

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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The Baptism of the Lord

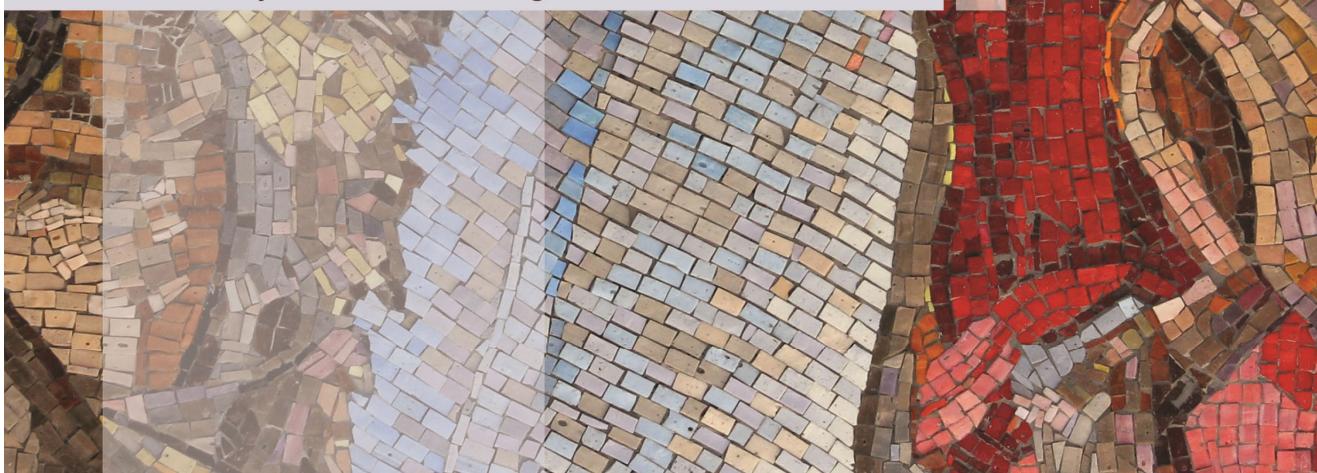


John said, "I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

~Luke 3:16



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

Each time we enter the church, we make the sign of the Cross as we bless ourselves with holy water. This action is a reminder of our baptism and our willingness to die with Christ that we might live with him in eternity. To die with Christ means we wish to die of selfish and self-centeredness and live for one another.

The Sacrament of Baptism is rich with symbols that speak to us of how we are to live out our lives as Disciples of Christ.

The water not only is a sign of cleansing from our sins; it is the source of life. Without water we not only thirst, we could not persevere or live. The waters of baptism quench our thirst for the love of God and to be one with the Lord in Holiness. These same waters lead us to the Eucharist in which we are nourished with the Bread of Life, at the same time promising to nourish others with the love of God.

After we are baptized, we are also anointed with sacred oil as the priest, or deacon proclaims, "I anoint you with the oil of salvation as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This is a commissioning a sending forth of the newly baptized, as Christ sent his Apostles, to pray for each other, even as young children, to speak and live lives of peace, justice, and truth. And, to be shepherds, who care and watch over one another even as Christ, Our King, and Good Sheppard watches over us. This understanding of king comes from the Old Testament understanding of the king being the shepherd and protector of the people of Israel.

Finally, the newly baptized is clothed with a baptismal robe that proclaims we have been given new dignity as children of God through the waters of baptism. And, the newly baptized is also presented with a candle that is lit from the Easter-Paschal candle that proclaims Christ is to be our light, and we will be light to one another.

At a funeral Mass, as the casket is brought into the church, the casket is blessed with holy water, covered with a pall, and placed before the Easter-Paschal candle in front of the altar. These symbols take us back to our baptism in which we were promised the dignity of eternal life, standing before Christ the Light of the World, who died for us on the Cross that we might never again hunger or thirst, when we stand in his glorious presence. If we remain faithful to our baptismal promises to renounce the darkness of sin and self-centeredness and live as his witnesses though lives of forgiveness, peace, justice, and love, we can be assured that God will be faithful to us, we only need to look to the Cross of Christ as a sign of his promise already fulfilled.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Cabala

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
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 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday: | 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday: | Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11 |

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.

