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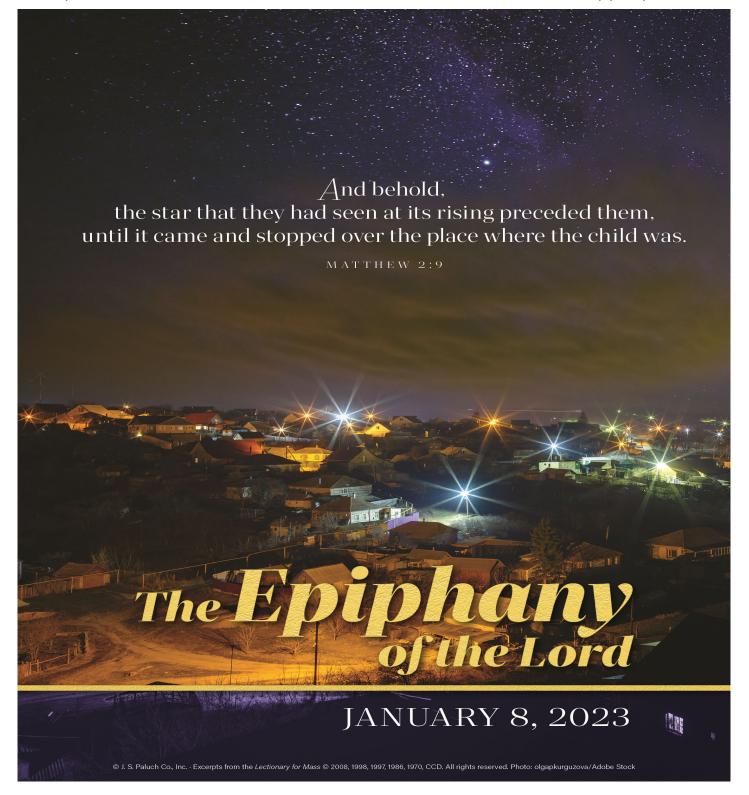
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January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord





A Letter from the Pastor

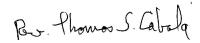
Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we ask the Lord that we too like the wise man, the magi, the three kings, may always see the light in our lives. Not just any light, but, that we may see and recognize the gift of light that God gives the world, Christ Jesus our Savior, the Light of the world.

Where do we find this light? Not in the stars and planets. Most of us cannot distinguish Venus from Saturn, Jupiter from Mars, or one star or constellation from another without an app on our cell phones. We find the light of Christ shining in the hearts and eyes of those that we travel with here on earth on our pilgrimage to heaven. And hopefully those traveling with us also see the light of Christ in our hearts and eyes as we share our treasures, not gold, frankincense, or myrrh, but faith, hope, and love.

The three kings or wise men hoped for an epiphany and searched the heavens for it. We needn't look far into the distant heavens for the guiding light of God that will change our world. It dwells among us as Christ incarnate, who was born on Christmas day. And, it dwells in each of us as gift given to us at our baptism.

May we let that light shine with joy, love, and warmth so all around us may see and believe in Christ as Savior and Light.



Adoration Chapel

Adorers are needed for the following;



Tuesday 3-4pm 4-5pm Thursday 1-2pm 2-3pm

Please call Fran Barba at 708~567~6119 to help.



We're back.....

Fridays in Lent February 24-March 31

We hope you can join us!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-

39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

THANK YOU TO OUR CHOIR

Our Advent liturgies, Lessons and Carols and Christmas celebrations have been made all the more special and beautiful with the hard work of our dedicated musician Dan Arens and choir.

Thanks to all of you!!!

The choir will take a well-deserved break for the next few weeks.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM Mass:

Lorraine Flanagan, Nancy Kilcoyne

Tuesday, January 10-1st Week in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Mass: John Flanagan

Weds, January 11-Weekday

7:00AM Mass: Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish 8:30AM Communion Service:

Thurs., January 12-Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:

Deceased Members of Our Lady at St. Germaine

Friday, January 13-St. Hilary

8:30 AM Mass:

George & Antoinette Czanko

Sat., January 14-Weekday

8:30 AM: Elaine Venti, Catherine Ann Cuthbertson 4:00 PM: Anthony Konczal, Damon Laudadio, Sharon Worobiew

Sun., January 15-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM— Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish 9:30AM—Mary Louise Alai, Charles V. Horbin, Richard E. Malek, Michael E. Malek 11:30AM— Gennaro Corrado, Edward Stubitsch

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Mario LaPorte

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, Alexandra Connor, Matthew Connor, 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, Lorna Kendall, 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, Audrey 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

SNOWBIRDS

If you are away for an extended period of time, please be sure to send a note with your envelopes, or email the following info to:

jstazak@archchicago.org

Name, address, Winter address, Email, Date leaving and Date returning. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

Save the Date:

Taize Prayer Service February 1, 2023.

Ministers' Schedule for January 14 & 15, 2023 **SUN 11:30 AM SUN 7:30 AM SUN 9:30 AM SAT 4:00 PM** Proclaimer G. Walker B. Zakes K. Kettelson S. Chimera Eucharistic L. Vorderer K. Kettelson S. Chimera G. Pacetti Ministers K. Kobiernicki J. O'Shea T. Vorderer Altar Servers P. Bray-Katzmann C. Kearns A. Daley F. Daley E. Kearns A. Covarrubias

CHALKING THE DOOR ~ AN EPIPHANY BLESSING



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 + 23

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 2023 years since the incarnation. The crosses (+) represent the protection of Christ.

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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Bring your teams of 2 - 6 players for a fun night of trivia. Top two scoring teams win cash prizes

For details call Darin Widmer at (708) 297-7626

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

December 25, 2022

Sunday: \$7,691.74

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,105.50

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$9,797.24

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$30.00

Food Baskets: \$243.00

Religious Retirement:: \$5.00

Christmas Flowers: \$40.00

Christmas: \$34,049.00

Initial Offering: \$115.00

Immaculate Conception: \$5.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$128.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

January 1, 2023

Sunday: \$9,357.49

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$2,470.50

SUNDAY TOTAL: \$11,827.99

*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$135.00

Aid to Education: \$25.00

Food Baskets: \$372.00

Religious Retirement:: \$5.00

Sharing: \$140.00

Christmas (thus far): \$47,450.00

Initial Offering: \$647.00

Latin America: \$85.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$1,586.00

Annual Appeal: \$10.00

Ash Wednesday: \$10.00

Split The Pot Drawing

On December 25th envelope #706 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$1,922.50 was added to January 1 pot.

On January 1st, envelope number #2084 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 \$2,490.00.

Congratulations!

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

Good Luck!

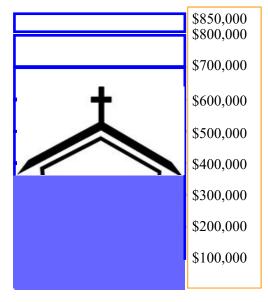


Thank you to the **275** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$382,794.23!

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?



Beds Homeless Shelters is in Great Need of Volunteers:

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For Information or reservations, please contact us at secretaryolpf@gmail.comwww.oaklawnparksfoundation.org/or follow us on Facebook!

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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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