# Our Lady at St. Germaine

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January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20



# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Today's first reading is the second time God sent him to Nineveh. Jonah was reluctant to call the people of Nineveh to a change of heart. More than reluctant; he refused outright to listen to God's calling. He tried to escape from God. And, he was even angry when the people listened to his words and began to reform their lives. What was it in Jonah's own heart that caused him to behave in this manner?

It is the same question or issue that eventually plagues all of our hearts, at one time or another. That is, our striving to reconcile the concept of a just God with a God of mercy. Through his human eyes Jonah saw that the people of Nineveh deserved to be punished for their actions. But God sees differently then we see, and he acts differently then we act. As it was for Jonah, God's ways are often most perplexing also for us.

Who was in need of conversion? In God's eyes it was not only the people of Nineveh, but, also Jonah, the Lord's unrighteous prophet. Conversion for all of us is to see and to act as God acts. It is a lifelong journey of faith, for most of us, when completed joins us in holiness to our God.

Like Jonah we try to escape God and go in the opposite direction from God. We want to see justice given out, and rightly so. But don't we also want God to show us mercy, and give us a second chance, even a third or fourth or even more chances; when we deserve the type of justice; we want others to receive for their actions and behavior?

Sincerely,

Rev. Phomos S. Cabala

# Adoration Chapel is in need of help!

Looking for a substitute adorer for: Month of February - Tuesdays 2-3pm and Scheduled Adorer on Wednesdays 10-11am

We are always in need of substitute adorers to fill in at times when adorers are not able to make it to their hour. Please contact Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or parish center at 708-636-5060 and we can put you on a list.



EXCERPT from *BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST* "I was asked once: What would have to happen for you to leave the Catholic Church? I thought about the question for a long time. I combed through the lowest moments in Catholic history, testing each to see if one of them would have been the breaking point that made me leave. But after thinking it through I decided I could never leave the Catholic Church. The reason is because I believe that Jesus is truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity, in the Eucharist. Where else can I get the Eucharist? Sure, some other churches might have better music, but in the whole scheme of things music is trivial compared to the Eucharist. Other churches might have more engaging preachers, but these are trivial compared to the Eucharist. When we go to Mass on Sunday the danger is in thinking that the music and the homily are the most important things. Don't take the trivial and make it important. That's the way of the world. Get clear about what's really important, what matters most, and life will be a lot simpler and more joyful. At Mass on Sunday, the homily could be in a language I don't understand, the music could be a complete train wreck, there could be kids running up and down the aisles screaming at the top of their lungs, throwing crayons and eating snacks (or eating crayons and throwing snacks), and that's OK—because the moment when I receive the Eucharist is a pivotal moment in my week. It's a moment of transformation, a moment when I get to receive who and what I wish to become. And I could never leave that. It doesn't twitter how good the music or preaching is elsewhere; I cannot leave the Eucharist. I will not leave Jesus. I hope you won't either"

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.

# Offertory Collections

Our Lady at St Germaine does not "pass the basket" at the offertory. Instead, please drop your contributions in the collection boxes located near the exits of church.

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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

# Monday, January 22-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30AM: Michael Pacetti

Tues, Jan 23-Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope

8:30ÁM Mass: Michael Sales, William P. Finn, Eileen O'Brien, Laverne Sularz, Riley Herbeck (healing), Dennis Ariggo (healing)

# Weds., January 24-St. Francis de Sales

7:00AM Mass: Frank Kita 8:30AM Communion Service:

Thurs., January 25-Conversion of St. Paul

8:30AM Mass: Laura Lindahl

Friday, January 26-SS. Timothy and Titus

8:30AM Mass: Stanley Cabala

Sat, Jan 27-St. Angela Merici, BVM

8:30AM: Zanetta Opas, Loretta F. Barry

4:00PM: Marion Noonan, Mary Nolan Cannon,

Helga Stawski

Sun., Jan 28-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30ÅM: Members of Our Lady at St. Germaine

9:30AM: Gino Pacetti, Cathy Phillips 11:30AM: Philip Chaput, Helen Rendak

# **REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Ruth Nichols Josephine T. Vanick Jeffrey L. McKnight

# 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, Marie Dillon, 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 Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Charles Keller, Alvina Kita, Lee, Kim Lewis, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Stas Maciasz, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattaliano, Raimonda Miknius, 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 Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Charlene Thomson, Mary Ann Trop, Vickie Vertucci, Casey Wiedenski, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

Ministers' Schedule for January 27 & 28, 2024						
	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM		
Proclaimer	Jim Pender	Geroge Kapjon	Ellen McDermott	Steve Postregna		
Eucharistic Ministers	Barry Zakes Terry Vorderer	Jim Antos Laura Stawczyk	Steve Rosenbaum Sharon Rosenbaum	Guy DiBenedetto Marianne Powers		

# Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/

Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-2



# Parish Mission

Sunday, February 4th

at All Masses

Reflection
On the Gift of the Eucharist

&

Holy Hour Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

Hospitality to follow.

