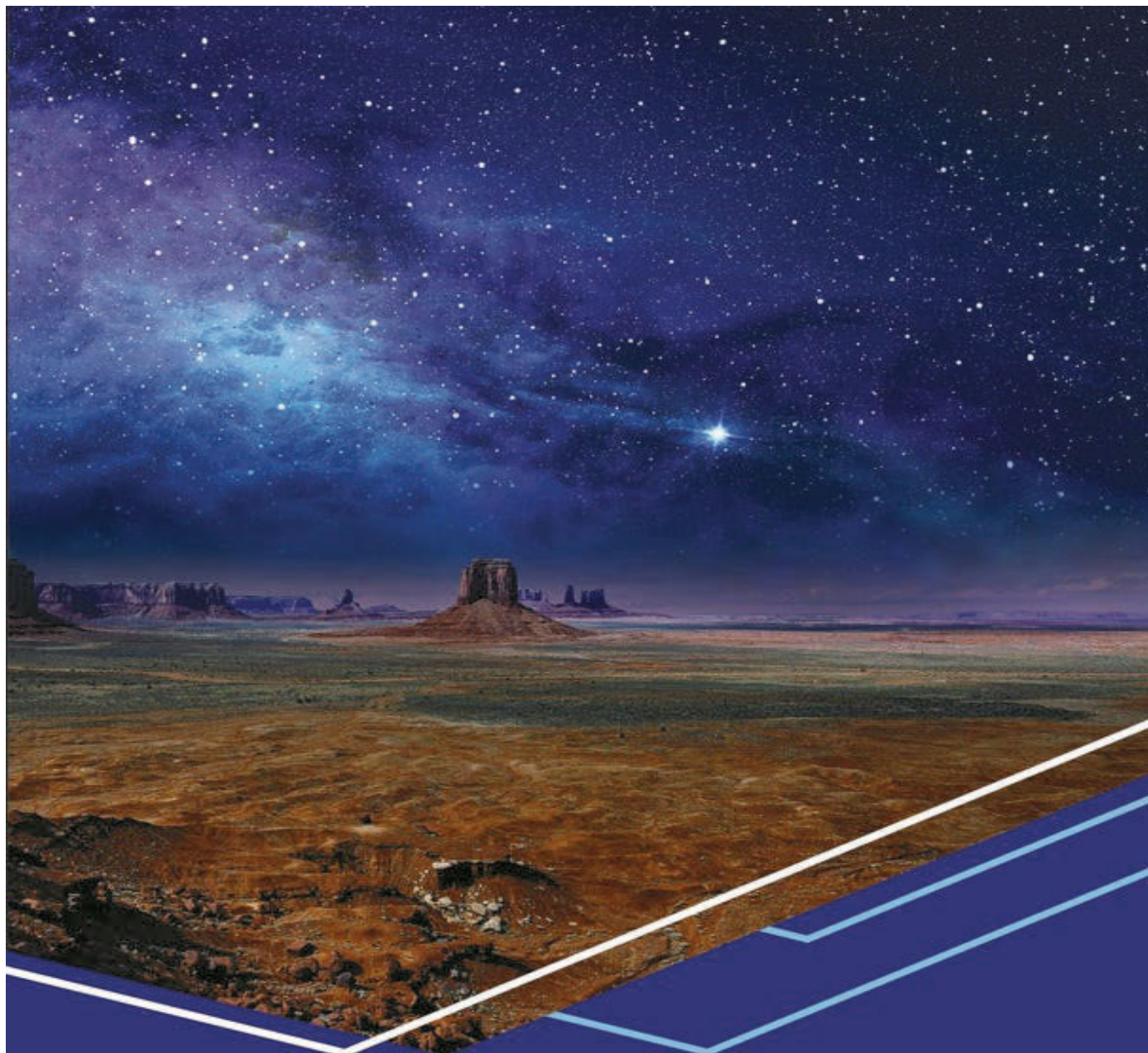


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January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, 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." - Mt 2:1-2

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

My favorite story, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, is the story of the fourth wise man, who became separated from the other three. There are a number of versions circulating from the original story by Henry Van Dyke, 1889; there is even a movie version.

The fourth wise man, named Balzones, 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,

Rev. Thomas S. Cabala

CHRISTMAS LETTER

It has been brought to our attention that most parishioners did not receive their Christmas letter in the mail.

The letters were mailed directly from the envelope company the week of December 4th.

We are in contact with the envelope company and the post office to see what happened. We apologize.

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.

**Donations of yarn, and new members
are always welcome!**

**If you would be interested in helping,
please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.**



Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 8-Baptism of the Lord**

8:30AM:

Marie Kolodzey, Paul Donnelly. Loretta Barba

Tuesday, January 9-1st Week in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Mass:

Kevin Ready

Weds., January 10-Weekday

7:00AM Mass:

8:30AM Communion Service:

Thursday, January 11-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30AM Mass:

Tim Shine, Joseph Riccardino

Friday, January 12-Weekday

8:30AM Mass:

Ed Terry

4:30pm- Wedding Kendyl Todd & Nathaniel Natividad

Sat, January 13-St. Hilary, Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM: Loretta Barba, Bill Stone

4:00PM: Anthony Konczal, Byron Glista,

Rachel Janecek, Eileen McNamara

Sunday, January 14-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time7:30AM: Donna, Mary & John Forbes,
Alice & William Munno

9:30AM: Phil Chaput, Bill Stone

11:30AM: Gennaro Corrado, Florence Brown,
Mark Vicich, Patricia A. Herman Wrobel**REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Betty O'Hare

Norman Lupescu

William L. Stone

Richard Haggerty

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, Elizabeth Czajka, Sue Daniels, Marie Dillon, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Patty Fadden, Karen Finn, Sara Fox, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Bill Gegan, 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, 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

2024 Mass book is open . Please mail in, drop off a list or call the office at (708)636-5060 x200 to request your 2024 masses.