To request a Prayer Shawl call 636-5060.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday January 10– Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:
Richard Mable, Lorraine Flanagan

Tuesday January 11– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass:
Deceased Members of Our Lady at St. Germaine

Wednesday, January 12– Weekday

8:30 AM Mass :
Marion Krueck, Tom Wren

Thursday, January 13– St. Hilary

8:30 AM Mass :
Deceased & Living Members of Our Lady at
St. Germaine

Friday, January 14–Weekday

8:30AM– The Parish of Our Lady at St. Germaine

Saturday, January 15 - Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM-Mary Byrnes
4:00PM-Anthony Konczal, Ted O'Reagan,
Timothy Watt

Sun, Jan 16– 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM– Madison Quinn Harrison
9:30AM– Edwin Desmond, Ryan Edgar,
Mary Catherine Delaplane
11:30AM– Gennaro Corrado, Edward Burns,
Helen "Marie" Fadden

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

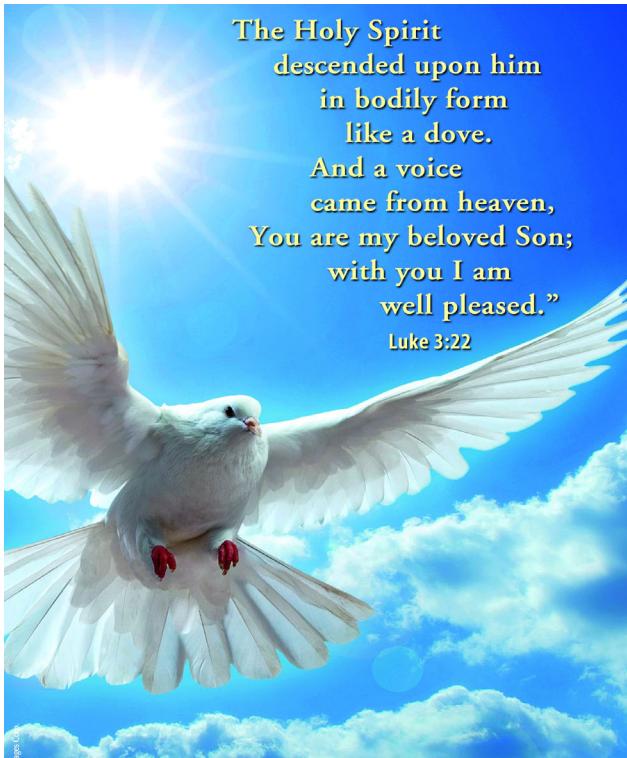
Jacqueline M. LaPorte

Beatrice Preissler

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

The Holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form
like a dove.
And a voice
came from heaven,
You are my beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.”
Luke 3:22

**Mary's Rosary**

**Wednesday, Jan 19th
at 7:00pm**

Please join the Knights of Columbus in honoring our Blessed Mother, Mary, by praying Her special prayer, the Rosary.



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Blessings on a New Year

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St Germaine,
Happy new year from all of us at Mundelein Seminary!



MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

The New Year is an annual opportunity to reflect on where we have been over the last year, and to think about what goals we would like to achieve in the next. As Mundelein Seminary celebrates its centennial, we have been engaging in similar self-reflection. For 100 years, Mundelein Seminary has formed priests whose hearts are burning to serve in parishes across the country and around the world.

Our alumni are present at the most important moments of people's lives. They serve as holy bridges between God and His people—helping them recognize the light of Christ shining in the darkest corners of the world to bring hope and peace.

This mission is vital to the Church and only grows more important with each passing year, as our society increasingly turns away from the sacred, failing to recognize the divine spark that gives life a greater purpose. Every priest is ordained to remind us of our mission in God's eyes and to help us embrace His vocational call to us for sainthood.

You very likely have a personal story of a priest who has enhanced your faith or been present for you in a time of need. As we enter the new year, I invite you to personally reach out and thank that priest for his service to the Church and his impact on your own individual faith journey. I know that your gratitude will help encourage him to continue being that bridge to Christ for all the people he continues to encounter.

