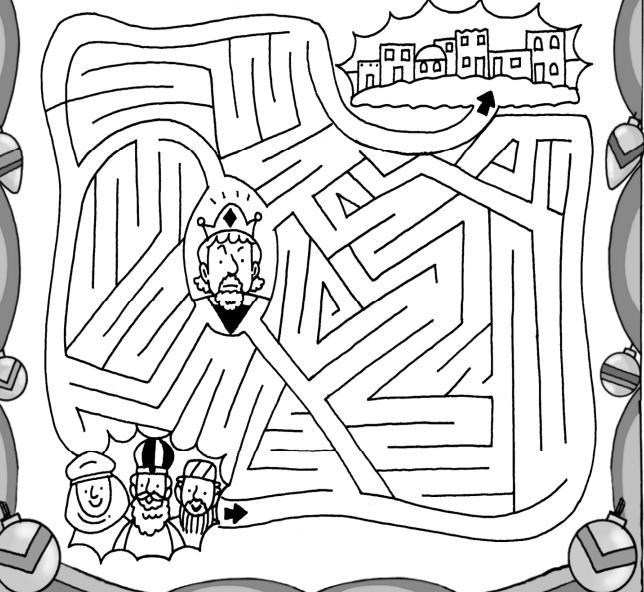
After Jesus was born, wise men from far away wanted to come worship him. God put a special star in the sky that led them to Jesus. Can you find these shapes in this picture?

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Epiphany of the Lord

After they had visited Jesus, the magi were told in a dream not to go back to King Herod. King Herod wanted to harm Jesus. Choose the path that will take the magi home. Do your best to avoid the king.



A vertical rectangular advertisement with a decorative border made of pipes. The top half has a blue background with white text. The bottom half has a light blue background with white text. The text reads:

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A collage of various business cards and promotional materials from the Catholic Diocese of Chicago, including the Diocesan Seal, the Find a Parish website, and the Catholic Charities USA logo.

The logo for Loya Insurance Company. It features the word "LOYA" in large, white, serif capital letters. Below "LOYA", the words "INSURANCE COMPANY" are stacked in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters, all contained within a red rectangular box.

**¡AHORRE
DINERO HOY!**

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a bright orange blouse, is smiling and looking down at her smartphone. A large red speech bubble is positioned in the upper right corner of the frame, containing the text "A parte de".

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