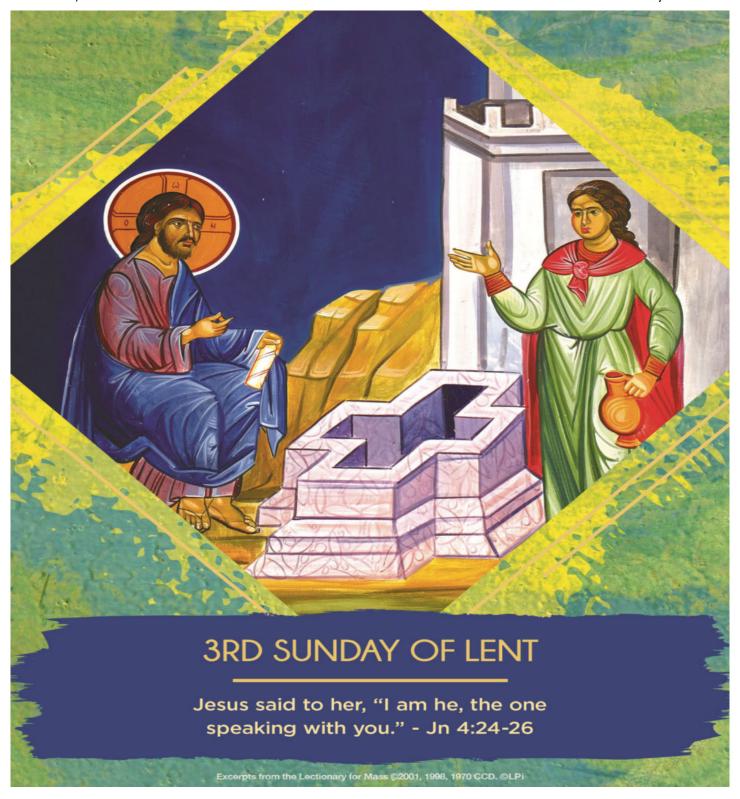
# Our Lady at St. Germaine

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March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent





# A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

When we are thirsty, we go to the faucet and get a glass of water or you reach for a bottle of water. We forget that water is one of our world's most precious gifts. And, until the recent drought in the west these past few years; we take this gift from God for granted.

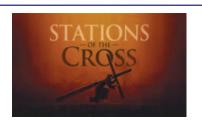
Unlike the women at the well in today's Gospel and her ancestors of today; we forget that water is life giving. We thirst again and again; we simply reach for another glass of water. And, it is a blessing that we have an abundance of water, although it is growing scarcer; because we constantly thirst.

The Sacrament of Baptism, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, works in a similar way. It satisfies our thirst to share in the life of God, but, it does not fully quench that thirst. In fact, it makes us even thirstier and even hungry for life with God. Baptism leads us to the Eucharist and as we receive the body and blood of Christ our thirst is quenched and our hunger satisfied. But, it never fully satisfies our desire to be one with God in holiness. We are still searching for the voice of God that says to us, as he said to Jesus, "with you I am well pleased."

The end of our search for the voice of God begins when we come to understand that our own hungers and thirsts cannot be fully satisfied while there are others among us who hunger and thirst for the voice of God in their lives. As our thirst for God was quenched in Baptism, as our hunger for sharing in God's holiness is satisfied in the Eucharist, we must be the Lord's voice, through our words and actions, who also are searching to be one with God.

Sincerely,

Bar. Phomos S. Cabala



FRIDAYS 4:00PM IN CHURCH

#### TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

A contemplative prayer for reconciliation and peace will be offered each Wednesday evening of Lent. The service includes sung chants, Scripture and an extended period of silence. It will begin at 6pm and last approximately 35 minutes.

The schedule for Taize Prayer Around the Cross is as follows:

Wednesday, March 15

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday, March 29 (last one)

Please bring a small cross or crucifix with you to wear or hold in your hand during the entire prayer time.

All are welcome.



### Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Mon., March 13-Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Mass:

Poor Souls in Purgatory, Joseph Skopec

#### **Tuesday, March 14-Lenten Weekday**

8:30AM Mass:

Poor Souls in Purgatory, Bill Dunne

#### Weds, March 15-Lenten Weekday

7:00AM Mass: Poor Souls in Purgatory, 8:30AM Communion Service:

#### **Thursday, March 16-Lenten Weekday**

8:30 AM Mass:

Jim Morley, John Pazour

#### Friday, March 17-St. Patrick's Day

8:30 ÁM Mass:

Poor Souls in Purgatory, Patrick O'Connor, Bridie O'Connor

#### Saturday, March 18-St. Cyril

8:30 AM: Loretta Barry

4:00 PM: Sharon Worobiew, Kevin Casey,

Jim Shea

#### **Sunday, March 19–Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:30AM Jim Shea, Linda Pecka, William Dunne 9:30AM Charles P. Moscato, Carla Kirkland, Joseph Prince

11:30AM – Joseph Bochniak, Kenneth Pratscher

#### **REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

William R. Dunne

# 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, 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, 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, Vickie Vertucci, Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND PROCLAIMERS....**

We will be starting the next schedule

for spring...