Promise of Marriage
III. Kendyl Todd & Nathaniel Natividad
 Please pray for our couples

Ministers' Schedule for January 13 & 14 , 2024

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	Bill Lavelle	Becky Kapjon	Geri Walker	Gina Maughn
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Vorderer Kathy Mikutis	Laura Stawczyk Kathy Kobiernicki	Maureen Panarella Sr. Darleen	Jim Maughan Gina Maughan

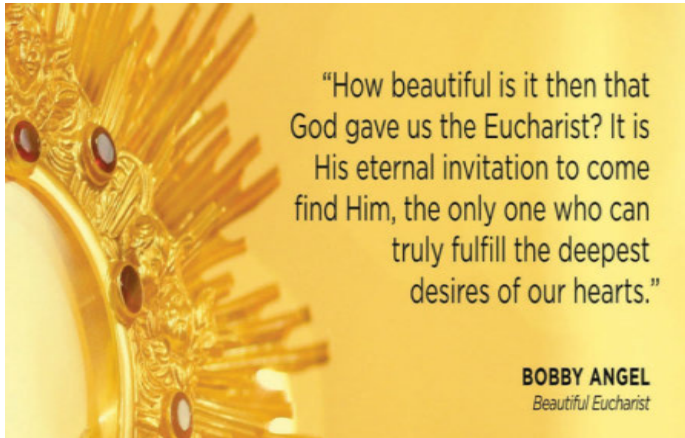


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Parish Mission February 4 and 6, 2024
Reflecting on the gift of the Eucharist
Leading us in prayer and reflection
Sister Stephanie

of the Franciscans of the Eucharist from
The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago.

Sister will speak at all the Masses on
Sunday, February 4 and lead us in prayer and reflection at a Holy Hour on
Tuesday evening **February 6 at 6:30 PM** with hospitality to follow.



Adoration Chapel is open
during the following days and times:

Tuesdays 9am-6pm

Wednesdays 9am-7pm

Thursdays 9am-7pm

If you are interested in volunteering to be an
adorer, please call

Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or
the Parish Center 708-636-5060.

Happy New Year from the Volunteers of the OLSG FOOD PANTRY !

Thank you to everyone who continues to
support the pantry and people in need.

**Please consider helping to restock for
Monthly Pantry Days.**

Some things Needed this month are....

Noodle Soup, Tomato soup, veggie soup,
beef stew, canned tomatoes, pasta, pasta
sauce, jelly, peanut butter, rice or pasta-roni,
boxed or pouches of potatoes, coffee, cereal,
mac & cheese, pudding cups, canned fruit,
cookies, crackers, canned meats, canned
ravioli, cooking oil, coffee, tea 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!!**

**Our Lady at St. Germaine/St. Catherine
Domestic Violence Awareness Ministry
Meeting**

**Monday, January 8, 2024
6:30 PM**

**St. Catherine Alexandra
(former Convent)
10600 S. Karlov**

**Agenda:
Teen Domestic Violence Activities**

All are welcome

For more information contact Joanne Ryan at 708-
945-9935 or John Chesniak at (708)793-9545

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

December 31, 2023

Sunday:	\$7,426.63
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,370.00
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$9,796.63
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$35.00
Human Development:	\$50.00
Share in the Care:	\$10.00
Food Baskets:	\$58.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$10.00
Initial Offering:	\$157.00
Solmenity of Mary:	\$671.97
Christmas (thus far)	\$46,876.03

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

Split The Pot Drawing



On December 24th, envelope #2069 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$ 1,412.50 was added to last weeks pot.

Last week envelope #2124 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$1,837.50 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!

AA Meetings in Our Lady at St. Germaine Basement

(For Location Confirmation Follow OLBB Signage)

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

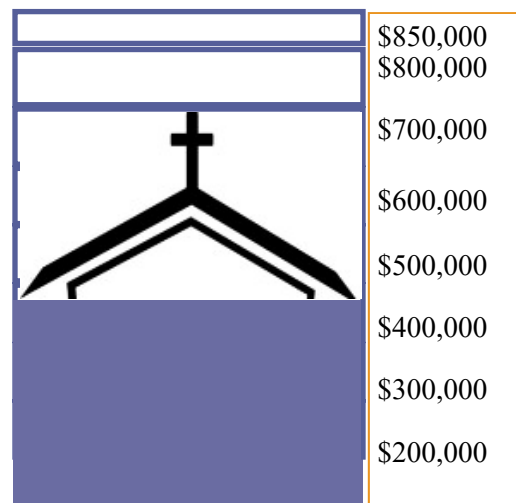
Thursday - 7:30 pm – Open Meeting (all are welcome)

Thank you to the **299** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$424,422.75**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is.

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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.	DRESS DROP-OFF Saturday, January 20, 2024 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <i>at Circle Drive</i> No dresses will be accepted outside of the time and date listed above.



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Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

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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.

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