Leading us in prayer and reflection
Sister Stephanie
of the Franciscans of the Eucharist from
The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago

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# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

# **January 14, 2023**

Sunday: \$4,925.00

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,560.00

**SUNDAY TOTAL:** \$7,485.00

\*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00

Initial Offering: \$85.00

Food Baskets: \$170.00

Christmas (thus far) \$52,556.03

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



# HELP NEEDED

# Please help restock our shelves.

# Some things Needed this month are....

Noodle Soup, Tomato soup, veggie soup, beef stew, canned tomatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, jelly, peanut butter, rice or pastaroni, boxed or pouches of potatoes, oatmeal, coffee, cereal, 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!!

# Split The Pot Drawing



Last week envelope #40 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$2,725.00 will be added to next weeks pot.

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

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

# AA Meetings in Our Lady at St. Germaine Basement

<u>(For Location Confirmation Follow OLBB Signage)</u>

Sunday - 7:00 pm - Closed Meeting (Alcoholics Only)

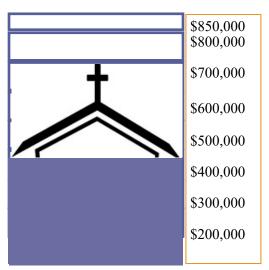
Thursday - 7:30 pm - Open Meeting (all are welcome)

Thank you to the **300** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$424,994.11.

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?



#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NEWS—KEEPING TEEN RELATIONSHIPS HEALTHY AND SAFE

Parents, guardians, and grandparents, of junior high and high school teenagers, as well as school personnel and interested adults are encouraged to attend a presentation on Teen Dating Violence at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. The program will be offered by the staff of A New Direction and is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Awareness Committees of Christ the King, St. John Fisher, St. Cajetan, St. Christina and St. Barnabas. It will be at Christ the King Church. 9345 S Hamilton Avenue. Chicago.

Ericka Swanson and Rita Ryan of A New Direction will define abuse, show patterns of abuse in relation to Teen Dating Violence, and will introduce scenarios and helpful resources. Learning about healthy relationships at this age can go a long way towards stopping the cycle of Domestic Violence, and can set youth on a better path for future relationships.

For more information on the Teen Dating Violence presentation, on February 6, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., please contact Donna Dalton - donnadalton1951@gmail.com Linda Villalobos -<u>lvilla46@yahoo.com</u> Nancy North - nancy.north@comcast.net



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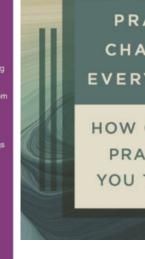


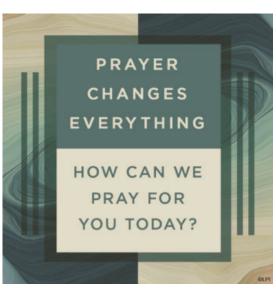


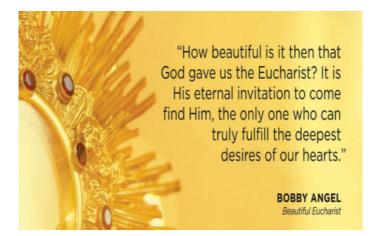


SAVE DATE

St. Germaine Men's Club 15th Annual St. Patrick Party Saturday, March 2 More details to follow







# **2024 CALENDARS ARE HERE**

The 2024 calendars are now available. Please take one home with you. They have lovely images and all the important dates in the liturgical year.

## 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.

Stop in the Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.



# NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 7th, 10AM-12PM IN THE PARISH CENTER DINING ROOM

Donations of yarn, and new members are always welcome! If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.



Pre-K - 8th Grade

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# HAVE YOU TRIED THE MANNA PROGRAM?

The Manna Program is one of the school's most successful fundraisers. Families that participate purchase gift cards from local vendors who rebate a portion of the purchase price to the school. For example, if a family purchases a \$100 Jewel card, they receive the full \$100. Jewel rebates about 4% to the school (\$4.00). So that rebate of 4% then gets split between the school and the family. That can be used for tuition for School, Religious Education or high school tuition. Even if you try using it for groceries and gas, it would help out! The beauty of the program is that is provides "free money" from sources outside of the parish with no extra expenses to anyone.

Manna certificates are sold weekdays in the school office. The program is open to everyone in the parish and provides a huge support to the school budget. For more information, contact

During the 2022-2023 school year, the total rebates from all vendors was \$25,860.00.

# ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

# **SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Online link bit.ly/sgspringsoccer (link is case sensitive) Kindergarten – 8th Grade (boys and girls) \$70 league registration fee \*All players need to be pre-registered prior to Fee Day\* which will be on this date in the gym foyer: \*January 18th from 6:15pm to 7:15pm\*

Questions? Email Sergio Medina @ stgermainesoccer@gmail.com

# St. Germaine Boys Volleyball Spring 2024

Calling all interested boys in 4th through 8th grade to participate in spring volleyball. Volleyball runs from mid-March through the first week of May. Matches will be played at St. Germaine and other local grammar schools. No experience is needed! Online registration is now open.

# https://forms.gle/rJno2tF6FEx4jRWt6

Fees: • \$100 Registration fee • \$25 Jersey (if needed)

- \$250 Participation fee -- This fee is fully refundable after parent participation requirements are met.
- In-person payment will be accepted in the St. Germaine Gym on Thursday, 1/18 from 6:15-7:30pm Questions? Email Jen Kearns at butlerjenc@hotmail.com

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry

# Friday's; February 16<sup>th</sup> through March 22<sup>nd</sup>



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce Our Lady at St. Germaine will be hosting our seventeenth annual fish fry in the Parish Hall. We are so excited to be back!! In the past years, our fish fry served over one thousand people who live and shop in the nearby areas.

We are offering you the opportunity to place an ad for \$10.00 a week on our placemats. The ad will run for 6 weeks, with the total cost of \$60.00. Space is limited so get your ad today!

We thank you in advance for supporting us and helping us make this event a memorable and lasting tradition for our Parish and community.

Send us your ad or business card with payment to:

Attn: Fish Fry 9711 S Kolin Ave

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Any questions, please call Jen @ 708-636-5060. Thanks for all your support!!!!

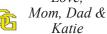
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Best wishes to Joe Smith The Class of 2024 Love,



# IT'S TIME FOR THE FISH FRY!

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> will kick off our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry. Once again, the Fish Fry will be hosted by the Athletic program and the Men's Club. We look forward to another successful year. Anyone who is interested in helping out should fill out the form and return it to school or parish center.

This year in addition to the normal help, we are also looking people, individuals or families to help with some of the behind the scenes work. We can use help on Fridays after school for set up and prep. We are also looking for anyone who may be interested in helping with weekly shopping as well. And as usual, we have Friday time slots 4:45pm ~ 8:00pm that will be divided into kitchen, bar, serving and bussing. Cleanup/breakdown time slots will begin at 7:30pm.

This is the perfect opportunity for this year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders to begin working on service for Confirmation next year. 
We can use high school kids to help also.

Please mark down your availability of dates. We look forward to meeting new people and we will do our best to schedule everyone for at least one time slot.

Thank you in advance for your help. ~ Greg Kirwan, Jim Ruzich & Jen Stazak

NAME	<b></b> -	Cell	 
Email Address	(a	)	
Interested in helping with set-up and prep on		Fridays (please availability o	Interested in helping with shopping and time preference)
İ	Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:45pm ~ 8:00pm	Clean up
	Friday, February 23 <sup>th</sup>	$4{:}45pm \sim 8{:}00pm$	Clean up
I	Friday, March 1st	$4{:}45pm \sim 8{:}00pm$	Clean up
	Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	$4{:}45pm \sim 8{:}00pm$	Clean up
	Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	4:45pm ~ 8:00pm	Clean up
	Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:45pm ~ 8:00pm	Clean up
If you can help any time, pleas	se let us know!!		



BEDS Plus is providing help... and hope...for the homeless right here in the Burbank-Oak Lawn area!

We have opened a full-time shelter at the former Aloha Motel located at 8515 S. Cicero Avenue in Chicago. This facility will provide homeless individuals an opportunity to meet with our case managers regularly to find solutions to their homelessness.

And you can help! Right now, we really need volunteers to help us with meals at the shelter. We will be serving 21 meals each week and that takes work. You can volunteer to prepare meals, serve meals, or greet and help our guests. Give as little as 3-4 hours a month. Share the meal prep (church groups, friends, family) or bring a friend or two to serve meals. If you are looking for a way to help the homeless population, this is it. Call Bill Burke at 708-831-2237 or email at <a href="mailto:burke@beds-plus.org">burke@beds-plus.org</a>. We have shifts to match whatever is convenient for you. Please consider this opportunity to help those who need it most.







#### DRESS PICK-UP

Saturday, January 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Unsold dresses must be picked up or will be
considered a donation to the school.

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Open to the public Cash or credit card accepted. All sales are FINAL.

#### DRESS DROP-OFF

Saturday, January 20, 2024 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Circle Drive
No dresses will be accepted outside of the time and date listed above.



#### **OUR LADY AT ST. GERMAINE PARISH**

#### ST. GERMAINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 9-7pm, 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 Frank Mamolella Amy Condon Philip O'Rourke

Marianne Powers Sr. Regina DeVitto CND

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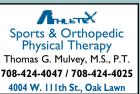
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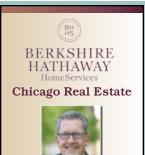
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