Please send us any conflicts/ preferences you may have for this schedule to jenstazak@yahoo.com.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister or proclaimer, please reach out!

#### Ministers' Schedule for March 18 & 19, 2023

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	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	B. Brejcha	G. Kapjon	S. Rosenbaum	M. Curran
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Brejcha B. Brejcha	B. Kapjon G. Kapjon	G. Pacetti E. Akroush	M. Powers S. Chimera
Altar Servers	P. Bray-Katzman E. Pedroza		F. Daley A. Daley	I. Rodriguez S. Rodriguez

# Hope in the Ashes

Our theme for Lent 2023 is "Hope in the Ashes." In our world today, we all need to find hope! Our world seems at many times to be a place of chaos and division. Our lives have been disrupted by the COVID pandemic, and many of us feel alone. The call of Lent is to find hope in the midst our chaos, division and depression. As God breathed life into Adam and



created him from the dust, God can breathe life into us and renew us in faith, hope and joy if we are open to God's actions. After all, our Lenten experience is a preparation for the source of our greatest hope: The Resurrection.

Each year millions of Christians gather to be marked by the sign of the cross in ashes. Some who come for this holy marking are fully engaged with the life of the Church; others might be more distant from the formal practice of faith. But, the common bond for all of us is a desire for belonging, forgiveness, and redemption. We rejoice that none of us needs to endure life's journey alone. The holy marking of ashes unites us all in the same quest.

The traditional pillars of Lenten practice, prayer, fasting and almsgiving invite us to reach out to all those around us—our friends and family, as well as the stranger and those on the margins. Our participation in these Lenten practices makes visible our belief that we share our journey with every other person.

On Ash Wednesday, St. Paul urges us all to be "ambassadors" for Christ--to carry his message of unity and joy to all we meet. Our actions of compassion and care convey to all those around us that we **share** our Lenten journey to Jesus with all those around us. These actions are clear testimony that we are not alone in our struggles. Our hospitality, friendship, and compassion mark us as true ambassadors of Christ—ambassadors who carry Christ's healing and peace to both those we know and those we do not know. We invite them to be partners with us on the Lenten journey, seeking the forgiveness and feeling of belonging that we find in Jesus Christ. Above all we celebrate our belief in the greatest hope of all—the Resurrection!



Lord, Open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise!

#### **Adoration for Lent**

Lent Is Right Around The Corner - Are You Ready?
Will your faith grow this Lent, or will you settle with "just getting by?"
Do you struggle to keep your Lenten sacrifices year after year?
Are you looking for something to "Give-up" or "Give" for Lent?
How about "Giving-up" one specific hour a week,
and "Give" that hour to Jesus by visiting the
Our Lady at St Germaine Adoration Chapel.



"Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week."

(St. Pope John Paul II)

This Lent answer the call.

You can choose the same day and hour during the Lenten week to visit Jesus and email your day/hour selection to <a href="mailto:barba6@att.net">barba6@att.net</a> or phone Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 or just stop in often to Pray Tuesdays hours 9-7pm or Wednesday-Thursdays 9-8pm

# SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit **catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi** or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the narthex or parish office.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

#### Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!

DIRECT LINK TO OUR SURVEY https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gy8p14



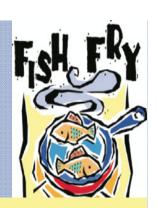


## Mary's Rosary

Tuesday, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

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

> Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 14553



Our Lady at St. Germaine Athletic Association & Men's Club present the

## 16th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent , February 24  $^{\sim}$  March 31 5:00pm  $^{\sim}$  8:00 pm (or until fish runs out) in the church basement

Following 4:00pm Stations of the Cross in the Church, ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH beginning at 5:00pm

#### **MENU\*\***

Fish Basket w/ choice of baked potato or fries & coleslaw	\$15.00
Meatless Pasta Dinner w/ bread	\$8.00
Grilled Cheese w/ French fries	\$6.00
Baked Potato	\$3.00
French fries	\$3.00
Cheese Pizza	\$3.00

Complimentary coffee. Water, soda, & beer available for purchase.