While the choice to discern a priestly vocation is seemingly counter-cultural, it is in fact beautifully true to the authentic identity of a disciple of Jesus Christ, as lived by his first apostles. I am heartened by the more than 100 seminarians at Mundelein who are embracing that identity and discerning the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives. By their continuing to listen to God's voice, and with your support, they will increasingly come to know His desire for them, and will progress along their path to the altar as your future parish priests. Your prayers for them are essential.

No matter what joys or challenges you are experiencing in your life right now, I pray that the peace of Christ will surround you in the new year. Please continue to pray for us and be assured of our ongoing prayers for you.

Yours in the heart of Christ,
Father John Kartje
Rector, Mundelein Seminary



Adoration at Our Lady at St Germaine Parish

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."

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 .

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



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

STEWARSHIP REPORT

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

January 2, 2021

Sunday:	\$7,254.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$2,200.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$9,454.50
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$35.00
Initial Offering:	\$691.00
Christmas (thus far):	\$49,364.00
Food Baskets:	\$90.00
Share in the Care:	25.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$1,240.00

*GIVE CENTRAL & ACH ARE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR COLLECTION

STEWARSHIP REPORT

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

December 26, 2021

Sunday:	\$7,086.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$1,890.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$8,976.50
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Initial Offering:	\$65.00
Christmas:	\$2,338.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$10.00

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Split The Pot Drawing



On December 26th envelope #1235 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$3,375.00 was added to January 2 pot!** Last week envelope #1083 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$3,887.00 is added to this weeks 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



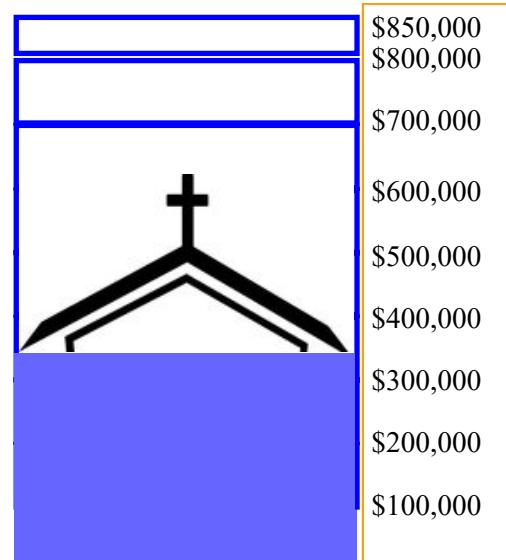
The Queen is BACK.....
drawings will be held on
Thursdays at Clancy's 103rd.!
Get your tickets today!!



Thank you to the **209** donors who have started off our ***Raise the Roof*** campaign pledging **\$328,334.00!**

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?



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Bake Sale! Special thank you to our merry bakers; Elaine, Ellen, Gayle, Liz, Paulette and Sue, without them our bake shop would not exist. We are giving \$1,401.00 to Raise the Roof campaign. Our next Bake Sale will be the weekend of February 13 & 14th. Call Elaine at 708-334-9724 for any special orders.



Book Drive

Mercy Sister Carol Mucha is conducting a continuing used book sale. These items can be dropped off at the main entrance of Mercy Circle any day of the week. She counts on the generosity of those who want to dispose of books in good condition of all genres including magazines, children's books, also CD's, DVD's, music, and small electronics including cell phones. Proceeds from the sales are used for Mercy Ministries. A cart is available at the reception desk if needed. For more information, please call Sister Carol at 708-297-4232.

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) for their extreme generosity in helping those in need this holiday season!!

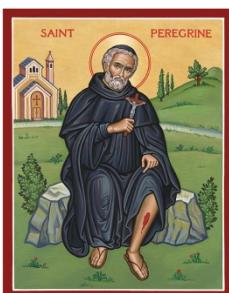


Messages from a few of those we helped...

"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 other families experience the Miracles you made us feel this year"



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:
Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, 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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