<u>Carry out orders available.</u> Any questions, please call 708-636-5060.\*\*Menu subject to change

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#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

#### March 5, 2022

Sunday: \$8,826.00

Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL): \$1,218.00

**SUNDAY TOTAL:** \$10,044.00

\*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL): \$35.00

Food Baskets: \$162.00

Easter Flowers: \$246.00

Sharing Parish: \$10.00

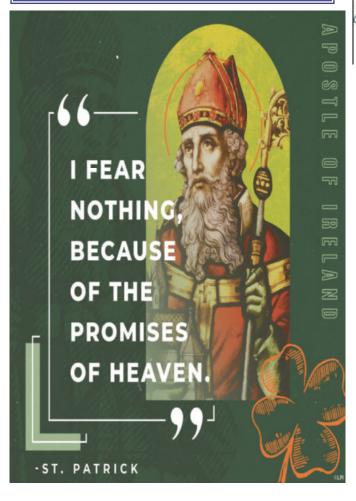
Holy Thursday: \$5.00

Aid to Education: \$25.00

Easter: \$25.00

Ash Wednesday: \$80.00

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



#### Split The Pot Drawing

Last week envelope #709 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of \$1,400.00 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!

#### **FOOD PANTRY**

Needed this month....

Cereal, pasta, cookies, toilet paper, pasta roni, jello, canned tomatoes, Soup, chef Boyardee/spaghetti O's.

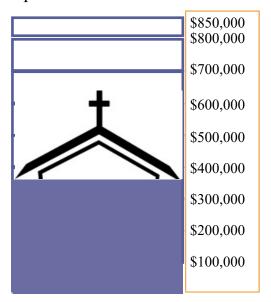
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING US HELP OTHERS



Thank you to the **280** donors who have started off our *Raise the Roof* campaign pledging \$385,477.23!

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?





The Knights of Columbus Council #14553
Once again, the Knights are sponsoring 40 Cans for 40
Days of Lent to help the Our Lady at St Germaine Food
Pantry.

A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families in our area. The idea of a simple, straightforward one-can-per-day donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. We are inviting parishioners to bring their 40 cans to our church to be given to St Germaine/Our Lady of Loretto food pantry right here locally.



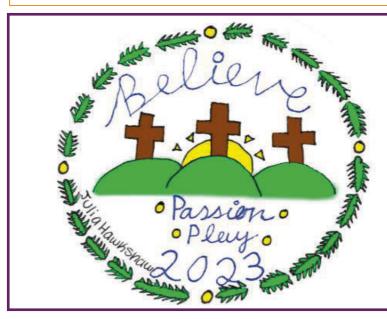
In Matthew 25:35, it reads:

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat".



It will lift the Easter spirit of the whole congregation to see these 40 Cans for the 40 Days of Lent. 40 Cans for Lent, will enrich the lives of donors, their families, and recipients alike. Bring the cans by the cases, 7 cans per week, or one can each day of Lent. The cans can be placed in the cart marked 40 cans for 40 days in the church vestibule starting Ash Wednesday.

The food pantry is always in need of canned fruits, canned meats and canned soups.



# Please save the date for the St. Germaine Passion Play.

Thursday, March 30, 2023 - 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:30 pm

Friday, March 31, 2023 - 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 12:45 pm Doors open after 11:30 am Mass

Easter Schedule is as follows;

April 1 & 2, Palm Sunday: Regular weekend Masses: 4:00 PM Saturday, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Sunday.

April 3, Monday of Holy Week: Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 PM

April 6, Holy Thursday: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM followed by adoration until 11:00 PM.

**April 7, Good Friday**: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM; Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM. No Mass is held on Good Friday.

April 8, Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer. Blessing of Food at 12:00 Noon;

Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM (No 4:00 PM Mass)

April 9, Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

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Kindly RSVP by March 22nd. Checks (payable to St. Germaine FSA) can be dropped of at St Germaine School or the Parish Center.

NAME:	EMAIL:		
PHONE:	# OF TICKETS:	TOTAL \$	

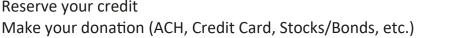
#### Friends,

We want to share an incredible opportunity with you! The Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program lets you donate **DIRECTLY TO ST. GERMAINE SCHOOL** to help offer scholarships for our incredible students! The best part is that donations are being automatically **matched until March 30**<sup>th</sup>! Times are tough financially, and more and more families are seeking scholarships for tuition. This is a great opportunity that benefits the students, donors, and our incredible school!

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#### In order to donate there are 4 simple steps:

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Worth Township provides curb-to-curb service to seniors ages 55 and older, and adults with disabilities ages 18+ that live within the boundaries of Worth Township. You must be registered to ride the bus. Passengers who are unable to get to and from the bus will require an escort. All caregivers must also be registered.

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Thursday ~ Alsip, Blue Island, Crestwood, Merrionette Park, Palos Heights, Robbins

Reserve your ride by calling (708) 972-7075 between 8:00 am and noon on the day before you wish to ride the bus.

When given an appointment time, please understand that the driver may arrive up to 15 minutes earlier or later than your scheduled time. It is nearly impossible to schedule with complete accuracy. The nature of our ridership requires patience and flexibility. In addition, we are always at the mercy of the weather. We appreciate your cooperation with scheduling and request you be ready 15 minutes in advance of your scheduled time.

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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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